

Govt wants navy to extract marine resources: PM
UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government wants the Bangladesh Navy to extract marine resources following the victory on maritime dispute with Myanmar.

The prime minister also stressed the need for strengthening cooperation between the naval forces of Bangladesh and the USA.

Hasina said this when visiting US Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus met her at her official residence Gono Bhaban in the afternoon.

She also sought US assistance in strengthening the Bangladesh Navy.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Prime Minister M Nazrul Islam briefed reporters after the meeting.

The US secretary of the Navy also laid emphasis on strengthening cooperation between the naval forces of Bangladesh and the USA.

Housewife gang-raped in Ctg

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A housewife was gang-raped in Bakalia area of Chittagong city Friday night.

The 28-year-old victim, second wife of her husband, was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital's (CMCH) One-stop Crisis Centre yesterday, said sources in CMCH Police Outpost.

Nayek Mohammad Jahangir of the outpost quoting the relatives of the victim told The Daily Star that another wife of the victim's husband borrowed Tk 40 thousand from the victim few days ago.

On the night around 9:30pm, the co-wife of the victim called her to another residence at Kala Mia Bazar assuring her of returning them.

But she locked her in a room at a dagger's point and three persons identified as Nazrul, 35, Taher, 30, and Mainul, 36, raped the victim, said the police man.

No case has been lodged yet.



US Navy Secretary Ray Mabus pays a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at Gono Bhaban in the capital yesterday.

BDR MUTINY CASE 253 jawans get rigorous imprisonment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) yesterday sentenced 253 of 256 jawans of 36 Rifle Battalion and BDR Hospital to different periods of rigorous imprisonment, ranging from four months to seven years, in a mutiny case.

The three-member Special Court-10, led by Col Khandaker Obaidul Ahsan, also fined each convict Tk 100.

The court, which ran for nearly two hours starting from 10:20am, also exonerated an accused, who died during the trial, and acquitted two others as allegations against them were not proven. The duo had earlier pleaded guilty before the court.

During the mutiny at the then Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Headquarters in Pilkhana on February 25-26 in 2009, 57 top and mid-ranking army officers were killed alongside 17 people.

Total 18 charges were brought against the jawans.

Those include leaving the Darbar Hall defying the orders of the then director general Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed, collecting firearms and ammunition from the armories, not controlling their juniors and taking effective measures to thwart the mutiny and taking part in the mutiny with firearms.

This was the eighth verdict by special courts set up in Pilkhana, giving verdicts against 2,316 jawans in the mutiny case till date. Other courts in the country gave verdicts

8 killed, 82 injured in road accidents

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed and eighty-two others injured in road accidents in Jessore, Dinajpur, Chittagong, Brahmanbaria, Habiganj, Dhaka and Chuadanga on Friday and yesterday.

Our Benapole correspondent says, school student Sabbir Hossain, 15, son of Sharif Hossain of Bezpara Bupopara area in Jessore town, died and three others got injured when two motorbikes collided head-on on Airport Road in the town yesterday.

The injured were rushed to Jessore Medical College Hospital. BSS from Jessore adds, a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Dhalgram of Bagherpara upazila, killing one, Ramjan, instantly and injuring 26 others.

Our Chittagong correspondent says, covered-van driver Md Al Amin, 23, was killed instantly and 10 others were injured as a bus hit his van at Bartakia in Mirsarai upazila yesterday.

In Dinajpur, a bus fell into a roadside ditch at Ranirbandar in Chirirbandar upazila, injuring 37 passengers yesterday.

Following the accident, traffic on

Dinajpur-Rangpur route remained suspended for at least three-and-a-half hours.

Of the injured, 36 were taken to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital and another to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

In Brahmanbaria, Jahangir Alam, 25, was killed as a pick-up van hit him on Akhaura-Dharker road at Debogram in Akhaura upazila on Friday.

BSS from Habiganj adds, trucker Nur Mohammad, 35, died and five others got injured when the truck collided head-on with another truck on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway at Vorgaon in Nabiganj upazila on Friday night.

UNB reports, an unidentified trucker was killed and his helper injured as the truck plunged into a roadside ditch at Bismail in Savar on the outskirts of the capital yesterday.

Meanwhile, bus driver Ramjan Ali, 50, died on the spot when his vehicle fell into a roadside ditch at Sutipara in Dhamrai upazila yesterday.

In Chuadanga, Monwara Khatun alias Anjira Begum, wife of Rabiul Islam, was killed when a motorcycle hit her at

Friday night.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tahurunnesa, mother of Deputy Chief Reporter of the daily Jugantor and a permanent member of Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) Hasan Arefin, died in Khulna yesterday at the age of 86.

She will be buried at her village home in Jolisha of Dumkipupazila in Patuakhali, says a press release from the DRU.

D R U President Shakhwat Hossain Badsha and Secretary General Sajjad Alam Khan Topu expressed deep shock and sympathy to the bereaved family members.

Death anniversary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Today is the 4th death anniversary of Najah Zayaan, daughter of TV talk show presenter Zillur Rahman, says a press release.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani, a mild mahfil and feeding of orphans and destitute people will be held at Azimpur Graveyard in the capital.

Zayaan passed away at the age of 4 months and 6 days.

JU teachers lay siege to admin building

Students demonstrate for uninterrupted power supply

JU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University teachers under the banner, "Shammilito Shikkha Parishad", laid siege to the administrative building yesterday demanding that the vice chancellor postpones the special senate meeting he called for July 20 to nominate three people for the VC post.

In another incident, some 100 students blocked Dhaka-Aricha Highway for around an hour on Friday night demanding uninterrupted power supply. Residents of a hall also staged a sit-in in front of the administrative building yesterday demanding different facilities.

The teachers said 52 out of 88 posts in the senate were being held by unelected people. The senate members must be first elected and selected so that they can then nominate the persons for the VC post, as per the Jahangirnagar University Act, 1973, they said.

During the siege, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, an altercation ensued between VC Prof Anwar Hossain and the teachers when he tried to leave the building.

Friday's barricade, erected at 10:00pm, was accompanied by demonstrations in front of the university's main gate and was withdrawn after the proctorial body arrived and assured to meet the demand.

Some 300 residents of Shaheed Rafiq-Jabber Hall brought out a protest procession and staged the sit-in demanding a cafeteria, gas connections, a saloon and shops in the hall.

When they submitted a memorandum to Prof Anwar, he assured to meet their demands.

PADMA BRIDGE
Construct with own fund: Shahjahan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

During the tenure of BNP-led four-party alliance government, World Bank (WB) cancelled loan on seven projects of the country in 2005, since which the organisation has not financed any other project, said Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan yesterday.

"Constructing the Padma bridge with local fund will prove that we are an independent nation," he also said while addressing as chief guest the 4th Reunion and National Convention of Ex-cadet Association of Bangladesh Marine Fisheries Academy (EABMFA) at Shah Alam Bir Uttam Auditorium of Chittagong Medical College in the port city.

EABMFA President Kazi Fakhrul Alam chaired the programme while Captain Sirajul Islam Shwapan read out the convention proposal.



GPA-5 achievers of this year's Secondary School Certificate examination rejoice at a reception Bangla daily Prothom Alo accorded to them at Nandan Park on the outskirts of Dhaka yesterday.

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Sust academic council polls today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

The elections to Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) syndicate and academic council will be held today (Sunday).

Pro-Awami League (AL) and left-leaning teachers will contest the polls under two panels while pro-BNP and pro-Jamaat teachers will contest under one panel.

A panel from AL and left-leaning teachers, Prof Md Kabir Hossain and Abu Awal Md Shoeb will contest for representation in the syndicate, and Dr Himadri Shekhor Roy, Sharodindu Bhattacharya, Faruque Uddin and Al-Amin Rabbi for the representation in the academic council.

From the BNP-backed teachers, Prof Kamal Ahmed Chowdhury and Prof Nizam Uddin will contest for the syndicate memberships while Dr Md Nazrul Islam, Prof Hossain Al Mamun, Md Masud Alam, and Md Omar Faruque will contest for the academic council positions.

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