SKOP urges govt to implement accords

By Staff Correspondent

The Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) in a statement Thursday demanded immediate implementation of the agreement signed between the government and SKOP leaders on December 21,

The statement alleged that the government was not fulfilling its commitment to implement the agreement.

The announcement of the National Wage Commission report was not made yet, though it was supposed to be announced within two months of the date of signing the agreement, it said adding that no SKOP representative was included in the commission as yet as per the understanding.

The statement said that the silence of the government on the matter was creating discontent among the workers and labourers and that the government would be responsible for any consequences that may arise.

The statement was signed

Assault on UNO AL MP arrested. released on bail

KHULNA, Mar 12: Police today arrested Awami League MP Mostafa Rashidee Suja for his alleged involvement in assaulting the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Terokhada, reports UNB.

Mostafa, also the senior Vice President of Awami League District unit, was arrested at about 9 am from his Tutpara residence but, the Upazila Magistrate Court later released him on bail.

Police said some musclemen recruited by the MP mercilessly beat up UNO Shapan Kumar Sekhar and Project Implementation Officer (PiO) Nittaranjan Sutra Wednesday afternoon.

They were forcibly taken out of their offices and assaulted in front of the court premises. In protest all offices and the court were closed immediately.

Zeenat, Mustafiz arrested

By Staff Correspondent

Police Thursday arrested Mustafizur Rahman, brotherin-law of deposed President Ershad, and Zeenat Mosharraf, wife of former Industries Secretary Mosharraf Hossain, and sent them to jail.

Two special squads of the City Special branch in a predawn swoop yesterday arrested Mustafizur Rahman from his Cantonment residence and Zeenat from her DOHS residence in the capital.

Both were arrested under the Special Powers Act and were sent to the Central Jail on a four-month detention.

Housewife choked to death

By Staff Correspondent A housewife was choked to

death in the capital Wednesday, according to reports received Thursday.

Tejgaon Police recovered the body of Nurunnahar Kajal. a mother of three children. earlier reported missing, from the room of a house in East Rajabazar in the city.

Sources said that Nurunnahar, a resident of 58 Bhajahari Saha Street in the old city dropped her children at their school (Willes Little Flower) at Kakrail in the morning. She however did not turn up to pick them up after classes were over.

The children informed their father of their mother's not turning up to get them and on receiving this information their father A H M Raisuddin began enquiring about where his wife had gone.

Failing to locate her whereabouts he informed the Ramna police and filed a missing re-

In the meantime, Tejgaon police received information from one Asghar Shah that the body of an unidentified woman was lying in the room of his son Akram.

Tejgaon police then rushed to the spot and recovered the body, later identified to be that

of Nurunnahar. The body was then sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy

which could not be performed on the day. The autopsy was performed

Thursday with the report saying that the victim had been choked to death.

Police arrested another son of Asghar Shah, Masum, as Akram, in whose room the body was found, had fled the place of occurrence.

Police could not establish the motive behind the murder. However, they did not rule out the possibility of an extra-marital relationship between Nurunnahar and Akram.

by SKOP leaders Abdus Salam Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan, Rahmat Ullah Chowdhury. Abdullah Sarkar, Nasim Ali, Nurul Anwar, Mokhlesur Rahman, Pratap Uddin Ahmed, Shafiqur Rahman Majumdar, Yakub Ali Bhutyan, SM Rumi, Shah Atiul Islam, Shahjahan Kabir Jahir, Abdul Quader, Mejbah Uddin Ahmed, Tofazzal Hossain and Golam Mohtuddin.

DCC squad labourers relieved

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) authorities have relieved the 'squad-labourers' employed with the corporation on muster-roll basis of their services as there is no post of the 'squad-labourers' in the service organogram of 1990, said a DCC press release yesterday, reports BSS.

The DCC also asked its 'striking employees' to join their duties by 12 noon of March 14 (Saturday), the press release said.

Otherwise, DCC cautioned that legal measures would be taken against them, the press release added.

DU Syndicate reiterates call for campus peace

By DU Correspondent The Dhaka University authorities Thursday called upon all concerned to help restore a smooth academic atmosphere on campus.

The authorities, at University Syndicate meeting again urged the law enforcing agencies to arrest armed outsiders and clear the DU residential halls of illegal weapons. Vice Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah presided

over the meeting. Expressing grave concern over the present situation on the DU campus the Syndicate observed that a congenial atmosphere was disrupted because of interferences by out-

BCL activist stabbed to death

By Staff Correspondent Naufel Ishaq, a First-year student at Suhrawardi College, was stabbed to death in the capital Wednesday, police said.

They said Naufel had been stabbed late Wednesday night by a group of unidentified young men near the Jurain Rail Crossing at Jatrabari and later died on way to hospital.

The victim, a leader of Demra unit of pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League, was stabbed by the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, alleged Kamruzzaman Ansari, a central leader of BCL.

The body of Nausel was brought in front of the Jatiya Press Club Thursday where BCL staged a demonstration.

JS session From Page 1 Col 8

Constitution that switched the country from a presidential to a parliamentary system. It was done to make minis-

ters more accountable to par-

"We feel that the present provision is not practical. There won't be any big difference if parliament sits every three months," the source

Moreover, he said that the parliamentary standing committee for each ministry needed to sit every month which was another way of ensuring ministers' accountability to the people via parliament.

World Cup

From Page 1 Col 8 sence of injured captain Graham Gooch, smashed 77 from 88 deliveries while Neil Fairbrother worked the ball brilliantly for an unbeaten 75.

All-rounder Chris Lewis pushed the run rate along superbly with 33 from just 22 deliveries and England reached 226 for seven with one ball to spare.

Earlier, in Dunedin, New Zealand improved their record to 6-0 with a workmanlike win over India.

Opener Mark Greatbatch scored a fiery 73, including five fours and four sixes, to set up the win.

India made 230 for six from their 50 overs after winning the toss and electing to bat. New Zealand then roared to 231 for six in reply with 3.5

overs to spare. India have only five points from their seven matches to date and the loss eliminated the 1983 champions from semifinal contention.

Greatbatch and Andrew Jones, who made 67 not out, cut loose as the Kiwis chased a victory target of 4.6 per over. (Details on Page 8)



Police resorted to lathicharge on the employees of Dhaka City Corporation at Syedabad in the - Star photo city yesterday.

Police, DCC employees

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"I want the killers of my child to be punished", Jahanara, mother of the newborn baby who had not yet been named, told the rally while the baby's father said, "A teargas shell was dropped in front of our house and we could not save our beloved child."

The agitation in front of the Press Club continued until early evening.

Leaders of the striking DCC employees addressed the rally and expressed their determination to continue the movement until the mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation was removed and the pay scale was implemented. Later, the employees' lead-

ers held a press conference at the National Press Club and demanded acceptance of their demand by Saturday failing which they would chalk out their next course of action.

"The law enforcing agency personnel raided the colony, searched door to door and looted our belongings," Mohammad Amanullah, Convenor of the Poura

Karmachari Federation which rated from Friday called the strike, said.

He demanded exemplary punishment of those responsible for the incident.

Kotwali police said that a group of pro-strike workers gheraoed a DCC garbage van and tried to damage it. But police rushed to the spot and rescued the vehicle.

A senior DCC official told Daily Star that recruitment of conservancy staff members and punitive actions against the permanent employees were deferred till Thursday because initiatives were taken to resolve the issue through negotiations Wednesday night.

The second round of talks was scheduled for Thursday morning but it could not be held as the leaders did not turn up at the meeting, he

"If the employees' leaders come, a meeting may be held on Friday," he added. Some parts of the city remained without street lights

because of the strike. The DCC source said that a cleanliness programme was on under an alternative arrangement which would be reinvigo-

Meanwhile various political and professional organisations in separate statements on Thursday strongly condemned the attack on the demonstrating workers of the Dhaka City Corporation. In the statements they expressed their full sup port to the 'legitimate demands of the DCC workers and called upon the government to fulfil those.

The statements were issued by Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote, Private Sector Workers' Action Council, Chhatra Oikya Forum and Progressive Nationalist Party.

PM urged to settle deepsea fishing troubles

The Geneva-based Interna tional Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) has appealed to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to intervene in securing settlement on dispute involving 2,000 deepsea fishing trawler workers in the country, reports UNB.



The Hill Tracts Students' Council observed a token hunger strike in front of the National Press Club yesterday to press for the release of nine hill tracts students. Star photo

Yangon distorting facts

From Page 1 Col 7 rule of Muslim kings.

The rule of Muslim kings continued till 1784, the press release said and added that Bengali literature and poetry flourished during the Muslim dynasty in independent Arakan and three famous poets Daulat Kazi, Alawol and Magan Thakur were poet laureates of Arakan

Detailing the historical background, the press release said in 1784, Myanmar King Bodawapaya annexed Arakan, which was taken over by British-Indian empire and later joined with British Burma. The dialect of Arakan is a curious mix of Arakanese, Bengali and Burmese and close to the Chittagong dialect of Bang-

ladesh, it pointed out. The press release said the present estimated population of Arakan is about 2.2 million of which 1.4 million are Muslims, who came from three different streams - Arab traders visiting Bengal and Arakan after the advent of Islam from Seventh Century and many of these Arab settled in Arakan, Mughals having close contacts with Arakan like Prince Shuja, son of Emperor Shajahan fleeing to Arakan and Bengali Muslims from Chittagong moved to Myanmar in general and Arakan in par-

ticular. The press release pointed

out, that it is, therefore, those people who were living in Myanmar on January 4, 1948, when Myanmar was given independence by British were in fact citizens of Myanmar like those who living in erstwhile East Pakistan on August 14, 1947 as citizens of East Pakistan for those living in India on August 15, 1947, as Indians regardless of where they came from among the regions now constituting different independent states.

The press release said Rohingya Muslims of Arakan have evidently some historical links and affinity with the present Bangladesh but it no way means they will lose Myanmar citizenship and their right to live and work in Myanmar.

The press release also pointed out that a Pakistan consulate started functioning in Akyab ever since the independence in 1947 and the same was turned into a Bangladesh consulate since Bangladesh emerged as an independent nation. This is the only foreign consulate in Akyab, the capital of Arakan.

The press release also pointed out to what Myanmar leaders said about Rohingya Muslims and quoted Prime Minister U Nu of Myanmar in a speech over Radio Yangon on 25 September, 1954 at 8 pm inter alia, the Rakhine state is situated towards the south-

west of the union. The Buthidaung and Maungdaw townships are included in the Sittwe division of the Rakhine state. These two townships are bordering East Pakistan. The majority of the people residing in these two townships are 'Rohingyas' who profess the Islamic faith (U Nu is presently the patron of the democracy and peace party).

It also quoted Prime Minister and Defence Minister U Ba Swe at mass rallies for the people of Buthidaung and Maungdaw on 3rd and 4th November, 1959, as saying.

"The 'Rohingyas are equal in every way with other minority races like the Shan, Chin, Kachin, Kayin, Kayah, Mon and Rakhine. They have lived in the Myanmar Naing Ngan for ages, according to historical facts. They are of the Islamic faith. There is historical evidence that they have lived faithfully and harmoniously with other races of the union."

It is amply clear that the Rohingya Muslims are a distinct group who have lived in Arakan (Rakhine) province for more than a thousand years and lately have become the majority in that province, the press release said adding that there is no ground for the current attempt to throw them out of Myanmar.

Attack on DCC employees

shameless: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent Sheikh Hasina in a statement yesterday protested the 'shameless' attack on the peaceful' demonstration of the workers of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC).

The Awami League chief ermed the demands of the workers of the city corporations and the pourasabhas legitimate' and called upon the government to fulfil those immediately. The Leader of the Opposi-

tion in Parliament alleged that the government, instead of taking effective measures to find a solution to the crisis. had resorted to repression on them. This in turn, she added, was deteriorating the situation causing miseries to the general people.

Municipal employees storm Tongi Press Club

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Mar 12: A group of striking municipal employees on Thursday attacked and damaged the Tongi press club alleging that the coverage of their strike and demonstra tions were poor in the news-

The agitating employees numbering around 40 damaged the windows and doors of the press club and also broke the signboard.

The attackers rebuked the journalists in slang language who were absent during the incident at around 11 am, witnesses said.

The municipal employees went on an indefinite strike from Monday last demanding wage hike.

Mcanwhile, the members of the press club in an emergency meeting decided to boy cott all sorts of programmes and news of Tongi pourasava (municipality) until the culprits were given exemplary punishment.

Poverty

From Page 1 Col 7 would also meet the demand of protein for the poor people through plantation of fruit trees along the canal and pisciculture and poultry.

Referring to the areas where people become victims of natural calamities every year, the Prime Minister said her government wanted to take up special programmes for alleviation of poverty by identifying those zones as calamity-prone areas.

Zahiruddin Khan said that economic activities of the country could be considerably invigorated and growth rate accelerated if the development approach and programmes were restructured using the inherent strength of the poor for self-sustenance.

Dr Mahbub Hossain in his paper said the survey showed that nearly 10 per cent of the households live in shacks made of worn sacks, leaves and jute sticks and another 32 per cent live in one-room structures with the whole family. "Despite marked expansion of government health service infrastructure, only 13 per cent of the rural households get benefit from these facilities at times of sickness", he said.

Indonesia

From Page 1 Col 7 border is the domain of private warlords who supply most of the world's heroin -- 2,500 tonnes of it from Myanmar alone last year, US narcotics officials said.

The three countries will sign their first joint accord on narcotics suppression that will open the way to substantial united funds for crop substitution schemes.

Growing criticism from Southeast Asian countries over Myanmar actions in other border areas overshadow the meeting.

The two ministers declined

to answer questions about the

offensive against Karen rebels in the east and the expulsion of minority Muslims in the Neighbouring governments previously dismissed western criticism of the junta's repres-

sion of political opposition and followed a policy of what they called 'constructive engagement'. BSS adds: The Government of Pakistan has expressed its concern over the plight of Muslim minority in Myanmar,

according to a message received in Dhaka today. A Foreign Office spokesman in Islamabad said Wednesday the Pakistan government had conveyed its concern to the Myanmar government.

Responding to a question the spokesman said, the government had not been inactive in this regard. We had been in touch with the Myanmar government and conveyed our concern.

The Midnight File

Arafat in Namibia to a confused reception

WINDHOEK, Mar 12: Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat arrived today in Namibia to a confused reception, with guests gathered at the wrong airport. Arafat landed at the main airport, 40 kilometres (24 miles) outside Windhoek, while Namibian President Sam Nujoma, senior officials and diplomats waited at the smaller airport nearer the city centre, reports AFP.

Kashmiri journalists forced out of PS

SRINAGAR (India), Mar 12: A group of 48 Kashmiri journalists, arrested for protesting against censorship of news on a Muslim insurgency, were evicted forcibly from their cells today after refusing to accept their release. The journalists said they were forced out of Kothi Bagh police station. They had insisted they would not leave until the government rescinded an order curbing their reporting of a two-year rebellion by Muslim militants in the Kashmir valley, reports

Bush, Khaleda: Rufugees

From Page 1 Col 5 ing aspects - the continuous influx of tens of thousands of the Rohingya Muslims into Bangladesh and Myanmar troops buildup along the 176mile border Myanmar-

Bangladesh border. The US has already condemned eviction of the Muslim minority from the Arakan province of Myanmar, which forced them to flee to Bangladesh and also raised the alarming situation with the Myanmar authorities.

The planned talks between the two leaders will also cover important matters, including bilateral trade, export of garments and food aid under PL 480, the spokesman said.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister, during her sojourn to the American capital, is expected to seize the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest with other US high officials, including Defence Minister Dick Cheney, Joint Chief of Staff Collin Powell and Chief of American task force in Bangladesh during the last cyclonic catastrophe General Stackpole.

Begum Zia is scheduled to meet members of the Senate's and the House of Foreign Affairs Committee - the two powerful bodies that play vital role in determining the country's foreign policy.

In Washington, Begum Zia is also likely to meet with President of the World Bank Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund Administrator of USAID and heads of other international agencies which contribute to promoting the socio-economic condition of Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh leader is also expected to give interview to leading media, including, Associate Press (AP), Cable News Network (CNN) and On her way back from

Washington on March 20 Begum Zia will meet the pres ident of the UN General Assembly. The Prime Minister will discuss with the UN Secretary

General the Myanmar refugee issue. Bangladesh has already requested him to use his good office in resolving the issue through peaceful repatriation of the refugees. Bangladesh Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman, who will accompany the Prime Minister during the visit, is likely to talk with rep-

Rohingya refugee issue. Her 10-member entourage will also include Information Minister Nazmul Huda, Begum Selina Rahman, PM, Principal Secretary at the Prime Minister's Secretariat Hasan Ahmed, Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman, Chief of Protocol Tofael Karim Haider and Director General of the American desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Kurshid Ahmed.

nent members of the UN

Security Council to take up the

Begum Zia's visit to

Washington is coinciding with the first anniversary of her assumption of the office of the Prime Minister on March 19 last year.

The visit is taking place at a time when the democratic government in Dhaka has opened up a new dimension in the existing shade of values and outlook between the two countries and in the backdrop of excellent bilateral relations in view of the global changes.

The Prime Minister, who will leave here on March 15 for the visit, is scheduled to return home on March 23. BSS adds: The Prime

Minister during her forthcoming visit to United States of America (USA) is expected to sound UN Security Council members to win support in finding solution to Myanmar refugee problem, according to diplomatic circles in Dhaka. When the attention of the

Foreign Office was drawn to speculative reports appearing in news papers that Bangladesh was going to raise the issue at the Security Council, a spokesman said, "we are moving with the issue very systematically." The spokesman said Bangladesh was committed to pegotiate with Myanmar to stop overflow of refugees and ensure their safe and dignified return to

their homeland He said the diplomatic moves of Dhaka had paid dividends as "today the whole world is behind us on the

. BHP

refugee issue."

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Thursday said that the international agreement regarding the transfer of the Tinbigha Corridor to Bangladesh should be implemented to maintain good neighbourly relation with

that country. Basu said that there might be some alterations but the agreement should be implemented. "We want a peaceful settlement of the issue. However, we have to ensure that the people were not af-

fected by its implementation," Hasina

From Page 1 Col 8 her to forgive him. Former MPs Subed Ali Tipu and Jamal Uddin Ahmed were in the delegation. resentatives of the five perma-Hasina was learnt to have

> this matter which was under the jurisdiction of the Central Working Committee of Awami Montu, General Secretary of the District Committee of Awami League and President of

expressed helplessness, saying

she had nothing to do with

Juba League, was suspended by the Working Committee on March 5 on charge of anti-organisational activities. Montu was also asked to explain within 15 days as to

why he shall not be expelled

from the party.

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