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Govt working

to attract

investors

By Staff Correspondent '

Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan Tucsday said an industrial policy in conformity

with the ups and downs of the

national and international

scenario was needed for

growth of industries. Taking

part in talks on 'LDC to NIC-

prospects for Bangladesh'

Khan said the government by

its industrial policy was

relentlessly working to attract

foreign investors side by side

the most important factor to

ensure such investments and

sought cooperation from dif-

ferent quarters including the

of foreign investors was being

attracted. In last six months,

the government had sane-

tioned 21 foreign investments

and some 1000 others were in

political situation, local in-

vestors were also encouraged.

Government also approved

1576 local industries, he

added. To gear up industrial

development, Parliamentary

Committees have been formed

Under the present stable

He said increasing number

opposition political parties.

He said political stability

domestic

encouraging

investments.

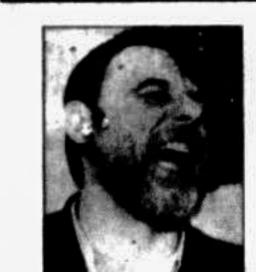
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NEWS BRIEFS

Ctg Port workers postpone strike

CHITTAGONG, Nov 19 : All-Party Sramik Otkya of Chittagong Port has postponed their 24-hour token strike scheduled for tomorrow. The decision to postpone the strike was taken after a "fruitful discussion" between the leaders of the Oikya and the Port authorities this evening. reports BSS.

Acid container explodes: 20 hurt

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 19 Twenty people were injured, five of them seriously when the acid container of a minibus exploded here on Monday. Police and eye witnesses said when a Bogra-boundminibus (No.7976) reached at Godaipur near Chandaigona, the acid container of the bus burst out causing burn injuries to the passengers, reports UNB.

JPC to have logo, flag

Jatiya Press Club has decided to have a logo and flag for the club. A JPC pres release said Tuesday night that the managing committee of the Club has decided to select the logo and the flag through competition. All participants in the competition have been asked to deposit their designs to the Club office by December 5, reports BSS.

NDP hartal call at Rauzan

CHITTAGONG, Nov 19 National Democratic Party (NDP) called for a half-day hartal tomorrow (Wednesday) in Rauzan upazila of the district protesting killing of its activists Abdul Monaf and deteriorating law and order situation, reports UNB.

Inside Today Consensus on economic issues needed for development

Participants at the Media Round Table on "LDC to NIC : Prospects for Bangladesh" Tuesday emphasised national consensus on major economic issues for development.

The national consensus, the participants stressed, should cover areas like poverty alleviation, reduction of dependence on foreign aid, role of planning, role and governance of state, foreign investments, land reforms, industrial, labour and education policies, subsidies, relative roles of public and private sectors, efficient use of resources and agricultural development.

Conducted by Prof. Rehman Sobhan, the round-table was

Patriotic

Democratic

Front floated

By Staff Correspondent

Tuesday floated a new front

'Patriotic Democratic Front

(PDF), with a view to unite all

patriotic, democratic and

progressive forces to carry

forward the people's aspira-

The Communist Party of

Bangladesh (CPB), National

Awami Party (Nap-Mozaffar),

Samyabadi Dal and Gana Azadi

League at a joint press confer-

ence at the National Press Club

announced launching of the

Dilip Barua of Sammyabadi

Dal while announcing the

front's declaration identified

some issues and called for na-

tional consensus and also its

own programme towards their

the list of issues which in-

cluded unemployment, illiter-

acy, crosion of values, weak

democratic set-up and com-

solved not by the government

alone or a single political party

but through unity of all profes-

sional groups, masses, middle

class, intellectuals and the

people in power, the declara-

guidelines for unity on the ba-

sis of the spirit of war of in-

dependence and said talks

with political forces and other

groups would continue to

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US 'block list'

hits frozen

food export

tests", asserted an exporter

who urged the US authorities

to withdraw the "block list"

immediately. The government

should also take up the matter

carnestly, the exporter told

tion of continuing the restric-

tion since not a single packet

of Bangladesh frozen food was

last six and a half months.

found contaminated during the

Commerce Ministry said the

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A senior official in the

He questioned the justifica-

Dilip Barua announced

These issues could be

Violence in society topped

tions

progress.

solution.

tion said.

earning.

coastal region.

UNB Tuesday.

towards national

Four left political parties

participated by Minister for Industries, Shamsul Islam Khan, Minister for Planning, A M Zahiruddin Khan, ESCAP Executive Secretary, SAMS Kibria, former Finance Minister, M Syeduzzaman, Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad, Delwar Hossain, Awami League central leader, Tofael Ahmed MP, Workers Party leader, Rashed Khan Menon MP, Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr Kamal Siddiqui, Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dr. Mahbub Hossain, Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud of the Dhaka Uni-

versity, President, Dhaka

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry, Mahbubur Rahman, President, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sycd Monzur Elahi,

ternal Relations Division, Enam Ahmed Chowdhury and Dr. K F Jalal of the ESCAP. Participating in the discus-

Resident Representative of the sions, Industries Minister

Daily Star 'Media Round Table' The 21st Century is hardly eight years away. The future holds magnificent achievements, opening up tremendous prospects for mankind. Will Bangladesh be a part of that prosperous future or are we to live in the sidelines of the world economy and survive on doles and handouts? It is in search for an answer to that fundamental question that The Daily Star organised a Round Table bringing together a broadbased group of thinkers.

World Bank, Christopher R Willoughby, Resident Representative of the UNDP, Charles Il Larsimont, Secretary, Ex-

Shamsul Islam Khan pointed out that cheap labour in Bangladesh would attract foreign investment, as it did in

killed and 30 others injured

when a Dhaka-bound passen-

ger bus plunged into a road-

side ditch and sank near

Demra intersection, six kilo-

metres off Dhaka Tuesday

were women and the other

was the driver of the bus.

Demra police and Fire Brigade

critical condition were sent to

Dhaka and 15 others to nearby

Sharafuddin the bus driver:

Bank employee

killed in city

road mishap

By Staff Correspondent

in a road accident near the

GPO in the city Tuesday after-

was an employee in the Sonali

bicycle, was dashed down by a

bus (Dhaka Metro cha-7762)

to the Dhaka Medical College

Hospital where doctors de-

scized the bus but the driver

Bank Secretariat Branch.

near the GPO.

clared him dcad.

managed to escape.

A bank employee was killed

The victim, Morshed Uddin

Morshed Uddin, riding his

He was immediately rushed

Ramna police said that they

medical centres.

Of the injured, three in a

The ill-fated persons were

Of the persons killed, four

morning.

By Staff Correspondent
At least five persons were and passe

Thatland and Indonesia, car-

He stressed the need for a stable industrial policy which would at the same time be capable of being adjusted to the cross-currents of national and international life. "If a healthy and stable environment can be created, Bangladesh can attract most foreign capital now looking for investment opportunities", he observed.

Planning Minister Zahiruddin Khan said that the prime thrust of development efforts should be on the generation of employment and income-earning opportunities in the rural sector. "Without rural development efforts on a vig-

Shakhina Khatun and her

Another passenger killed

Demra police sent four bod-

ies to Sir Salimullah Medical

College Hospital for autopsy

and the body of Rokeya Begum

was taken to her village,

Hossain Dulal, Shahjahan,

businessman and a minor girl,

Kulsum, daughter of the ill-

fated Rokeya Begum were in-

Kawsar Husain and Jubayer

Ahmed, who managed to escape said that the 50 scats of

the bus were filled and about

12 extra passengers were

(Dhaka-Cha-891) coming from

Adamjce turned to the left

near the Demra intersection,

another Dhaka-bound bus,

coming from Demra dashed

theirs into the 10 foot deep

ditch. The Dhaka-bound bus

inmediately escape, they said.

They said, several of the pas-

sengers came out of the

Rokeya Begum were killed in

the accident but Rokeya's one

and a half year old daughter

was saved miraculously. She

Dhaka and Demra immediately

rushed to the spot and recov-

ered the five bodies and the

Fire Brigade personnel from

received head injuries.

Shakhina Khatun and

They said, while their bus

standing.

sunken bus.

sunken bus.

Two passengers of the bus,

Abul Kasem, Mohammad

daughter Rokeya Begum.

Surulia, by her relations.

was unidentified.

orous scale, the growth performance of the economy cannot be accelerated", he added.

ESCAP Executive Secretary SAMS Kibria said, "the government has a very important role to play in making the most out of the limited resources that Bangladesh has", adding that supportive, not restrictive and regulatory, intervention policies by the government are needed for a quicker facelift of the econ-

Prof. Rehman Sobhan observed that proper implementation of policies was a major problem of economic management in the country. "The



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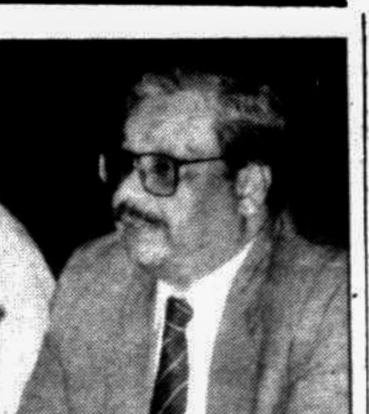
By Staff Correspondent Planning Minister AM Zahiruddin Khan Tucsday stressed on meticulous formulation of development plan, continuation of policy and proper utilisation of limited

Speaking at the Media tation stages.

planning should be made on priority basis aiming at productive employment and developing vital sectors.

the huge losses in the public sectors could be checked, resources could not be diverted to development projects. He said resources should be spent on sectors which yield returns. He stressed on investments

in agricultural sector to in-See Page 12 Col. 1

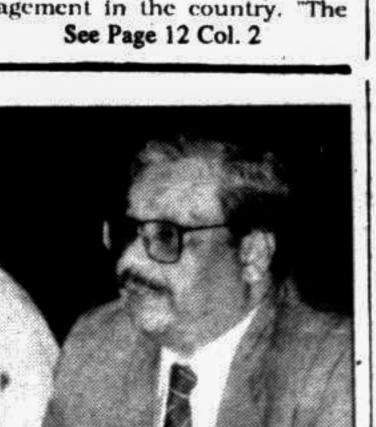


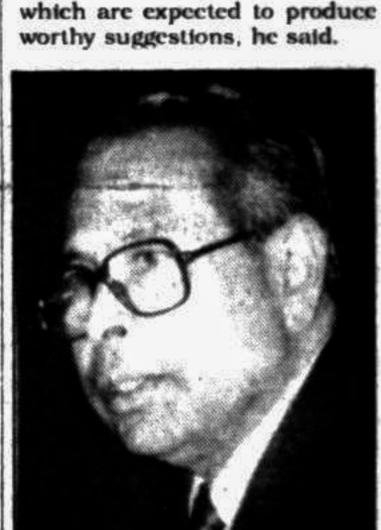
stressed

resources take-off of the national economy.

Round Table on "LDC to NIC -Prospects for Bangladesh", he said we cannot afford plans to be bogged down in implemen-The Planning Minister said

The minister said unless





Gunshots, blasts

Supportive intervention policy proposed

By Staff Correspondent **ESCAP** Executive Secretary

SAMS Kibria said the Bangladesh government could play significant role in promoting development by initiating 'supportive intervention policies and not restrictive and regulatory ones. Speaking at a media Round

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We have to uproot terrorism: PM

Victims of Demra bus accident being rescued by local people

Imposition of "block list" on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tucsday called for Bangladeshi frozen food in American ports has caused strengthening BNP to support the rural-based development setback to the exporters and programmes of the governdecline in country's export ment aimed at ensuring basic Under the "block list" proneeds of the common people, vision, all packets of frozen reports UNB.

on Tuesday.

food from Bangladesh are The government and the party have to work together for tested at USA ports before marketing to ensure that those successful implementation of development programmes, she are free from germs. This retold those who came to striction was imposed early May following the April 29 cy-Sugandha Tuesday evening clone that devastated the from Rajbari and Madaripur districts to join Bangladesh "But no germ was found in Nationalist Party (BNP). our food during any of the

"We have to strengthen the party to ensure people's welfare and ensure their basic needs working unitedly". Begum Zia said.

"We have to uproot terrorism and start politics of production", exhorted the Prime Minister saying that the main objective of her government is to implement the 19-point programme initiated by Shaheed Ziaur Rahman, the founder of BNP.

Sadar, Baltakandi, Goalundo and Pangsha upazilas of Rajbari

district met the Prime Minis ter to join the ruling party. About 50 political activists of Madaripur district, includ-

- Star photo

ing former District Awami League president Ferdaus Jamadar and joint general secretary Khandker Kamrul Islam Tushu and District Sramik League president Sarder Sohrab Hossain, also met the BNP chairperson separately to join the party. They said that they decided to join BNP inspired by the uncompromising leadership of Begum Zia.

Efection in all tiers of the organisation (BNP) will be held soon to hand over local leadership responsibilities for assist ing the government in development work, she added.

"Time has come to speed up development projects and bring back discipline in all sectors", Begum Zia said referring to the setback caused by recurring natural calamities during the last few months.

The Prime Minister said the government is determined Nearly 500 people from to salvage the country from the "rutns of nine years of auto-See Page 12 Col. 5

Bangladeshis lose business, jobs in UK

Mostafa Kamal Majumder from London

The ethnic Bangladeshi community in Britain is faced with serious hardships as many of them are running out of business or becoming jobless due to overall economic recesston and some harsh measures taken against them for some time, it is learnt.

An estimated two lakh Bangladeshis who live in Britain are mostly engaged in catering business, some owning hotels, restaurants and others working as wage labourers. As bank interest rate remained as high as 20 per cent or more for some time businessmen as a whole were finding a tough time. The ethnic Bangladeshi were no exceptions.

The base interest rate has been brought down recently from 17 per cent to help end economic recession, but the measure has not yet proved uscful as people continue to remain wary about making investments.

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rock DU again By DU Correspondent Gunshots and explosions of crackers rocked the Dhaka

University campus again Tues-Shots were fired during a

rally of the Democratic Students Unity (DSU) farcing it to break up. The rally was organised to demand resumption of classes in university. The shots were fired from the Mohsin Hall when the DSU

was holding a demonstration in front of the office of the Vice Chancellor while crackers were blasted during the rally. According to campus sources the incident was a sequel to an internal conflict in

the JSD (Inu)-becked Chhatra

League (N-S), one of the components of the DSU. Mizanur Rahman, a BCL (N-S) activist and a resident of Mohsin Hall was later assaulted in front of the Bangla Academy

following the conflict. Another attempt to assault Roknuzzaman Rokon, Prestdent of the BCL(N-S) DU unit on Saturday evening in the TSC compound was, however,

foiled following the intervention by some of the supporters of the organisation.

Meanwhile, the DSU after the rally submitted a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof Mantruzzaman Miah about See Page 12 Col. 4

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Last of the Vukovar defenders surrender

ZAGREB, Nov 19: The strategic Croatian town of Vukovar fell to Yugoslav army troops today, humanitarian sources told AFP, confirming an earlier report by the official

Tanjug news agency. Hundreds of Croatian fighters who had defended the Danube river town for three months joined civilians leaving shelters to surrender to the Serbian-dominated army, they

Tanjug said earlier that sporadic shooting had stopped and that the last clashes around the city hospital ceased this afternoon.

All Croatian fighters defend-

ing the strategic Croatian town of Vukovar surrendered today, according to the Tanjug news agency, which earlier in the day spoke of a last pocket of resistance around the hospital. The army was mounting a

guard in front of the hospital, in which there were 420 wounded and 400 civilians who had taken refuge there, the hospital's director, Vesna Bosanor, told Tanjug.

called "a group of Croatian ex-An evacuation of wounded tremists." from the hospital, which has been the subject of negotiations in the presence of officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Monday, after nearly three has been postponed until

Wednesday. According to a Tanjug corbreakaway republic. respondent on the scene, there were 33 bodies, mostly of civilians, lying in front of the hospital and other bodies in

neighbouring streets. The Yugoslav army arrested Croatian fighters trying to fice Vukovar. It said a few federal army

soldiers were wounded in the

shooting by what the agency

Most of the members of the Croatian guard and Vukovar, policemen had surrendered to the Serb-dominated army on

at wresting the city from the On Monday Doberoslav

Paraga, leader of the extreme nationalist Croatian Party of the Right, told AFP his men would not surrender in Vukovar The shooting in Vukovar

this morning held up the planned evacuation of 450 wounded, 110 children and 100 old people from Vukovar hospital, which lies in the north of the city near the Danube river.

Federal army trucks were to have carried them out of the city under the supervision of

the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the medical aid group Medicines Sans frontiers but an ICRC spokesman in Zagreb said the operation was, postponed and on new time set. Elsewhere an Italian rescue

ship, the San Marco, sailed into the Italian port of Brindisi Tuesday morning with 782 old people, women and children evacuated from the battered Adriatic port of Dubrovník. Huge columns of smoke

continued to rise above Stara Mokosica throughout the night according to Hina which said homes there had been looted and burned.

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