Evolving appropriate technology stressed

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday called for evolving indigenous tech nology to cater to the country's development needs, reports

"Development, first of all, calls for evolving appropriate technology, suited to our environment/ our elimate, our needs and capabilities of our people," she told a seminar on Promotion of manual irrigation in Bangladesh", organised jointly by the Embassy of Switzerland and the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) on the occasion of 700 years of democracy in Switzerland at hotel

The Prime Minister also called upon the countrymen to participate in the canal-digging programme to achieve autarky in different fields of na-

"There is no need to wait for government directives,"

Begum Zia said all should come forward to take part in the implementation of the programme at the local level under the leadership of the local public representatives.

The inaugural session was also addressed by Agriculture, Irrigation, Water Development and Flood Control Minister M Majid-Ul-Haq, Charge d' Affaires of Switzerland, Albert Mehr, head of SDC programme Dr Urs Heierli and World Bank

representative Ross Wallace. Begum Zia said considering the socio-economic realities of Bangladesh, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman initiated the country-wide canaldigging programme for the dual purposes of flood control

Describing the seminar as a "commendable step", the Prime Minister expressed her firm belief that the exchange of valuable ideas and recommendations would contribute to the promotion and development of the irrigation sys-

The Prime Minister was happy to know that the simple treadle pump machine, the centrepiece of the seminar. was invented and developed by a Bangladeshi. She said her government would always patronise such innovations.

the irrigation device had already proved its utility and efficaey, adding "if we could popularise it in the rural arcas, the lot of our marginal and landless peasants will be radi-

Help Bangladesh

From Page 1 Col. 7 at the recent aid group meeting for the current fiscal year stood around US dollar 2.3 billion, which is close to the suggested levels. Expected additional commitments by some donors are expected to increase the total amount of aid commitments, it said.

international actions including alleviation of its debt and debt service burden and withdrawal or dismantling of trade barriers, particularly in the textile sector, would also benefit Bangladesh.

The issues of environment and economy of Bangladesh to be quickly and adequately addressed, the trade and development report maintained Recurrent disasters not only negate the gains of domestic efforts, but also reduce the effectiveness of donors' contributions to development, the report viewed.

Giving a brief account of the cyclone damage suffered by Bangladesh, the report predicted requirement of considadditional food imfollowing damage to standing crops, loss of private stock and also loss of a cropping season in the coastal areas. Increased imports of capital goods has also been mentioned following damage to buildings, infrastructures and

DUTA urged to find out ways to keep varsity open

Twentyfive teachers of Dhaka University has urged the university teachers association to reconsider the decision on abstention from classes in the greater interest of the students, reports BSS.

In a statement issued on Wednesday night, the teachers hoped that the association would find out ways and means to end violence by keeping the university open. The teachers said the government and the opposition should cooperate sincerely to eliminate violence originated from the outside and the university authorities take effective measures for the safety of students, teachers and officials.

The teachers hoped that teachers, students and guardians would join hands to find out ways to eliminate campus violence.

The statement was signed

by Dr. Serajul Islam Choudhury of English Department, K.M. Mohsin of History, Tauhidul Anwar of Journalism, Mahmuda Haque, Quaiyum Choudhury, M. Kibria, Shamim Shikdar, Kazi Baset, A.H.M. Ali Sultan Ahmed of Fine Arts, Abul Kalam of International Relations, Syed Rashidul Hasan of Marketing, Jalaluddin Ahmed of Finance, Belayet Hossein of Marketing, K.M.Saiful Islam, Library Science, Rashidunnabi and Nurul Alam Bepari of Political Science, Faizunnesa Begum and Narayan Biswas of Sangskrit and Pali, Syed Manzurul Islam of English, M. Asaduzzaman of Public Administration, Galib Khan and Kawsar Mustafa of Philosophy and Chunilal Roy Choudhury of Sangskrit and Palt.

and irrigation measures.

The Prime Minister said

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The innovator of the pump. Narendra Nath Deb of Ulipur Upazila under Kurigram district, was introduced to the participants attending the

industrial plants in the last

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lowing serious damage to

shrimp hatcheries and textile

The need for external re-

sources will intensify in the

short-term and the need for

additional assistance is likely

to continue even after com-

pletion of immediate relief and

rehabilitation, the report said.

to disasters of Bangladesh, the

report pointed out that of the

last four years' economic per-

formance, three had been

The last cyclone has, how-

While pleading for solution

The report predicted de-

devastating cyclone.

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dominated by the impact of and those of the region need natural phenomena. Despite the Gulf crisis and the complications associated with the process of transition to democracy, projections ear lier this year were generally optimistic. It was expected that the economy would be able to maintain reasonable growth with continued ex port expansion and a sustain able current account and

make significant gains in income per capita. ever, invalidated those projects, it said. Even if the economy were able to sustain growth rate of around 3.5 per cent, it would require nearly six years to recover from the direct and indirect losses caused by the cyclone, the report viewed.

Rail communication resumes

Normal rail communication throughout the country resumed Wednesday merning following repair of damaged railway tracks in all places including Tongi, Pubail, Dhirasram, Gachihata, Fouzdarhat and Noapara on an emergency basis, reports BSS.

The railway tracks in these places wee damaged during blockade on November 25 and 26, according to a Railway press release.

The ratiwaymen started repair work at Tuesday late night at all the places. All trains left from all the stations including Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna on schedule as a result of immediate steps taken by the railwaymen.

BCL calls for hartal in Pabna today

PABNA, Nov 27: The district unit of Chhatra League (A-A) has called for an eight-hour hartal in the town Thursday to rotest the release from custody of an alleged killer of one of their leaders, reports UNB.

Kaadar (26), identified as a leader of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, who was arrested on September 6 in connection with the murder of Chhatra League leader Ariful Huq Parag, was released today.

Chhatra League also held a rally in front of Indira Patti here this afternoon to drum up support for the hartal.

The rally was addressed by the Vice President of Edward University College Students Union, Md. Shahin and General Secretary Kamrul Hasan Mintu.

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Awami League leader (top) and mother, wife and daughter of Dr Milon (above) placing wreaths the mazar of the martyred physician yesterday.

Milon monument

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Mannan, Amir Hossain Amu, Begum Matia Chowdhury and Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin. Speakers at a discussion

meeting organised by Bangladesh Federation of Medical Teachers Associations (BFMTA) at the auditorium of the Institute of Post Graduate Medicine and Research (IPGMR) stressed for restoration of law and order and peace in society and punishment for the killers to consolidate democracy. The speakers observed that political intolerance was mainly responsible for the severe deterioration of the law and order throughout the country. This was a threat to democracy, they observed.

The meeting presided over by Prof Anwarul Azim was addressed among others by Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury Deputy Leader in the parlia-Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, JSD (Inu) leader Hasanul Huq Inu, Barrister Moinul Hossain. Prof M A Majed, President Bangladesh Medica Association, Dr T A Chowdhury, Director of IPGMR, Dr Gazi Abdul Hug and

Prof Syed Modasser Ali. Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury said autocratic elements were still active in the political arena and observed that tolerance and understanding was now needed to protect the hard-earned democracy. He alleged that killers of Dr Milon have been sheltered politically. "They would not be able to hide them for long and they

(killers) will be punished." Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed said the present parliament was different from the previ-

ous ones as it was elected in fair polls after a mass upsurge. People have vested great responsibilities in the parliament and cooperation between the political parties was needed now to fulfil people's aspirations, he said.

Hasanul Huq Inu alleged that major political parties were engaged in mud-slinging and politicking on issues which would not benefit the people. He urged them to stop the trend. Barrister Moinul Hossain

said the political parties should not forget the people's power. He urged the ruling party to hold national interest above its party interest Otherwise, it would give rise to the autocratic forces and result in failure of democracy, he observed.

Milon Smriti Sangsad organised a discussion meeting at the Dhaka University which was addressed, among others, by Energy Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain, Awami League General Begum Sajeda Sccretary Chowdhury MP. Dhaka University Teachers Association President Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury. Sammilito Sangskritik Jote Faiz Ahmed. Convenor Lawyers Coordination Council Convenor Advocate Shamsul Huq and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal General Secretary Hasanul Huq Inu. Bangladesh Medical Association President Dr M A

Mazed presided. The Energy Minister in his speech called for cooperation from all quarters for arrest and trial of the killers of Dr Milon. Sajeda Chowdhury said that killers are being sheltered by political parties since 1975.

There should be a consensus of political parties on this is sue, she said. CPB, NAP, Samyabadi Dal

and Gono Azadi League held a joint rally at the Purana Paltan crossing in observance of the

The rally presided over by Alhaj Abdus Samad was addressed among others by Nurul Islam Nahid of CPB Pankaj Bhattacharya of NAP, Shafikur Rahman Majumdar of Samyabadi Dal and Habibur Rahman of Gono Azadi League.

Earlier in the morning. the leaders laid wreaths at the grave of Dr Milon and at the monument site.

National Democratic Party (NDP) held a discussion meeting at its office. The meeting, presided over by Giasuddin Kader Chowdhury was addressed among others by Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Abdus Salam, Foni Bhushan and Mamunur Rashid Mamun. Janadal also held a discus-

sion meeting at its office. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chhatra League (S-A) and Democratic Students Unity (DSU) held separate rallies in the city.

The students organisations also laid wreaths at the grave and at the monument site.

Others who placed wreaths included Abdullah Sarkar of BSD, Chhatra Union, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu), Doctors Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Medica Association, Dhaka Medical College Teachers Association, Members of Dr Milon's family, Internce Doctors Association, Dhaka University Central Students Association (DUCSU) and doctors of Mymensingh Medical College.

Samphan flown to Bangkok

From Page 1 Col. 4 As he left Bangkok carly this morning for Phnom Penh he said he expected to stay through until UN -supervised elections scheduled to be held in early 1993.

He and Son Sann are the Khmer Rouge representatives on the Supreme National council, a reconciliation body bringing together the Phnom Penh government and three allied guerilla armies.

It was due to hold its first meeting on Cambodian soil next Wednesday.

Earlier, more than 10,000 students demonstrated peacefully in the streets of Phnom Penh on Tuesday against the return of a Khmer Rouge leader. The rally was the largest public protest in the city in the 16 years since the Khmer Rouge seized power and tried to turn Cambodia into an agrarian utopia.

Demonstrators called for Khmer Rouge leaders to be tried for genocide before an international court.

The protest was well-organized and appeared to have the backing of the Phnom Penh government which has fought the Khmer Rouge the last 13

While the Khmer Rouge maintains some support among

the peasantry in this impoverished, rice-growing nation, it generally is despised in the AFP adds: Cambodia's

Phnom Penh government army and its former foe, the guerillas loyal to Prince Norodom Sihanouk, have signed a coordination and cooperation agreement, the official SPK news agency reported.

The report, monitored here today, said Licutenant-General Phuong Siphan of the Phnom Penh Army and Major General Kruoch Yoeurm, of the Sihanoukist National Army, signed the agreement on Monday at the end of a twoday working session.

The military agreement came after the armies' respective political wings forged an alliance.

"The two sides pledged to effectively implement the peace accord signed in Paris on October 23 so as to stabilise the political and social situation in Cambodia," SPK reported.

In a statement issued in Bangkok on Tuesday Prince Norodom Ranariddh, Prince Sihanouk's son and the Commander of the guerilla army loyal to his father, said the political and military al-

liance formed between his organisation and the Phnom Penh government was "an important step forward for rational reconciliation. Prince Ranariddh said the

new alliance was not created to oppose his wartime guerilla allies, the Khmer Rouge and the non- communist Khmer People's National Liberation Front.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said in Phnom Penh that Prince Tuesday Ranariddh would be made his deputy. Prince Sihanouk heads the interim Supreme National Council and has been recognised as head of state by the factions which compose it.

Contraband seized from Pak ship

CHITTAGONG, Nov 27 Customs authorities Tuesday seized contraband medicines worth about Taka 12 lakh from a Pakistani ship from near the port, reports UNB.

Official said the anti-smuggling rummage team recovered the medicines from the Pakistani ship, Safina-e-Ismail-2, at 7 in the morning.

file nomination papers for Bakerganj-5

Eleven candidates, including three independents. Wednesday filed nomination papers for contesting the coming by-election, to Jatiya Sangsad scat Bakerganj-5, **Election Commission sources** said, reports UNB.

The seat fell vacant following the election of Abdur Rahman Biswas to the office of the President.

Party candidates who sub-

mitted their nomination papers with the Returning Officer are: Majibur Rahman Sarwar (BNP), Fazlul Haque (Awami League), Showkat Hossain (Jatiya Party), Maulana Abul Hasnat (Jammat-e-Islamt). Prof Abdul Sattar (Five-Party alliance), Delwar Hossain Dilu (Freedom Party). Krishak Sadek Hossain (Krishak Sramik Mukti and Khandaker Andolon) Mahbubur Rahman (Jatiyatabadi Andolon).

Names of the three independent candidates were not immediately available. Scrutiny of the nomination

papers will be held today (Thursday).

The last day of the withdrawal of candidature is December 4 and the polling will take place on December

RU teachers slate Hasina's letter

RAJSHAIII, Nov 27 : Fifty teachers of Rajshahi University in a statement today protested Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina's letter to foreign missions and donor agenties, reports UNB.

It's undemocratic and against the country's independence and sovereignty, the statement said

The varsity teachers urged Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, to refrain from such 'irresponsible' act and called upon all to resolve problems through democratic means.

Awami League has defended exchange of views with the foreigners through the letter as a democratic practice, but protested misreporting of its content.

Among the signatories of the statement are : Abdur Razzak, Prof Saiful Islam Faruqi, Prof Azharul Islam, Dr Abdul-Muhit, Abbas Uddin, Dr Sohrab Uddin, Korban Ali and Prof Shahadat Hossain.

Plea to dissolve engineering cells in govt depts

By Staff Correspondent The National Association of the Public Works Directorate Employees Wednesday demanded of the government to cancel the engineering cells created in different ministries and government departments.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club, president of the association Abu Ahmed alleged that creation of such engineering cells (mini PWDs), violating the government rules, would ultimately lead to the dissolution of the Public Works Directorate.

The association president also demanded inclusion of all employees in the permanent set-up of the directorate, regularisation of their services and promotion of employees in different sections.

Association general secretary Abul Kashem Azad, joint general secretary Joynal Abedeen and other central leaders were also present at the press conference.

One killed as buses collide

GAZIPUR, Nov 27: One person was killed and 35 others were injured when two passenger buses collided near Ershadnagar on Dhaka-Tongi highway this morning.

The victim, a woman in her sixties, could not be identified. She died on the spot. Of the injured, 29 were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka Pangu Hospital and Tongi Hospital in a scrious condition.

The fire brigade and nearby villagers immediately rushed to the spot and started rescue operations. Of the ill-fated buses, the

one bearing the registration No Dhaka Cha-37 was coming to Dhaka while the other Dhaka Cha-3947 was on its way to Gazipur. Both the drivers of the

buses managed to escape. A case has been registered with Tongi police station. Our DMCH correspondent adds: Nine scriously injured

persons were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Three of the injured could not be identified as they remained unconscious till writing of this report. Six others are : Humayun (20), Anu (2), Halim (24), Sunil (35), Mita (21) and Gedu Mia (50).

Croatian town shelled

BELGRADE, Nov 27: Croatian radio said the town of Oxijek came under fire today but a ceasefire appeared to hold in many other parts of Croatia after Yugoslavia asked the United Nations to launch a peacekeeping operation. The radio said mortar shells, artillery and rockets fired from areas held by the federal army and Serbian irregulars pounded all parts of Ostjek in Eastern Croatia but the attacks eased towards dawn. reports Reuter.

Chatichai planning comeback

Chatichai Choonhavan, faced with forfeiture of his 'abnormally acquired" assets, pledged today to stage a political comeback to defend his reputation, reports Reuter.

ROK opposition MPs begin sit-in protest

SEOUL, Nov 27: South Korea's opposition members of parliament began a sit-in protest today after President Roh Tae-Woo's ruling party forced disputed bills through parliament, an opposition spokesman said. Fists flew on Tuesday night as opposition politicians pushed and showed ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) members, accusing them of railroading

Doctors to get jobs

Jehad, Nur Hossain and Dr Milon, Begum Zia said democracy had been restored with their supreme sacrifice.

The dream for democracy would only be fulfilled if a peaceful and progressive society can be offered to the next generation, she said.

port and canteen. Number of scholarship for the medical students will also be increased.

delegation in city

Chinese science

Vice Chairman of Chinese State Science and Technology Commission arrived in Dhaka on Wednesday, reports BSS.

Airport. The delegation will sign a protocol for 1991-92 under the Bangladesh-China science

last year. The delegation will also visit Bangladesh Council for Science and Industrial (BCSIR), Atomic

Commission

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Last December. Shevardnadze predicted the August hardliner's coup against President Mikhail Gorbachev during a speech to parliament when he quit as Foreign

and environmental destruc-

the Soviet Union would continue to exist as superpower, the agency reported.

Questioned about Japanese-Soviet relations, Shevardnadze said he wanted a substantial development in economic cooperation from Tokyo, calling for aid to transform the Soviet Union's military industry into a

Shevardnadze said that he hoped to visit Japan in the near future.

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Women seats

Prime Minister and the lady

women seat limited for only 10 The hearing will resume

Shopowners

From Page 1 Col. 5 to be launched from December 15. They also alleged that

smuggled items enter through the border in connivance with a section of dishonest officials and demanded action against those corrupt officials. Earlier, Bangladesh

Shopowners Association Federation and the Committee jointly held a rally at New Market where the speakers condemned the move to search shops for smuggled items. This would falsely discredit the shopowners as

district civil surgeons.

All these, she said, are being done to ensure welfare of the common people expected a demperatie

government. Mahmuda Alam Kabita, the widow of Dr Milon, also spoke on the occasion. The respect shown to him is a respect to the democracy-loving people of the country, she said recalling the sacrifice of her late

Presiding over the function, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf assured all that strong efforts were being made to track down the killers of Dr Milon and punish them. On arrival at the college

premises, Begum Zia offered

fatcha at the grave of Dr Milon and later laid the foundation stone of the auditorium. The function was also addressed by Principal of DMC Prof Zahurul Mowla Chowdhury

and student union VP Sharful Islam Bobby. Ministers. State ministers. MPs, diplomats and high civil

officials were present.

Obhi

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"Dr Milon, your insatiate soul can only say who is your real killer," read a piece of paper stuck in the heart of the

wreath Obbi offered. Obhi's note, however, ignited rage among the general students when they came to pay tribute to the martyr of anti-autocracy movement. They tore it into pieces and poured invectives on the fugitive

Dr Milon, a teacher of Dhaka Medical College and Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), was shot dead on Nov 27 last year at the height of the movement against the Ershad

regime. His death sparked mass protests, intensifying the democracy movement, which toppled Ershad within nine

Meanwhile, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka has summoned Golam Faruque Obhi along with six others accused in the Milon murder case and has asked them to appear in the Court

within 10 days. The list was published through an advertisement in a mass-circulation Bangla daily

Monday. UZ Rule

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Constitution in support of his

argument. Justice Natmuddin Ahmed wanted to know if there was any law which had designated Upazila Parishad as part of the

administrative unit. Barrister Islam said the Upazila Parishads had been performing the functions made mandatory by Article 59 of the

Constitution. He said Article 59 of the Constitution was not in force when the upazila system was introduced under an ordinance in 1982. But with the adoption of the 12th Amendment, Article 59 was again made applicable for the

Upazila Parishad Article 59(1) says : Local Government in every administrative unit of the Republic shall be entrusted to bodies, composed of persons elected in accordance of the law.

Barrister Islam said that Article 59 should be read with Article 11 of the Constitution. Article 11 says: The Republic shall be a democracy in which fundamental human rights and freedom and respect for the dignity and worth

of the human persons shall be guaranteed. Deputy Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan opposed the contention of the counsel for the petitioner and said that Upazila Parishad cannot be a part of the administrative

The next hearing will be held on December 5.

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The Midnight Eile

BANGKOK, Nov 27: Thailand's former prime minister

through a series of late- night votes, reports Reuter.

Begum Zia also assured financial assistance for the DMC library, students' union, trans-

The Prime Minister referred to the recent government announcement on abolishing the system of deputation of doctors at upazila level.

A six-member Chinese science and technology delegation led by Chen Xutao, the

The Secretary of Science and Technology Division, Lt. Col. Heshamuddin Ahmed (Retd) welcomed the delegation at Zia International

and technology cooperation agreement signed in Beijing

Energy Shevardnadze

business leaders in Moscow

Minister. In the interview with Kyodo, Shevardnadze - who regained his post last week alluded to the disintegration of the Soviet Union's central authority and warned that instability in the Soviet Union poses a greater threat to the world than nuclear weapons

He predicted, however, that

civil one.

Leader of the Opposition amply shows that there is no longer any necessity for the amendments to the reserved 30 seats or any women seat. That is why the framers of the Constitution made reservation of the

smugglers, they said.