DU murder

From Page 1 Col. 4 investigating he murder case, are keeping their lips tight for the sake of a smooth investiga-

However, according to a dependable source, police have already identified another four youngmen involved in the murder and a search was con-

tinuing to apprehend them.
Police believe that the gang is possessing two revolvers, one of which was used to kill

The source hinted that guardians of one or two of those wanted four are big shots of the city.

The gang, including Khokan and one Habib was involved in a recent hijacking in Dhanmondi area.

On Saturday morning. Setu went to Zahurul Haque Hall accompanied by her friend Baby.

They were received by Khokan at the Hall gate and they went together to Room

Afterwards, another four of the gang including Habib came to that room and at one stage of a quarrel between Habib and Khokan, a shot was fired from a revolver at Khokan.

According to the confessions of the two girls to the police, Khokan at one stage in the quarrel brought out a revolver and threatened to kill

At the same time Khokan requested Setu earnestly to keep their relationship.

It is believed that, another revolver was used at this time to kill Khokan.

Police said, none of the two girls disclosed who shot and killed Khokan. Police believe that Baby was

not actually involved in the matter but got accidently entangled as she was accompanying Setu during the visit to the

It is learnt from concerned sources that the members o that gang of five were under the umbrella of different student organisations.

According to a source Khokan was involved with BCL(S-A).

Setu's mother

Setu's mother while waiting to see her daughter at the Ramna Police Station on Sunday evening told The Baily Star that she had brought up her daughter under her personal guidance so that she (Setu) would not be involved in an incident like the one that oc-

Khokan and Habib were my daughter's friends, "she said adding that Khokan visited her house twice and Habib once.'

"On Wednesday, two days before the incident, Khokan and Habib went to my house together to give some class notes to Setu," she added.

"I did not know anything about their later appointment at Zahurul Haque Hall," she

She also said that she and her family have been living in the Shajahanpur area since after the War of Liberation but nobody has so far complained about her three daughters and three sons.

"I was in the dark about the identity and the bad reputation of Khokan and Habib," she said and added, "I heard it from the police after the incident'

"I want punishment of the murderers, but I know my daughter is innocent," she said in a normal mood.

DU Syndicate asks police to clean campus

By Staff Correspondent Dhaka University Syndicate has requested the law enforcing agencies to be more active to apprehend any outsiders or possessors of arms in the campus. Recovery of arms from any place or preventing armed clashes is the responsibility of the law enforcing agencies, the

Syndicate maintains.

An emergency meeting of the Syndicate held on Sunday afternoon with Vice-Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah in the chair made the request. The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Syndicate about the terrorist activities in the campus during last two months. He particularly referred to the assault on Zahurul Haque Hall's provost and teachers of the Journalism Department, the three-hour exchange of fire in the campus on March 17 night followed by clashes among the supporters of different student organisations and the murder of an outsider in Zahurul Haque Hall

on Saturday. The Vice-Chancellor said he was determined to keep the university open since the interests of the nation are in-

The Syndicate meeting resolved to enquire into all terrorist acts in the campus.

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Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed presiding over a meeting of Council Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts on Sunday at President's Secretariate. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was also present. PID photo

Pahela Baishakh

ladesh Television will broad-

cast special programmes on

brought out supplements wel-

the city include: Baishakhi

melas (fairs), folk songs, dis-

cussion meetings, and photo

discussion meeting today

(Monday) at 7.15 am at the

deliver a speech and Prof.

Eazuddin Ahmed will attend

Dhaka University will bring out

a colourful procession today at

7 am to celebrate the Bangla

New Year. The processionists

demy, Shilpakala Academy,

Secrat Mission, Bulbul Aca-

demy of Fine Arts, Bangladesh

Sangskritic Sangstha and se-

veral other socio-cultural

organisations will organise dis-

cussion meetings and cultural

programmes to celebrate the

Pahela Baishakh Udjapan Pari-

shad Saturday began a two-day

programme to welcome the

new year. The programme

began at DC hill park this

afternoon with a musical soiree

followed by a colourful pro-

cession which passed through

main city roads. The parishad

will also hold a colourful

programme today from six am

Samannay Parishad announced

a six day programme com-

Hasina's call

to free nation

from exploitation

Awami League President

and Leader of the Opposition

in Parliament Sheikh Hasina

Sunday called for a renewed

vow to free the nation from

communalism and exploita-

Bengali New Year's Day, she

said "Let us continue the

united efforts to restore the

spirit of the Liberation War and

give democracy an institutional

concerted steps to free the

poor from the clutches of

poverty and strive anew to

usher a new horizon of eman-

cipation for the people, over-

happiness and prosperity in

It declaration

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the joint declaration of the

three alliances suggesting

restoration of the parliamen-

tary form of government, re-

of JSD (Inu) leaders and work-

ers of Shariatpur district who

formally joined the Awami

League at the Bangabandhu

Opposition in Parliament, said

the 8-party, 7-party and 5-

party alliances were commit-

ted to the nation through the

November 19 joint declaration

for replacing the existing pres-

idential system with parlia-

mentary for replacing the ex-

isting presidential system with

parliamentary form to consoli-

date the democratic rule in

But some political quarters,

she alleged, were conspiring

to retain the autocratic system

by violating their commitment

to the nation during the anti-

ing short of the parliamentary

democracy would be accepted

by people who ousted the

Ershad regime with a hope for

establishing a sovereign par-

liament and responsible gov-

Awami League include Sha-

Hossain, Emdad Hossain, Fa-

rug Hossain, Gopal Das, Abul

Kalam, Afzal Ali and Abdul Latif.

uddin Aurango MP and Jazira

Upazila Chairman Tonoy Molla

Among others, Hemayet-

Those who joined the

She made it clear that noth-

Ershad movement.

Hasina, also Leader of the

Bhaban Sunday afternoon.

She was addressing a group

She wished the countrymen

coming the past failures.

the new year.

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the country.

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were present.

Hasina also pledged to take

In a message on the eve of

tion, reports UNB.

Chittagong Group Theatre

at the same venue.

mencing April 26.

In Chittagong, Chattagram

Bangladesh Shishu Aca-

will parade the city streets.

Institute of Fine Arts of

the meeting as chief guest.

coming the Bangla New Year.

Newspapers have also

The other programmes in

Bangla Academy will hold a

Poet Shamsur Rahman will

the new year's day.

and art exhibitions.

Academy premises.

From Page 1 Coi. 8 nation looks forward with new hopes and aspirations to a better tomorrow.

The year 1397 that has just slipped into the endless ocean of time was eventful in our national life.

The most remarkable achievement of the year was the end to the nine year autocratic rule of deposed President Ershad through a mass up-

Welcoming the new year the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in separate messages on Sunday wished a happy and prosperous Bangladesh and the overall welfare of the people.

The Acting President called upon the nation to work hard for greater glory.

Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad, Sheikh Hasina in a message also wished the people a happy new year.

Various socio-cultural organisations have chalked out separate programmes to celebrate the Bangla new year.

The day's programmes in the metropolis include a cultural function at 6-15 am by Chhayanot at Ramna Green. The programme will continue for two hours.

This year the Pahela Baishakh festivities coincide with the Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations. Eid-ul-Fitr, the greatest religious festival of the Muslims

will be celebrated either on Tuesday or Wednesday subject to the sighting of the moon. The Eid holiday begins with the Pahela Baishakh holiday

from today. Radio Bangladesh and Bang-

Pahela Baishakh linked to essence of our life: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday called for taking a fresh vow to further consolidate our independence and sovereignty through firm national unity, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of Pahela Baishakh, Begum Zia said all must be active on this day to reach the cherished goal of national progress through upholding our tradition and identity.

Extending her warmest felicitations of the new year, the Prime Minister said Pahela Baishakh is deeply connected with our mother tongue, own literature-culture, tradition and the essence of life. Let the Pahela Baishakh bring the message of happiness, peace and progress and welfare to

all, she wished. The Prime Minister pointed out that this year, the new Bangla year is being celebrated in a new atmosphere. As a result of united movement of the people. The 9-year-long autocratic rule had fallen in the country. A people's government has been established through holding fair and free

elections, she said. Begum Zia said in the meantime, the democratic government has taken some important and far reaching decisions for the welfare of the

people. Side by side making a pledge to consolidate democracy. The Prime Minister paid her deep respects to those for whose supreme sacrifices the victory of democracy was pos-

sible in the country. She also congratulated to the heroic people who made this movement a success.

Friendship will grow: Bush

US President George Bush has felicitated the Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, on the occasion of the holy Eid-ul-Fitr, reports

In a message to Justice Shahabuddin , the US President said "As you celebrate this holy time you can take great pride in your recent personal contributions, and those of your fellow citizens, to peace both at home and in the

riatpur District JSD (Inu) President Mohammad Lehajuddin Molla, Khabiruddin Bepari, SM Abdul Malek, Rakib

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Job quota

From Page 1 Col. 5 satisfaction that more and more of the tribals who had gone across the border are now returning home and integrating themselves with the mainstream of life in the hill tracts region.

The meeting was attended, among others, by Finance and Planning Minister Saifur Rahman, Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman, Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, Agriculture Minister Major General (Retd) Majedul Huq, LORD and Cooperative Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, State Minister for Land Zamiruddin Sircer. Chief of the Army Staff Lt. Gen. Mohammad Noor Uddin Khan, Cabinet Secretary Siddique Rahman, Home Secretary Sayeed Ahmed, GOC 24th infantry division Major General Mahmudul Hasan, and other relevant secretaries and senior

Arms haul from Calico workers' colony

PABNA, Apr 14: Police recovered huge arms and ammunition from a worker's colony of Calico Cotton Mills here today, reports UNB.

These included 5 pipe guns, 26 rounds of bullets, a high-powered Indian-made hand grenade, two daggers and other home-made lethal

Police said they recovered the arms and ammunition from three rooms of the colony in today's raid led by Sub-inspector Abu Hena Mustafa Kamal.

Work for happy, democratic society, urges Shahabuddin

The Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Sunday called for taking a fresh vow to put in nation's united efforts and wisdom for building a happy, progressive, self-reliant and democratic society eliminating the sorrow and inertia of the past, reports

In a message on the eve of Pahela Baishakh, the first day of the Bengali new year, he urged all to demonstrate absolute allegiance and deep love to nation's own culture, tradition and language and safeguard the country's independence and sovereignty through national unity.

Congratulating the countrymen on the occasion, Justice Shahabuddin said Pahela Baishakh is an integral part of our national culture and tradition and added it is permeated with love and respect for human life.

The Acting President said Pahela Baishakh has brought with it unlimited possibilities of a new chapter in the nation's life. With the end of the political unrest of the previous year, the people have now got an opportunity for nationbuilding in a peaceful and stable atmosphere.

Justice Shahabuddin wished untainted peace, happiness and prosperity of the people.

Trains collide

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(50), Hanif Khan (35), Jabbar (25). Angura (30). The condition of Alauddin, Abul Hashim and Hanif Khan were stated to be critical. Twenty among the injured

were released after first aid. No bogey of the train was

Witnesses said, the passenger train (243-up) was heading towards Mymensingh from Bhairab while the goods train was moving in the opposite di-

The driver of the passenger train Kutubuddin told UNB that he got the home signal from Gachihata station while the Station Master Ahmad Ayub claimed that there was no home signal.

Our Correspondent adds High officials of railway including Director General, and Assistant Director General visited the spot in the afternoon. They also went to see the

Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital. The damaged railway lines have been repaired after 10 hours.

injured persons in

Khaleda: anarchy

From Page 1 Col. 2 for the country, reports UNB. Addressing a discussion meeting organised by city unit of the Jattyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at a local hotel, she asked the students to concentrate on studies along with taking active part in nation building activities like the canal digging programme.

Referring to some recent violence in different educaional institutions, Begum Zia vehemently criticised those quarters who were trying to link the incidents with JCD, BNP's students wing.

She said those who did not accept BNP's victory in the recent parliamentary elections were creating anarchy and terrorism to tarnish its image.

She called upon the students to guard against such conspiracies and further buildup the image of the organisa-

"People have given their mandate in favour of the BNP in the recent parliamentary elections because it pledged to establish a democratic system in the country", the Prime Minister said.

BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukder lauded the role of students in the recent democratic movement and hoped that they would continue to maintain this tempo in building a prosperous Bangladesh.

He called upon them to prepare themselves as future guiding force of the country.

The meeting was also addressed by State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP and City JCD President Abul Khair

Deputy Commissioner (Re-

The Midnight File

US starts pullout from S Iraq

RIYADH, Apr 14: The United States on Sunday began ulling back all its troops in southern Iraq to a newly estab ished demilitarized zone along the Iraq-Kuwait border, the US Central Command announced. Many of the troops would move on to bases in Saudi Arabia for immediate return home. said a US Command spokesman on condition of anonymity reports AP.

No refuge for Iraqis in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY. Apr 14: Iraqis seeking to flee southward from Saddam Hussein's regime will not be granted refuge in Kuwait, and can pass through the emirate only if a third country offers to take them, a government official said Sunday. Acting Planning Minister Sulayman Mutawa, echoing the views of many Kuwaitis, said the emirate had its hands full recovering from Iraq's occupation without having to cope with thousands of refugees, reports AP.

Honecker in bad health

BERLIN, Apr 14 : Ousted East German leader Erich Honecker was operated on shortly after being whisked away to Moscow last month and is in bad health, a report Sunday said The mass-circulation newspaper, Bild, said the 78-year-old Honecker was suffering from 'a dangerous intestinal disease. reports AP.

US tightens criteria for asylum

WASHINGTON, Apr 14: The State Department has sharply limited the grounds under which refugees from Afghanist may receive political asylum. Only refugees whose lives are in immediate danger and who cannot be resettled in other countries will be eligible to apply for political asylum in the United States, according to a March 26 cable the State Department sent to its refugee processing posts, reports AP.

Four die in clash in Johannesburg

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 14: Clashes broke out in the night near Nelson Mandela's home in the black township of Soweto and police said Sunday at least four people had died. Six more people were killed in violence elsewhere, reports AP.

Ershads sued for taking kickbacks

From Page 1 Col. 5 new plot no 49 of 12 kathas was allotted in their favour valued at Taka 23,22,600

The value of the lease money was deposited on September 18, 1989 and the applicants were given the possession of the land the next day. The lease deed was registered on October 21, 1989. On October 22, 1989 the so called lessee applied to RAJUK praying for permission to sell the land to Janata Publishers Limited for an amount of

Taka 33,00,000 On October 25 1989 RAJUK approved the transfer of the land on the basis of the terms of the applicants and the sale deed of the land was completed on November 2, 1989.

Meanwhile, the Additional Eid preparations

From Page 1 Col. 5 In Dhaka city, the main congregation will be held at the National Eidgah at 8 am. Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed is expected to say his prayer there.

Baitul Mukarram Mosque will organise four congregations at 6-45 am, 7-45 am 8-30 am and 9-30 am. Three congregations will be

held at the Rajarbagh Police Lines mosque at 8 am, 8-45 am and 9-30 am. The Dhaka University Central Mosque will organise two

Other congregations in the metropolis will be held according to the following schedule: 7 a.m.: Ground adjacent to the Daily Azad office. In case of rainfall the venue will be shifted to Lalbagh Chand Tara

congregations at 8 a.m. and 9

Jame Mosque. 7-30: Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall mosque of Dhaka University.

7-45: Dhupkhola Maidan. 8 a.m. : Amligola Shahi Mosque and the Baitun-Nur-Jame Mosque, Gulshan Central Mosque and Eidgah Maidan, and Dhanmandi Eidgah Maidan.

8.15 : Paikpara Central Jame Mosque. 8.30 : Chawkbazar Shahi

Jame Mosque, Fazlul Haq Hall ground of Dhaka University, Baitul Aman Mosque, Masjid Baitus Shait at New Airport Road and Lalbagh Shahi

Azimpur Chhota Daira Sharif will organise the last congregation of the city at 11 am.

Central Shishu Park will remain open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the day of Eid-ul-Fitr and two more days following Eid.

In Chittagong the main Eid Jamaat will be held at Jamiatul Falah Maidan at Dampara at 8

Eid Jamaats will also be held at 40 other places in different parts of the city. Some important places

where Eid jamaats will be held are, Laldighi Maidan at 8 a.m. Parade Maidan at 8.15 a.m. Collegiate School Maidan at 8-15 a.m., Agrabad Jamboree Maidan at 8 a.m., Shershah Colony Eidgah Maidan at 8 a.m., Anderkilla Shahi Jame Masjid at 8-15 a.m., Hazrat Sultan Baizid Bostani Masjid at 9 a.m., Sardar Bahadur Eidgah Midan at 8-30 a.m., Halishahar Housing Estate Eidgah Maidan at 7-45 a.m., Hazrat Shah Amanat Dargah at 8-15 a.m., and Masjid-e-Baitus Sharaf at

venue) Dhaka, in a letter on October 8, 1989 stated that none of the aforesaid applicants was originally aggrieved person. It is relevant to mention here that the conditions for the allotment were that the allottee must be an origi-

It was clear in the letter of the ADC (Rev) Dhaka on October 8, 1989 that none of the allottees was originally aggrieved person.

nally aggrieved person and

that the allotted land could

only be transferred after the

construction of the building

Without taking any initiative to determine the veracity of the conditions, the former President identified the applicants as aggrieved persons and directly issued orders for the allotment of the land which was absolutely illegal.

It may be mentioned here that an allottee can transfer the land only after constructing a building on the allotted land.

On October 17, 1989 RAJUK legalised the afore-mentioned transfer after removing the impediments by making amendments in the para no 20 of the lease

The only motive behind the all such activities was to transfer the costly land (Plot no.

49) at Kawran Bazar after influencing the former President and other officials by any means. Janata Publishers Ltd was

formed on October 26, 1989 after showing Rowshanara Begum as Chairman and the former Minister of the Jatiya Party and Chief Whip Abdus Saftar as one of the directors. It is doubtless, that aforesaid Rowshanara Begum, in reality, is the wife of the former President.

Although during the registration of the company her husband's name and present address were not mentioned with ulterior motive.It should be mentioned that Janata Publishers in their application for obtaining loan from Uttara Bank showed the value of the land at Taka

cumstances that the former President H. M. Ershad secured financial benefits to the tune of Taka four crore for his wife Begum Raushan Ershad and others illegally by abusing his power and in collusion with others. This is a punishable crime under the Anti-Corruption Act. 1947 and Bangladesh Penal Code, the handout added.

Yarn price Another reports says: A corruption case has been lodged with the Tejgaon police station against former President Lt. Gen (Retd) Ershad for giving instructions by misusing his power to reduce price of

yarn of Bangladesh Textile

Mills Corporation. An official handout said the **Bureau of Anti-Corruption** filed the case as the former President gave an instruction to reduce the price of yarn by Taka 3,000 per bale to cause a loss of Taka 53,04,000 of the Corporation and Taka 1,22,85,000 for the yarn in the godown for the benefit of his owner, others ille-

The instructions were issued by the former President between October 31, 1990 and December 3, 1990,the

handout said. It is apparent, under the cir- The former President gave the instructions when four textiles businessmen submitted an application to

him on October 31, 1990. Since there has been a change of government the instructions of the former President could not be implemented. Otherwise, the Corporation would have incurred the loss of Taka 53,04,000 and Taka 1,22,85,000 in the mills

and godowns, it added.

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