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NEWS BRIEFS

Shahabuddin assents to VAT Bill

Acting President Justice Sahabuddin Ahmed, gave his assent Wednesday to the Value Added Tax Bill, 1991, which was passed by the Jatiya Sangsad on Tuesday night, reports BSS.

Case against Kazi Zafar

The Bureau of Anti Corruption has filed a case against former prime minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed with Ramna police station relating to corruption in a sugar import deal it was learnt officially on Thursday, reports BSS.

Mizan's condition deteriorates

The condition of former Minister and Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury now under treatment in the prison cell at the Institute of Post-Graduate Medicine and Research deteriorated further on Thursday. family sources said, reports

Qayyum named PM of Pak Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, July 11: The party that won controversial elections in Pakistan-ruled Kashmir named today an Islamic fundamentalist, Sardar Abdul Qayyum, to be the new state prime minister, party sources said, reports Reuter.

Six injured in Lahore blast

LAHORE, July 11: A bomb exploded on a passenger bus Thursday, seriously injuring six people, police said. Pakistan routinely blames agents of either the Indian or Afghan govfor the almost ernments weekly bomb explosions in troubled nation, reports

Fidel Ramos resigns

MANILA, July 11: Philippine Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos has submitted his resignation to President Corazon Aquino to concentrate on his presidential election campaign for 1992.

Move to deal with campus situation by consensus

PM calls meeting of all parties today

Star Report

The government is contemplating stern measures to cleanse the campus of illegal arms and to end violence in the educational institutions.

The Education Ministry is reportedly drafting a bill proposing steps to punish the armed terrorists in the educational institutions and to flush out outsiders from the university halls.

The Education Ministry is also considering new steps to stop unfair means in the examinations.

A law may be enacted providing for exemplary punishment to students who adopt unfair means in the examinations. The photographs of the students may be published in the newspapers to expose them publicly.

If any invigilator helps a student in adopting unfair means, strict action may be proposed against that teacher along with the suspension of grant for that school.

The students who adopt unfair means may be disqualified from pursuing their studies for a few years.

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia has initiated a dialogue with political leaders, Syndicate members of the universities and other professional leaders to bring back an academic atmosphere in the country.

The Prime Minister has convened a meeting of the political leaders today at 4 pm at the International Conference Centre to discuss all these is-

Representatives of more than one hundred political parties may attend the grand conference.

It could not be confirmed if the Leader of the Opposition will attend the meeting. But Awami League representatives are likely to attend. The Prime Minister is expected to call for a consensus to bring back normalcy in the educational institutions.

The government will place the Inquiry Commission report on the Chittagong University where the one-member Commission has suggested change of the Chittagong University Act.

The Commission held that the Vice-Chancellor cannot be

neutral due to this Act.

This will involve changing the University Act of 1973 which provides for appointment of the Vice-Chancellor from among a panel of three members to be elected by Senate members.

The Commission viewed that election divides the teachers and the students and that the Vice-Chancellor always belongs to a particular group. This makes the Vice-Chancellor a partisan administrator, it is believed.

The situation on the campuses especially in the Dhaka and the Chittagong universities and in the Jagannath University College deteriorated recently following armed

One student leader belonging to the pro-JSD Chhatra League was gunned down by pro-Awami League student activists before Eid-ul-Azha.

Earlier the Vice-Chancellor's attempt to hold a meeting of the political leaders failed following the assault on Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami of the Jamaat-e-Islami. See Page 12 Col. 7



WORLD POPULATION DAY: A procession in the city Thursday as part of the global campaign for raising awareness about matching the growth of population with the pace of development and natural environment. -Star photo

264 killed in Jeddah plane crash

JEDDAH, July 11: All 264 passengers and crew died when a Nigeria Airways plane carrying Nigerian pilgrims crashed at Jeddah airport in western Saudi Arabia on Thursday, report agencies.

"There are no survivors" an airline official said.

A travel agent at Nareen Travel in Jeddah said the plane was carrying 248 Nigerian passengers and a crew of 15 Canadians and one French citizen. The agent, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had helped arranged the flight.

The plane had been leased by Nigerian Airway from Canadian firm to carry home the Nigerians, said the agent, who spoke by telephone with The Associated Press in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Bangladesh Bank announced

a number of steps Thursday to

facilitate the clients of the

Bank of Credit and Commerce

International (BCCI) Ltd in

Bangladesh carry out their fort

eign trade operations under

(Overseas) Ltd were suspended

by the central bank from July 6

in the wake of the closure of

its business or liquidation in

seven European countries in-

cluding the UK and

BCC! (Overseas) Ltd has

branches, similar moves sus-

pending its operations are now

ments announced by the cen-

tral bank, the importer-clients

of the BCCI in Bangladesh will

be allowed to get their docu-

ments released by making a

full payment of import value to

tinue until further instructions

This arrangement will con-

In most countries where

Under the new arrange-

The operations of the BCCI

new arrangements.

Luxembourg.

effective.

Agrani Bank.

The four-engine DC-8 crashed as it was about to make an emergency landing with an engine on fire 15 min-

The plane with its landing gear already down, turned into a ball of fire before crashing." the official said.

The pilgrims had just completed umrah and were heading back to Maiduguri in northeast Nigeria.

The extended DC-8 had barely taken off when the pilot called the control tower to report he had run into 'technical trouble' and was returning, officials at King Abdel-Aziz International Airport said.

Other aviation sources, who also would not be identified. said the pilot reported 'fire in the landing gear."

Traders' problems will be alleviated: Bangladesh Bank

New moves for BCCI clients

Star Economic Report

for those cases where im-

ported goods against Letters of

Credits (LCs) were opened by

the BCCI and are now awaiting

customs clearance at

Bangladesh ports but relevant

documents have not yet been

released, or where goods have

been shipped from abroad but

import documents are in

against import LCs, opened by

the BCCI, have not yet been

shipped, the importers con-

cerned in their own interest

should contact the foreign

suppliers to cancel the rele-

vant LCs and arrange to open

new LCs through other banks.

Bangladesh Bank said in a

are lying in the godowns of the

BCCI may arrange to have the

goods released by making full

payment of import value to

structed the exporters, who

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Bangladesh Bank has in-

The importers whose goods

press release.

Agrani Bank.

In cases where goods

They said he was advised "to dump the fuel in air and return, but while returning the plane exploded into

Witnesses said they saw, from a considerable distance, smoke and fire emerging from the plane as it flew low over the runway. They said they thought it had caught fire as it was taking off.

One of the witnesses, who did not want his name used. said he later ran as close as he could get to the site and found "the plane crashed to the ground, and flames shooting into the air as high as six-story buildings."

The witness said the plane was 'certainly all small pieces. no big pieces around." He said that the scene had

Warning against

baseless stories

ated that all possible actions

are being taken to protect the

interest of the depositors and

other creditors of Bank of

Credit and Commerce Inter-

national (BCCI) in Bangladesh.

issued Thursday said that the

Ministry of Finance has been

kept "full in the picture about

all actions it has so far taken

stories" about "imaginary ac-

tions" taken by the authorities,

the bank has drawn the atten-

tion of all concerned to

Section 57 of Bank Companies

Act, 1991, which provides for

up to two years imprisonment

and or penalty of Taka 20,000

for any person who in a

planned manner tries to

destabilise the confidence of

depositors in bank.

Referring to some "baseless

The bank in a press release

reports BSS.

about BCCl.

Bangladesh Bank has reiter-

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See Page 12 Col. 7 APSU says CU probe body

Correspondent

The APSU at its rally at New Market premises in the city threatened movement in the event of non-fulfilment of the demands by the deadline.

The APSU leaders alleged See Page 12 Col. 6

float new front

RAJSHAHI, July 11: Leftwing student organisations to-

The new student alliance, styled Chhatra Oikya Parishad, was floated after a meeting at the Raishahi University Central Students Union (RUCSU) of fice with RUCSU GS Ruhul

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DUCSU polls

By DU Correspondent Various student organisations at separate campus rallies Thursday welcomed DU authorities' announcement of DUCSU election date and called for arresting the hoodlums for peaceful polls.

Students hold

rallies, hail

"Otherwise", they cautioned. The university campus may turn into a warfield once again." The DUCSU and 14 hall

union elections are scheduled for July 31.

The student organisations also accused each other for the existing situation and an-

report biased From Our Staff

CHITTAGONG, July 11: The Chittagong University unit of All- Party Students Unity (APSU) Thursday set a July 16 ultimatum to the authorities to accept its demands which include retaining the incumbent Vice-Chancellor.

Left-wing Rajshahi students

day floated a new alliance here as APSU fell apart on difference of opinion about four murder cases filed by Shibir against 60 students of Rajshahi University, reports UNB.

Quddus Babu in the chair this afternoon. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Population control seen a must for balanced ecosystem

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Thursday warned against disastrous consequences of population boom and called for concerted efforts to check it for the sake of progress and development, reports UNB. "Environmentalists have

viewed ecosystem Bangladesh can bear the burden of maximum population of 13 crore ... a serious disaster will come down if this population limit is crossed", she told a seminar in Dhaka.

She said the country's population will exceed 13 crore by the end of this century if the present rate of population growth continues.

The seminar held at Osmani Memorial Hall in observance of World Population Day was jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate of Family Planning and the United

Nations Population Fund Presided over by Health and

Family Welfare Secretary Khandker Asaduzzaman, the seminar was addressed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdbury Kamal Begun Zia said her gov-Ibne Yousuf and Director General of Family Planning Directorate Nazmul Huq and UNPF representative in Dhaka Charles Henry Larstmont. The observance of World

Population Day is aimed at heightening public awareness about population issues across the World. This year's theme of the Day is reduction of population for making a balance among population, development and natural environment to save the earth.

The Prime Minister said another 100 crore population will be added to the present world population of 540 crore in the next 10 years.

to ensure a corruption-free

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administration.

She pointed out that 95 per cent of the population growth would take place in the developing countries, leading to more poverty and hunger and disruption of all development

ernment had formulated a people-oriented national development programme, stressing on achieving the target of population control. She also called upon all to making the programmes of

family planning as well as mother and child care a success to mitigate miseries of the poor segment of the soci-

Recalling the announcement of the "National Population Policy" in 1976 by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman and branding population boom as the country's number one problem, she said See Page 12 Col. 4

New phase of

contact with

Dhaka opens:

Bessmertnykh

MOSCOW, July 11: The

Opposition demands Pay Commission report

By Staff Correspondent announced and implemented

The Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) has demanded immediate announcement and implementation of the Pay Commission report for government officers and employees. During discussion on a pri-

vate member's resolution Thursday night, the members of the Opposition called upon the Treasury Bench to come out with a positive decision on the issue to save government servants from growing inflation and price hike.

In response to the demand, the Treasury Bench mentioned that the issue was being examined by the government and a report was expected soon.

Moving the resolution. Awami League MP Md Abdus Shahid said that there was a total 50 per cent inflation during the last five years, but the pay of the government servants remained unchanged. As a consequence they were passing their days in hardship, he said and added that the Pay Commission report should be

Foreign Minister of Soviet The Chief Whip of the Alexander Opposition Mohammed Nasim Bessmertnykh has said that said that the government serthe official visit of the vants alongwith the people See Page 12 Col. 4

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজ্য বোর্ড

रशांटेन ७ রেস্তোরা সম্পর্কে বিশেষ বিজ্ঞান্ত

উপজেলা ও গ্রাম অঞ্চলের হোটেল ও রেস্তোরা এবং মেটোপলিটন ও জেলা শহরের রাস্তার পাশের ছোট ছোট রেস্ডোরা এবং অস্থায়ী কাঁচাপাকা পৃহে অবস্থিত রেস্তোরাকে মূল্য সংযোজন কর থেকে অব্যাহতি দেওয়া হয়েছে । সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য আরও জানানো যাচ্ছে যে পূর্বতন এক্সাইজ ব্যবস্থায় অভিজাত হোটেল সমূহের উপর ২২% ভাগ (সারচার্জ সহ) হারে আবগারী তক্ক আরোপিত ছিল । মূল্য সংযোজন কর প্রবর্তন হওয়ায় এই ধরণের হোটেল ও রেজোরার উপর ১৫% হারে মূল্য সংযোজন কর এবং ১০% হারে সম্পূরক 😘 (মোট ২৫% ভাগ) আরোপ করা হয়েছে । অন্যান্য হোটেল ও রেজোরার উপর সারচার্জ সহ ১১% আবগারী তন্ধ আরোপিত ছিল । বর্তমানে এই সব হোটেলের উপর ১৫% ভাগ মৃদ্য সংযোজন কর আরোপ করা হয়েছে উভয় ধরণের হোটেলের ক্ষেত্রে তাহাদের ক্রয়কৃত উপকরণের উপর পরিশোধিত মৃল্য সংযোজন কর ফেরৎ যোগ্য । এই কারণে এবং পূর্বের মূল্য হতে সারচার্জ সহ আবগারী শুদ্ধ বাদ দেওয়া হবে বলে তাহাদের থাদ্য অন্যান্য সার্ভিসের মূল্য অধিকাংশ ক্ষেত্রেই পূর্বের তুলনায় কম হওয়ার কথা এবং কোন অবস্থাতেই মূল্য ৩% এর বেশী বৃদ্ধি পাওয়ার

এ পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে হোটেল ও রেষ্ট্রেন্ট মালিকদের তাদের পূর্বেকার মৃল্য হতে আবগারী 😘 এবং মৃল্য সংযোজন কর বাবদ প্রান্তিযোগ্য রেয়াত বাদ দিয়ে তার উপর মূল্য সংযোজন কর হিসাব করে তাদের মৃল্য তালিকা প্রস্তুত করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে।

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জাতীয় রাজ্য বোর্ড

AL pressure to repeal referendum

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League has put pressure on the Select Committee for scrutinising the Constitution amendment bills to repeal Article 142 providing for holding of a referendum in case of any fundamental change to the Constitution.

Article 142 was incorporated in the Constitution in the Fifth Amendment to prevent easy changes to eight Articles in the Constitution which are See Page 12 Col. 3

JP to resist abolition of upazila system By Staff Correspondent

Barrister Moudud Ahmed acting leader of the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party (JPPP) said on Thursday that

his party would resist any attempt to abolish the upazila system. Addressing a news confer-

ence at the JP room in the Parliament building he said that abolition of the upaztla system, and replacement of Upazila Chairmen with nominated persons would amount See Page 12 Col. 2

Early introduction of amendment bills demanded By Staff Correspondent

The Opposition on Thursday demanded initiatives for an early introduction of the remaining Constitution amendment bills of private members

These bills relate to separa-

tion of the judiciary from the

executive and fundamental

in the House.

Salahuddin Yusuf of Awami League sought to know the fate of a bill for which he himself had submitted notice and See Page 12 Col. 6

China appeals for flood relief BEIJING, July 11: Residents

of major cities along China's Yangtze River laboured Thursday to raise barricades against rising flood waters that already have claimed more than, 1,000 lives, reports agencies The government dropped

its traditional stance of self-reliance and appealed for 200 million dollars in international relief for the victims of storms and floods that have lashed wide areas of eastern and southern China and caused the worst flooding in a century.

Indian Army Chief leaves for home The Indian Chief of Army

Staff General Sunith Francis Rodrigues left Dhaka for home after ending his six-day visit to Bangladesh, an ISPR press release said, reports BSS. General Rodrigues, Mrs

Rodrigues and three other members of the delegation were seen-off at the Zia International Airport by Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan. Begum Sophia Khan and senior army officers. The Indian

Commissioner to Bangladesh See Page 12 Col. 5