#### Mohammadpur murder 2 Freedom Party workers arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Two Freedom Party workers were arrested from Mohammadpur Saltmullah Road on charge of their involvement in the murder of a video club employee. Hasan on Saturday night, police said.

Arrested Ahmed Al-Faroog altas Jewel and Tutul Khan were produced before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate on Sunday and taken on two days' remand by Dhanmondi police for interrogation.

Hassan, an employee of Souls Video at Razia Sultana Road, was shot dead by some armed youngmen.

Police said the murder was a sequel to a long feud between two rival groups on youth of the area.

But Mohammadpur police failed to arrest anybody in connection with the murder of a bank officer at Elephant Road on Saturday till filing of this report, on Sunday night.

National Bank officer Al-Mamun Baharul Islam son of retired deputy secretary Shamsul Islam was killed when some unidentified persons hurled a powerful cocktail on him on Saturday night. One rickshawpuller. Jahangir Hossain, was also injured in the explosion.

Police is looking for some local 'mastaans' in this connection as there was no name mentioned in the FIR. Police failed to find out any clue to the murder till Sunday.

## Two hijackers arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Police on Saturday caught red-handed two among four snatchers from Amin Bazar under Savar while they were fleeing stealing a private car from Mohammadpur Satmasjid Super Market.

The persons are Kamal (25) and Delowar Hossain (22). A case has been filed with Mohammadpur police station.

# Haripur oil

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was engaged in the extraction of oil in the Haripur field. He said that only Petrobangla was engaged in the extraction.

In reply to another supplementary question from Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury (NDP). Khondoker Mosharraí said that the agreement had been signed when the BNP was not in power.

He said that time was required to probe whether the agreement was detrimental to national interest.

The Minister said that a total of 3,49,934 barrels of old had been extracted from the Haripur Oilfield till December

#### Another case

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of Corruption Act of 1947. This is the seventh case against Ershad who was overthrown from power in December by a mass upsurge. Besides the one for keeping unlicensed arms, the remaining six are anti-corruption

Meanwhile, newspapers have reported that a fixed deposit receipt of Tk 48.5 lakh was setzed by police on duty at the Gulshan sub-jatl on April 18 when Ershad's lawyer Barrister Kazi Shahadat Hussain went there to obtain Ershad's signature.

An English daily Sunday reported that Ershad signed 17 cheques during his confinement at Gulshan sub-jail till shifting to the Dhaka Central Jail Thursday night.

Ershad said in an application to the Home Secretary Sunday that the FDR money belonged to Jatiya Party of which he is the Chairman. His signature as chairman is required for transaction of the party funds, Ershad added in his application and sought permission to sign the FDR.

# Systems loss

From Page 1 Col. 8 scarcity of power consumer meters, illegal use of power, pilferage of meters and manipulation of meters by legal consumers, tempering with meter reading, faulty meters and illegal power connections.

The State Minister also disclosed that the Rural Electrification Board (REB) suffers nearly 16 per cent system loss. He said the system loss of REB is limited to distribution phase only.

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### Maudud

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Mandud who returned from his home constituency in Noakhali attended Parliament Sunday after his recent release on bail from detention in Dhaka Central Jail.

In his maiden appearance in the House. Maudud led a walkout of the Jattya Party MPs after he failed to raise a discussion on the arrest of Mtzanur Rahman Chowdhury and transfer of Ershad to Dhaka Central Jail from Gulshan Sub-Jatl.

Referring to the controversy over repeal of the Special Powers Act by former President Ershad just before he quit the office, Maudud said as far as we are concerned. the Special Powers Act stands repealed".

Asked about the gazette notification of repeal order of the Special Powers Act, he said "the gazette notification has nothing to do with it ... it's just a formality. Any order comes into effect as soon as the President signs it."

To a question on the arrest of Mizan Chowdhury without any warrant, the JP leader said the present ruling party should discard the "excesses" of the

# Banking sector

From Page 1 Col. 8. tionalised under an order of 1972. The banking sector was made open to the private sector in 1981. The reforms of the Banking Companies Ordinance of 1962 have become necessary in the changed circumstances.

Introducing the bill, the Finance Minister said the banking sector was mismanaged or crippled by the past

Earlier, Awami League member Advocate Asaduzzaman opposed the bill. It will protect the interest of the defaulters when bank loans amounting to about Taka 12.000 crore, mostly in the industrial sector, remained unrealised, he said.

# Border incident

From Page 1 Col. 7 As the Health Minister was not present in the House, the

Speaker said that the con-

cerned Minister would make a statement later on the issue. But the Opposition members demanded that the issue be considered immediately in view of the gravity of the situa-

At this stage, the Deputy Leader of the House Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury took the floor and informed the House that the Health Minister had already undertaken three-day tour of the affected areas. Medical squads have

A detailed report on the situation will be made available to the members soon, he added

been sent with life-saving

Before the House took up its legislative business, the Opposition members demanded that it take up for consideration the notices calling for discussion on the law and order situation as it was a matter of urgent public impor-

There was a noisy and boisterous scene in the House at this stage.

Several Opposition members sought to draw the attention of the Speaker on the is-

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina took the floor and said that the deteriorating law and order situation was a matter of serious concern to all sections of the people. There is an utter lack of

safety of life and property of the innocent citizens, she ob-

Sheikh Hastna referred to the recent incidents in Dhaka

Mentioning the incident at the Polytechnic Institute, she said that the elected General Secretary of the students union of that institute was murdered in broad daylight by his rivals.

She put the blame on the musclemen of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for the incident and noted that the government had taken no action to arrest the culprits.

The Leader of the Opposition also blamed the Bangladesh Nationalist Party for the deteriorating law and order situation and resented the inaction of the government in dealing with those responsible for the crimes.

The Treasury Bench members strongly protested Sheikh Hasina's statements while the Awami League members lent her their strong support.

The Speaker ruled that there was no scope for discussion on the subject because the move for the same had not come in conformity with the Rules of Procedures.

#### MAGDEBURG, Germany: Riot policemen arrest young rightist demonstrators late Saturday during a rally to mark the 102nd anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birth. Police forces were reinforced in this eastern German town preventing violent clashes in the course of the demonstration. - AFP photo Ershad says he knows his limitations From Page 1 Col. 4 crally taken to Sena Bhavan Saleh Mohammad the Mohammad Judge stressed on that point (para 12 Prosecution produced Lt.Col. from the airport and later the Habibullah ruled that the alleof the report captioned "Case Atiqur Rahman to give his items are disposed of from gations against the Defence not an act of political statement before the Tribunal. Lawyer of Ershad did not come The Defence Lawyer at this DL: Who makes the list of vengeance"). under the purview of the case It is now clear that the stage made a plea to the Judge the gift items? under trial. Defence Counsel is trying to AR : I don't know. that the prosecution should He suggested that the The Defence Counsel on his DL: Is the disposing of the produce the witnesses listed Attorney General decide the arms the duty of the Military part tried to prove to the

in the charge sheet before other witnesses under Section Attorney General Aminul Haque said that there was no such provision that witnesses

Tribunal that the recovered

arms were gifts and that the

responsibility of depositing the

gift items in the Tashakhana

lay with President's staff and

not with the President himself.

Defence stressed that Ershad's

representative Mustafizur

Rahman had deposited the

arms within the amnesty pe-

riod declared by the govern-

Magistrate A K M Ismail had

agreed during the April 11

hearing that the arms were

deposited within the amnesty

period but it was inadvertently

reported in our daily that he

(Metropolitan Magistrate)

ered from the showroom of

the Sena Bhaban were gift

items from foreign heads of

state and diplomats while the

other items deposited by

Mustafizur Rahman could be

accepted under the provision

Counsel pointed out that one

pistol which was supposed to

be a gift from Yemen was listed

in the Toshakhana register.

But the caretaker of the

Toshakhana said that the listed

item was not the pistol which

was recovered from the show-

Tribunal asked the Caretaker

to produce the pistol kept in

the Toshakhana before the

who was produced before the

Tribunal was sitting in the

was looking grim and gloomy.

He only smiled when Judge

Mohammad Habibullah in

liberations said "Love has no

vesterday's proceedings

Ballistics Expert Saleh

Mohammad was recalled by

the Tribunal gave a vivid de-

scription of the bullets and the

arms recovered from Sena

Bhaban. He may be cross-

examined again by the Defence

From Page 1 Col. 8

Pourashava (Special

Responsibilities) Bill was with-

drawn by its mover Abdus

Salam Talukder, Minister for

Cooperatives, as opposition

proposed law might be mis-

Bill, which is to become a

permanent law regulating the

relationship between house

owners and tenants was criti-

cised by six Opposition Bench

members on the plea that it

has not enough provision to

protest the interests of

tenants. They also said the bill

does not differentiate between

houses in the developed areas

and in the least developed ar-

cas. Mohammad Nasim of AL,

Rashed Khan Menon of

Workers Party, Asaduzzaman,

Mustafizur Rahman and

Principal Nazrul Islam of AL

and Prof Jahanara Begum of

Zamiruddin Sircar who

BNP took part in the discus-

moved the Bill said it is de-

signed to protect the interests

of tenants. Without such a law

there is nothing to regulate

the relationship between own-

sion on the Bill.

members suggested that the

The Premises Rent Control

Development

Governments, Rural

After the statements of

At the beginning of the

course of the prosecution de-

dock in a depressed mood.

Deposed President Ershad

During the proceedings he

court today (Monday).

value"

Lawyer today.

However the Judge of the

Yesterday the Defence

of the general amnesty.

Prove that the arms recov-

Metropolitan

ment.

The

At the April 11 hearing, the

recorded in chargesheet should be produced prior to the other witnesses under Section 540. At this stage Judge Mohammad Habibullah said

that the witnesses listed in the chargesheet may be produced even after the witnesses under Section 540. He said if the Prosecution

failed to produce the witnesses the case would be weaker. Attorney General Aminul

Haque then made a petition to the Tribunal on the attempt of Kazi Shahdat Hossain to get a fixed deposit receipt (FDR) of Taka 48, 56, 726 of his client Ershad now under detention and undergoing trial. He pleaded for referring

the matter to the Bar Council for disciplinary action. Aminul Haque also quoted

the report published in the Daily Star yesterday about the attempt of Kazi Shahdat Hossain to obtain the signature of Ershad on the cheque.

Kazi Shahdat Hossain denied the accusation saying he only tried to help a Jativa Party member in getting the signature of Ershad on an FDR.

Then Judge Mohammad Habibullah allowed accused Ershad to make his submis-

Standing in the dock accused Ershad said that as a detenu he was aware of his limitations. "I can sign the FDR if the government accords permission. Otherwise I can't," he said and added. "There was no hide and seek in it."

Ershad said that he is the president of the Jatiya Party which has not been banned and as a signatory of the Party account the cheque was sent to the jail authorities for obtaining his signature.

He said that he wrote a letter to the Home Secretary explaining matters relating to the Party funds, fixed de-

posited with the Bank. He also termed the reports published in different dailies

as 'exaggerated'. Three bills passed

ers of houses and tenants, he

(Remuneration and Privileges)

(Amendment) Bill, which

seeks to increase dearness al-

lowance of Supreme Court

Judges by 10 per cent was

members who took part in the

discussion on the Bill called

for further increase of remu-

nerations and privileges of

judges to free them from anxi-

eties. They also called for sep-

arating the judiciary from the

for Law and Justice, who pi-

loted the Bill in the House eu-

logised the role of judges in

upholding people's rights and

as guardians of the

Constitution. He said steps are

under way to improve their

Welfare Trust (Amendment)

Bill which seeks to increase

the trust fund from Taka two

to three crore was passed by

Suranjit Sengupta of

Ganotantri Party criticised the

Bill. Suranjit Sengupta's fierce

criticism of government poli-

Salahuddin Yusuf of AL and

The Hindu Religious

conditions of services.

voice vote.

Mirza Golam Hafiz, Minister

Six Opposition Bench

passed unanimously.

administration.

The Supreme Court Judges

matter at the Bar Council. Referring to a suggestion to debar Kazi Shadat Hossain from meeting and consulting

Security ?

sponsible.

Toshakhana.

AR: I can't say whether the

DL: Who sends the gift

AR: Some officers are re-

DL: Have you ever read the

AR : Yes. I have knowledge

DL: There is a provision that

DL: Do you know what is

DL: Do you know that the

the gift items can be displayed

at the residence of the

President and the Prime

Minister. Do you know that?

AR: Hadiya means gift.

gift was displayed at the Sena

lier that I don't know which

one is a gift and which one is

secretaries of the President?

used to work as the Military

Secretary later he was re-

placed by Major General Munit

The second Prosecution

witness produced yesterday

was the store-keeper and

caretaker of Bangabhavan Yar

the Toshakhana and produced

Habibullah released them after

He however asked to pro-

duce a pistol, which is kept at

the Toshakhana as a gift from

Izzat Ibrahim, Vice-Chairman

of Yemen Revolutionary

Council, to satisfy the defense

lawyer that the item was not

one of those recovered from

Toshakhana categorically said

that there is no list of the

arms recovered from the Sena

Bhavan in the registers of the

centre is located about 300

vards from the Toshakhana of

the Bangabhavan and that no

(Incomplete)

He said that the display

The caretaker of the

those before the Tribunal.

necessary examination.

Judge

the Sena Bhavan.

Toshakhana.

He brought the registers of

Mohammad

AR : I have mentioned ear-

DL: Who were the military

AR : First, Brigadier Ilyas

AR: No I don't know.

the meaning of hadiya?

Bhavan as per law?

not a gift.

Hossain.

about the rules of the

MS is authorised to supervise

and dispose of the gifts.

items to the Toshakhana?

rules of the Toshakhana?

accused Ershad Judge Mohammad Habibullah said, "It is far the security personnel to Lt. Col. Atiqur Rahman pro-

duced by the Prosecution at around 11.20 a.m corroborated the statements of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate who was the chief of the Inventory Committee.

He was cross-examined by the Defence Council Strajul

Defence Counsel (DC): What is your duty in the Bangabhaban? Atiqur Rahman (AR) to help

the Military Secretary maintain administrative discipline. DL: Have you ever visited the Sena Bhaban?

AR : Yes I have gone there several times to do my duty. DL: Do you know anything

about the items recovered from the Sena Bhaban, whether those were gifts ? AR: I don't know whether those were gifts. There is no

document about the items. DL: Did you discuss whether those are gift items? AR: The members of the

Committee discussed that those might be gift items. DL: Have you ever thought that those were gifts?

A.R: I thought that those were gifts. Judge: What is the relevance of this question with the

case? (Pointing to Defence Lawyer) DL: When the Judge thinks like this, it's a . . . but when an expert thinks it's an issue.

DL: Arms cannot be displayed. Can you show any order or circular in this regard? AR: No I can't. DL: Have you ever gone on a

visit outside the country with the President? AR : Once. DL: Who are the persons

who generally go abroad with the President? AR: A.D.C. and security offi-

DL: Who receives the gift

items which are given to the President from abroad?

AR: The gift items are gen-

cies relating to minorities.

which was declared out of

context by Deputy Speaker,

Sheikh Razzak Ali angered the

members of the Treasury

Bench, and Religious Affairs

Minister Prof MA Mannan

caught him on the wrong foot

saying he was ready to with-

draw the Bill if Sengupta made

Tofael Ahmed of AL came to

the rescue of Suranjit

Sengupta saying his criticism

of the Bill did not mean he

Before the withdrawal of

(Special

the Union Parishad and

Responsibilities) Bill by LGRD

Minister Abdus Salam

Talukder, Leader of the

Opposition Sheikh Hasina and

11 other opposition members

argued that the Bill, if passed.

could be used as an instrument

to harass elected representa-

tives of Union Parishads and

Pourashavas. Sheikh Hasina

said the law was introduced

as an Ordinance by the care-

taker government in a differ-

ent context. Salam Talukder

reminded the members that

such a law might be needed in

wanted its withdrawal.

Pourashava

future.

such a demand.

#### Industrial units From Page 1 Col. 7

arms are put on display.

North Bengal Paper Mills, Dhaka Vegetables Oil Industries, Carew Distillery Mobarakganj Sugar Mills, Deshbandhu Sugar Mills, National Tubes, Dockyard and Engineering Works Limited. Eastern Cables Ltd. Gazi Wire Limited, Metalex Corporation Ltd and Eastern Tubes Ltd.

The minister told the house that international tenders were invited for setting up the industries and undertaking BMRE.

Replying to a supplementary question regarding the tender of Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Factory whether the lowest bidder was given the contract and what was the estimated cost and actual cost for the completion of the unit, the minister wanted notices from the members. The minister, however, said he was eager to tell the house everything correctly and that was why he needed time.

In another written answer to a question from Nurul Islam Moni, the minister said the industries in the public sector had suffered a loss of about Taka 5.93 erore during the mass upsurge in 1990. He said the production was hampered due to anti-government movement in 1990.

# The Midnight File

### Wounded Nagasaki Mayor reelected

TOKYO, Apr 21: The Mayor of Nagasaki, wounded by a rightist gunman last year after controversial remarks about the emperor's war responsibility, narrowly won re-election Sunday for a fourth four-year term. In local balloting around the nation, voters also elected Japan's first woman Mayor, reports AP.

# Schwarzkopf back home

FLORIDA, Apr 21: Army General Norman Schwarzkopf, the popular commander of US forces in the Gulf, returned home today to a hero's welcome. "It's a great to be home," an emo-tional Gen Schwarzkopf, known as "stormin' norman," told a crowd of several hundred well-wishers, many of them waving small American flags, at this military facility near Tampa, reports AFP.

# S. Korean police teargas labourers

SEOUL, Apr 21: South Korean riot police firing teargas fought running battles today with more than 1,000 labour activists and students protesting against the closure of a car plant, witnesses said. Clashes erupted near a railway station in the western port city of Inchon, reports Reuter.

### Sean O'Faolain dies in Dublin

DUBLIN, Apr 21: Sean O'Faolain, whose short stories won him a reputation as the "Irish Chekhov," died Saturday in Dublin following a brief illness, a spokeswoman for the Aclare House Nursing Home said Sunday. He was 91. President Mary Robinson described O'Faolain as "a writer of extraordinary versatility," and said he would be fondly remembered for his contribution to Ireland's cultural and literary heritage, reports AP.

# Afghan Scud kills 300

ISLAMABAD. Apr 21: Up to 300 people were killed in an Afghan government Scud missile attack on the rebel-held northeastern town of Asadabad, a rebel party said today. A spokesman for the Jamaat-i-Dawa Ilal Koran-wa-Sunnah party said in neighbouring Pakistan he had information that three Soviet-made Scuds hit the Kunar province capital early on Saturday evening. The attack also wounded between 400 and 500 people, he said, reports Reuter.

# Economic policies

From Page 1 Col. 7 Mujibur Rahman, Chairman, NBR Nurul Hossain Khan Governor, Bangladesh, Bank S B Chowdhury and senior officials of the Ministry of Finance were present at the inaugural session

The functionaries of the Chamber bodies and trade associations took part in the daylong deliberations.

Al- Haj Md Akram Hossain, President, FBCCl. also addressed the inaugural session. lnaugurating the meeting. Finance Minister Saifur Rahman said that the economy lost its productive potentials in

the eighties. It has turned into a tradeoriented economy, ridden with corruption and dominated by 'rent-seekers'. "This cannot be allowed to continue any further", he added.

He said that a massive growth of unproductive expenditures in the past several years had led to a massive dependence of the economy of foreign aid.

The contributions of domestic resources to development expenditures or public investment programmes have come down to zero levels, he

Saifur Rahman noted that it was no wonder that the "donors' conditions" had been toughened.

The fallen regime had accepted all the terms of the donors because it miserably failed to contribute anything to the public sector development spendings, he added. "Now as the Finance

Minister, I find my hands tied right and left, backward and forward," he said. Presenting a dismal picture

of the economy, he said that all development projects taken up under the fallen regime were bad deals and involved huge When resources were get-

ting thinner and thinner for development funding, a colossal amount of money was spent on foreign trips and entertainment, he stated.

Saifur Rahman stressed the need for belt-tightening to generate more resources for investment. Loss-making enterprises whether in the public or in the private sector will no more be supported, he added.

He observed that the accumulated economic and financtal problems "cannot be solved overnight". It will need the support of the entire nation to move onto the path of greater self-reliance for economic development.

The Finance Minister said, the role of the government will be limited to supporting infrastructural development activities.

The cumbersome bureaucratic process will be streamlined and the government will make all-out efforts to facilitate the growth of market forces operating under a competitive environment, he added.

The BNP Chairman said at

the meeting that there would be a substantial shortfall in internal resource collection in the current fiscal year due to low investment and savings. Al-Haj Mohammad Akram Hossain, President, FBCCI

called for firm action by the new government to rehabilitate the sick industrial units and reduce dependence on imports. He suggested strict control

over imports of non-essential items to help created a viable market for the local products. Otherwise, the domestic

industrial sector will not grow. he noted. (Details on the meeting on Business Page)

Hussain. State Minister for

# Seen from the gallery

From Page 1 Col. 7 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to speak. But Khaleda Zia seemed to have followed the wise words "lend thy ears to many, few thy voice."

Former vice-president and Jatiya Party MP Maudud Ahmed probably lost a unique opportunity to steal the show in the House on his first appearance on Sunday. The Speaker gave him the floor to speak on a point of order. Maudud's beginning was superb and the House was listening to him with rapt attention. But then the attention was too

The Treasury Bench turned hostile the moment Maudud Ahmed extended his support to Sheikh Hasina's point of view on the admissibility of an adjournment motion. The roaring members of the Treasury Bench out-shouted the Jatiya Party MPs and Maudud Ahmed led a walkout by the Jatiya Party members for not allowing him to speak in peace. The Jatiya Party members had earlier made an attempt to stage a walkout in protest against the arrest of Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, acting chairman of the party. Maudud, however, did not mention anything about Mizan Chowdhury's ar-

Khandker Mosharraf

Energy, had done his home work well. He confidently answered all the queries on the Haripur offield and the controversial Scimitar company but was caught off guard by Salauddin Quader Chowdhury who asked whether the minister felt the agreement with Scimitar was against the national interest. The minister made a futile attempt to parry the question. Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim of the Awami League reminded the minister that as an opposition leader during the Ershad regime he was a member of the mass enquiry committee on Haripur which had recommended scrapping of the agreement. At this point the Speaker rescued the minister by disallowing the supplementaries. Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan was

after he kept asking for fresh notices for most of the supplementaries on questions relating to the industries sector. Someone quipped, 'He is the Notice Minister'. Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas, it seems, cannot ig-

dubbed as 'notice minister'

nore requests by members from greater Barisal. He invariably gives them the floor, after unwittingly exposing himself to changes of regionalism.

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