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Go for deep sea port

Ctg roundtable urges govt to discard go-slow policy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Civil society members and businesses should put pressure on the government to construct a deep-sea port to make the country a regional trade hub, speakers told a roundtable yesterday.

They urged the government to respond promptly to the Chinese proposal in this regard and negotiate with other neighbouring countries.

Forum for People's Voice, a civil society platform, hosted the roundtable on "Port and deep-sea port in the context of regional cooperation" in the city's Hotel Agrabad.

Former adviser to a caretaker government Hossain Zillur Rahman and former director general of Asian Development Bank's South Asian Department Sultan Hafeez Rahman were the keynote speakers at the event.

Hossain Zillur said Chittagong has the potential to become a connectivity hub since it is a gateway to landlocked southern Asia, southern China, Nepal, Bhutan and northern Myanmar.

The port city could also be a bridge between the Asean (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) and Saarc (South Asian Regional Cooperation) SEE PAGE 6 COL 5



Sri Lanka spinner Ajantha Mendis (L) is elated after taking the wicket of Kieron Pollard of the West Indies during their World Twenty20 Super Eights clash in Pallekele yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

Lankans thump Windies

AFP, Pallekele

Hosts Sri Lanka outsmarted the West Indies by nine wickets to move one step closer to a semifinal berth after winning their Super Eights group one match at Pallekele stadium on Saturday.

Sri Lankan spinners kept the West Indian big hitters to 129-5 in 20 overs before chasing the modest target in the 16th over for the loss of only one wicket to record their second win in the round of eight teams.

Mahela Jayawardene led

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Iran terror group off US blacklist

The move seems significant amid mounting nuke tension

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said no undemocratic administration is acceptable to the people of Bangladesh and that is why the caretaker government system has been scrapped.

She, however, called upon the opposition SEE PAGE 19 COL 7

Iran terror group off US blacklist

The move seems significant amid mounting nuke tension

AFP, Washington

The United States on Friday removed an Iranian opposition group based abroad, the People's Mujahedeen of Iran, from its blacklist of designated terror groups after years of intense lobbying.

The move, ending a complex legal battle fought through US and European courts, came just days ahead of an October 1 deadline set by a US appeals court by which Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had to decide on the fate of the group.

Hillary has decided "to revoke the designation of the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq (MEK) and its aliases as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) under the Immigration and Nationality Act and to delist the MEK as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist under Executive Order 13224," the State Department said.

The MEK, whose leadership is based in SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

Extortionist shoot worker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An extortionist shot and injured a construction worker at Mirpur-11 in the capital, as he failed to realise toll from his contractor.

Rabiul Islam, 25, was shot in the left arm. He was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Abdul Rashid, building contractor, said a man had demanded Tk 5 lakh over the cell-phone about seven months ago, but he had refused to pay.

Yesterday, one youth, SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

Child Helpline shows the way

Dial 1098 or 027312340 to help find lost child in Dhaka

RAFFAT BINTE RASHID

The couple was frantically looking for their five-year-old child in the corridors of the launch, bound for Barisal. They realised, a little later, that their little girl went missing in the rush while boarding the launch at Sadarghat.

Meanwhile back at the Sadarghat terminal, the SEE PAGE 6 COL 3



PHOTO COURTESY: APARAJEYO BANGLA

An information centre at the capital's Lalbagh.

Truck drivers stranded on the way to Mawa ferry ghat prepare their meal yesterday amid suspension of ferry services. Inset, the queue of trucks waiting to get a ferry to cross the river Padma. However, the operations of ferries resumed partially yesterday afternoon.

PHOTO: STAR



Zero murder on border

Reiterates BSF boss at end of 5-day meet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The five-day director general-level conference between the BGB and BSF ended in Dhaka yesterday with Bangladesh yet again expressing concern over the deaths of its civilians along the border.

Death of any unarmed civilian on the border is a worry for Bangladesh, Maj Gen Anwar Hussain, director general of Border Guard Bangladesh, told newsmen during a joint briefing at the Pilkhana headquarters.

"This kind of death is not desirable as it affects the friendly relations between the two countries," said Anwar.

His counterpart UK Bansal, however, claimed that the BSF personnel use minimum necessary force to save their lives.

India has assured Bangladesh of bringing down to "zero level" the killings along the border, he added. SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

Two killed in hills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Gunmen shot dead two activists of United People's Democratic Front (UPDF) in Panchhari upazila of Khagrachhari yesterday.

The dead were identified as Suniti Chakma, 45, son of Bichitra Chakma, and Hridoy Chakma, 35, son of Surendra Lal Chakma, of Dudhukchhara in the upazila.

Riku Chakma, organiser of UPDF Khagrachhari unit, claimed that four armed men of Shantu Larma-led Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

MAWA FERRY LINK Services resume partially

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Ferry services on Mawa-Kawrakandi route resumed partially yesterday afternoon after 20 hours of suspension due to heavy current in the Padma.

Communications between Dhaka and the southern districts were disrupted since 5:45pm on Friday, as the river was flowing 36cm above the danger level.

Six ferries out of 15 operated on the route yesterday, Mojobur Rahman, manager of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) told The Daily Star.

The ferry Bir Sreshtha Ruhul Amin left Mawa around 2:00pm while Shah Mokdum and Katoki started from SEE PAGE 19 COL 1

War trial fairness beyond question

Law minister says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is no scope for questioning the fairness and standard of the ongoing trial for war crimes during the Liberation War in 1971, said Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday.

He made the remark while speaking as the chief guest during the inauguration of a women's committee of Sector Commanders' Forum (SCF) at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the capital. SEE PAGE 19 COL 3

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ONLINE POLL

Do you think it was justified for BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir to accuse the government of cheating people over the reengagement of the World Bank in the Padma bridge project?

Yes (79%)

No (18%)

No Comments (3%)

TOTAL VOTES: 446

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think it was justified for Awami League leader Amir Hossain Amu to say that BNP's demand for caretaker government system restoration is illogical and undemocratic?

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