Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence yesterday evening.

Pak army chief

calls on Khaleda

ral Astf Nawaz called on Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at

her residence yesterday eve-

ning. The Pakistan Army Chief

was accompanied by Begum

Asif Nawaz. Chief of Bangladesh

Army Lt Gen Mohammad Noor

Uddin Khan and Begum Khan

and Principal Secretary to

Prime Minister Syed Hasan

Ahmed were present on the

UN supervision

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lem, a Foreign Ministry official

Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees (UNHCR) Wed-

nesday called upon Japan to

use its influence with Myanmar

to help stem the flow of Mus

lim refugees from that country

to Bangladesh, foreign ministry

in a meeting with Japanese

Foreign Minister Michio Wat

anabe at which he asked for

Japan to exert its diplomatic

influence over Myanmar that

the refugee situation in sout

worsen, the officials said.

heastern Bangladesh would not

Saturday for a six-day visit, was

quoted as saying the flow of

refugees from Myanmar was

likely to continue unless the

Myanmar government took

measures such as pulling its

with Prime Minister Kiichi

Miyazawa and Chief Cabinet

Secretary Koichikato, and

briefed both of them and

Watanabe on the UNHCR's ef-

forts to repatriate Cambodian

Wednesday, a group of six

lawyers from Thailand, the

Philippines and Japan who in-

vestigated human rights abuses

by Myanmar military regime

earlier this month issued a

statement that said in Myan-

mar basic human rights exist

The group, which con-

ducted interviews with people

in towns and refugee camps in

Myanmar, said internal refu-

gees in the country, number

zens have been conscripted

without regard for sex or age

and sent to the front lines to

carry artillery shells, food and

materials without pay, the

Rab acquitted

of murder

charge

leader ASM Abdur Rab was ac-

quitted of the charge of mur-

dering a man during the 1986

parliamentary election in his

Ramgati constituency, reports

Sessions Judge Abdul Ahad

Chowdhury while delivering

the judgement in the sensa-

tional case said Wednesday

that the prosecution had failed

to prove the charge of murder

against Rab.

Lakshmipur District and

NOAKHALI, Apr 22 : JSD

Nationwide, ordinary citi-

in no sense at all.

several million.

statement said.

In a separate development

refugees, the officials said.

Ogata also met Wednesday

troops out of the border area.

Ogata, who arrived in Tokyo

Sadako Ogata made the call

officials in Tokyo said.

Mcanwhile, the United

occasion, reports BSS.

Pakistan Army Chief Gene-

Corruption charge against 19 others

Ershad himself paid Tk 6.5 cr for Janata Tower construction

was indicted Wednesday of possessing Taka 6.5 crore which he paid for the construction of a multistorted building for Janata Publishing Company Limited on a plot of land earlier allegedly transferred illegally his directive, reports

Submitting charge proposals in the case against Ershad and 19 others. Attorney General Aminul Haq stated the principal accused (Ershad) paid Taka 10 crore for construction of the building that included Taka 3.5 crore received as loan from Uttara Bank against the plot. The Attorney General said Taka 6.5 crore received by Nirman International, the construction firm, from Ershad was found to be disproportionate to the income of the accused as a public servant. The accused by this act had committed offence under Section 5(1) (E) of the Prevention of Corruption Act of 1947, he said. This is the second case against Ershad for possession of money or wealth beyond his known sources of income. The building mentioned is popularly known as Janata Tower which was constructed on a plot of land measuring 12 katha in Kawran Bazar area of the city. The first charge sheet against Ershad was misusing his official posttion and working in collusion with others to provide Taka 4 crore or benefit to that extent to his wife Raushan Ershad alias Begum Raushan Ara, a coaccused in this case, and others. Raushan Ershad is the chairman of Janata Publishing Company.

Hasina

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protested the government de-

cision to retrench its employ-

ees and asked it to abandon

the decision until alternative

employments for the employ-

Awami League Abdus Samad

condition of the country had

Azad said that the economic

deteriorated since the ruling

"The country's condition is

staggering. There is no work

for the people. There is no

food for them. The whole of

the Northern part of the

country is gripped by drought

and there is no diesel for the

government had failed to take

any economic programme for

the development of the coun-

Azad said that the present

Instead BNP has shut down

The Awami League Vice

mills and factories increasing

miseries of the workers, he

President pointed out that for

the first time since indepen-

dence the scope for employ-

shrunk to an alarming level.

ment for the rural people had

the organisers of the March 26

public trial of Golam Azam and

said "it is not surprising that

the leader of the ruling party

(Begum Khaleda Zia) will talk

in such an undemocratic tone

at her April 20 meeting at the

ised the public trial had been

charged with sedition but the

Opposition had proved in the

equalled Golam Azam to the

those who propagate that act

against Golam Azam was an act

the present government which

came to power through a

democratic election had be-

government of fostering ter-

rorism saying that the country

had become virtually hostage

to the government sponsored

House was prorogued before it

could discuss the country's law

and order situation, price

Matia Chowdhury warned

· hike. Rohingya refugee issue

ers even died of snake bite."

independence and support

The meeting was

Jamaat.

Maya.

and other vital issues.

Mohammad Nasim said the

Tofael said Begum Zia had

Trial will be organised for

Abdur Razzak MP said that

Razzak also accused the

House that the trial was legal.

He said those who organ-

Democracy Square."

against Islam."

trayed the people.

Tofael Ahmed congratulated

Senior Vice President of

ees were ensured

party came to power.

The opposition leader

While mentioning about supplementary charge sheet in the case and evidence found to that effect, the Attorney General said prosecution are in possession of documentary evidence that Nirman International received Taka 6.5 crore from Ershad. He said as such the accused is punishable under Section 5(2) of Act 11 of the Anti-Corruption Act of 1947 which is within the

cognizance of this court. It was the second appearance of Begum Raushan Ershad in the court of Special Judge Md Ismail Miah, the case numbering 11 of 1992, and Wednesday was fixed for charge hearing. Hearing remained incomplete and the charge will be framed after hearing both sides. The Judge fixed April 28 as the next date of hearing.

In the first case of disproportionate income, Ershad was sentenced to 3 years simple imprisonment. During that time it was established that Ershad's wealth and possession earned during his life time was around Taka 73 lakh.

Former Chief Whip and minister M A Sattar and former chairman of Rajuk M M Rahmatullah are the two other important accused persons in this case in which 33 persons have been named as prosecution witnesses. Three accused persons remained absconding.

On a prayer, the Judge al lowed one Md Sekender Hossain to leave the court to attend the burial of his grandfather at Chandpur.

Ershad and Raushan who sat side by side outside the dock were found whispering among themselves during the

nearly two-hour proceeding. Earlier Ershad lent a helping hand to his ailing wife in entering the court. Raushan's attending physician said she has many complications including swollen legs caused by increased acidity (uric acid).

The FIR in this case was filed on 14.4.1991 and charge sheet submitted on 7.9.1991. A supplementary charge sheet was also submitted later.

Defence Attorneys rose one after another to take part in the hearing, but stated that they cannot make submission without getting all documents and papers. They also said that the Attorney General had mentioned new points which stunned them. "The Attorney General had brought accusation beyond the FIR and the charge sheet," Attorneys pointed out.

In his reply, Attorney General Haq said he was not bound by mere FIR and charge sheet for the indictment. He said charge could be framed in accordance with evidence collected by police and other investigating agencies and added that the court was also not bound to go by FIR and charge sheet in framing charges.

The Attorney General said the court is free to draw its inference of the offence committed by accused son/persons and frame charge accordingly. He mentioned that copies of CS, FIR and statements of witnesses have been given to Defence Attorneys who asked for them. About the new charge brought today he said since he did not make any formal submission, he was not bound to provide

Maynmar FM

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senior most civil servants of different ministries.

Bangladesh delegation at the talks will be led by Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman. The team includes Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary. Home Secretary, Relicf Secretary, two Additional Foreign Secretaries, Director General of BDR and other officials.

In view of the arrival of monsoon soon, Bangladesh officials will make desperate at tempts to persuade Myanmar

side to take back the refugees. Earlier this month Myanmar authorities told Jan Eliasson, the visiting UN special envoy, that they were ready to take back the refugees provided they could produce some kind evidence of their

residentship. According to diplomats and officials, Bangladesh has had enough evidences and documents' to counter any possible contention from the Myanmar side that hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees are no citizens of the latter country and that they have not fled persecution in homeland.

Till date, some 2,20,000 Rohingya Muslims, the inhabitants of bordering Arakan province (Rakhaine), have crossed into Bangladesh.

Rohingyas have been pouring into Bangladesh since March last year. The influx intensified following an unprovoked military assault on a BDR post that left two killed and 22

Successive border talks followed but tensions did not subside along the 176-mile border. Myanmar continued its military build-up and repression on the Rohingyas.

Sources say besides at least two rounds of formal talks officials of both sides will deliber

ate informally. On the UN involvement in the repatriation, sources say

Dhaka will emphasise for a UN role in the repatriation pro-The UNHCR is the global body that looks after the refu-

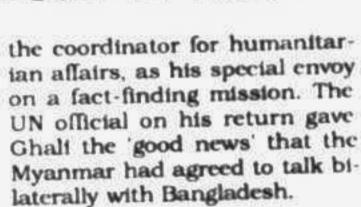
gees... they are the spokesmen of all refugees around the world and therefore they must be involved," a senior official told The Daily Star.

"Before the repatriation starts it must be ensured that they (refugecs) will be safe when they return home, live normal life and will no longer be under the threat of perse-

the ruling party not to support There should be some kind Jamaat on trial issue saying "do of monitoring to ensure this not play with the venomous and there lies the necessity of snake many skilled charm-UN involvement", says the official. The visit was planned for Without naming Begum last February but did not take Khaleda Zia she wondered place for reasons Myanmar had how the wife of a freedom not explained. fighter could desert spirit of

Last November, Bangladesh Foreign Minister visited Myanmar where rulers had been fighting a strong pro-democracy movement since 1988.

dressed, among others, by Amir Hossain Amu, Zillur On March 21. Prime Rahman, Salahuddin Yusuf, Abdul Jalil, Mozaffar Hossain Minister Khaleda Zia met with UN chief Boutros Boutros-Ghali Paltu, Alhaj Syed Nazimul in New York and sought his in-Basher Maijbhandari and tervention. Within a week, the Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury UN chief sent Jan Eliasson,



As analysts attribute the Myanmar change in mind to the mounting international pressure, some tend to say that insistence from some Asian power, China in particular, has borne fruit. Beijing is the top trading partner of Yangon and virtually the lone arms supplier.

Last Monday, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia told a Chinese Communist Party team that Dhaka expected Beijing to impress upon Yangon authorities to take back the refugees.

Since 1976, China and Bangladesh have been in 'very good terms'. According to Bangladesh diplomats, the months-long crisis has undergone three different phases -(1) quiet diplomacy, (2) internationalisation, (3) confrontation - before averting the fourth one - war.

"Nobody wants a war, for it will have bearing not only on the two countries involved, it will also destabilise the region," says a senior Bangladesh official.

Officials say Bangladesh will seek a permanent solution to the exodus that dates back to the 18th century. In 1978, some 300,000 Arakanese took refuge in Bangladesh's bordering districts most of whom returned but some 100,000 stayed back or went to different Middle-Eastern countries.

Asked whether the Yangon delegation would be visiting the camps where Rohingyas are refuged, a Foreign Ministry official said 'they haven't said anything yet' but added 'we would very much like to take

When contacted, a senior official of the Myanmar mission in Dhaka expressed his ignorance about the itinerary of the visitors. The official emphasised that the two sides would 'try to solve the issues bilater-

get out of the way

Apr 22: The country's most powerful rebel leader sat down for talks with a UN envoy Wednesday and warned his ficreest Muslim extremist rival to get on "the peace train" or get out of the way, reports AP.

The visiting Chief of Staff of Pakistan Army General Asif Nawaz called on Prime Minister

Ahmed Shah Masood, whose disciplined and devout fighters control much of northern and castern Alghanistan, made the state ment in this dusty military town before his first meeting with UN mediator Benon Sevan.

The fall of Soviet-installed President Najibullah a week ago has ignited a simmering power struggle among Muslim rebel groups who had united to fight a succession of Soviet backed governments since

Among the most radical guerilla leaders is Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who commands a small but tenacious force south of the capital and has threatened to attack the city unless it surrenders by Monday, the 14th anniversary of the Communist coup that installed Najibullah.

Masood and Hekmatyar are bitter rivals, and their guerillas already have clashed around the capital while trying to bring other rebel commanders onto their sides. "I believe and I hope that a

common position can be found that includes Hekmatyar, Masood told reporters. "But if not, the people of Afghanistan will not let him be included. Motioning to the UN envoy

sitting next to him, the bearded commander said, The peace train has already left, and whoever wants to get on should get on or be left be-

Blast

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Monmohon (45), Poresh

(26), Gojeshar (8) and an

unidentified child died on the

spot. Khushimoni (6) and Dilip

(5) sustained severe injuries

and were admitted to the

Dhaka Medical College

Khaleda

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State for Communications

Fazlur Rahman Patal. State

Minister for Shipping Harun-

ar Rashid, DUCSU VP

Amanullah Aman MP, and

General Secretary Khairul

complained to their leader

that the ministers were sel-

dom seen in the party office

since BNP's assumption of

to ensure presence of senior

leaders and ministers to guide

them in reinvigorating party

She assured the party

workers of looking into the

matter and said she herself

would be present at the party

office at least once a week.

activities across the country.

They requested Begum Zia

Party insiders said workers

Hospital (DMCH).

Kabir Khokan.

power.

Report on Logong incident false:

A Foreign Office spokesman

Clarifying the situation the spokesman said, on April 10 terrorists attacked a cluster village in Panchhari Upazila, Khagrachhari, in which one tribal was killed and three non-tribals seriously injured.

He said the villagers in recontrol.

The recent activities of terrorists, the spokesman said, were aimed at fomenting communal tension and disrupting the solution to the

Masood warns Hekmatyar

Avail 'peace train' or

CHARIKAR (Afghanistan), hind, Sevan, an Armentan-born Cypriot who has been working for Natibullah's safe passage out of the country as well as an end to the conflict, told reporters he hoped his talks with Masood would provide a break through.

"We will take a big step forward toward settlement in this meeting. Sevan said. They are Afghanistan, and they can form whatever government they Sevan said he was not

committed to the initial UN peace plan for a neutral interim council to replace the old Soviet-backed government, and emphasised he was ready to support any formula accept able to the rebels.

"Nothing is ruled out, Sevan said

Masood a 39-year-old Tajik, engineered a string of victories that forced Najibullah to surrender power last Thursday and within days brought al major cities except Kabul under rebel control.

Kashmir militants threaten to kill Najibullah

SRINAGAR, India, Apr 22: Muslim militants waging a secessionist campaign in Kashmir threatened today to assassinate deposed Afghan president Najibullah if he came to India, reports Reuter.

Al-Jehad (Holy War), one of a dozen groups fighting for an end to Indian rule in Kashmir said death squads would be sent to New Delhi if Najibullah landed there.

Foreign Office

Wednesday described in Dhaka a report published in a section of the foreign press on alleged massacre of tribals and Buddhists recently in Chittagong Hill Tracts, as highly exaggerated, false and mischievous, reports BSS.

taliation attacked a neighbouring Logong tribal village which was also put on fire, causing death to 10 persons and injury to 10 others before the members of law enforcing agencies could bring the situation under

tribal refugee problem.

The Bank suggested setting up of feasible targets and monnext year to improve opera tional and financial perfor mance of the corporations.

"Further delays in implementing credible reform prohigher costs to the economy," Pradip Mitra said.

public enterprises.

subsidy strategy. World Bank are not targeted to the poor.

emphasis on education and health and planning, World Bank suggested special attention to non-formal education. provision for scholarship to in crease secondary school en rollment by female students and nutrition programmes aimed at vulnerable groups.

secondary and higher educa-

the coming budget (1992-93).

and higher revenue from pubby the Fund to mobilise addi tional revenue.

to public enterprises and diversion of additional spendings to poverty-oriented programmes were recommended by the Fund.

It appreciated overall

The Midnight File Three top Sikh leaders arrested in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Apr 22: Police arrested three top Sikh politicians in the Indian capital as they tried today to meet UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to urge the United Nations to intervene in Punjab. Police held Gurcharan Singh Tohra, Simranjit Singh Mann and Prakash Singh Badal as they left a temple with a memorandum to ask the visiting UN chief to use his offices in Punjab where Indian troopers are battling Sikh militancy, reports AFP.

Security forces kill 11 Muslim militants in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, Apr 22: Paramilitary troops shot and killed at least 11 suspected Muslim rebels Wednesday in Kashmir where separatist guerillas are fighting for independence from India, police said. A senior police official said the 11 men were killed in a gun battle in Chugal in Kupwara district, 70 kilometres (45 miles) northeast of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state, reports AP.

\$ 2.1b aid pledge

From Page | Col 5 interest groups that benefit from these practices, both employees and customers, to resolve the problem."

itorable action plans over the

grammes can only result in The IMF representative had

similar observations about the Criticising government's

pleaded elimination of food distribution channels which Appreciating government's

To accommodate the pro-

grammes in scarce budgetary resources, the Bank asked for curtailing what it called nonessential activities such as ex pansion of medical colleges and excessive subsidies for

Greater NGO participation in education and health programmes was also suggested for better cost-effective opera-

The IMF representative, appreciating the country's revenue performance in the current budget, suggested strong revenue mobilisation efforts in Removal of VAT exemptions

lic enterprises were suggested Cuts in subsidy and transfer

macro-economic performance but, at the same time, suggested acceleration of reform programmes, particularly in privatisation of public enterprises and tariff liberalisation. Additional action was asked

for further liberalising interest rates on loans and strengthening bank finances.

Full implementation of the industrial policy was strongly suggested by the donors to remove structural impediments to private investment.

Women traffickers held: 170 rescued CHITTAGONG, Apr 22

Police nabbed an organised gang of 'women traffickers' and rescued 170 people, including 15 young women, from a hotel here today, reports UNB. The rescued persons were

being taken out of the country on promises of employment in Pakistan, police said. The victims, also including children and old men and

women, were brought to the

hotel from remote areas of Cox's Bazar district. They (victims) said they had given money to the racket by selling their land and property

The traffickers planned to smuggle out the victims thry ough the Benapole land border. Police confirmed there was

no Rohingya refugee in the consignment. Five arrested were named

Abu Bakr, Mohammad Yunus, Amir Ahmed, Mohammad Ali and Doul Mohammed.

SSC exams

From Page 1 Col 7 from Kagrachhart and 20 from the Chandpur district.

The expulsion was lowest under Jessore Board. Out of total 20 expelled examinees under this board, 11 students were expelled from the Jessore district, six students from Kushtia, and one each from Narail, Magura and Bhola districts. About 5,39,999 students

appeared in this year's SSC Examinations under four education boards of the country.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৯৯০-৯১ অর্থ বৎসরে জাতীয় রাজ্ঞশ্বে উল্লেখযোগ্য অবদান রাখার জন্য জাতীয় রাজ্য বোর্ড অত্যন্ত আনন্দের সংগে এক বছরের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তিবর্গকে ভি, আই, পি (আয়কর) হিসাবে ঘোষণা প্রদান করেছে ঃ

(১) বাংলাদেশ টোব্যাকো কোম্পানী লিঃ, ঢাকা। পক্ষেঃ জনাব ম্যালকম

ভি, আই, পি (আয়কর) ঘোষণা

ফ্রাই, ম্যানেজিং ডাইরেক্টর। (২) লিভার ব্রাদার্স বাংলাদেশ লিঃ, চট্টগ্রাম। পক্ষেঃ জনাব আই, এস, স্যাংগস্থার, চেয়ারম্যান ও ম্যানেজিং ভাইরেক্টর, (৩) আমেরিকান এক্সপ্রেস ব্যাংক লিঃ, ঢাকা। পক্ষেঃ জনাব ডেভিড টমাস ক্যাভেনী, সিনিয়র ডাইরেক্টর ও কান্টি হেড, (৪) এ, এন, জেড, গ্রীভলেজ ব্যাংক, ঢাকা। পক্ষেঃ জনাব ডেভিড ফস্টার রবিনসন, জেনারেল ম্যানেজার, (৫) দি সিটি ব্যাংক লিঃ ঢাকা। পক্ষেঃ জনাব দীন মোহামদ, চেয়ারম্যান, (৬) জনাব মকবুলার রহ্মান, পরিচালক, রহ্মান এ্যান্ড এসোসিয়েটস লিঃ, ঢাকা, (৭) জনাব শাহাদত হোসেন, প্রোঃ মেসার্স শাহাদত হোসেন, স্টেশন রোড, রংপুর, (৮) জনাব, ফরিদ আহামদ ভূইয়া, প্রোঃ মেসার্স রুপায়ন প্রকৌশলী ও মেসার্স রাজীব গার্মেন্টস, বাড়ী নং-৮১০, সড়ক নং-৪, উত্তর আদাবর, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা, (৯) জনাব আনসার উদ্দিন, ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, পিপলস্ সিরামিক ইভাস্টিজ লিঃ, ঢাকা ও (১০) জনাব এস, এইচ, চৌধুরী, ব্যবস্থাপনা পরিচালক, স্কয়ার ফার্মাসিউটিক্যালস্ লিঃ, শালগাড়ীয়া,

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