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THEM: The destitutes on the Tk 44 crore Syedabad-

Malibagh Highway should prick the conscience of those

who live in homes having all amenities. They too have

their 'homes' on the highway - pieces of cloth overhead

only to remain hidden from civilisation outside. But an

onlooker never misses them-hears the parody of life that

The Zonta Club presenting at a city function recently a

souvenir to Mrs Sandra Chindawongse of Thailand for her

Recruiting agencies asked

to explore new avenues

they sing daily

- Photo by Mohsin.

Cooperation for population census sought

School auditorium with a call

to ensure proper education to

the students and build their

character to help them under-

take future responsibilities of

presided over by Ratna Golder.

Khulna District Education

Officer and addressed, among

others, by Principal Mazharul

Hannan and Mukim Uddin

Ahmed, Additional Deputy

The Organising Committee

of the Education Week chalked

out elaborate programmes in

observance of the week which

include holding of debate.

songs and various other com-

Light Silk Mills Ltd. He took a

foreign currency loan of DM

1284425.36 equivalent to Tk.

15.28,466/- and a local cur-

rency loan of Tk. 6,50,000/-

from the then Industrial

Development Bank of Pakistan

now Bangladesh Shilpa Bank.

He repaid Taka 21,16.125/38

against foreign currency loan

and Taka 11.60.024/85 to-

wards the payment of local

currency loan. Even thereafter

by coercive methods the bank

realised from the company a

further sum of Taka

payment of Taka 82.07,438/-

from the company. The com-

pany refuted the claim and the

bank filed case under Article

33 of the Shilpa Bank order.

1972 and obtained an ad-in-

pany denied the claim of the

bank and contended that the

German loan having been con-

verted into grant, no amount

was due from the company.

While the hearing of the case

was continuing the bank took

forcible possession of the mill

and withdrew the miscella-

neous case. Thereafter, the

bank compelled the petitioner

to write some letters and to

sign an agreement dated

13/10/86 admitting liability of

Tk. 1.42.97.000/- and ob-

tained some post-dated

cheques and a pay order by co-

ercive method and undue in-

fluence for unlocking the mill.

suit for declaration of the

agreement dated 13/10/86 as

void and for refund of the

money illegally realised from

the company by the bank. This

infuriated Dr. Mohfuddin Khan

Alamgir and at his instance, on

24/2/87, the petitioner was

arrested and detained under

appeared for the petitioner

while, Abdul Wadud Bhyulan.

Additional Attorney General

appeared for the government.

Abdul Wadud Khandaker

Dhaka Sheraton

Special Powers Act 1974.

The company filed a law

terim attachment. The com-

The bank demanded further

20.57,300/-.

Commissioner, Khulna.

The inaugural function was

the nation.

petitions.

Around the Court

Industrialist's detention

held illegal

Supreme Court Correspondent

KHULNA, Mar 10: the Mayor of Khulna City Corporation and Khuina Divisional Commissioner, A K M Fazlul Huq Mia, yesterday sought cooperation of the people to assist the personnel engaged in the four-day national census beginning March 12. reports BSS.

The Khulna City Corporation Mayor while presiding over a meeting of population census committee of Khulna statistical metropolitan area at the corporation's auditorium stressed the need for correct population census in the country towards bringing about desired balanced development.

He said unless we have correct statistics of our population it could not be possible to draw up plans for develop-

The meeting was also attended by elite of the city in-

A Division Bench of the

High Court Division of the

Supreme Court comprising

Justice Md. Abdul Jalil and

Justice Quazi Shaffuddin in a

judgement recently delivered

found the detention of Mirza

All Ashraf under the Special

Powers Act. 1974 for 3

months extended by order

dated 23/5/87 for a further

period of 3 months have been

passed without any lawful au-

thority. Their lordships also

malafide and for collateral

2, 1987 calling upon the re-

spondents, namely, the

Government, represented by

the Secretary, Ministry of

Home Affairs, Md. Feroz.

Senior Assistant Secretary of

the said Ministry. Dr. Moh-

fuddin Khan Alamgir. Man-

aging Director and M. Nurul

Hoque, General Manager.

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank to

show cause why the order of

detention of the petitioner

dated 24/2/87 extended by

the order dated 23/5/87

should not be declared to have

been made without any lawful

filed the writ petition after his

release from detention on

6/7/87. His case is that he was

the Managing Director of Moon

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Our Staff Correspondent cluding local journalists. adds: One Jamaluddin was The Deputy Commissioner caught by Khulna Kotwali poof Khulna Asaduzzaman lice in connection with rob-Bhuiyan, yesterday inaugurated bery that took place broad day the Khulna District Education light infront of Bangladesh Week-91 at the Khulna Zila

Bank on March 2 The victim Arun Shaha, 45, a trader of Bagerhat who was stabbed on the spot by the miscreants later was taken to Khulna Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries on Thursday .

Jamal was arrested from Harintana village of Battaghata upazila Saturday on confession of one Mujibor who was caught red handed on the spot by the members of the public.

Rly West Zone earns Tk 102,730 by spl checking

RAJSHAHI, Mar 10: Bangladesh Railway (West Zone) authorities by a special checking in important railway stations realised Taka 1,02.730 as fair and Taka 56.360 as fine from 7,094 ticketless passengers during February 12 to 20, an official handout said, reports BSS.

As a result of the intensive checking to stop the travelling of the ticketless passengers. 70 thousand more passengers travelled in the second ten days of February in comparison to the first ten days and Taka 6 lakh 11 thousand more were earned during the period.

The West Zone authorities have also undertaken a programme of intensive checking from March 14 with a view to increasing the income of the

Seven to contest Kushtia-2 poll

With the withdrawal of can didature of Mrs Arjumand Banu from the race, the total number of candidates for the election of Kushtia-2 constituency scheduled for March 28 now stand at 7, reports BSS.

Election Commission sources said on Sunday that a total of eight candidates filed nominations till the last date on March 4. Mrs Banu is the wife of Md Marfat Ali, a JSD (Rob) nominee who was killed by unknown miscreants last

The election symbols will be distributed today, the

The candidates are Abdur Rouf Chowdhury, Abdul Wahed. Shafiul Islam, Md Ahsan Habib (Lincoln), M Saidur Rahman Biswas (Shantu), Shawkhwat Ibne Main Chowdhury and Hasanul Haq Inu.

Chehlum

The Chehlum of Mrs. Tahirun Nessa Khanam Choud hury, wife of a noted educationist and a former education officer of the greater Sylhet. late Shafi Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, will be held on March 14, at her residence at 27. Kashinath Road, Moulvibazar town, reports BSS.

A Milad Mahfil and Quran khwani will be held after zohr prayer on the occasion

All relatives and well-wishers of the deceased have been requested to attend the Chehlum.

Mrs. Choudhury died of heart failure on Feb 6 at a clinic at Sylhet. She was 60.

The meeting was presided over by the Labour and Manpower Adviser Chaudhury A K M Aminul Hauge.

The meeting was apprised of the steps taken by the Bangladesh government, the departure of Bangladesh Ambassador for Kuwait and his Labour Attache to resume their duties, discussions held by the Secretary of Labour and Man-

outstanding social work.

A detailed discussion was

held in the Ministry of Labour

and Manpower with

Bangladesh Association of In-

ternational Recruiting Agen

cies (BAIRA) regarding post-

war situation in Kuwait and

sending back the Bangladeshi

returnees to their previous

jobs or employment to new va-

cancies, an official handout

said, reports BSS.

power with ILO and IOM officials of Bangladesh.

The Manpower Adviser requested the recruiting agencies and construction firms of Bangladesh to establish immediate contacts with the employees, probable new employers and the firms which have been awarded big contracts in Kuwait to obtain manpower demand, management for construction sub-contracts and send Bangladeshi including the returnees migrants.

The Adviser assured them of extending all possible Government assistance to their endeavours.

The meeting was attended among others by Labour and Manpower Secretary Mr. Nooruddin Al-Masud and BARIA President, Mr. Akram Hossain.

CHITTAGONG, Mar 10:

A meeting of the Shibir held at its city office with the branch President Hamidur Rahman Azad in the chair said. the university remained closed for over two months after the December 22 incident, but the concerned authority did not take any step to reopen it much to the inconvenience of the students. The meeting pointed out that the dates of some final and honours examinations were shifted several times creating more session

were losing valuable times. It called upon the government to take immediate step for reopening of the university. Shibir leaders Mansur Ahmad and Mustafa Kamal Chowdhury addressed the

Plea to solve Indo-Bangladesh issue

Water-level in Jamuna. Padma falls alarmingly

The rivers Dhaleshwart. Isamoti, kaligonga and a portion of Jamuna and Padma. flowing through the district. are being alarmingly silted up posing threat to irrigation. pisciculture and navigation. reports UNB.

According to official sources, with the advent of dry season, the water level of these rivers fell sharply bringing riverine transportation to a standstill.

Most of the river beds are now being used for cultivation as they are completely dried up. A large number of shoals have also emerged in vast ar eas. Some areas of the rivers are filled with hyacinths. According to IWTA and

WDB sources, cultivation in large scale will be possible even on beds of these rivers in near future.

Beside, ferries and launches plying between Aricha-Nagarbari and Artcha-Daulatdia ghats are taking one and a half lours extra time to reach their destinations.

Another report from Sherpur adds: Massive siltation in the river Brahmaputra has caused great inconvenience to

BNP should be allowed to form govt

By Staff Correspondent

Twenty one prominent economists of the country have urged the Acting President to invite BNP to form the government.

The economists in a statement on Sunday said any delay in this regard will only create problem for the nation.

They said the elected representatives of the people should be allowed to play an active role in dealing with the economic crisis eliminating mismanagement in this sector.

The signatories include: Dr. Osman Haider Chowdhury, Dr. M.R. Khan, Dr. M. Abul Kashem, Dr. Atiqur Rahman, Dr. Sajjad Jahir and Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury o Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Dr. Mamtazuddin Ahmed, Prof. S.A.L. Reza, and Prof. Abu Ahmed of Dhaka University. Dr. Mahbub Hossain. Member, Executive Committee. Bangladesh Econ-omic Association.

The Research Centre for Democracy and Development on Sunday said that according to constitutional provisions. Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) should be immediately allowed to form the govern-

The President of the organisation, Dr. Osman Haidar Choudhury at a press conference at Jatiya Press Club. discussed prevailing in the

The speakers of the organisation stressed the need for democratic process. They believed constructive politics can lead Bangladesh to the road of

1.42 tons of wheat aid from USA

Four ships carrying 1.42 metric tons of wheat as food aid from the United States and Canada arrived at the Chittagong Port during the first week of this month, official sources told BSS on Sunday.

With this, a total of 10.82 lakh metric tons of foodgrains reached the country during the current fiscal year.

CU Shibir for opening of varsity

Chittagong University branch of Islami Chhatra Shibir on Saturday demanded reopening of the university without further delay, a Shibir press release said, reports BSS.

iams and thus the students

meeting.

riverine transportation as well as irrigation.

According to official sources, over 10,000 acres of Irri-boro fields are drying up as irrigation suffered setback due to shortage of river water.

BSS adds: The Chairman of Awami Party National (Bhashani Nap) Prof. Nur Mohammad Qazi on Saturday demanded of the Government to take immediate steps for the solution of the water problems of the common rivers of Bangladesh and India, includ-

OCs directed to recover stolen cars

Inspector General of Police A M Chowdhury on Sunday asked the metropolitan police to take special measures to stop frequent stealing of motor cars in the city, reports UNB.

Officer in charge of concerned police stations in the city would take immediate initiative to recover any stolen car, he said adding that punitive action would be taken against those officers who failed to recover it.

He was addressing a fortnightly meeting of senior police officers at the police headquarters on Sunday morn-

He instructed the officials to continue the arms recovery campaign which began prior to the parliament election. A total of 1400 illegal arms and 11,000 ammunition were recovered from different places across the country during the campaign from December 27.

The meeting reviewed the crime situation from February 16 to 28 and observed that overall rate of crime across the country declined considerably during the period.

Car stolen

A white Toyota Corolla car bearing registration number Dhaka Metro 5138 Bha of Mr Ayenul Huq was stolen from his residence at Road Number 32 (old). House Number 680. Dhanmondi R/A on Saturday night, reports BSS.

A case has been registered with Dhanmondi police in this connection.

ing Farakka issue, at the international level.

He said solution to the water problems arising out of the common rivers with India was deeply connected with our national existence and any negleet to its resolution was tantamount to treachery. He said the problem was hanging like Democle's Sword due to the week policy pursued by the past Governments.

Mr Quzt said the water level of the Padma fell to an alltime low near Hardinge Bridge. The mighty Padma now looks like a stream amidst the vast expanse to the sandy char," he said

With the slowing down of the flow of the water of Padma. the ground water level has also fallen deep resulting in the non-availability of waters by tubewells. The tributaries to the Padma like Gorai, Atrai. and Chiknat had dried down and the peasants were casting vacant looks at their fields due to paucity of water.

NAP demands white paper on polls Bangladesh National Awami

Party (NAP-Bhasant) Sunday demanded publication of a White Paper on the February 27 Parliamentary polls, reports

The NAP-Bhasani, in a post election press conference Sunday evening at its city of fice in Dhaka also demanded radical change in the present electoral system so that patriotic, honest, sincere and dedicated candidates could win elections and the voters could exercise their right of franchise freely and effectively.

The press conference was addressed by party leaders A.K.M. Golam Kabir and Syed Irfanul Bari and attended. among others, by Muslimuddin Ahmed, Rafiquddin, Intu Mia and Parveen Naser Khan

Regarding the party's future programme, NAP-Bhasani Executive President A.K.M. Golam Kabir said they would reach and establish party philosophy "Rabubtyat".

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Dateline Chittagong Khagrachhari DC's office burnt to ashes CHITTAGONG. Mar 10: forces interrogated the three Polls held peacefully

Office of the Deputy Shanti Bahini men arrested in Commissioner of Khagrachhari was burnt totally in a devastating fire early yesterday. Khagrachhari district administration sources said, reports

The origin of the fire was not yet known. The entire 'U' shaped tin shed office was gutted completely. As no fire scrvices unit was

yet established at the Khagrachhari district headquarters, the fire blazed unabated for over three hours. police said.

UNB adds: Security forces arrested three suspected members of the outlawed Bahini from Shanti Khagrachhari hill district and seized a huge quantity of sophisticated arms on Friday, police said yesterday.

short-circuit. They said the security

their hideout in deep forest and recovered the arms and ammunition. The seizure list included 43 rocket launchers, 43 mortar bombs, 28 mortars, 28

morning, later raided

handgrenades, one land mine and a walkie talkie. It is for the first time that such a huge quantity of highly sophisticated arms and ammunition has been captured

from the Shanti Bahini.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner office of Khagrachhari was set on fire at 4 am today. It was totally gutted. The loss was estimated at Tk 2 crore.

A senior district official . however, said the fire might have been caused by electric

Another report says: Fiftysix prominent persons of Fatickchari upazila Sunday said

that February 27 Jatiya Sangsad election in their constituency (Chittagong-4) was held peacefully and impartially. In a statement they said. allegations brought by some

vested group to the effect that there were terrorism and malpractices during election were false and motivated. Election at Fatickchari was held in peacefull and orderly atmosphere. they added. The signatories to the statement included Advocate

M N Huda, Saifuddin Ahmed Bar-at-Law, Principal Ali Azam. Anil Baran Chowdhury, Headmaster of Fatickehari Girls High School and M Scraful Alam, Chairman of Rangamati Union Parishad.