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Hasina writes back to Biden

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has written back to US President Joe Biden.

Foreign Minister Hasan

Mahmud handed over a copy of the letter to Eileen Laubacher, special assistant to the president and senior director for South Asia, US National Security Council (NSC), on Sunday.

It is a response to the letter sent by the US president to the Bangladesh prime

Bangladesh Ambassador to US Muhammad Imran will hand over the original copy of the letter to the White House.

Laubacher led an inter-agency US delegation during her meeting with Hasan Mahmud at the ministry.

Mahmud said they want a new chapter of relations with the US. He said both nations will benefit through strengthening the relations.

USAID's Assistant Administrator of SEE PAGE 4 COL 5



पुवाली काश्क पिश्वलिंग

A mother-son duo browsing through children's books at Ekushey Boi Mela at the capital's Suhrawardy Udyan yesterday.

Will carbofuran usage finally stop?

Govt orders to destroy the toxic pesticide; halts its sale

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a move to rid the country of the highly hazardous pesticide carbofuran, the government has issued directives to destroy all of its stocks and halt its advertisement, sale, and use with immediate effect.

The plant protection wing under the Department of Agricultural Extension sent out letters on February 19 to district and upazila agriculture officials, importers, and traders, instructing them to comply with the order and

We have no field-level officials, so we sought help from the local agriculture officials to take necessary actions against carbofuran," said Md Ashraf Uddin, director of plant protection wing.

"The officials were instructed that carbofuran's advertisement, sale, and use must be stopped strictly," he

While importers claim they have no remaining stocks, small quantities may still be present at dealer and farmer levels, company owners said.

M Sayeduzzaman, president of Bangladesh Crop Protection Association, who also received the letter, said companies have no stock of carbofuran.

He said there might be some stock at the dealer and customer level, but the companies have already stopped importing and distributing it.

District officials have been asked to run awareness SEE PAGE 4 COL 1

CPB expels Manzurul Ahsan from post of party adviser

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The CPB has removed Manzurul Ahsan Khan from his post of party adviser and suspended his CPB membership for six months for breaking party code of conduct.

The decision came in response to remarks made by Manzur in an article published in a Bangla daily and an interview published in another daily, where he praised the government.

A press release signed by CPB central committee member Luna Noor said the decision was taken at a meeting of the party's central committee at its central office yesterday.

Manzur, president and general secretary of the party, had faced a similar action from the party two years ago over the same reason.

Resolving clashes through councils

AL mulls reorganising party in the wake of infighting; central leaders to tour districts

ASHIK ABDULLAH APU

With incidents of clashes, shootouts, and murders, the ruling Awami League has been reeling from infighting since January's national polls.

Faced with the consequences of allowing its members to run as independents against party nominees, AL has launched several initiatives to mend divisions and resolve internal feuds.

According to a report by Human Rights Support Society, at least five people were killed, 60 shot, and over 450 injured in infighting between AL leaders and activists in at least 39 districts between January 7 and January 17.

Party President Sheikh Hasina to immediately convene councils across districts, upazilas, and city

"The party is being reorganised from the grassroots level. This is an ongoing process. It was halted due to the national election and now it has been

AL Joint General Secretary**AFM Bahauddin**

resumed."

units. The party supremo has also instructed to hold councils of its associated bodies whose committees have expired.

called for unity, urging leaders of complete committees in areas where councils were convened but committees were not fully formed.

revitalised organisational activities. Central leaders will travel to troubled districts later this month, tasked with mediating disputes and overseeing the formation of new committees in units where

The aim is to reconstitute the

party at the grassroots, ensuring

leadership has expired. During a recent joint meeting at the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, these decisions were communicated to the party's joint general secretaries and organising secretaries who are in charge of eight divisions.

At the meeting, AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader emphasised the need to address She also directed the formation party conflicts and conduct overdue councils for various AL units and affiliated bodies.

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Police week begins today Record 400 cops to get medals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police officials may place several demands before Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the welfare parade of the Police Week 2024 today.

The prime minister will inaugurate the police week at the Rajarbagh Police Lines at 10:30am.

The demands may include a medical college for police, upgrading divisional medical services, interest-free car loans and risk allowances for policemen, police officials told this newspaper.

A record 400 police and Rab personnel are getting police medals this year. This is the highest number of awardees in a decade.

Police officially said the recognition was for bravery, combating crime, cracking important cases, efficiency, honesty and

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BB HEIST Submit probe report by May 6 **Court asks CID**

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court has asked Criminal Investigation Department to submit the probe report in the Bangladesh Bank cyber heist case by May 6.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Rajesh Chowdhury on Sunday passed the order after investigation officer Rayhan Uddin Khan, additional superintendent of police at CID, failed to submit the probe report by the day.

CID has taken 77 dates to complete its probe into the case filed over the heist of US \$101 million from Bangladesh Bank's account with Federal Reserve Bank of New York in February 2016.

INVITATION





মোটরযানের এক্সেল লোড নিয়ন্ত্রণ সংক্রান্ত

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচেছ যে, অতিরিক্ত ওজন বহনে সৃষ্ট মহাসড়কের ক্ষতিগ্রন্থতা ও সরকারী সম্পদ রক্ষার্থে সরকারী নীতিমালা এবং উর্ধ্বতন কর্তপক্ষের নির্দেশক্রমে ঢাকা(মিরপুর)- উথুলী- পাটুরিয়া জাতীয় মহাসড়ক (এন-৫) এর ৪১তম কিঃমিঃ এ **অবস্থিত বাথুলী এক্সেল** লোড কন্ট্রোল ষ্টেশনটি আগামী ০১ মার্চ ২০২৪ খ্রিঃ হতে পরিচালনা করা হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে সড়ক পরিবহন ও মহাসভৃক বিভাগ কর্তৃক গৃহীত সিদ্ধান্ত মোতাবেক মহাসভৃকে চলাচলকারী মোটর্যানের অনুমোদিত সর্বোচ্চ নিম্লেবর্ণিত **ওজনসীমা (যানবাহন ও মালামালসহ)** মেনে চলার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো যাচেছ।

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প্রসঙ্গত উল্লেখ্য যে, বর্ণিত ওজনসীমার অতিরিক্ত ওজন বহনকারী যানবাহনকে অনিবার্য কোন কারণে উৎসে ফেরত পাঠানো সম্ভব না হলে ০১ মার্চ ২০২৪ খ্রিঃ হতে নিম্নোক্ত হারে জরিমানা আরোপ কার্যকর করা হবে:-

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Indian Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari in Dhaka

UNB, Dhaka

Indian Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari arrived



in Dhaka yesterday on a three-day visit. He is visiting Bangladesh

at the invitation of Air Marshal Shaikh Abdul Hannan, the chief of Air Staff, Bangladesh Air Force. The Indian Air Force

Chief is accompanied by a three-member delegation. Chaudhari is scheduled

to pay courtesy calls on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, all three service chiefs and meet other senior officers from the Bangladesh Armed Forces, said the Indian High Commission in Dhaka.



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MOHADEO RIVER HC stays leasing of Balumahal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court has stayed all the tender proceedings for leasing out the Balumahal (designated sand quarry) at Mohadeo river in Netrokona for a month.

Mohadeo stems from hilly areas of Meghalaya in India and enters Bangladesh through Kalmakanda upazila of Netrakona. Rural areas including local markets, mosque, temples and arable lands have been severely damaged due to the sand mining in this river. On Sunday, the HC also directed the

Bangladesh Inland Water Development Authority to conduct a hydrographic survey on the river and to submit the report though the deputy commissioner of Netrokona. The HC bench of Justice Mustafa Zaman Islam and Justice Md Atabullah passed the order

following a petition filed by the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association. According to the petition, Netrokona district administration floated fresh tenders on January 28 this year for leasing out the Balumahal of Mohadeo River in violation of the Balumahal and

Mati Byabosthapana Ain, 2010. On June 13, 2022, following a writ petition filed by BELA, the HC issued a rule asking the authorities of government to explain why their failure to protect Mohadeo river and its adjacent homesteads, local markets, arable lands and religious sites should not be declared illegal and

against the interest of people. It also directed the authorities to submit an assessment report on the river's condition soon.

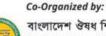
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