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Control your son

PM asks Khaleda over Tarique's remarks on Bangabandhu

UNB, Dhaka

Issuing a strong warning to Tarique Rahman for his disparaging remarks about Bangabandhu, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday advised BNP chief Khaleda Zia to control her son.

"I would like to tell the BNP chief, ask your spoiled son to hold his tongue," the prime minister said while addressing a discussion at Bangladesh Krishibid Institution.

Awami League organised the meeting marking the Victory Day with party presidium member and deputy leader of the House Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury in the chair.

Hasina, also the president of the ruling Awami League, made the comments in reaction to BNP senior vice president

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Several students of dental colleges fall to the ground as police use water cannons on them in front of Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. The law enforcers also charged truncheons on them when the students tried to blockade the secretariat. Angry students, left bottom, vandalising a bus. Story on page 10.



BCL men threaten blockade at CU

Demand withdrawal of case over Taposh killing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chhatra League faction has threatened to call an indefinite blockade on the Chittagong University campus from Sunday should their men are not released by then.

Police arrested 25 leaders and activists of the faction for their alleged involvement in the December 14 murder of a fellow student on the campus.

The threat came at a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club yesterday. The press conference was organised by a group dubbed Varsity Express, run by Jalal Ahmed,

former office secretary, and Ariful Islam, former organising secretary, of the CU BCL.

Presenting a seven-point demand, Mohaiminul Haque Faisal, a fourth-year student of chemistry department and also a leader of the group, claimed police were not arresting the real killers of Tapash Chandra Sarker.

Tapash, 20, was a first-year student of Sanskrit department and also an activist of another BCL faction that calls itself Choose Friends with Care. He was shot in the chest during a factional clash.

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ROBBERY IN CTG 2 suspects injured in 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two arrested "robbers" allegedly involved in Saturday's robbery at two jewellery shops in Chittagong were injured in a so-called shootout between their cohorts and police in Firingibazar area early yesterday.

The incident took place around 3:00am as the law enforcers carried out a raid there along with the two arrestees -- Md Hasan Jamadar, 32, of Barisal and

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Reeling from shock

Arson victims of Rangamati refuse to accept relief materials, demand security first

A CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

The victims of Tuesday's attack on the indigenous settlements in Rangamati have refused to accept relief and cash assistance offered by the government.

Rather, they want their houses and shops, torched and vandalised in the attack, rebuilt first and the assurance that no such attack would happen again.

This they said when officials of the local administration and Rangamati District Council yesterday went to Suridaspara, one of the three affected villages, to distribute relief materials, including corrugated iron sheets and blankets, and cash, according to

Promodh Khisha, chairman of Burighat union parishad.

Later, the relief materials were taken back.

The indigenous people told the local administration officials of their fear of further attacks and sought protection.

The local administration would start rebuilding 15 of the damaged houses today, said Rangamati Deputy Commissioner Mostofa Kamal.

On Tuesday morning, some 400-500 people, allegedly Bangalee settlers, from Bogachhari area swooped on three villages -- Suridaspara, Camppara and Amtola -- near

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Hamid flies to Delhi today

STAR REPORT

President Abdul Hamid leaves for New Delhi today on a six-day visit at the invitation of his Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee.

This is going to be the first visit to India in nearly three decades by any incumbent Bangladesh President.

The visit takes place at a crucial time when the two neighbouring nations are

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3 labourers electrocuted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

Three day labourers were electrocuted yesterday while setting up a billboard at Khagan in Savar on the outskirts of the capital.

The dead are Abul Hashem, 32, son of Amshar Ali, and Montaj Ali, 30, son of Mira Moral, of Bhorerchor village under Mymensingh Sadar upazila, and Anwar Hossain Abu, 40, of Kapasia in Gazipur.

Another critically injured worker, Shafiqul Islam, is being treated at Enam Medical College Hospital in Savar.

Shafiqul said the incident took place around 3:00pm when the day labourers were setting up the billboard belonged to Amin Mohammad Group.

A nearby high-voltage electric cable somehow had got entangled with an iron

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Members of the Ansarullah Bangla Team Tanjil, left, and Mohan with their plastic frame of a drone at the DB media centre yesterday. Police claim that the duo had been trying to use toy plane technology to build drones and carry out attacks.

Militants planned to use drone: DB

2 suspects held with drone model

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Militant outfit Ansarullah Bangla Team was on the verge of "making a drone" to carry out bomb attacks on secular personalities and key establishments of the country, detectives claimed yesterday.

The outfit's targets included secure government and non-government establishments, secular-minded political and cultural personalities, teachers and journalists, they claimed.

The detectives came up with the observa-

tions following the arrest of two alleged operatives of the outfit, the seizure of a plastic frame of a drone, electronic devices, and some books on jihad from the capital's Jatrabari area Tuesday night.

The arrestees were: Tanjil Hossain Babu, 26, who has expertise in technology, and Md Golam Maula Mohan, 25, who graduated in Computer Sciences and Engineering from Green University.

"They reached the final stages of making the drone after a six-month planning and

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Skylon gets a step closer to blast off

It can fly anywhere in the world in just 4 hours

INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

A plane, the Skylon, that could one day fly anywhere in the world in four hours, and carry space-ships out of the atmosphere without using rockets, is another step towards being built after it received approval from the European Space Agency (ESA).

The ESA acted as an independent auditor for Reaction Engines' Sabre technology, which works like a jet engine in the atmosphere and a rocket in space, which could transform air travel. Reaction Engines says that the technology is the biggest step in air travel since the jet engine was invented.

Reaction Engines, a small British company that hasn't actually built any planes yet, was told by the ESA that its technology was viable.

While the jet is yet to be built, the company has the special heat exchanger which cools air incredibly

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College student stabbed dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unidentified criminals stabbed dead a college student at Malibagh in the capital last night.

Imran Hossain Chanchal, 22, was a student of Abu Jar Gifari College in the area.

The victim's brother Mirzanur Rahman alleged that Shahjalal, an alleged local drug peddler, killed Chanchal following an altercation that broke out between them four days ago.

"My brother had a quarrel with Shahjalal over sitting at a place in Abu Jar Gifari College playground that day," he said.

When Chanchal went to the playground yesterday evening, suddenly Shahjalal began to slap him, Mirzanur said, quoting witnesses.

"The drug dealer stabbed my brother in his abdomen and back repeatedly when one of Chanchal's friends came forward to rescue

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Six held over 4-murder in Mymensingh

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Detectives yesterday detained six people, including two women, suspecting their involvement in the gruesome murder of four people of a family in Bhaluka upazila on Tuesday.

Detective Branch (DB) of police caught Abdul Baten, Hafizur Rahman, Hosna and Sohel of the upazila's Seed Store area, and Rafiqul Islam and

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The Daily Star

Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you think that Bangladesh government should have sought foreign assistance to control oil spread in Sundarbans?

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Esha	7:00	7:30

Source: Islamic Foundation