

TIPAIMUKH DAM
Indo-Bangla
technical
meeting
today

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The first meeting of the Technical Committee on Joint Survey of Tipaimukh multi-purpose dam project will begin today in Bangladesh where Dhaka will seek more information about the project from New Delhi.

Ahead of the two-day technical committee meeting, a five-member Indian delegation arrived in Dhaka on Tuesday to attend the meeting as well as a separate meeting regarding sharing of Ganges water to prepare the annual report.

The Joint Committee on Sharing Ganges Water Treaty held a meeting yesterday and visited the Harding Bridge point at Bheramara in Kushtia to see the water flow of river Padma. The committee will prepare the report for the period of January 1 to May 31.

Officials said a six-member Bangladesh delegation led by Joint River Commission member Mir Sajjad Hossain is attending both the Ganges water and Tipaimukh Technical Committee meetings.

The first phase of both the meetings will conclude on February 2 while the second round of the meetings of the two committees will take place between February 3 and 5 in New Delhi.



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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina speaks at a mass gathering on Panchagarh Sugar Mills ground in Panchagarh yesterday.

Any bid against ICT
constitutes sedition
Says Qamrul

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Any programme aiming to "repeal" the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) amounts to "sedition", State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam said yesterday.

He asserted that no-one would be allowed to hold any programmes against the constitutionally backed tribunal. "Enforcing hartal to close down the tribunals, which were set up under constitutional provisions, is tantamount to sedition," he told reporters on Bangabandhu Avenue where the AL and its different associated bodies demonstrated against Jamaat-e-Islami's hartal yesterday.

The ruling party men remained prepared at almost all wards and police stations in the capital to thwart any procession by Jamaat and Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Qamrul said the main opposition BNP had backed the killers of 1971 by openly supporting the Jamaat hartal, which, he claimed, was rejected by the people.

Dhaka city AL General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya alleged that Jamaat's hartal was a brainchild of the BNP. He also demanded banning Jamaat and Shibir.

7 die in road crashes

METRO DESK

Seven people were killed and three others injured in separate road accidents in Narayanganj, Jamalpur, Chittagong and Pabna yesterday.

Our Narayanganj correspondent reports, three people were killed as a covered van hit an auto-rickshaw at Siddhirganj in Sadar upazila early yesterday.

The deceased were Jalal Bhuiyan, 30, Salma Akhter, 35, and the auto-rickshaw driver Md Musa, 23.

Abdul Matin, officer-in-charge of Siddhirganj Police Station, quoting locals, said the Shimrail-bound covered van rammed the auto-rickshaw from the opposite direction around 1:00am.

Our Jamalpur correspondent reports, two people were killed and three others injured when a CNG-run auto-rickshaw was hit by an oncoming truck on Jamalpur-Bakshiganj road in Tanabridge area of Bakshiganj upazila yesterday morning.

The deceased were Ichhi Miah, 40, of Panatiapara village; and Hajera Begum, 50, of village Battajor Beergaon in the upazila.

Police said the truck hit the auto-rickshaw around 8:30am, killing the two instantly and injuring three others.

Injured Aklima, 24, Mizanur Rahman, 40, of village Battajor; and Babu Miah, 30, of village Ghashirpara in the upazila, were sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports, a motorcyclist was killed a truck rammed his motorbike in Hathazari upazila yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was Santos Barua, 30, son of Amulya Barua of Katirhat area in the upazila.

Our Pabna correspondent reports, a boy died as a speeding truck hit him while he was crossing embankment road in Bera upazila of the district yesterday morning.

The victim was Almas, 7, Kohinur Sheikh of village Brishalikhia in the upazila.

Expatriate leaders
and activists of
Awami League
form a human
chain in front of
Jatiya Press Club
in the capital
yesterday
demanding a ban
on politics of
Bangladesh
Jamaat-e-Islami
and pro-Jamaat
student organisation
Islami
Chhatra Shibir.



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Five held
at airport

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers arrested a Rohingya and four young women while trying to go abroad with fake documents at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport in the capital yesterday.

CID and Armed Police Battalion (APBn) arrested Md Hasan, 23, with two fake passports. Hasan confessed to be a Myanmar national living in Mongdu, said APBn.

Meanwhile, police arrested Zorina, Asma, Sufia, and Salma with fake cards of Bureau of Manpower Employment around 7:30pm for forged documents.

BCSIR SCIENCE FAIR
Walking generates
electricity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The everyday habit of walking can help solve the country's electricity crisis.

While many may consider it an impossible feat, three young students yesterday showed how this kinetic energy could be harnessed from the human body.

"We were inspired by the London Olympics, which used a type of electric floor tile (piezoelectric sheet) to collect and convert kinetic energy to electricity," said Abdur Rahman, a class X student of Government Laboratory High School.

Their project, "Providing Electricity by Walking", was presented at the inaugural of a three-day Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Science Fair at the BCSIR in the capital.

Open from 10:00am to 8:00pm, the fair brought together young science enthusiasts from 46 schools, colleges and science clubs and self-educated inventors and research organisations.

These inventors showcased their many pioneering and ingenious science projects which would assist the country's development process.

One eye-catching project by a group of students provides a simple, practical way to ensure safer public transportation systems.

It consists of a wireless alarm system with a button attached under the seat. When faced by insecurity or a threat, passengers can press the button, which then immediately alerts the authorities concerned.

Other projects show ways to ensure lesser road accidents and create low cost and environment friendly natural pesticides.

"Bangladesh has been identified as one of the top 30 countries with immense IT development prospects and these children will play a significant role in actualising this ambition in the future," stated State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman.

The ministry Additional Secretary Dr AKM Asaduzzaman and BCSIR Chairman Prof Dr Ahmad Ismail Mostofa also spoke at the inaugural.

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