Pakistan envoy calls on president

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

President Abdul Hamid appreciated Pakistan for holding the recent parliamentary elections in a peaceful environment in that country.

Hamid said this when Pakistan High

Commissioner to Bangladesh Afrasiab Mehdi Hashmi Qureshi called on him at the Bangabhaban in the capital on Monday, said a press release.

During the meeting, the President showed keen interest in the government formation process in Pakistan.

He suggested exchange of visits between parliamentarians of the two countries.

Obituary

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died of lung cancer in her residence at New York in the US on Sunday. She was the wife of

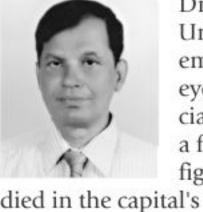
Zarina

Chowdhury

Abdul Munim Chowdhury, retired trade marketing director of British American Tobacco, and the daughter of Dr Zinnur Ahmed Chowdhury, the first Muslim ENT specialist of Bengal.

She will be buried in New York following her namaz-e-janaza after Juma prayers in Jamaica Muslim Centre Mosque on Friday.

Dr Harun-Ur-Rashid STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Ur-Rashid, eminent eye specialist and a freedom fighter,

Dr Harun-

BIRDEM Hospital yesterday. He served Agartala Medical Camp during the Liberation War in 1971.

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palmyra fruits arrive in Kadamtali area of Chittagong for sale at different places across the port city as demand for its edible jelly seeds rises during summer. The photo was taken yesterday.

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Editors' Statement on Mahmudur

Journalists' factions protest Inu's remarks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BOMB BLAST CASES

COURT CORRESPONDENT

yesterday.

blasting cases will begin now on June 6.

A faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and another of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) yesterday protested the information minister's comments about 15 newspaper editors' recent call for release of Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman.

Addressing a sit-in at the capital's Jatiya Press Club, leaders of the unions said the information minister, being the guardian of the journalists' community, had taken a stand against them only to protect his position. Information Minister Hasanul Haq Inu on Monday said

speaking for a person like Mahmudur would not bring any good to the newspaper industry. His comments came two days after editors of 15 national

dailies issued a statement on Saturday, demanding reopening of the press of the daily Amar Desh, freeing its acting editor, and allowing transmission of Diganta Television and Islamic TV. The BFUJ faction is led by Ruhul Amin Gazi and the DUJ

faction by Abdus Shahid.

Hearing on charge framing

against Farroque now June 6

The hearing on charge framing against Opposition Chief

Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque and 147 other opposition

leaders and activists accused in vehicle torching and bomb

Metropolitan Magistrate Shahriar Mahmud Adnan of

The defence sought the adjournment as only 125

Two cases were filed against leaders and activists of the

On that day, the law enforcers detained 157 leaders and

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BNP-led 18-party alliance for torching vehicles and blasting

bombs before BNP's Nayapaltan head office on March 11.

accused, including Farroque, appeared before the court

Speedy Trial Court-6 deferred the proceeding following

The hearing was scheduled to begin yesterday.

separate time petitions submitted by defence lawyers.

RCC ELECTION

Outgoing mayor Liton's wealth rose 31-fold in 5yrs

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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senior supervisor, was

city mayor and Awami League leader AHM Khairuzzaman Liton has increased over 31fold in the last five years of his mayorship.

The facts were revealed in his income tax documents that he submitted to the Election Commission along with his application of candidature in the upcoming election to Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC), scheduled for June 15.

The documents show his net wealth was Tk 5.29 lakh in 2007-2008. It increased more than 31 times to Tk 1.66 crore five years later in 2012-2013.

Liton, general secretary of Rajshahi city unit Awami League, became mayor after defeating BNP leader Mosaddek Hossain Bulbul in the 2008 mayoral election. Meanwhile, the net wealth of Bulbul has

The net wealth of immediate past Rajshahi increased to Tk 7.25 lakh in 2012-2013 from Tk 3 lakh in 2007-2008, according to his income tax documents. The three other mayor aspirants will con-

> test for the first time in the election. Among them is Jamaat-e-Islami candidate and physician Mohammad Jahangir. His net wealth stands at Tk 85.66 lakh.

The two other aspirants include independent candidates Habibur Rahman and Mir Mojammel Ali. Their net wealth is Tk 35.67 lakh and Tk 10.80 lakh respectively.

BNP leader Shafikul Haque Milon withdrew his candidature yesterday after the BNP extended support to Bulbul, convener of Rajshahi city unit Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal.

N'ganj RHD executive engineer stand-released

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Executive Engineer of Roads and Highways Department (RHD) in Narayaganj was stand-released yesterday for his failure to ensure quality in repairing the Sonargaon road. The road has been repaired recently spending Tk 20 lakh

but it was badly damaged by rains last week for the lack of quality works, prompting the communications ministry to take action against Habibur Rahman.

"I always instruct the engineers for proper repair and maintenance [of roads] since I have put highest importance on keeping all the roads okay throughout the year, especially during monsoon and Eid vacations," Communications Minister Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star.

The minister said the executive engineer proved his negligence in the work.

RHD Executive Engineer of Dhaka Syed Akram Ali has been given additional charge of Narayanganj.

NEWSIN brief

HC grants bail to Jamuna Group Chairman Babul, wife Salma Islam

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday granted one-month anticipatory bail to each of the accused, Jamuna Group Chairman Nurul Islam Babul, his wife advocate Salma Islam and their son Shamim Islam, in seven tax evasion cases.

The National Board of Revenue on May 19 filed the cases against them with the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka for evading Tk 45.31 crore income taxes.

US embassy closed tomorrow, Sunday

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The American embassy, including the consular section, the Archer K Blood American Center Library and the Student Advising Center, will be closed tomorrow on the occasion of Buddha Purnima and on Sunday on the occasion of Memorial Day, an American national holiday.

Emergency services for American citizens will be available. They have been requested to call 885-5500 and ask

British council launches physical education teaching aid kit STAFF CORRESPONDENT

British Council, with support from the education ministry, yesterday launched a physical education teaching aid kit called "Khelte Khelte Shikkha". A total of 35,000 copies of the aid kit, which contains

physical game techniques, will be distributed among 32,000 secondary schools, Alia madrasas and education offices under the project financed by Standard Chartered Bank (SCB).

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, Acting British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Nick Low, SCB Chief Executive Officer Jim McCabe and British Council Director Rosemary Arnott, among others, attended the launching ceremony at a city hotel.

Human Chain Poribesh Bachao Andolon (Poba) will

form a human chain to protest water pollution. Time 11:00am. Venue: Faculty of Fine Arts, Dhaka University. Views Exchange Meeting

Steps Towards Development (Steps)

will hold a views exchange meeting on women's rights and budget. Time: 10:00am. Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity. Seminar

Bangladesh Institute of Internationa and Strategic Studies (BIISS) will host a seminar on Bangladesh-Myanmai relations. Time: 10:00am. Venue: BIISS auditorium.

Commemorative Meeting

Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), Shushashoner Janney Nagorik (Shujan), Dharitri

Bangladesh, and UN Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will jointly hold a memorial meeting on Prof Muzaffer Ahmad. Time: 3:50pm. Venue: National Museum audito-

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Cantonment. Her relatives, friends and well wishers

are requested to attend the programme to pray for

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Obituary

Major Dr. Hasnay Banu

(Rtd), Wife of Late Lt Col

SAM Khalid (Rtd) who

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