#### Ershad's trial No JP man pleaded for party money, says Shahjahan

minister under Ershad, Montrying former President H M Ershad on corruption charges that neither he nor any leader or prayer either to the thana, the 'party money' deposited 4, 1991.

Shahiahan, Joint Secretary General of JP, said during cross examination that he was not aware whether Jatiya Party leader went to Senabhaban between December 6 to December 11, 1990 to demand the party fund amounting about Taka 2 crore.

Chairman.

not a fact.

Shahjahan denied charge that he quit JSD and joined JP for favour and facilities. He asserted he had not received favour from JP.

Shahjahan was complete and the Attorney General asked for the next, defence witness which defence could not projail, while some were outside

fixed November 14 as the date for next hearing.

### 63 pirate boats

From Page 1 Col. 4 police lack speedy marine transport, better communications facilities and advanced weapons, ironically, used by the pirates

arrest them with slow-moving vessels used by the police.

and the smugglers made it exthe Bay, he added.

Meanwhile, a police comincrease in the number of naval police and logistics support to curb piracy and smuggling in the Bay.

"While pursuing these ef forts President Gayoom is very · hopeful of finalising the issue very shortly," it said.

Official sources said the proposed one-day meeting would enable the Maldives to hand over the chairmanship of SAARC to Sri Lanka.

The Maldives said today that it was lifting the visa requirement, in force since November 1988, for Sri Lankans visiting the archipelago.

The Maldives High Commission said in a statement that the restriction was removed from November 11 after bilateral discussions between

leaders of the two countries. Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa met in Colombo last

week. The visa requirement was imposed in 1988 after Sri Lankan Tamil rebels, with the help of some Maldivians, tried

to oust Gayoom in a military The attempt was put down by Indian paratroopers sent

after an appeal from Gayoom. A group of 68 Tamils were detained and some were sentenced to death while others received jail terms.

## Hazardous buying at kutcha bazars

By Asiuzzaman



Hazardous condition of a kutcha bazar in the city.

-Star photo

The abominable stench in most of the city's more than 200 markets (kutcha bazars) due to the lack of proper maintenance is posing a health threat to the thousands of buyon railway tracks. ers who have to regularly visit The Corporation authorities

Clogged drains and waste littered all over make many of these markets look more like dustbins.

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) in charge of cleaning the markets has failed to do the job with its inadequate number of scavengers.

"It is a 'Herculean' task for us to keep the markets clean with the present staff," chief conservancy officer of the DCC said adding "We have engaged our men round the clock to do

Out of the total markets, the Corporation has only 23 kutcha markets - and some 67 other super markets, super-cum-kutcha and roadside markets in the capital. A total of 281 cleaners are engaged in them. Moreover, 150 cleaners were recruited during fruit season, the source added.

"The New Market alone needs 134 cleaners but now has only 39 due to staff shortage," the DCC source said adding that the condition in other markets was almost the

More than 20 unauthorised markets have been set up either at the side of wide roads or on the railway tracks. These

Burma's military govern-

ment has become harsher with

dissident leader Aung San Suu

Kyi after she won the 1991

Nobel Peace Prize, a Western

diplomat said after meeting

senior junta officials in

Ambassador to Bangladesh and

Burma met with Gen Than

Shwe, vice-chairman of

Burma's State Law and Order

Restoration Committee

(SLORC) and two other senior

officials during his farewell call

Michel Geuens, Belgium's

Rangoon.

roadside 'bazars' are creating frequent traffic jams and causing immense suffering to the people. And besides there are risks of accidents at the bazars

do not evict those markets although the DCC earned nothing from them.

"We overlook those markets considering the population boom, the poor retailers and for the benefit of the dwellers in the respective surroundings," the DCC source added.

But the Corporation cleans those unauthorised markets regularly to maintain a hygienic atmosphere in the capital, a Corporation source claimed.

As a service-oriented organisation, we have to clean them since the streets beside these unauthorised markets are ours," the source added.

Among the markets the conditions of the Fakirapul, Khilgaon, Sutrapur, Mohakhali, Hatirpul, Shantinagar, Thataribazar and Rampura markets are the worst while the conditions of the Gulshan, Banani, New Market and Kawran bazar were a bit better.

"It would be impossible on your part to enter many of those markets if our cleaners from duties even for a day," the source said and added that the markets were being swept twice and even thrice a day. The DCC alleged non-coop-

Belgian Ambassador tells Daily Star

Sound of piano no more in

Suu Kyi's residence

Mrs Suu Kyi, 46, has been

"There is no way to know

Star Report

under house arrest for past 27

months since her national

League for Democracy party

anything about Suu Kyi. She is

he said during the 45-minute

interview, after returning from

on Friday afternoon via

her house would previously

hear her playing piano or see

her doing exercise in her gar-

piano nor she is seen in the

Mrs Suu Kyi is ill or on hunger

strike. I told them about the

rumors and said 'the best way

let some people to visit her','

to prove these are false is to

He said the military gov-

ernment, who now supplies

food to Mrs Suu Kyi's tightly-

garden any more," he said.

Geuens returned to Dhaka

He said people passing by

"Now they hear no sound of

"They (the junta) deny that

four-day stay in Rarigoon.

Bangkok.

in absolute incommunicado.

swept the national elections.

eration from the shopkeepers during the work by the scavengers saying that the cleaning work sometimes hampers their business, according to

the businessmen. The Corporation source said that only four trucks were now engaged in this work though they need many more.

The Corporation source also said that the conservancy cost is much higher than the earnings of Taka 29 crore collected as taxes from the markets under DCC. It has no immediate plans to expand or to establish any new kutcha markets in the

Anwar Hossain, a fish seller in Thataribazar said that the market seems clean to him as he has become used to the environment over the last 12

He mentioned that the City Corporation people clean the market once a day.

Selim Mia, a vegetable businessman in Mohakhali market said that he was not fully happy with the condition of the market but also said he had to accept it as an over crowded market.

Shaheen Mirza working in a private bank and residing in Shaheedbag area told The Daily Star that she prefers to buy the essentials from hawkers at the door. Most of the markets are unclean and smelling for which it is difficult to enter them, she added.

guarded house, would not let

him or anyone else to visit her.

tively that the Nobel prize was

an international meddling into

the international affairs of

his audience that they should

let some doctors appointed by

the United Nations to visit her.

Foreign Affairs, who was pre-

sent said, Mrs Suu Kyi is free

to leave the country to join her

mean an exile. She will not be

permitted to return to Burma.

But she has won the elections.

She is the leader of the coun-

of the human rights situation

in Burma Geuens said "it is ab-

community should exert pres-

sure on Burma's military gov-

AL demands

Suu Kyi's

Asked about his assessment

He said the international

try," the Ambassador said.

solutely very bad."

ernment.

"But we know that this will

Geuens said he suggested to

Gen Shwe's reply: "I take it

U Ohn Gyauu, Minister for

Burma.

as a suggestion."

family abroad.

He said, "they told me posi-

#### teachers continue strike By DU Correspondent The holding of Honours and to ensure law and order on the

Masters degree examinations of the Dhaka University. scheduled to begin today, has become uncertain with DU teachers still on strike.

The Baily Star

The examinations were postponed following a fierce gunbattle on campus on October 27.

Classes in the University were not being held as the teachers went on strike from November 2 for an indefinite

The gunbattle between the supporters of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Chhatra League (S-A) that left three students and an unidentified street urchin dead, caused severe deterioration in the campus situation. The Dhaka University au-

thorities then suspended all classes and examinations up to November 7 and later decided to hold classes from November 9 and examinations from November 12.

Teachers of the University went on strike responding to the call of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) protesting the failure of the government

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Bangladesh foreign ministry,

when asked, explained that

We have a number of bilateral

problems with India including

the promised handover of the

Tinbigha and we want to get

the problems resolved by

maintaining good relations

with the big neighbour. We also

want that the SAARC summit

be held smoothly in Colombo

some time by the end of the

learnt, may be held simultane-

ously with the SAF Games in

critical about the government's

soft attitude towards India,

particularly in respect of

Delhi's role that finally led to

the collapse of the Colombo

summit. They viewed it as a

lack of political commitment

of the Bangladesh government

saying that a policy of ap-

peasement, as the Ershad

regime pursued, would only

Newaz Sharif availed the op-

portunity to blast India for its

"big brotherly" attitude to its

neighbours accusing it of sabo-

President Gayoom, as current

Chairman of the SAARC, failed

to play an effective role in min-

imising the differences among

the member countries and

bringing them closer to an

On the other hand,

taging the Colombo summit.

Pakistan Prime Minister

prove to be a futile exercise.

A one-day summit, it is

Some circles were however

Later, a top official of the

observers felt.

December.

SAARC

the association agreed to exempt examinations from its work stoppage programme if the university authorities ensured security for all examinees and teachers during the examinations.

Meanwhile, leaders of the JCD and the BCL (S-A) met the Vice Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah and assured him of directing the activists of their respective organisations to create a favourable atmosphere for the holding of the examinations peacefully

Chief Controller of Examinations of the university. when asked whether any special security measure would be taken to avert any untoward incident told The Daily Star that he did not know anything regarding this. The examinations would be held in the same manner as held earlier.

A large number of examinees belonging to both the JCD and BCL, forced to leave their strongholds by their rivals were still out of their halls.

agreement on holding the

summit. He also did not point

out in categorical terms why

he failed to hand over the

chairmanship of the SAARC to

Sri Lanka in due time. It was a mismanaged show

by Bangladesh at Colombo

though it brought political gain

for the Begum Zia Government.

The 54-member delegation

seemed to be too big to fit the

occasion, which was nothing

but a picnic for many of them.

For instance, since it was

treated as a state visit, all the

members of the Prime

Minister's entourage were

supposed to be state guests of

the Sri Lankan government.

But the mediamen, who were

also members of the entourage

were mysteriously dropped

from the list of the state guests

and although they were given a

"stay away" treatment. They

were neither properly and

regularly briefed about the de-

velopments and the pressmen

accompanying the Prime

Minister were kept away from

some of state programmes.

The "blue-eyed boys" of the

Foreign Ministry, grouped as

protocol team, performed in

such a miserable way that at a

state function two of the medi-

amen were detained by the Sri

Lankan security people for

more than an hour and the

Prime Minister had to wait on

Colombo Airport at the time of

departure for some members

of her entourage who arrived

late by five minutes due to

communication gap. Concluded

board the plane at

## DU exams uncertain as

### 48 Pakistanis enter Indian waters, held

NEW DELHI, Nov 11: Police detained 48 Pakistani citizens Monday after they entered Indian territory in three boats without proper documents, a news report said. The Pakistanis claimed they left their country 10 days ago and had strayed near the Laccadive islands while fishing, Press Trust of India news agency said, reports AP.

### US restores diplomatic presence in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Nov 11: After a 16-year absence, the United States restored its diplomatic presence in Cambodia on Monday to help the war-shocked nation make the transition to democratic elections. The United States had hurriedly shut its old embassy in Phnom Penh in April 1975, as the Communist Khmer Rouge closed in on the capital to defeat the American-backed Lon Nol government, reports AP.

### 167 Lankan soldiers attacked with diarrhoea

COLOMBO, Nov 11: Some 167 Sri Lankan soldiers have been taken to hospital with diarrhoea and vomiting after drinking either contaminated water or poison in northern Sri Lanka, military sources said today. The soldiers from a camp at Tissawewa in Anuradhapura may have drunk contaminated water, the sources said, reports Reuter.

### Armenia, Azerbaijan agree on buffer zone

MOSCOW, Nov 11: Armenia and Azerbaijan have agreed to create a 10-kilometre (six-mile) buffer zone along their common border in an effort to end their bloody four-year conflict, the unofficial news agency interfax reported Sunday, says AFP.

### Two following Mirza Abbas' car held with arms

By Staff Correspondent Police arrested a young man with a revolver from Motifheel area while he, along with two other companions, was suspiciously following the car of Mirza Abbas, Mayor of Dhaka City Monday afternoon.

The arrested youth was identified as Milon and has been kept under the custody of Motifheel police.

The other companions of Milon managed to escape. Police said that they were trying to find out those two young

Police said, the police protection party of the City Mayor informed them that three young men on a motor-bike were following the Mayor's car while the Mayor was coming towards Motifheel from his office, Dhaka City Corporation. While the patrol police of

Motifheel colony, the three young men collided the motrobike with a private car and two of them fled away, police said. The arrested Milon was in-

Motifheel barricaded near

jured following the mishap and police picked him up. Milon had a revolver with a bullet in its chamber, police said. A case has been registered

with Motifheel police in this connection, police said.

# Tk 15 lakh heroin

The arrested, Md Saiduddin alias Saju and Md Ataur Rahman alias Kochi, are re-

Acting on a tip, a special squad of the detective branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) nabbed Kochi and Satu while the former was handing over the drugs to the latter at Amligola on Jagannath Shah

Both of them confessed to police that they were engaged in the business for last few years and they brought the heroin seized Chapainawabgani.

gang.

### as BFTA chief By Staff Correspondent

Talking to The Daily Star after a press conference Acting Chairman of BFTA Sheikh Amanullah said that he (Ershad) has been relieved of his responsibilities.

July 16, 1982, we went to Ershad, when he was the Chief Martial Law Administrator, to inform him about our demands but at a stage he proposed to become the Chairman of the federation," Amanullah said adding, "We were not in a position to say 'No' to his face.'

The BFTA President said that Ershad was very eager to head one of the country's largest professional group with nearly two and a half lakh members.

## Ershad relieved

of Teachers' Association (BFTA) disowned deposed President H M Ershad as its Chairman after long 10 years on Monday.

"That was an accident. On

## Protests to greet Basu

From Page 1 Col. 8 quarters and along the border road passing through Tinbigha corridor.

weeks which paraded throughfares in Mekliganj in a campaign against the transfer of

enclaves of Dahagram and Angarpota have become captives due to strong vigilance by the Indians around the enclaves causing untold miseries to them. The inhabitants cannot go

out from the two enclaves in search of jobs or to sell and buy goods in Bangladesh territory. Indian markets have been prohibited to them in recent

The poverty stricken people of the enclaves hit by flood and facing acute food crisis could not come to the mainland in Bangladesh to receive relief materials.

As a result, the distressed people are struggling hard for

their survival in an abnormal atmosphere of constant fear and threat created by the activists of BJP and Forward Bloc in their move to halt the handing over of the corridor to Bangladesh. PTI adds: The administra-

tion has made tight security arrangements at Mekliganj and Tinbigha in view of Basu's visit. Basu will assess the situation arising out of the proposed leasing out of the corri-

dor to Bangladesh. Local people were awaiting Basu's visit, eager to know the state government's stand on leasing out Tinbigha.

Basu on his arrival, would talk to the local people and address a public meeting announcing his government's stand on the issue. Posters have appeared here

opposing the proposed leasing out of the corridor. The BJPsponsored Kuchlibari Sangram Samity and the Tinbigha Sangram Samity of the Forward Bloc have once again expressed their determination to stop the proposed lease out.

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## Teachers

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government teachers in 1980. But the present government did not do the same for the non-government teachers during the announcement of new pay scale.

He demanded inclusion of the teachers in the recentlyannounced pay scale.

Other demands include higher scale and promotion for the experienced teachers, revival of teachers welfare trust filling up of vacant posts in schools and colleges and measures to curb terrorism in educational institutions.

To realise the demands the teachers would stage demonstrations, rally, procession, and wear black badges til November 24 from today (Tuesday). From November 26 the

teachers would observe one hour work stoppage and fullday stoppage on December 9. From December 10 the teachers would start two-hour work stoppage and would observe a day-long strike on December 17. From December 21 to January 1 they would observe two-hour work stoppage and another day-long strike on January 2. And from January 7 they would go for indefinite strike.

Amanullah said that they have chosen this time for strike considering the fate of 46 lakh students whose final examination would be completed by December. A total of 852 colleges, 11,869 schools and 5,654 madrashas would be affected by the strike.

The federation is comprised of the Bangladesh College Teachers' Association, Bangladesh Government College Teachers' Association, Bangladesh Madrasha Teachers Association, Bangladesh Teachers' (non-government-secondary) Association and Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers' Association.

Federation Secretary General A K M Shahidullah and other leaders including Shahidur Rahman, Azizul Hug, Kazi Faruk Ahmed, Abul Kashem, Mawlana Noor Mohammad Rabbani and Fazlur Rahman were present at the conference.

### Pak opposition rejects talks with Ishaq

ISLAMABAD, Nov 11 Pakistan's main opposition alliance rejected today proposed talks with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan over a judicial probe into the country's worst financial scandal.

"The People's Democratic Alliance (PDA) will not participate in any meeting with the President," Syed Kabir Ali Wasti, a central PDA leader. told AFP. He said Ishaq Khan's state-

ment Sunday in support of

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif,

after opposition demands that he be dismissed, made the proposed meeting meaning-The President, expressing his willingness to meet an opposition delegation, had stated that the government was stable

and that no political uncertainty prevailed in the country. "Ishaq Khan has spoken his mind before meeting the opposition," said Wasti. "It's im-

moral and unfair."

### Writ petition on Presidential polls:

hearing continues The hearing of the writ petition filed by Abdus Samad Azad MP and six others challenging the Presidential Election Act 1991, continued Monday for the second day-before a High Court division bench of the Supreme Court,

reports BSS. The bench is comprised of Justice Fazle Hussain Mohammad Habibur Rahman and

Justice Abdul Hasib.

### Goods worth Tk 60,000 gutted in city

By Staff Correspondent

Goods worth about Taka 60 thousand were gutted in two separate incidents in the city Monday afternoon. Fire caught a cane shop at

the Elephant Road near Gausia

Market at about 4 pm and sev-

eral 'kutcha' houses at Bash'

Bari of Mohammadpur Satmasjeed Road at about 5.30, fire service sources said. Fire service sources also said, the cane shop caught fire from electrification. The

caught fire from a household Local fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot immediately and brought the fire under control. No one was in-

houses at Mohammadpur

### jured in the incidents. Khaleda to visit

Hill Tracts From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to visit Chittagong Hill Tracts soon. During her visit Begum Zia will address the public gatherings at the three hill districts including Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban, an official

The date of her visit has not yet been fixed.

source disclosed.

Begum Zia made her first visit to Chittagong Hill Traction after the April 29 cyclone. She has planned her second visit possibly to urge the Shantibahini men to return to normal life.

Meanwhile, the government has declared fifth amnesty for the tribal insurgents on October 23.

A B M Shahjahan, a state day told the Special Tribunal of Jatiya Party made any appeal Chief Metropolitan Magistrate or the Home Ministry claiming with chairman Ershad between December 6, 1990 to January

The defence witness denied having any connection with Gana Bahini, but admitted that JSD had an armed force called Gana Bahini.

Shahjahan said it was not true that JP did not ask for the money (the party money) when the leaders met the Acting President on January 19. 1991. He denied that JP was claiming the money to save Ershad and rejected the suggestion that he was concealing facts to save his party

Shahiahan who is the second defence witness in the case against Ershad for amassing wealth beyond his known source of income, said he did not deposit any money raised through donations and subscriptions to Ershad. When Attorney General suggested that deposition of Taka 2 crore to Ershad was fictitious, the witness denied saying it was

The cross examination of

duce today. The defence sought time to produce the witness, saying some are in Judge Mohammad Ali Khan

districts also admit to inadequate security arrangements for the fishermen. They say

An official of Barguna district told The Daily Star that the pirates generally use boats with 60 to 72 horse-power engines, sometimes even move powerful engines, and it was "simply impossible" to chase or

Moreover, the close ties existing between the pirates tremely difficult for the authorities to curb piracy in

mission report suggested an

Editorial on Page 4 on Wednesday. "I think the peace prize has Steps made her house arrest condition stricter. For instance, the two ladies living with her (Mrs From Page 1 Col. 3 Suu Kyi) were allowed to go to Colombo last week. out for shopping before the award was announced. Now they are forbidden," Geuens, who is based in Dhaka told The

Daily Star in an interview on Saturday. Geuens directly raised the subject of Mrs Suu Kyi with the military government after last week's rumour that she is crit-

ically ill or may be dead.

Politics banned From Page 1 Col. 6 cal activities and deploy police was taken at an emergency

> Chhatra Shibir paralysed normalcy at the campus for the third day today. Shibir, which called the strike demanding release of two of its leaders arrested in connection with the murder of a rival student leader, con-

meeting of the College

Academic Council held this

afternoon as the indefinite

strike enforced by Islami

demned the restrictions. But Shikkha Paribesh Parishad, a Chhatra Moitreeled coalition of five student organisations, welcomed the

Tension was prevailing in

the campus area but no unto:

ward incident was reported.

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### BNP expresses concern over Suu Kyi's illness Bangladesh Nationalist Party

(BNP) has expressed deep concern over the serious illness of Burmese leader Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel peace laureate, put under house arrest by the ruling junta, reports UNB.

In a statement, BNP Vice Chairman Afazuddin Fakir Monday said "we along with other democracy-loving people of the world are deeply con- " medical treatment. cerned over the news of serious illness of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Nobel peace laureate and undisputed leader of the democratic movement in Myanmar (Burma). He said it has also come to

our attention from different sources that Suu Kyi was not being allowed to see her relations even on consideration of humanitarian grounds. Lauding the struggle of the people of Myanmar, the BNP leader called upon all demo-

cratic forces and organisations

as well as those working for

establishment of human

## release By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina Monday urged different international organisations to influence the Burmese military junta to release Burmese opposition leader and this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi and provide her

expressed her grave concern over the serious illness of Suu Kyi now under house arrest. The AL chief made the call to the United Nations, Non-

In a statement Hasina also

Aligned Movement, World Peace Council, Amnesty International, Afro-Asia Solidarity Council, International Council for Human Rights, Commonwealth, International Organisation of Journalists (IOJ) and the democratic and peace-loving world community.

## recovered, two arrested in city

Detective police Monday recovered 150 grams of heroin worth about Tk 15 lakh and arrested two persons from Jagannath Shah Road in the

city, police said, reports UNB. portedly members of an organised heroin smuggling gang.

Police said they were looking for other members of the

Members of the "Anti Tinbigha Transfer Front" brought out processions almost everyday during the last few

the corridor to Bangladesh. About 5,000 families in the

# The Bangladesh Federation