The cattle route ...

Dhaka -- around 3,000 cows and

buffaloes every day -- is 'imported from India, said sources.

the Border Security Force (BSF) these days does not want to let

cattle cross the border.

On the Indian side, locals said,

But the people along the border

in India are so poor that they are

left with no option other than

selling cattle to Bangladeshi buy-

However, some BSF officials inform local cattle sellers about

their schedule of duty. The officials

let the smugglers know when they "will not be guarding the border". Some pass on information in exchange for money.

"At the time, we cross into Bangladesh with cattle," said a

trader in Satkhira that has three

dor office' contradicted the version

of Tk 500 paid for each cow and said traders pay Tk 800 for each big cow and Tk 500 for others.

ABDR man at the Shatani 'corri-

Cattle cross the border in

greater numbers during weekly bazaars along the border on the Bangladesh side, says a villager

who have been in the trade for 30

receiving much less cattle than before. The Shatani corridor

received only two cows until 2:30

pm last Wednesday, which is unusual, compared with a few

Garment worker

gangraped

tion on Monday night.

in Chittagong

The Satkhira border camps are

routes for cattle to cross.



Film show

Academy Film Society will screen an American thriller titled 'The Usual Suspects'. Venue: 21/ C, Jigatola. Time: 6.00pm.

DU seminar

An international seminar on 'Cao-Dai Religion of Vietnam' will be held with Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof SMA Faiz as chief guest. Scholars from Australia, Canada and Vietnam will take part in the discussion. Venue: Department of World Religion, Dhaka

University. Time: 9.15am.

IEB seminar The Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB), organises a seminar on 'MBA in Technology Management'. Venue: IEB

seminar room, Ramna. Time: 5.00pm.

Discussion

Youth and Social Development Organisation will hold a discussion on 'Independence Day' and a reception for vouth delegates from the UK and Scotland. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium, Time: 5.30pm

Khilkhet. Time: 10.00am.

Inauguration The inauguration of the country's first ever Ramp Coach Service, to be introduced by the BRTC, will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: BRTC Bus Depot,

Badsha murder case Death toll in **Court grants** Ctg fire petition to

rises to 7

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg Death toll in the devastating fire on Monday at the Burma Colony rose

to seven. The Burma Colony is

under Bayezid thana in the city.

One girl identified as Tamanna, 3, injured in stamped during the fire, succumbed to her injuries in the evening the same day. She was the daughter of one Motiur

Meanwhile, initiative has been taken for providing relief materials and cash money to the affected

Over 70 metric tons of food grains, about 300 bundles of Corrugated Iron (CI) sheets and Tk 2 lakh from the prime minister's relief fund have been declared for the victims, sources said.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan is scheduled to distribute the relief materials among 98 affected families of the slum under his constituency today afternoon.

Chittagong district administ tion yesterday distributed relief among the victims. Each family got 20 kgs of rice and Tk 500 in cash.

The state minister for civil aviation Mir Md. Nasir Uddin also visited the spot yesterday after-noon and distributed relief materi-

City mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury assured financial support and relief for which Chittagong City Corporation made a list of the affected people. Besides, City corporation also arranged for the burial function of the six persons burnt to death in the fire on Monday.

Grenades defused FROM PAGE 1

different times for carrying out

operations to wage 'Jihad," Shumon said he did not disclose what party Faisal belonged to and where is their stronghold. Hunt for Faisal and Faruque is going on.

ASPO of the CID, Mawla Bakhsha said that Shumon and Shahidullah would also be quizzed to find out whether they were involved in Satkhira and Mymensingh cinema blasts.

Bomb scare

FROM PAGE 12 powerful bombs.

Dhanmondi police said they rushed there following a call from a shopkeeper that someone threatened over phone to blow up the market.

Police checked every body entering the market and coming out. The checking continued till writing of this report at 8:30pm. Police could not recover any bomb or explosives from the market.

Some sources at the market said there was a hitch among shopkeepers over leadership of their associa-

2 cops killed

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lipped about the missing shot

At least 30 persons of the area have been detained by the police for questioning.

It may be mentioned here that Sergeant Ariful of the KMP was killed and two constables were injured in a bomb attack on March 1 near the International Trade Fair

site at Circuit House Maidan. On the evening of January 10 this year, three police constables were critically wounded in a similar bomb attack at the PTI crossing

under Khulna thana.

Bagerhat incident **Publication ceremony**

The publication ceremony of a book titled

Seminar on children

Hotel Sheraton, Time: 9.30am.

Annual conference

Segunbagicha. Time: 10.00am.

Rotary meeting

Anti-war rally

Roundtable

'Moilum Jananeta', organised by

The inaugural ceremony of a seminar on

'Rehabilitation of Working Children in

Asia' will be held with Foreign Minister M

Morshed Khan as chief guest. Venue:

Council for National Agenda organises a

roundtable on 'Pro-East Foreign Policy of

Bangladesh: Recent Perspective'.

Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 3.00pm.

The annual conference of the Department

of Public Works will be held with Housing

and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas

as chief guest. Venue: Purta Bhaban,

Regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club

of Dhanmondi Dhaka will be held with a

special discussion on 'Experiences in recent

Anti War Movement organises a protest

rally against the possible US attack on

Iraq. Venue: Muktangon, Ramna. Time:

drop 2 names

They are Islamic Oikya Jote chairman Moulana Azizul Haq and

The petition was submitted by the Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor (PP) on Monday.

rejected the petition for dropping the name of another accused,

Judge Hossain Shahid Ahmed

On February 4, the home minis-

The investigation officer of the

Police constable Badsha Miah

50, was beaten to death by Islamic

zealots inside the Noor Masjid in the

city's Mohammadpur area during

the hartal called by Ulema

Mashaikh (Islamic scholars) on

PP Abdullah Mahmud Hasan

appeared for the state while advocate Masud Ahmed Talukder for the

Road accident in

Satkania kills 2

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

here on Monday night.

Two persons were killed in road

mishaps at Satkania in the district

Sources said, one of the victims

identified as Shahana Akhter was

crushed to death by a vehicle at the

Chittagong - Cox's Bazar road at Moulivir Dokan area at around

Shahana, reportedly a college student, was crossing the road

when she met her untimely death.

unidentified youth of about 23 was

also crushed by a vehicle on same

road at BOC point area, some 300

yards off the previous spot, at

Primary investigation revealed

that the Reuters stringer, Enamul Huq Choudhury neither spoke to

the minister nor did he know the

minister's telephone numbers. The stringer later admitted that he

spoke to one of his journalist col-

home minister. Reuters withdrew

the story following the investiga-

ber of stories related to bombings,

as the agency could not vouch for

their accuracy" Sposato wrote in

a legal notice to Reuters saying he

would file a defamation suit of Tk

stringer, Enamul Haq Choudhury,

on December 13 under Section 54

of the Criminal Procedure Code

(CrPC) and later he was shown

arrested in the Mymensingh bomb

blast cases. The stringer was released on bail on March 5 after 82

days of detention in the Dhaka

Central Iail.

The home minister later issued

Police arrested the Reuters

"Reuters has withdrawn a num-

eagues whom he mistook as the

around 9:00pm.

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Reuters

In the other accident, one

try sent a letter to the PP asking him

to take necessary steps in this

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Miah murder case.

Humayun Kabir.

prosecution witnesses.

February 3, 2001.

Haii' Venue: Dhaka Club, Time: 5.30pm.

Hasina

condemns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasan Parishad, will be held. Venue: National Awami League President Sheikh Press Club. Time: 4.00pm. Hasina has condemned Sunday's murder and rape of minorities at

Komorpur village in Bagerhat. In a statement on Monday,

Hasina termed the brutal act "a terrible crime against humanity".

"The seed of hatred and torture of minorities as well as opposition activists that was sown by the four-party alliance after coming to power have now grown into a

poisonous tree," she said. Hasina said the BNP-Jamaat alliance government through its inhuman torture and repression on the opposition and minorities has tarnished Bangladesh's liberal and non-communal image

abroad "The incident in Bagerhat has saddened and shamed the entire country," she said and demanded immediate arrest and trial of those

responsible for the attack on the Hindu family. Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Oikka Parishad, Bangladesh Christian Association, Citizens' Voice: Security and Human Rights, Ain O Shalish Kendro (ASK), Shammilito Shamajik Andolon (Combined Social Movement), Human Rights Congress for Bangladesh Minorities, and The House Tutors of the Jagannath Hall of Dhaka

Bagerhat incident. 15 hurt as BNP factions clash

University also condemned the

in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

At least 15 people were injured, The Second Additional four of them with bullets, in a clash Metropolitan Sessions Judge's between two factions of BNP at Court, Dhaka, yesterday granted the petition for dropping the names of two accused in constable Badsha Sreerampur village under Magura sadar upazila in the early hours of yesterday.

> The factions -- one led by Mokaddes Hossain and the other by Abdur Rouf Makhan -- clashed over establishing their supremacy

> The bullet-hit people are Arzoo, 45, Sufian, 40, Rabi, 30, and Abdus Sabur. They have been admitted to

Ihenidah hospital No case was filed in connection with the incident till 5:00 pm yes-

Journalist Rumi

FROM PAGE 12 case submitted a chargesheet against Azizul Hag and 36 others on July 24, 2001, showing 43 people as prayers while the second at the

latiya Press Club in the afternoon. Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar, MP, and members of the advisory council expressed deep shock at the death of Rumi.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Mohammad Fazlur Rahman vesterday expressed deep

shock at the sudden death of Rumi. He prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.

President of Dhaka Reporters Unity Mahfuzur Rahman and general secretary Monir Hossain have expressed deep shock at the death of Rumi, also a DRU mem-

Former BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Youth and Sports secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul and Bangladesh Handball Federation have also xpressed deep shock at the death

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) have expressed their deep shock at the death of journalist and valiant freedom fighter Masud Ahmed They expressed sympathy to the

bereaved family and prayed for peace of the departed soul.

Kamal threatens

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autonomous bodies have to work in favour of Whip Sarwar, Kamal alleged. "Violating election rules and regulations, Sarwar is openly making all sorts of promises.

Kamal appealed to the local and foreign observers to monitor the BCC polls, and appreciated the role of the

Rallies organised by the supporters of the candidates like Whip Sarwar (BNP), Enayet Pir (AL) and Kamal (BNP rebel) were held peacefully in the city yesterday, though there were signs of tension in some places. The BCC polls will be held on

5 'extremists'

FROM PAGE 1 place into a "safe haven for making bombs and a training centre of Jama'atul Mujaheedin

Bangladesh. Local people said although the young men had identified them-selves as madrassah students, their movement was suspicious and they were never seen going to any

madrassah or even to mosque. At midnight, unidentified youths riding motorbike used to come to visit them, said the locals.



President lajuddin Ahmed adorns a Scout with badge at the President's Scout and Rover Scout Award ceremony at

Aussies survive Bond blows

their own to send New Zealand tumbling to 112 all out and a 96-run The win was Australia's eighth in succession in the World Cup and their fourteenth in a row in all one-day international cricket, extend-

the Bangabhaban yesterday.

ing their world record run. It left New Zealand uncertain of qualifying for the semifinals and looking for a victory in their last

Super Six match against India at Centurion on Friday. Australia, who have already qualified for the last four, play Kenya in their last Super Six match that Durban on Saturday before returning to the St George's Park for the first semifinal on March 18.

Michael Bevan and Andy Bichel,

who shared a match-winning unbeaten ninth wicket stand of 73 in a pool match against England on the same ground, were again their team's saviours, putting on 97 for the eighth wicket. Then Glenn McGrath took three

wickets in a deadly opening spell at the start of the New Zealand

innings before Brett Lee produced an electrifying burst of fast bowling to seal New Zealand's fate. Lee dismissed New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, who was sixth man out for 48, before slicing

into the Kiwi tail, taking three wickets in four balls and finishing with five for 42. He took all his five wickets in the

space of 15 deliveries. McGrath took three for 29. Bond, 27, more than fulfilled the pre-match wish expressed by Fleming who wanted his main fast bowler to "knock the top off Australia"

Bond did just, having Matthew Hayden caught behind for one, trapping Adam Gilchrist leg before for 18 and Ricky Ponting caught at slip for six in an opening spell of

three for 20 in six overs. He returned later to rip out

Rivers are drying up and salinity

is increasing as India does not give

water during dry season, which is

also destroying the Sundarbans

started in the northern region and

agricultural production has fallen

drastically due to withdrawal of

water in the upstream by India,"

On the other hand, excessive

He said there is no alternative to

proper water management for

L K Siddiqui said fund shortage

is the main problem in batter water

use of groundwater for irrigation is

increasing arsenic contamination

"A desertification process has

mangrove forest, he said.

Shajahan Siraj said.

removing poverty.

management.

of water.

Damien Martyn, Brad Hogg and Ian Harvey in a second spell of three for three in four overs. But Fleming, who had gambled by sending Australia in, took another chance by letting his strike bowler complete his maximum number of overs with 21 overs still

to be bowled in the Australian innings. As they had against England, when they came together with Australia in trouble at 135 for eight, Bevan and Bichel set about repair-

ing the damage with sensible batting. The left-handed Bevan played the anchor role, making 56 off 94 balls, while the right-handed Bichel hit a career-best 64 off 83 deliveries, which included seven fours and a six off an attempted slower ball from Andre Adams which bounced twice before Bichel powered it over mid-wicket.

Bevan and Bichel were dismissed in the last three overs but Lee finished the innings on a high for Australia by hitting the last two balls from Jacob Oram for six.

Bond's figures beat the previous best for New Zealand, six for 25 by Scott Styris against the West Indies in Port-of-Spain last year. Bond's personal best had been five for 25 against Australia in Adelaide last

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Super Six match between Australia and New Zealand at St George's Park Port Elizabeth on Tuesday:

AUSTRALIA Gilchrist lbw b Bond Hayden c McCullum b Bond Ponting c Fleming b Bond Martyn c McCullum b Bond $Lehmann\,c\,Astle\,b\,Adams$ Bevan c Vincent b Oram Hogg lbw b Bond Harvey b Bond

"The ministry needs Tk 210

crore for maintenance of embank-

ments but we got only Tk 40 crore,

The limited resources are even

CARDMA President Hasna

Moudud presented a case study on

how climatic change and conse-

quent cyclones and storms have

affected the people of Char Elahi in

coastal areas and their livelihood

depend on the balance between

land erosion and accretion, and

rehabilitation. A participatory approach is key to their survival,

She said human settlement in

Relief is not enough for their

wasted sometimes. Half of the Tk

280 crore fund for Gorai re-

excavation project was wasted in

he said citing an example.

the last three years, he said.

coastal Noakhali district.

resources in the water.

Bichel c Cairns b Oram

Save rivers from dying

McGrath not out Extras: (lb-1, w-4, nb-3) Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 208 Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-24, 3-31, 4-

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NEW ZEALAND Vettori c Gilchrist b McGrath 10 Fleming c Gilchrist b Lee Astle c Ponting b McGrath Styris lbw b McGrath Cairns c Lee b Bichel Vincent c Martyn b Harvey Harris not out

McCullum lbw b Lee

Astle

Oram b Lee Adams b Lee Bond c and b Lee Extras: (lb-4, w-5) Total: (All out in 30.1 overs) 112 Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-14, 3-33, 4-66, 5-84, 6-102, 7-104, 8-104, 9-108

15

Bowler O M R 1 29 McGrath 6 Lee 3 Harvey Bichel 5 0 4 0 Hogg

Result: Australia won by 96 runs. Man-of-the-match: Shane Bond. Toss: New Zealand.

Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri) and Steve Bucknor (WIs) TV umpire: Brian Jerling (Rsa) Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle

AK-47 rifle OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

held with

Two cadres of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) were arrested at village Sani-Arpara in Shalikha upazila of Magura district

The importer walks the animals

to the nearest bazaar and sells

them to buyers from Dhaka, Khulna, Chittagong and other

The buyers load the cattle into

trucks and head back. Police pro-

vide protection to the trucks at

designated spots at a fixed rate. For

each cow or buffalo that reaches Dhaka from Satkhira, the trader has to pay Tk 500 to police.

Two outlaws

Ninety per cent of beef selling in

on Monday night.

Police also recovered one AK-47 rifle and 10 bullets from their posses-

The arrestees are Abdur Rahim,

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a

house at the village at around 10:00 pm and arrested the PBCP cadres.

After questioning the men, police recovered the gun loaded with bullets from beneath the floor of the Officer-in-charge of Jhenidah police station told our Khulna correspondent that the arrestees are listed

criminals and loval to Abdur Rashid alias Tapan, commander of the killing squad of PBCP. 3 arrested with

in N'ganj OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

phensidyl

Three persons were arrested with 260 bottles of phensedyl from Lamapara area under Fatullah thana yesterday afternoon.

They are Fazal, Sentu and Hasan Mahmud.

The arrestees were carrying the Indian made drug from Comilla in a microbus.

A case was filed with Fatullah nolice station.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg A 15-year-old garment worker was gangraped in Amtala Colony area under Baizid Bostami police sta-

A case was filed with Baizid Bostami police station yesterday evening, accusing six persons. Four of the six accused in the case are Mozaffar Hossain Mintu, Omar Faruk, Belal Hossain and Suruj

Sources said the gang picked up the garment worker from her rented house at Mollar Bosti in Amtala Colony at around 8:00 pm. They took her to a place in the area

and raped by turn. Victim's elder sister, also a garments' worker, and some neighbours recovered her unconscious and sent to a clinic for treatment.

Fresh UN vote put off

jeopardising a multi-billion

dollar US aid package. The United States accused to war. Pakistan, Chile, Mexico, Iraq on Monday of placing explo- Angola, Cameroon and Guinea sives at the Kirkuk oilfields in the north of the country ahead of a possible war, but Baghdad denied the charge and said Iraq had taken steps to guarantee oil

output if it was attacked. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov repeated yesterday that Moscow would veto the new US-British resolution on Iraq. During a visit to Iran he warned that a unilateral attack would undermine the United Nations and perhaps would be a pretext for radical and terrorist organisations to step up their actions."

French President Jacques Chirac declared on Monday he would veto the resolution. China said yesterday it opposed the ultimatum, but has not yet stated if it would vote it down.

Bush hopes to line up nine votes in the Security Council so he can claim some moral legitimacy for the ultimatum even if the resolution is killed by a veto. So far Washington can count

on only four votes -- its own and

Yunus FROM PAGE 12

microcredit facility in the country.

To reduce poverty, there has to be 'managed self-employment opportunity' alongside 'wage-based employment' for the poor, he said.

Besides, the benefits of globalisation have to reach the underprivileged. This can be done by making information technology facilities affordable to them, he caid

Since 1998, the Institute has been organising Commonwealth Lectures every year on vital global issues, participated by interna-tional celebrities like Nobel

BB chaos

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to transfer of BB cash to Sonali Bank, job retrenchment, promotion, and pay 'anomalies'.

The governor told them to discuss the matter with Deputy Governor Nazrul Huda. He also told the officers that such joint move by four organisations was not proper. Besides, they have no right to do so. He advised them to submit their statements in writing

separately. But the association leaders disagreed and were offended at the

suggestion. They however yesterday met the deputy governor and are scheduled to see the governor today, but, sources said, they would not place their demand before him

those of Britain, Spain and Bulgaria. France, Russia, China, Germany and Syria oppose a rush

remained uncommitted. The Security Council was due to start an open debate on the crisis later yesterday. The Council agreed Monday to hold a third open session to allow all UN states to air their views on Iraq.

Earlier, Britain's ambassador to UN said, a March 17 deadline for Iraq to comply with UN disarmament demands is not a set in stone hinting that the date could be put back. "March 17 has nothing magic

to it as the 17th, but it is a clear indication by the co-sponsors that time is short, it is no more than that," envoy Jeremy Greenstock told BBC radio in an interview from New York. With Bush facing opposition at home and abroad, veteran US

diplomat John H. Brown resigned on Monday in protest at Washington's Iraq policy. A CBS News/New York Times poll published late Monday showed that while a majority of

Americans were growing frus-trated with the UN handling of the Iraq crisis, they still favoured giving weapons inspectors more time to complete their mission.

NCBs

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their lending efficient," Saifur told newsmen after the meeting.

make a prudent decision on the direction of lending and focus on priority sectors, the meeting sources He also asked the NCBs to 'immediately' write off debts classified as bad for over five years as per the guideline the central bank framed in

He also suggested to the NCBs to

Tanuary. But, he said, before writing off the bad debts the banks should file cases against the defaulters with the Artha Rin Adalat (financial loan court) and

continue efforts to recover them. The minister also told the NCBs to accelerate the process of closing down the loss-making branches warding off all sorts of political or

any other pressure', the meeting sources said. On the IMF's suggestion for privatising at least one NCB, the minister said the central bank may

discuss the matter with the NCBs.

"It's not necessary that the banks would have to offload all shares. If a bank offloads 25 per cent shares, it would benefit the bank as well as revitalise the capital market," he told

He also said the banking sector cannot survive anywhere in the world incurring financial losses for years on



A policewoman peers into the purse of a woman at the entrance of Eastern Plaza in the city yesterday. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday checked handbags of people at several city markets saying that they had information

Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury said there over 30 policies on water management were formulated but only 69 components were implemented, which could not make any

Dr. Ainun Nishat said Bangladesh is a leading country in the world in ventilating waterrelated issues and called for raising such regional disputed issues at the Kvoto WWF.

Dr Nishat said Bangladesh can get funds from international bodies to conduct study on its rivers and water bodies.

He suggested introduction of a 'basin centric approach' for water management despite the country's location at the bottom of a basin.

about bombs and arms.