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Abul Hashem made Parliamentary Secy

By Staff Correspondent Abul Hashem, former Secretary of Science and Technology division has been appointed Secretary of the Parliament Secretariat. He took over charges Saturday. The job of Parliament Secretary Mohammad Abdul Awai has been placed under Establishment Ministry as an officer on special duty.

CU classes may resume today

Chittagong University is expected to resume its classes today after seven months of unscheduled closure, officials said, reports UNB.

200 illegal power lines snapped

About 200 illegal power lines were snapped Sunday in a massive drive against illegal power lines carried out at Maghbazar T and T wireless colony, reports BSS.

Tk 37.65 cr embassy

staff salary Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman Sunday said Taka 37,65,07,000 was spent as salaries, allowances and other facilities in 1989-90 fiscal for the officials and employees working in the diplomatic section of the different Bangladesh embassies, reports

AL's new point: MPs' concurrence must for dissolving JS

Discussion on amendment bills may open Sunday

Star Report

The parliamentary Select Committee, formed to scrutinise the Constitution amendment bills, is expected to submit the final report by the end of this week and the bills will be in the order of the day next Sunday, according to Committee sources.

The House gave the Committee four more days' time to finish its task at the request of the Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz.

The Committee is now drafting the report and was narrowing down differences on procedural matters.

But the s League representatives are reportedly bargaining hard to retain the provision on floor-crossing as per the existing Constitution. The Constitution provides

for vacation of a seat by a

member if he votes against party decisions or resigns from the party.

The proposed bill of the BNP provides strict provisions along with this including a five-year disqualification clause for a member who would cross the floor.

The proposed bill also plugs the system of floor crossing in a group and the withdrawal of support, once given, by any party, in forming the govern-

Indications are that the BNP would agree to relax the proposed system and withdraw the provision that bars parliament members from participating in the next parliament election if the seats fall vacant in case of any sort of floor

Insiders further said that

the Awami League also differed with the BNP on the question of the election of the President.

While the Awami League demanded the election under the Election Commission through secret ballot, the BNP demanded that the election to the post of president be held in parliament through open voting by parliament members, which would be conducted by the Speaker.

In case the election is conducted by the Election Commission it should be held openly in parliament, the BNP



North Korea at Dhaka Stadium. MSC lost yet another point drawing with the Korean champions in the robin league match. story on page-7 - Star photo

Diarrhoea deaths reported from different areas

Flood situation static

By Staff Correspondent The overall flood situation

in seven districts of Pabna Bogra, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Chandpur, Gaibandha and Farfdpur remained unchanged on Sunday. The situation showed signs of improvement in rest of the 13 districts affected by over two weeks of monsoon flooding.

Severe erosion in the river Meghna at Chandpur and Jamuna at Sirajganj continued unabated, according to reports from our correspondents.

Flood deaths rose to 33 with the drowning of one per-

son in Sariakandi under Bogra

while diarrheal diseases were

reported from Netrakona,

Tangail and Bogra. Sixty three people died of diarrhoea in Netrakona over the last fortnight but it was not known whether all were flood re-

Ferry service in Aricha-Daulatdia river route was suspended Sunday. Bogra control room said flood situation improved

slightly following recession of Jamuna by 29 cms in the last 24 hours. Relief was very scarce for about 4.38 lakh affected people

and lack of Aman seedlings

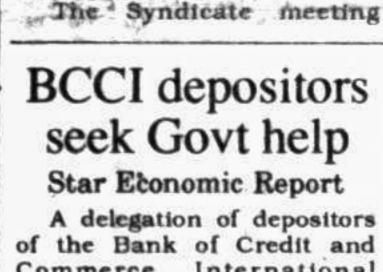
would affect in 6 upazilas.

Transplantation of over 2 thousand acres of crop land damaged in the flood. Jamalpur flood control

room said the flood situation in the district remained unchanged although water level of Brahmaputra decreased slightly.

Acute shortage of drinking water has posed serious problem in 55 unions where crop loss and no work will make their future uncertain. The worst affected upazilas are: Dewangani and Madargani. River erosion in these two upazilas have rendered at least

ule for the polls. Sec Page 10 Cot. To.



The date of elections to the

Dhaka University Central Stu-

dents Union (DUCSU) and the

hall unions has been shifted

a meeting Sunday evening

shifted the date to facilitate

the boycotting student organi-

sations take part in the polls.

But it remained rigid on its

earlier decision barring the ir-

regulars from running in the

race, the main contentious is-

sue which kept the senior stu-

also announced a fresh sched-

The Chief Returning Officer

dent leaders away.

The university syndicate at

from July 31 to August 5.

A delegation of depositors Commerce International (Overseas) Limited (BCCI) called on the State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman on Sunday at his office and submitted a memorandum to him regarding their deposits with the Bank.

Earlier, the depositors held a rally in front of the BCCI head office and brought out a procession. They then went to the Secretariat to hand over the memorandum to the Minister.

The five-member team of the depositors called for government intervention to help them withdraw deposited See Page 10 Col. 2

Mugger killed over sharing

the sharing of the money. The muggers Manik Khairul and Rafiq were splitting the robbed money among themselves at Zohaboxo lane at Nayatola. At one point, Khairul objected to the sharing of the money and a brawl started. Khairul allegedly stabbed

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hoped that all the student or-

Ban on contest by irregular students remains

DUCSU poll date shifted to Aug 5

By Staff Correspondent

ganisations would participate in the elections under the changed situation and uphold the glorious tradition of the DUCSU.

The boycotting student organisations which included the Awami League-backed Chhatra League (S-A), pro-JSD(Inu) Chhatra League (N-S), BKSALsupported Jatiya Chhatra League, CPB-backed Chhatra Union. BSD(Mahbub)-backed Chhatra League (S-S). BSD(Khaleq)-backed Chhatra Front, NAP-backed Chhatra Samity, Chhatra Oikya Forum and Chhatra Federation were demanding "special admis-

sion" like previous years for their senior student leaders who passed out one to several years back. They also demanded peaceful polls. Their boycott left the pro-

BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). Jamaat-backed Islami Chhatra Shibir and a few small organisations and some independents in the race who put their candidatures by July 20, the last date for nomination filing according to the earlier schedule.

The Syndicate meeting. chaired by the Vice-Chancellor Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah. was followed by a joint meeting See Page 10 Col. 3

See Page 10 Col. 6 Dhaka, Delhi taking steps to determine ownership of

Bangladesh and India are

This was stated by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman in reply to Abdul Awal Mian of Awami League during question hour in Parliament

Sunday. Mostafiz told the House both Bangladesh and India had been claiming the ownership of the 2-mile-diametre island surfaced at estuary of the Haribhanga and Raimongal rivers near the Bangladesh

Giving background of the bilateral move, the Foreign Minister said Bangladesh proposed to India in 1981 a joint See Page 10 Col. 6

20 pc posts of ambassadors reserved for

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman told parliament Sunday that 20 per cent posts of Ambassadors in the country's foreign missions were reserved for the Armed

and Abul Kalam Azad of Awami League, the Foreign Minister said the government did not take any decision to cancel the army quota in the foreign mis-

The Minister said there are 27 High Commissioners or Ambassadors employed in Bangladesh missions abroad. Of them, 21 are from the service See Page 10 Col. 6

Hearing of Ershad's case postponed

The hearing of the corruption case against former president H M Ershad was adjourned Sunday for a day in response to a prayer of the defence in view of the death of his mother-in-law Saturday, reports BSS.

Moving the petition at the Dhaka Divisional Special Judge's Court which resumed hearing after a week, defence counsel Barrister A R Mollah said his client was not in a mental condition to attend the

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Women trudging through flood waters to fetch drinking water in a low-lying area on the outskirts of the city.

Kuwait returnees to get back money

Bangladeshis repatriated from Kuwait will get back their money deposited in Kuwaiti banks, as well as the money against the Dinars they deposited with the Sonali Bank after coming back home.

Barrister Rafigul Islam Mia. State Minister for Labour and Manpower said this in parliament at the close of a discussion initiated by Jatiya Party member Manirul Hug Chowdhury on Sunday.

He staid that Kuwait has assured remittance of the money besides re-employing Bangladeshis who had to be repatriated in the wake of the Iraqi occupation of that coun-

He said that Bangladesh was the first non-Arab country to open its mission in Kuwait after the Gulf war and had taken all steps to secure reBy Staff Correspondent

employment of the nationals who had to be repatriated from

that country.

He told the Parliament that Kuwait was yet to get back to normal. Not even all government offices have reopened not to talk about private establishments which used to control most of the employment in the past

could force Kuwait to fulfil its pre-war commitments because Kuwait had rescinded all agreements and treaties. The present government of Bangladesh was an accountable

He said that no country

one, and as such it had taken all steps to solve the humanitarian problem. He said that so far 10,000 visas had been issued to

Bangladeshis for entry into The State Minister said that

the government has put a condition on manpower recruiting agents that they would get clearance to send Bangladeshis to Kuwait only if

these repatriated from that He said the government could not ban the recruitment of Bangladeshis other than the repatriated ones because in that case the vacancies will be

they include 40 per cent of

filled by people from other. He, however, said that the government would take stern action against recruiting agencies deceiving repatriated

Bangladeshis. The State Minister said that remittance from Bangladeshis working abroad rose from Taka 1070.20 crore between January and May 1990 to Taka

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of booty By Staff Correspondent

A mugger of Saturday's day light snatching of Taka 1.5 lakh from Segunbagicha was stabbed to death on Sunday night by his accomplices over

Manik (25) on the chest with a

Mantk was taken to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries. On hearing the news,

Ramna police went to DMCH and waited in hiding to appre-

Economic sovereignty absurd: Saifur

ECOSOC endorses \$1.8b

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said Sunday that the special session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) had endorsed Bangladesh's need for 1.8 billion dollars for short. medium and long-term reconstruction programmes, reports

The Finance Minister was taking to newsmen on his return from Geneva via London at the Zia International Airport after attending the ECOSOC

special session. Rahman said with an additional commitment of 150 million dollars the total amount pledged for the reconstruction and rehabilitation programmes for the April 29 cyclone and tidal surge damage now stood at 585 million dollars.

The endorsement was received at the special meting of ECOSOC held at Geneva on July 16.

The Finance Minister said Bangladesh was expected to receive more commitments for the programmes from friendly countries and agencies like the USA, UK, Germany, EEC and the World Bank and its affili ated agencies.

Rahman said the World

Bank, in the meantime, had engaged a firm to assess and study the requirements of Bangladesh in her efforts for reconstruction and rehabilitation without affecting the normal development work. The Finance Minister said

Asian Development Bank was expected to contribute about 100 million dollars to the fund for the reconstruction programmes.

He said 36 participants had spoken in the ECOSOC meet-

for reconstruction ing. All of them, he said, had emphasised on the need for cooperating with Bangladesh in her efforts of reconstruction

> programmes. Rahman, however, said most of them had also stressed the need and urgency of making economic reforms, plugging the wastage, taking accountability, and creating a competitive marketing system.

Referring to the 'economic sovereignty,' the Finance Minister said it was an absurd thing in the prevailing concept of world economy because the world had to follow equilibrium where economic sovereignty has no place. He said even the richest countries of the world like USA, UK, Germany, Japan and other G-7 members countries had to compromise with the reality while taking certain economic

measures. The Finance Minister said the donors had lauded our measures to bring the economy on a sound footing through various steps. He said they had acknowledged our reform in economic sector such as stopping leakage in public sector, reduction of subsidy and tax reform. Saifur Rahman said the gov-

ernment had identified the bank loan defaulters and was taking steps to bring them to book. He said loans must be repaid so that they could be reinvested for he industrial development of the country He said repayment of loans was a must for accelerating industrialisation. Referring to the Value

Added Tax (VAT), the Finance Minister said it was the most See Page 10 Col. 8

Y'slav troops preparing to pull out of Slovenia BELGRADE, July 21: The the Tanjug news agency. Daruvar, about 100 kilometers cided to withdraw the army and national guard units sta-Serb villagers said one of

federal army began maneuvering some troops in Slovenia on Sunday in preparation for withdrawal from the secessionist republic. Meanwhile, three policemen died in renewed violence in Croatia, reports AP.

Slovenian radio reported federal army troops had begun pulling back from the border with Italy to their barracks in Nova Gorica. The move was part of the army's preparations for with-

drawal from the republic, said

a Slovenian radio reporter and

But Slovenian Information Ministry official Ljuba Subal said the actual pullout had not

The federal army intervened in Slovenia after the rebel republic proclaimed independence of June 25 and subsequently took control of its border posts with Italy, Austria and Hungary. A truce brokered by the

European Community on July 8 stopped the fighting, which killed at least 64 people. Last Thursday, Yugoslavia's collective state leadership de-

from Slovenia within three months, which Slovenian leaders hailed as de facto recognition of sovereignty. Meanwhile, violence continued in Croatia, which de-

clared independence at the same time as Slovenia. Three Croatian policemen were shot and killed and two people were injured by shelling in central Croatia. The policemen were shot in

the back from close range by

an assatlant who fled on foot,

Tanjug reported. The shooting

occurred early Sunday in

(60 miles) east of Zagreb. A Croatian policeman and a

civilian were injured in the village of Struga when mortar shells hit the village near the with Bosnia border Herzegovina. Croatian media said the shells were fired from a nearby Serbian-populated village, but there was no independent confirmation.

Police in the eastern Croatian town of Osijek said federal army units guarding a bridge on the Danube river at the border with Serbia machine-gunned Croatian police

tioned in a nearby village The army headquarters in

Ostjek said the unit guarding the bridge was not under its command and said it knew nothing of the incident. But the army said an armoured personnel carrier returned fire after a Croatian po-

near the village of Borobyo Also, the Serbian and Croatian parts of the village of Tenja traded mortar and automatic-weapons fire briefly early Sunday. Tanjug said.

their men was injured by sniper fire, Tanjug said. In the eastern Croatian

town of Vinkovei, the local police command ordered that all arms be turned over to Croatian police by 5:00 pm (1500 GMT) Sunday or it would "undertake all measures lice patrol shot at the vehicle and actions according to its legal possibilities," a police announcement said. It did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, .Croatian President Franjo Tudjman arrived unexpectedly in Ostjek under heavy guard.

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members in the Select On the other hand the

Committee also proposed. Awami League took a serious stand on this point that the . election must be held through

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Action from second of yesterday's Asian Club Cup soccer matches between Mohammedan Sporting and April 25 Club of

JS to discuss law and order next week

By Staff Correspondent

A general discussion on the

law and order situation will be held in the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) after the submission of the report of the Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution amendment bills some time next week.

Replying to an Opposition demand for fixing a date for the proposed general discussion. Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House said that the government would have no objection if the discussion was held after the Committee finished its work.

Talpatty: Mustafiz

taking necessary steps to determine the ownership of South Talpatty Island, reports

border.

Armed Forces

Forces, reports UNB. Replying to Mesbahuddin

proceedings.