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Business

Despite substantial
 outbacks, the proposed
 subsidies will still be
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 cent of total revenue
 expenditures in 1991-
 92. And, the direct
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 Gulf crisis stood at
 Taka 66 crore in
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NEWS BRIEFS

BDRman killed

A BDR personnel was shot
 dead by tribal insurgents at
 Andarmanik in bordering
 Barkal Upazila of Rangamati
 hill district on Monday, officials
 said here Tuesday. The
 border guard was shot at in an
 ambush reportedly laid by the
 Chakma outlaws.

BNPPP meet June 29

A meeting of the Parliament-
 ary Party of Bangladesh
 Nationalist Party (BNP) will
 be held on June 29 at 9 am at No.
 one committee room of Jatiya
 Sangsad Bhaban, according to a
 Press release in Dhaka on
 Wednesday, reports BSS.

All Sangsad members be-
 longing to BNP have been re-
 quested to attend the meeting.

One stabbed to death

By Staff Correspondent
 One Abdul Mannan was
 stabbed to death Monday night
 at West Nakhapara in the city.
 Tejgon police could not give
 detail about the murder and
 said the body of Mannan was
 sent to Dhaka Medical College
 Hospital for post mortem. In-
 vestigation was continuing but
 none could be arrested.

Belgrade outlaws declaration, sends troop to take control

Slovenia, Croatia declare freedom

LJUBLJANA, June 26: The
 republics of Slovenia and
 Croatia declared independence
 from Yugoslavia Tuesday, re-
 port agencies.

The Slovenian parliament
 adopted a proclamation of in-
 dependence under which it
 will take over all functions of
 the Yugoslav state on its soil
 and gradually sever all ties
 with Yugoslavia.

The declaration cleared the
 way for Slovenia to gradually
 break with the Balkan federa-
 tion created in 1918.

The neighbouring republic
 of Croatia declared independ-
 ence short while earlier on
 the day.

Both declared themselves
 independent and sovereign
 states, which will allow them
 to gradually sever ties with
 the rest of Yugoslavia, currently
 a federation of six republics and
 two provinces.

The Yugoslav government
 immediately outlawed inde-
 pendence declarations by the
 Republics of Slovenia and
 Croatia early today and ordered
 the army to seize control of
 the borders with Slovenia and
 knock down any frontier posts
 it tries to erect with other
 Yugoslav republics.

After meeting in crisis ses-
 sion, the government branded
 the two republics' proclama-

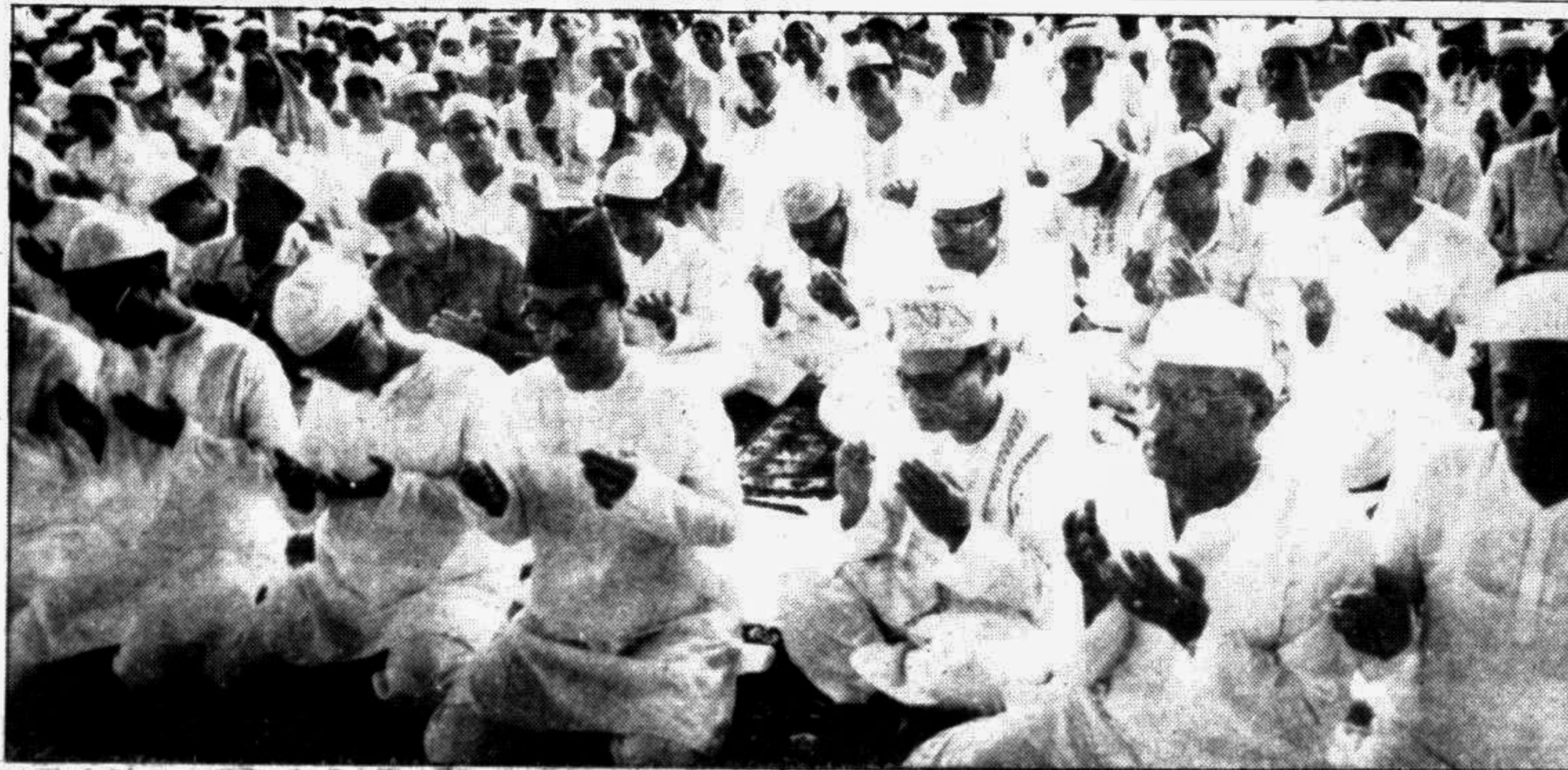
tions "illegal and illegitimate".
 Earlier, the Yugoslav parli-
 ament appealed to the army
 to prevent the break-up of the
 federation of more than 23
 million people.

The parliament of Slovenia
 and Croatia proclaimed inde-
 pendence to thunderous ap-
 plause and cheers on Tuesday,
 declaring they were
 "dissociating" from Yugoslavia
 and bringing to an end the
 united federation after 72
 troubled years.

The federal government,
 representing all six con-
 stituent republics and two
 provinces, responded rapidly.
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Franjo Tudjman, President
 of Croatia, one of the two
 Yugoslav republics, which
 have declared independence.



Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and ministers along with others offered their Eid prayers at the city's main congregation at the National Eidgah Monday. — Star photo

Priority to ties with neighbours: Rao

Pawar made Defence Minister

NEW DELHI, June 26: A
 powerful rival of Prime Minis-
 ter PV Narasimha Rao was
 sworn in Wednesday as the De-
 fence Minister and is likely to
 take the number two spot in
 the Cabinet, report agencies.

Sharad Pawar, a Bombay-
 Based politician, took the oath
 of office and secrecy at a brief
 ceremony in the presidential
 palace.

Pawar had challenged Rao
 for the prime minister's post
 but withdrew his nomination
 hours before the Congress
 Party met last week to choose

a leader. The withdrawal al-
 lowed Rao to be elected unani-
 mously.

Rao and 53 government
 ministers were sworn in by
 President Ramaswamy
 Venkataraman on Friday. The
 defence portfolio was left va-
 cant.

Pawar's swearing-in was
 delayed because he had to re-
 sign as the chief minister of
 Maharashtra state. Pawar re-
 signed from the state post
 Tuesday after he named a long-
 time aide to succeed him.
 Two junior ministers and a

deputy minister were sworn in
 with Pawar, raising the num-
 ber of people in the cabinet to
 58, including Rao. The other
 three named in Friday's list of
 government ministers but
 could not take the oath on that
 day.

Pawar's name came just be-
 low Rao's in the list, indicating
 he will officiate as the head of
 government in the prime min-
 ister's absence.

Rao said that it would be
 the endeavour of his govern-
 ment to restore India to its
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An anti-drug procession in the city to mark the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which was observed worldwide Wednesday (Story on Page 10). — Star photo

Hasina condemns BJP decision to demolish Babri Mosque

By Staff Correspondent
 Awami League chief and
 Leader of the Opposition in
 Parliament Sheikh Hasina has
 condemned the decision of
 Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
 to demolish Babri Mosque of Ay-
 odhya and construct Ram
 Mandir on the mosque site.

In a statement Wednesday,
 Sheikh Hasina said the unde-
 strable and illogical decision of
 BJP would create uncertainty
 and a sense of insecurity
 among the Muslim minority as
 well as the democratic and
 progressive forces. She ap-
 prehended that the BJP de-
 cision might increase the com-
 munal disturbances in demo-
 cratic India. She maintained
 that BJP's decision was a clear
 example of the consequence of
 using religion as a weapon for
 politics.

Eid-ul-Azha celebrated

By Staff Correspondent

The holy Eid-ul-Azha, one of
 the greatest muslim religious
 festivals, was celebrated all
 over Bangladesh on June 24
 amid religious fervour and
 solemnity.

Devotees commemorated
 the great sacrifice of Hazrat
 Ibrahim (AS) to get divine
 blessings on the day. Well-to-
 do people sacrificed animals
 upholding that ideal.

People—old and young, rich
 and poor—offered Eid con-
 gregations in 'Jamaats' and em-
 braced each other upholding
 See Page 10 Col. 6

City wears desolate look

By Staff Correspondent

The capital city wore a de-
 solate look Wednesday, the day
 after the three-day Eid holi-
 days, with a large number of
 people still enjoying Eid festi-
 vities at their village homes.

There were no traffic jams
 on the streets, a regular fea-
 ture in the capital and by the
 evening movement of vehicles
 and people was scant.

Attendance in government,
 semi-government and au-
 tonomous bodies was also very
 thin on the day.

Most of the officials were
 availing the optional holiday.
 Those who did not take the
 optional holiday also left of-
 fices earlier.

During a visit to several of-
 fices in the city, this corre-
 See Page 10 Col. 2

AL Constitution amendment bill okayed

BNP may move bill before next Thursday

Star Report

The Bangladesh Nationalist
 Party (BNP) high command at
 a meeting on Wednesday night
 discussed the proposed Con-
 stitution amendment bill of the
 party to be presented before
 the Parliament during the cur-
 rent session.

A decision about the date of
 placing the proposed bill and
 its final shape will be taken at
 a meeting of the BNP Parliam-
 entary Party on June 29 just
 before the resumption of the
 Parliament session after an
 eight-day recess.

Meanwhile, the Constitution
 amendment bill of the Awami
 League was given the Presi-
 dent's clearance on Wednes-
 day, and Law Minister Mirza
 Golam Hafiz forwarded it to
 the Parliament Secretariat.

Clearance for the BNP bill is
 expected by today (Thursday),
 a reliable source told The Daily
 Star.

The initial estimate that
 Taka 22 crore will be required
 to hold a referendum if the
 Constitution amendment bill is
 passed has been lowered. On
 an inquiry made from the
 President's Secretariat the
 Election Commission and the
 Ministry of Home Affairs have
 given a fresh estimate which
 says the expenses will be a bit
 less.

With the Acting President's
 clearance, the Awami League
 bill now stands a fair chance of
 being placed before the House
 on July 4, the next private
 members' day.

BNP will try to introduce its
 own bill before that. Sources
 say BNP leaders had planned
 before the Eid that their bill
 would be placed before the
 House within the month of
 June.

Sources said that the BNP
 leaders entrusted with the re-
 sponsibility of drafting the

Party's proposed Constitution
 amendment bill continued to
 give final touches to the draft
 before it was submitted to the
 Acting President for certifica-
 tion on June 20.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister
 Khaleda Zia herself told the
 visiting Japanese parliamen-
 tary delegation on Tuesday that
 her party had decided to go for
 a parliamentary form of gov-
 ernment.

Begum Zia told the delega-
 tion that she stood for unal-
 tered democracy, and that she
 had consistently asserted Parliam-
 ent would decide about the
 form of government.

BNP leaders are having in-
 formal exchange of ideas with
 opposition leaders on the pro-
 posed Constitution amend-
 ment bill. So far opposition
 MPs except those belonging to
 the Jatiya Party have reacted
 positively. They, however,
 prefer to keep their mouths
 shut till the contents of the
 BNP bill are made public.

Sources say MPs belonging
 to the Awami League and the
 8-party alliance are likely to
 soften their attitude towards a
 provision in the bill for taking
 upto one-fifth of the ministers
 from non-MPs.

They will seek to put some
 restrictions on the rights of
 such ministers to participate
 in the proceedings of the
 House.

Sources have indicated that
 there will be little differences
 between the proposed BNP bill
 and the AL bill.

The bills stand for similar
 provisions from the preamble
 to Article 10 of the Constitu-
 tion. In subsequent articles the
 BNP bill just seeks to keep the
 Constitution updated while
 the AL bill stands for a return
 to the 1972 Constitution.

Khaleda's 100 days in office

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia
 caps 100 days in office today
 (Thursday) appearing firmly in
 control of the state of affairs,
 leading the country's fledgling
 democratic government, re-
 ports UNB.

Can she lead this nation
 through the turbulent political
 course and economic morass?

This was the big question
 posed by many when 100 days
 ago she was appointed Prime
 Minister by Acting President
 Shahabuddin Ahmed who did
 so because of her party's ma-
 jority in Parliament.

Once an ordinary housewife,
 Begum Zia was thrust into poli-
 tics after the tragic assassina-
 tion of her husband late
 President Ziaur Rahman in the
 brutal putsch of 1981.

But more precisely, the
 mantle of leadership of the
 Bangladesh Nationalist Party
 (BNP), the organisation crafted
 See Page 10 Col. 3

Kaifu offers all help to consolidate democracy

Japanese Prime Minister
 Toshiki Kaifu has offered to
 provide all possible coopera-
 tion to help consolidate newly
 established democracy in
 Bangladesh under the leader-
 ship of Begum Khaleda Zia, re-
 ports BSS.

Kaifu in a letter to Begum
 Zia said his country was pur-
 suing a policy of supporting the
 progress of democratisation
 process, especially in Asian
 countries.

"Japan is awaiting hopefully
 further consolidation of
 democracy in your country un-
 der your administration which
 has come into being as a result
 of a free and fair election at
 the end of February," Kaifu
 said, adding "Japan is ready to
 continue as much cooperation
 as possible towards this end."

Kaifu's letter was handed
 over to Begum Zia by
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Flood control: China keen to extend technical know-how

China is willing to extend
 technical know-how in the ar-
 eas of flood control and disas-
 ter management in Bangla-
 desh, reports UNB.

This was conveyed to State
 Minister for Environment,
 Forest, Fisheries and Livestock
 Abdullah Al-Noman during his
 recent visit to China.

Noman led the Bangladesh
 delegation to the Ministerial
 Conference on Environment
 and Development held in
 Beijing. Sponsored by China,
 the conference of the develop-
 ing countries was in prepara-
 tion of the World Summit on
 Environment to be held in
 1992 in Brazil.

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Japan may build 1000 shelters

The Japanese parliamentary
 delegation would recommend
 construction of 1000 multi-
 purpose cyclone shelters in
 the coastal areas and offshore
 islands of the country, reports
 BSS.

Winging up their four-day
 visit, Masayoshi Takemura,
 member of the House of Rep-
 resentatives and leader of six-
 member parliamentary delega-
 tion said, "When we return
 Tokyo we will tell government
 to consider construction of
 1000 such centres in ten
 years."

He said besides construc-
 tion of 100 centres every year,
 Japan would also like to see
 construction of embankments,

particularly in EPZ, to ensure
 that Japanese companies
 which have invested there can
 work without any anxiety.

Briefing newsmen at the
 Hotel Sonargaon, prior to de-
 parture on Wednesday after-
 noon Takemura said the prime
 objective of building the shel-
 ters was to take long-term
 protective measures to lessen
 the devastation caused by nat-
 ural calamities. As a nation used
 to various type of natural
 calamities like earthquakes,
 typhons and volcanoes, he
 said, Japanese people have
 great concern for natural dis-
 asters in Bangladesh and are
 willing to consider further co-
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Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha
 Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka
 রাজধানীকে সুন্দর রাখুন অবৈধ নির্মাণ কাজ থেকে বিরত থাকুন

NOTICE

This is for information of all honourable allottees/lease holders of ex-DIT after 1971, presently Rajuk (excepting allottees in Sector No 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, at Uttara receiving allotment in 1990-91) that residential and rehabilitation plot receivers/lease holders having failed to pay all arrear instalments including surcharges in specified rates, register /lease deed and start construction yet as per notice already published in newspapers, are hereby granted extension of time upto 31-12-91 to pay arrears with surcharge as per rate mentioned below:

(A) 20% will have to be paid on arrears of land/instalments instead of existing rates.
 (B) In case of registration of lease deeds, an amount equivalent to registration fees will have to be paid as surcharge.
 (C) 100% surcharge will have to be paid on the prescribed fees for approval of plan.

Necessary steps will be taken for cancellation of allotment of plot/lease as per conditions set out in Allotment Letter/Lease Deed against those who fail to pay arrears instalments, register lease deed and start construction work within the extended time limit.

Allottees having been granted extended time separately by this time, are requested to pay all arrears, register lease deed and start construction work within such extended time limit or within 31-12-91 which is greater, otherwise, necessary steps will be considered for cancellation of allotment/lease as per conditions set out in the Allotment Letter/Lease Deed.

No separate notice will be issued for payment of arrear instalments and concerned banks will receive arrear dues with 20% penal interest vide this notice. But allottees/lease holders having not been able to pay atleast 2 (two) instalments will not come under the purview of this decision.

All honourable residential, commercial, industrial and rehabilitation zone lease holders of Rajuk are requested to collect the bills of payable service charges as mentioned in the Lease Deed from the Estate Branch of Rajuk and deposit with concerned bank within 31-12-91.

Chairman
 Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha

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Kuwait commutes death terms

UNITED NATIONS, June
 26: Kuwait commuted all 29
 death sentences handed down
 by its martial-law courts,
 changing them Wednesday to
 life imprisonment, reports AP.

Kuwait's martial law govern-
 or, Crown Prince Saad
 Abdullah Al-Sabah, commuted
 the sentences in response to
 appeals for clemency from
 Secretary-General Javier Perez
 de Cuellar, heads of state and
 humanitarian agencies, Kuwaiti
 Ambassador Mohammad
 Abulhasan said.

Martial law was also re-

pealed Wednesday, and Kuwaiti
 Justice Minister Ghazi Obaid
 al-Samar said the 125 remain-
 ing collaboration cases would
 be sent to civilian court.

Court clerks said collabora-
 tion trials would resume
 Saturday in the state security
 court with the same civilian
 judges but without the two
 military judges.

On May 19, the martial law
 tribunals began reviewing
 about 450 cases of residents
 charged with cooperating with
 the Iraqi army during its

seven-month occupation of
 Kuwait.

The martial law trials had
 drawn strong criticism be-
 cause defendants were given
 limited access to lawyers and
 scant evidence was presented
 during brief court sessions.
 The critics also contended
 many sentences were too
 harsh.

Martial law, in effect since
 US-led allied soldiers forced
 Iraqi troops from Kuwait on
 Feb 26, had been extended
 one month beyond the original
 decree. Kuwait announced

Tuesday it would be lifted.

The 29 people sentenced to
 death were mostly Jordanians
 and stateless Arabs.

Under martial law, police
 had the right to arrest and de-
 tain people without charges,
 while suspects now must be
 charged within four days.

Ordinary Kuwaitis said mar-
 tial law had little effect on
 their lives, but the expiration
 of the post-war decree at mid-
 night Wednesday is expected
 to ease international concerns
 about collaboration trials.