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SHORT TAKES

THIS YEAR'S FITRA FIXED AT TAKA 55

DHAKA, AUG 2: The Islamic Foundation has fixed the lowest amount of this year's sadakatul fitra at Taka 55. This mandatory alms to be given to the poor before the Eid-ul-Fitr was fixed at a meeting at the Islamic Foundation office here today.

Baitul Moqarram National Mosque Khatib Prof Maulana Mohammad Salahuddin presided over the meeting, said an Islamic Foundation release.

The lowest amount of fitra was fixed as per the value of 1,650 kilogram wheat or flour. **BSS**

INT'L CONFERENCE ON PM'S MODEL DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

DHAKA, AUG 2: An international conference on People's Empowerment and Development Model proposed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 will be held in the capital on August 5-6.

Prime Minister Hasina will inaugurate the two-day long conference at the Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, said Foreign Ministry officials. Ministers from India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal and the Maldives, two under-secretaries of the United Nations and representatives from 70 countries will take part in the conference.

BUSINESSMAN FOUND HANGING

MANIKGANJ, AUG 2: Police recovered the hanging body of a businessman from the ceiling of his shop at Uthuli Bazar in Shibaboya upazila on Wednesday morning. The deceased was identified as Somor Sarkar, 28, son of late Shyamal Sarkar of Katrashin village in the upazila. Police said local people found the hanging body of Somor in his cosmetics shop of the bazaar at about 11 am and informed them. Later, police recovered the body and sent it to hospital morgue for autopsy. **UNB**



SAVAR: Irate students of Jahangirnagar University assembling on the campus on Thursday just before they go on rampage, clashing with police personnel over assault of a BCL activist and police firing. The university was declared closed till August 25

Unrest forces JU to be closed till August 25

20 injured seriously

JU CORRESPONDENT

SAVAR, AUG 2: The Jahangirnagar University authorities on Thursday declared the university closed till August 25, following violent clashes between the students and the police since Wednesday midnight.

Abu Bakar Siddique, Registrar of the university, told The Independent that the decision to close the university was taken at an emergency syndicate meeting on Thursday afternoon. The university authorities also asked the boy students to vacate their dormitories by 6:00 pm on Thursday and girl students by 9:00 am on Friday.

A probe body, led by Prof. Farhad Hossain, pro-VC of the university, was formed to investigate the reasons behind the violence. The probe body was asked to submit its report within 21 days.

At least 20 people were critically injured when general students, political activists and the police clashed on the university campus. What sparked off the fighting was the beating up of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists and police firing.

According to witnesses, the police fired on the agitating students in front of the university's Mir Mossarraf Hossain Hall. Six of them received bullet injuries. They are Nahid of the Finance and Banking Department, Maruf (IT Department), Rakib (Pharmacy Department), Robin (Mathematics Department), Bashir (Statistics Department) and Tito of the history department.

Sources said Fahmidul Islam Likhon, a post-graduate student and an activist of the BCL, suffered stab wounds,

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Beating up of BCL activists and police firing trigger violence
- ◆ BCL activist suffers stab wounds as a gang of unidentified persons attacked him
- ◆ Irate students assault hall provost

as a gang of unidentified persons attacked him at the JU central playground at the Dairy Farm gate at about 10 pm on Wednesday. The student was rushed to the Enam Medical College Hospital at Savar Bazar. He is now being treated at the hospital's intensive care unit (ICU).

As the news spread, hundreds of students from the Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall, Bangabandhu Hall, Al Beruni Hall, Kamaluddin Hall and Bhasani Hall, came out of their dormitories and brought out a procession on the campus, demanding immediate arrest of Likhon's attackers.

On receiving the information, the police rushed to the Mir Mossarraf Hossain hall to arrest the alleged attackers. This resulted in a violent clash between the students and the police, as friends of the alleged attackers prevented the law enforcers from taking them to the police station. The violence prompted the police to fire rubber bullets at the students.

The irate students assaulted the hall provost, Prof. Emdadul Haque, for his alleged hobnobbing with the police. The VC rushed to the spot and tried in vain to calm

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Cabinet asks for report on facilities taken by Yunus

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

DHAKA AUG 2: The cabinet on Thursday directed the Finance Ministry to prepare a report on salary, and other allowances drawn by the Nobel Laureate and former Managing Director (MD) of Grameen Bank (GB) Professor Dr Mohammad Yunus from the bank, and to report if it was lawful or not, while holding the office as its MD beyond the mandated age of 60.

The direction was given at the regular cabinet meeting held at the secretariat with

LAW TO BE AMENDED TO CHANGE PROCESS OF MD APPOINTMENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

After the meeting, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told reporters that the Banks and Financial Institution Division of the Finance Ministry was to look into whether his holding of office beyond the age of 60 was lawful or not, and how much money did he

draw during this period and if it was legal or not.

"At the same time, the cabinet also asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to prepare a report on how much money Dr Yunus had received from abroad as a wage earner and whether he got any tax waiver on that amount," the cabinet secretary said.

"The cabinet advised the Banks and Financial Institution Division and the NBR to prepare two separate reports on the matter and to submit them before the cabinet as soon as possible," he added.

Bhuiyan also informed that the cabinet meeting gave its final approval on Grameen Bank (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012 to ease the complexities in appointing a new MD for the GB.

According to the amended ordinance, the GB chairman can form a selection

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3 NGOs banned for encouraging Rohingya influx

COX'S BAZAR, AUG 2: The government on Thursday banned the activities of three international NGOs for encouraging the Rohingya refugees crossing the border from Myanmar.

The government has asked France's Doctors without Borders (MSF), Action Against Hunger (ACF) and Britain's Muslim Aid UK to suspend their activities on charge of alluring the refugees of relief materials and thus encouraging their influx into Bangladesh.

Contacted, Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar Joydul Bari confirmed the government decision and

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Khaleda asks govt to restore CG without any 'trick'

STAFF REPORTER

DHAKA, AUG 2: BNP Chairperson and leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia on Thursday asked the government to restore the non-party caretaker government (CG) provision to the constitution bringing another amendment without making irrelevant comments and playing tricks.

"We want holding of the next general election under a non-party CG. The government should restore the system to the constitution without making irrelevant comments. If our demand is not fulfilled immediately, we will wage a tough movement after Ramzan," she said while was addressing an Iftar party at the LD Hall premise of the Parliament Complex.

BNP hosted the Iftar party in honour of the local government bodies' representatives. If the government harbours any ill motive in the name of CG provision, BNP will frustrate it, she said.

Terming the ruling party as disqualified, Khaleda Zia said, the country is passing through a critical situation. The ruling party has failed in

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LONDON: US gymnast Gabrielle Douglas performs on the beam during the artistic gymnastics women's individual all-around final at the 2 North Greenwich Arena in London yesterday. AFP PHOTO

Douglas of US claims women's gymnastics title

LONDON, AUG 2: Gabrielle Douglas boldly triumphed in the women's individual gymnastics final on Thursday to give the United States their third consecutive Olympic female champion. The 16-year-old from Virginia finished ahead of Russia's Viktoria Komova at

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Govt decision to destroy Grameen Bank: Yunus

STAFF REPORTER

DHAKA, AUG 2: Grameen Bank founder Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus on Thursday expressed his grave concern over the government's decision to amend the Grameen Bank Ordinance curtailing the power of the board of Directors of the Bank and noted that the decision would destroy the Bank. "I have been apprehending



Dr Muhammad Yunus

it since long and now the apprehension has become a

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