est of establishing peace and

peace was the primary condi-

tion for overall development in

the region. He called for mu-

tual cooperation all the nations

of the region to evolve a joint

urged the politicians and

members of the public to

establish democratic dispensa-

tion in every sphere of the so-

said the SAARC member states

should make the regional fo-

rum more active to maintain

peace and stability and thus

accelerate the development

Finance Minister M Saifur

Rahman informed the Jatiya

Sangsad Monday that the

country had a foreign exchange

reserve of Taka 3095.96 crore

equivalent to 849.60 million

US dollars as on July 10 this

In a written reply to a

question from Nurul Islam

Mont (Ind-Barguna), the

Finance Minister told the

House that two government

promissory notes amounting to

Taka 79 crore in favour of

Bangladesh Bank had been

various government liabilities

treasury bills worth Taka

1304.61 crore as good as

promissory note had been re-

tained with the Bangladesh

Tender

Date

Opening

18.8.91

(Local)

Bank (July 10, 1991).

DIRECTORATE GENERAL DEFENCE PURCHASE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

NEW AIRPORT ROAD

TEJGAON, DHAKA-1215

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders in Foreign and Local Currency are invited

from bonafide Manufacturers/ Dealers/Indentors (Not

necessarily enlisted with this Directorate General) for

Tender

Selling

21.7.91

15.8.91

Date

supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy :-

Besides, he said, against

kept in Bangladesh Bank.

process in the region.

Tk 5065 crore yet to be

realised from farmers

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik

Khandker Delwar Hossain

Abdur Razzak, MP, said

stability in the region.

development process.

Dhaka Day by Day

Please Get Off My Line'

"I am afraid," an unfamiliar voice alerts you as you dial a number, "we have got a cross connection." The advice is seldom so polite. It is always you who have got the cross connection. not we, and so it is your fault that you have become entangled in a messy, unwelcome situation, and it is your job to hang up.

When you do not follow the advice, perhaps because you already hear your party at the other end, you may get a sharp rebuke, "Please get off my line."

Here, one is tempted to ask, "What makes you think that it is your line?" After all, I dialled a number and got through to my party. So, it could very well be my line. Or for the sake of politeness, let us treat it as our line, which we must share at least for the duration of this call, with four persons talking at the

same time. Is it possible. friend suggested other day. that some telephone lines are shared by which not know each other. but under two different

numbers ? Then, since a telephone subscriber pays even for a wrong connection, how does one pay for a cross connection? Are the charges doubled ? That should indeed be a good source of revenue for the authorities.

that I had a terribly urgent call to make to my brother and that it would not take more than two minutes.

"My pleasure", the party said and put down the phone. Now, the line was all mine. Great ! It is rarely as simple as that. In fact, a cross connection can produce a most difficult exchange.

Just as I had dialled a number the other day, I got a cross connection. As I was about to hang up with an uncalled for apology for the wrong connection, a husky voice said, "There is something wrong with your number. We are always getting cross connections."

"But this is the first time I hear your voice. There is really nothing wrong with my

He reacted to my answer rather angrily. "I know, you live in Banant. You may well be one of my neighbours. What is your telephone num-

Collaboration with

Oxford University

to be explored

Relations of Nuffield College.

University of Oxford Dr

Gowher Rizvi is in the city to

discuss and explore possibili-

ties of joint collaboration be-

tween Oxford and academic

institutes in Dhaka, reports

will be giving a talk on "The

revolt against Western domi-

nance" on July 27 at 5 pm at

the Bangladesh Institute of

International and Strategic

"Contemporary South Asia"

will leave for London on July

US official

calls on

JS Whip

House Judiciary Sub-commit-

tee on Courts, Intellectual

Property, and the Admin-

istration of Justice, Michael J.

Remington, called on Chief

Whip of Jatiya Sangsad

Khondkar Delwar Hossain at

his office Monday morning.

mutual interests and those re-

lating to parliamentary, human

rights and political develop-

ment in Bangladesh. They also

discussed different issues re-

lating to judicial and parlia-

They discussed matters of

reports BSS.

mentary matters.

Chief Counsel of the US

Dr Rizvi, also Editor of

Studies.

The Bangladeshi scholar

Fellow in International

"I won't give you my telephone number. As

It is no laughing matter. You call a hospital to check on the condition of a patient; you get a cross connection in which two young voices are arguing over a TV programme. You phone the airport enquiry for a flight information which you want fast, you are again in a cross connection with someone booking a table for a dinner in a restaurant. You call a friend to confirm an appointment and, then, there comes a surprise, a voice which sounds almost like that of your friend says, "No. no. I cannot make it on Sunday." In a moment, you realise that you are caught in a cross connec-

The most sensible thing to do in a cross connection is for one party to hang up. Unfortunately, this is seldom done. Once a party puts down the phone, he may not get through

to the number he wants for another five minutes. Besides, who should get off the line ? One who has been chatting over the most inconsequential subject for five minutes or one who is anxious to know the condition of a patient in a a hospital?

This compassionat e approach sometimes works.

Caught in a cross connection. told the party which was already on the line with all the humility that my voice could command

far as I am concerned, you are a total stranger. And I do hope, I am not your neighbour." For a moment, he calmed down a bit. There was a silence for a minute or so. But I could

hear his deep breathing. "Will you do me a favour?" he asked when his deep breathing had stopped. "Will you please complain to the telephone people that

you are always getting cross connections?" This time, it was my turn to get tough. "I have no intention of complaining to the telephone company about getting cross connec-

tions. That's your business. But if you want my number, here it is: 999-999." And I put down my phone. Since then, I have been getting fewer cross connections, and

never with the party that may still be trying to figure out whom does the number 999-999 belong to.

A bit of relief? Perhaps. But there are times miss those cross connections !

What's on today

Discussion on Ashura

Bangladesh Islamic Party will hold a discussion meeting today (Tuesday) at 10 am at the party central office at 124/1, New Kakratl road in observance of holy Ashura, the 10th of Muharram.

Central leaders of the party will address the meeting.

SIPHSA meeting

A general meeting of Smoking and Intoxicant Preventive Human Service Association (SIPHSA) will be held today (Tuesday) at 4.30 pm at Malibagh Bitan (1st floor) in the city. Members are requested to attend the meeting.

Dewanbagh Jalsa

A one-day jalsa (Islamic gathering) will begin today (Tuesday) at 10 am at Dewanbagh Pak Darbar Sharif, 154, Arambagh in the city.

The day's programme include recitation from the holy Quran, discussion and Milad Mahfil Moulana Mahbub-a-Khoda Dewanbaghi will conclude the

jalsa leading an 'Akheri munajat.'

. . and tomorrow

Discussion on Tajuddin

Tajuddin Smriti Sangsad will organise a discussion on the first Premier of Bangladesh Tajuddin Ahmed tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4.30 pm at 751, Satmasjid Road, Mohammadpur, in the city.

As part of its programme in observance of the 66th anniversary of birth of late Tajuddin, the Sangsad will also hold an exhibition of photos of Tajuddin and his works. The exhibition will remain open for all for three-days everyday from 4 pm to 7.30 pm.

Astrology Instt. convocation

Bangladesh Institute of Astrology will hold its convocation at the Sonargaon hotel tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4 pm. In the convocation, certificates among the passed-out stu-

dents of the institute would be distributed.

A reception would also be accorded to the noted astrologers Dr Hafizur Rahman, Salahuddin and Sulaiman Khoazpur in the function.

Jatiya Sangsad Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas will attend the function as the Chief guest while governing body chairman and Editor of the daily Al-amin Alhaj Md Makbul Hossain will preside over. Dainik Janapad Editor Alhaj Mujibul Haider Choudhury will be the special guest.

Rotary Club Assembly

The Club assembly of the Rotary Club of Dhaka-Buriganga will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 3.30 pm at the Hotel Sonargaon in the city.

The assembly will be followed by the meeting of the club at 5.30 pm.

Dr Quazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, an eminent economist will speak on market mechanism in Bangladesh as guest speaker.

Bangla School meeting

A joint meeting of the former and present students, teachers, members of the management committee and the wellwishers of Bangla High School will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at 4 pm at the office of Bangladesh Vegetable Oil Refiners and Manufacturers Association at the DCCI building. Motifheel Commercial Area in the cit.

All concerned have been requested to attend the meeting.

Discussion on Dhaka-Moscow ties

A discussion meeting on the "Soviet-Bangladesh Relations Today" will be held on Wednesday 24 July 1991, at 5.30 pm at the venue of Soviet Cultural Centre, 510, Dhanmondi R/A, Road No 7. Mr A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Foreign Minister will grace the meeting as the Chief Guest, while Soviet Ambassador to Bangladesh Mr Yuri K Alexeev will be present in the meeting as the Guest of Honour.

Course on foreign trade ends

The fifteen-day course on foreign trade and foreign exchanges," concluded in Dhaka Monday at the Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM), a BIBM press release said, reports BSS.

This was the 4th in the series of seven courses to be conducted during the current

A total of officers from different bank and financial institutions participated in the ABM Mahbubul Amin Khan,

Director, BIBM, presided over the concluding session of the course and gave away the certificates to the participants. Khan, in his speech, ex-

pressed the hope that the participants would use their newly acquired knowledge and expertise in discharging their duties more efficiently in their respective institutions.

SK. Harun-or-Rashid and Dr. M. Zainul Abedin, faculty members of the institute, coordinated the course.

Eid reunion

The Eid reunion & stipend distribution ceremony o Mahendigonj Upazila Samity in Dhaka will be held on July, 25 at 4.30 pm at the I. C. M. A. Bhaban auditorium, Nilkhet, a press release said.

Honourable Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas will be present as the Chief Guest. Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury will preside over the meeting.

Corrupt settlement officials to face stern action

Stern action will be taken against the settlement officials found indulging in corrupt practices during land survey and record now continuing all over the country, reports UNB.

The warning came in Parliament Sunday from the State Minister for Land Zamtruddin Strear while responding to a call notice.

Sircar said 25 survey officials had already been thrown out of job following investigations into allegations against them and disciplinary actions were taken against 93 others.

Work on land survey and record was continuing in 209 upazilas by teams, each headed by a settlement officer with status of Deputy Secretary, he added.-

The State Minister said 677 allegations were received against them till last June. Investigations into 567 complains have been completed and other allegations are being looked into.

He said chances are slim of giving a poor farmer's land to others through corrupt practices for the final record will

Qulkhwani

Quikhwani of Ishtiaq Faruq Bhuiya, who died Saturday, will be observed today (Tuesday) after Asr prayers at House No 59. Road No 8A, Dhanmondi, reports BSS.

undergo 12 phases. Strear held out a categorical assurance that authorities will quickly respond to all com-

plaints regarding wrong record of land and urged the members of the house to be vigilant against corrupt prac-Abdul Awal (AL-Kushtia) in his notice expressed grave concern at widespread allega-

tions of corruption in land survey and record. He said corrupt practices by a section of the settlement officials may render poor farmers landless and demanded the survey work be carried out under supervision of responsible offi-

WUS meet held

JU Correspondent A meeting of the World

University Service (WUS), Jahangirnagar University unit, was held Monday at the Administration office with Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazi

The meeting was attended by the WUS Secretary Dr Khaliquzzaman Elias, Prof Bazlur Rahman Khan, Prof Mirza Mafizuddin, Ahmed Reza, Shariful Islam, Mir Abul Kashem.

Saleh Ahmed in the chair.

The members exchanged their views on the WUS curriculum.

Government employees holding rally in the city on Monday demanding implementation of Pay Commission immediately. - Star photo

Political instability sparks off unrest in society: Hasina

Prof Kabir Chowdhury and

Dr Selim Jahan jointly pre-

sented the key note paper on

"Cooperation among the South

Asian nations for peace, har-

mony, stability and develop-

Acting President Prof Rehman

Sobhan, BKSAL General

Secretary Abdur Razzak, Chief

Whip in Parliament Khandker

Delwar Hossain and CPB

General Secretary Saifuddin

Ahmed Manik took part in the

derlined the need for unity

among the countries of the re-

gion ignoring narrow national

interest for the greater inter-

Finance Minister Moham-

mad Saifur Rahman told the

Jatiya Sangsad on Monday that

the unrealised loans including

interests from the farmers

amounted to Taka 5065.28

crore till December 31, 1990,

less than the industrial loans,

the Finance Minister told

Advocate Fazle Rabbi (JP-

Gaibandha) during a question

Jubed Ali (AL-Netrokona).

Saifur Rahman said the out-

standing industrial loans in-

cluding interests amounted to

M Abdur Rahim (BKSAL-

Dinajpur) the Finance Minister

said there are 35,43,949 de-

faulters of loans in the country.

Answering a question from

Taka 8418.69 crore.

Replying to a question from

It was Taka 3353.41 crore

Prof Rehman Sobhan un-

discussion.

reports BSS.

Former Adviser to the

Awami League President Sheikh Hastna on Monday said the autocratic system still exists in the country despite the fall an autocratic regime in the face of mass movement, reports UNB.

"The success of democracy mostly depends on uprooting the autocratic system", the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament told a seminar organised by World Peace Council at the National Museum auditorium.

The seminar on "South Asian Cooperation for Peace, Friendship, Stability and Development" was presided over by Prof Muhammad Shamsul Huq. Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC).

There was no practice of democracy in this country, Hasina said calling for concerted efforts to establish peace and stability in the soci-

Political instability is the main reason behind all disturbances and unrest in the society. Hasina remarked emphasising on united efforts of all South Asian nations to build a happy and prosperous region. The Leader of the

Opposition also called for writing true history of the nation to present the past to the future generation in its correct

Ferry services resume at Aricha

Ferry services on the Aricha-Daulatdia route have resumed Sunday midnight after stx-hour suspension due to foul weather.

Rough weather and turbulence of the Jamuna as well as bad condition of the Ghat due to monsoon had forced the temporary suspension between 6 pm and midnight Sunday.

BIWIC Traffic Controller at the Aricha Ghat told UNB that more than 600 vehicles, including about a hundred passenger coaches, were held up on both sides during the pe-

When contacted, BIWTC officials in Dhaka Monday said ferry operation had been slowed down, not suspended, because of bad weather. A BIWTC press release said

that a total of 433 vehicles were ferried in 34 trips on Aricha -Daulatdia route on Sunday.

About 600 to 700 vehicles are carried by the ferries every day in normal times on the -NA Aricha-Daulatdia route.

Qty-45 Kg Washing Powder Qty-450 Pkt Brush Painting (1")

Steel Wool

Description of Stores

Canvas Cotton White

(18 OZS) Qty-5,000 Mtr

Qty-1600 Nos. Cloth Emery Gd-2

Qty-5,000 Sheet Cloth Sponge and

Cloth Cleaning Qty-6,500 Nos. White Cement

Qty-5,000 Kg.

Cloth Hessian Jute Qty-5,000 Mtr Oil Cloth White

Qty-350 Mtr. Cotton Waste Qty-37,000 Kg.

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Qty-250 Nos. Toilet Paper

Qty-5,000 Roll. Cloth Calico and Cloth Markin Qty-6,000 Mtr

Country Broom Qty-6,000 Nos.

Naptheline Ball Qty-410 Kg. Soda Ash

Qty-2,500 Kg. Tubing Plastic Polythene (18")

Qty-300 Kg Brush Wire Qty-1200 Nos. Cloth Asbestors

Qty-450 Kg Glass Foam Sheet

Qty-600 Pcs Cloth Flanneletts Cotton

Qty-5,000 Mtr Canvas White Synthetic

21.7.91 Qty-10,000 Mtr. 15.8.91 21.7.91 Rope Nylon Various

Qty-7 Line Items 31.8.91 Rope Sisal-1"

Qty-100 Coil

available at given rates (not refundable) on any working day between 0800 hours and 1200 hours. The tenders will be opened at 1000 hours on the above mentioned dates in presence of all tenderers.

The tender schedules with detail specifications will be

Commander BN ISPR-37(Misc)91/824 DFP(G)8280-18/7 G-341

for Director General

18.8.91

(Foreign)

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(Foreign)

Al-Quran 4.45 Recitation from the Asian Club Cup Football - live telecast

4.30 Opening announcement

News in Bengali Telecast of Club Cup Football News in Bengali

8.25 Remaining part of the football match 9.00 Drama Serial — Ayomoy 10.00 News in English 10.25 Parliament round-up

10.40 Film: War and Remem-11.30 Khabar/The news 11.45 Closing down

WORLDNET dialogue on July 29, 31

The WORLDNET, world's first satellite television network. will host an interactive on voluntarism on July 29 and on US economic assistance and the role of the private sector in development on July 31. Wellknown Bantake part in the di-alogue scheduled to be beamed at 6-7 pm on July 29 and at 7-8 pm on July 31, according

Last WORLDNET interactive Pickering.

Colombo and New Delht. WORLDNET, was created on November 3, 1983, with the original "Dialogue," a live, unrehearsed telepress conference between world

By Staff Correspondent

gladeshi personalities will to American Cultural Centre

sources on Monday. The dialogue aims at establishing a rapport with the Third World opinion

leaders with Ambassador Thomas R the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations was beamed early this month. The dialogue was conducted in Dhaka, Kathmandu,

newsmakers and European

journalists. WORLDNET telecasts daily to capitols

and major cities in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Asia, Australia and the Far East. WORLDNET enjoys an international reputation for imparting balanced and objective knowledge about America __ its culture, its politics and its society. In addition to its impartial coverage of global issues on "Dialogue," it presents unbiased, uncensored news, informative reports on medicine and technology.

educational programs on language and the arts and entertaining features on American lifestyles. **WORLDNET** currently telecasts a total of 12 hours of news. information and family entertainment each weekday to Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa. internationa

network's innovative and creative management of satellite television has made it a major element in USIA's effort to tell America's story abroad.

Weather

the country on Monday were :

percentage

Downpour likely

Rain of thundershower accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind with moderately heavy to heavy fall is likely to occur at most places over the country, during the next 24 hours commencing 6 pm on Monday, reports Meteorological

Department. Heavy rainfall warning: Heavy rainfall is likely to occur at a few places over Chittagong and Khulna divisions and the regions of Rajshahi. Pabna and Bogra during the next 24

The day temperature till Wednesday morning may remain nearly unchanged over the country. On Monday the highest temperature recorded at Sitakunda was 31.6 degree Celsius while the lowest temperature recorded at Mymensingh was 23.6 degree Celstus.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Little change. Extended outlook for another five days: Weather likely to improve.

The temperature and humidity in some cities and towns of

Humidity in

6 pm

Dhaka	29.5	25.6	88	85
Chittagong	30.4	34.8	92	95
Khuina	29.7	25.4	95	85
Rajshahi	26.4	24.8	100	90
Rangpur	31.2	26.6	90	85
Sylhet	30.7	24.7	97	95
Fent	27.5	23.7	95	87
Sttakunda	31.6	24.5	93	86
Mymensingh	29.8	23.6	92	90

Cities/Towns Temperature in Celsius