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NEWS BRIEFS

**AL council session  
 June 1, 2**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Awami League working committee (ALWC) in its adjourned meeting held last night rescheduled its council session for June 1 and 2 in the Institution of Engineers. Earlier, it was scheduled to be held on May 30. The meeting was adjourned at 10 pm and will resume at 10 this morning. According to the meeting sources, today's meeting is likely to deliberate in details on the preparation of the council session. The question of selecting new committee of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of AL, is also likely to come up in the discussion, sources say.

**Milam visits  
 ICDDR,B**

US Ambassador to Bangladesh William B Milam Monday paid a visit to the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B). The Ambassador showed keen interest in the scientific programmes of the Centre and the service delivery arrangements of the ICDDR,B hospitals and pledged continued support of the US Government to the institution, reports UNB.

**Three with arms  
 arrested in Ctg**

CHITTAGONG, May 11: Panchalish police arrested three alleged miscreants and recovered from their possession one country made gun and two daggers from a hotel at Muradpur here today. Police raided the hotel and found the miscreants with the gun and daggers, reports BSS.

**One killed, 17 hurt  
 in Sirajganj clash**

SIRAJGANJ, May 11: A young man was killed and 17 others were injured in a bloody clash between villagers of Himnagar and Vinnabari under Tarash upazila today, police said. Yusuf (35) of Himnagar village who was hit by an iron bar, died on way to Sirajganj General Hospital, reports UNB.

PM goes to Delhi May 26

## Ganges water sharing will figure in Rao-Khaleda talks

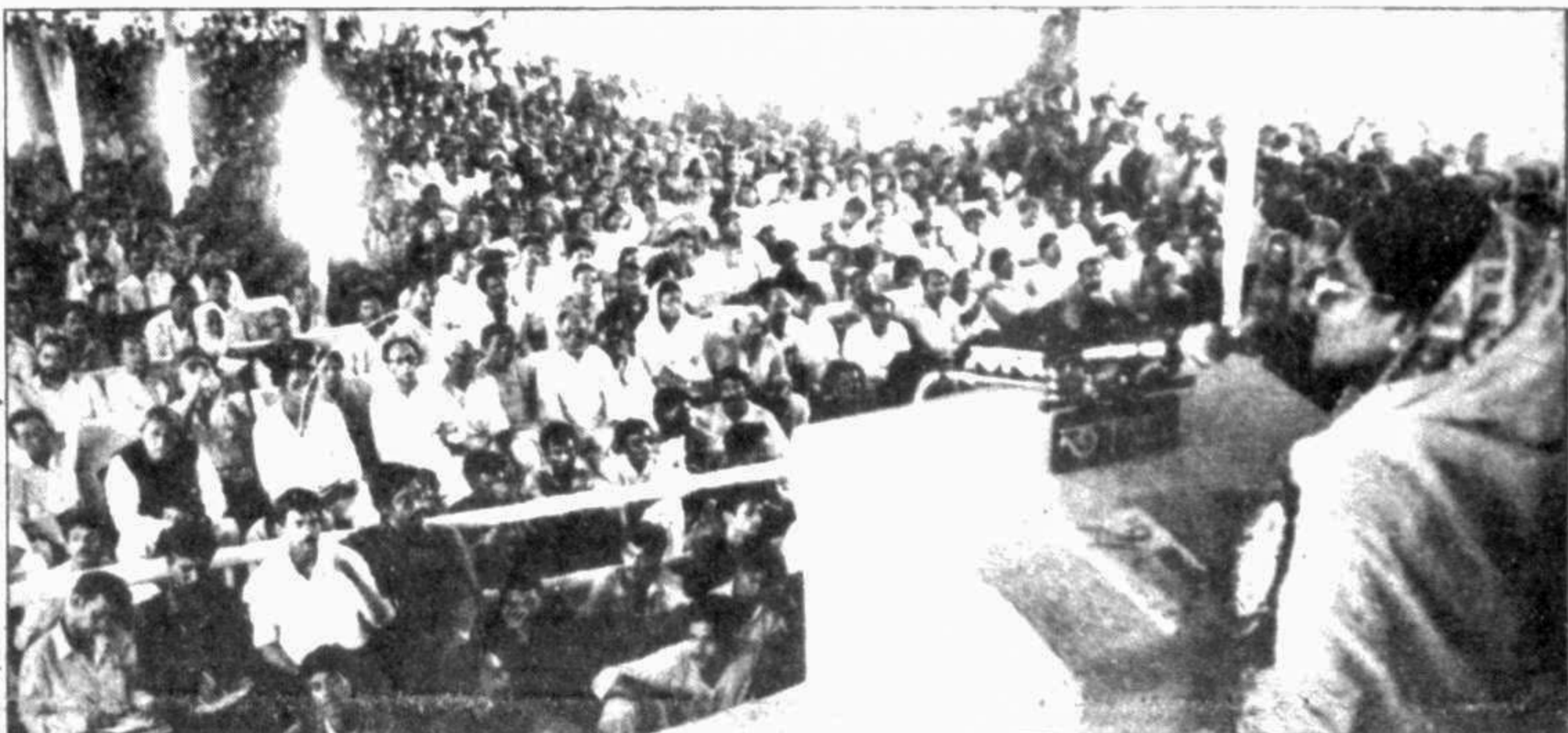
By Staff Correspondent

Belying earlier reports of 'uncertainty', the Prime Minister's visit to India has been officially announced and she will be there from May 26 to 28. The trip is taking place in the backdrop of 'constructive and cooperative attitude' of India in resolving the long-standing bilateral issues, an official said. The announcement made yesterday in Dhaka followed a meeting of the visiting Irrigation Minister, Majid-ul-Haq, with the Indian Prime Minister, Narasimha Rao. Haq's 45-minute session with Rao dealt with 'all bilateral issues and particularly the agenda of the forth coming Indo-Bangladesh summit', said

a Foreign Ministry official. He added that they also discussed 'regional and international issues'. The schedule of the Prime Ministerial trip had been finalised at the official level talks but both sides preferred not to make it public until Haq's meeting with the Indian Prime Minister. Majid-ul-Haq, accompanied by Additional Foreign Secretary A H Mahmood Ali, went to New Delhi Sunday as a special envoy of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. According to an official source, the water-sharing of the Ganges would top the summit agenda, thanks to Bangladesh's insistence. 'It seems India wants to re-

solve the major issues,' said a Foreign Ministry official who spoke of receiving such 'indications from the Indian side'. The other points to be discussed include the demarcation of land and maritime boundaries, return of the Chakma refugees sheltered in Tripura, and the economic issues. While dealing with the economic relations, the Bangladesh Prime Minister will emphasise on the trade imbalance against Bangladesh. Official sources say that India will make a plea for the installation of a pipeline through Bangladesh territories to carry gas from Tripura to West Bengal. The Indian side is also to

seek renewal of the two-year internal water protocol that allows water transportation through Bangladesh and the establishment of the railway link with Bangladesh. According to the agreement, renewable after each two years, Bangladesh has to maintain a draft of seven feet along the water path for which India pays a royalty to Bangladesh. The two leaders will review the status of SAARC. Bangladesh is to host the regional body's summit this December. Besides, cooperation in science and technology and cultural exchanges would also figure in the talks.



Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addressing the National Conference of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) at the Engineers Institution in city yesterday. —Star photo

## AL lost last polls due to conspiracy: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Sheikh Hasina has said that the Awami League lost the last Parliamentary elections due to conspiracy, even after securing the highest 38 per cent of total votes cast. Without a powerful organisation and dedicated party workers, it is not possible to overcome such conspiracies being hatched against the party since 1975, the opposition leader told the opening session of the national conference of AL's student wing, the Bangladesh Chhatra League, at the Institution of Engineers yesterday. The inaugural session was chaired by organisation's president Shah Alam and ad-

dressed among others by two leaders of the All India Students Federation Subhanshu Bhattacharya and Suranganu Bhattacharya. She urged the students to concentrate in their studies and to keep a terrorism-free campus.

**'We need consensus to implement AL policy'**

By Staff Correspondent

Sheikh Hasina on Monday emphasised the need for a consensus of all parties on

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Hasina said that the ruling party supported the 10-point demands of the students community but did not fulfill those after assuming power. Sheikh Hasina said that the country's sovereignty was now at stake as the defeated force of the independence war was armed with heavy weapons. 'How can the activists of a political party be armed with rocket launchers,' she asked the government adding 'is there any conspiracy of the agents of Pakistani military junta which fought against us in 1971?' Sheikh Hasina said that this government came to power

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## BCI writ against BB order Court asks govt, BB to reply today

The hearing of the writ petition filed by Shahabul Hossain, Principal Officer of Bangladesh Commerce and Investment Limited (BCI), challenging the Bangladesh Bank order dated April 28 suspending operations of BCI began Monday before a High Court Division Bench, reports BSS. The bench comprised Justice Anwarul Haq Chowdhury and Justice K M Hasan. Deputy Attorney General Hasan Arif, appearing for the government argued that violation of the terms and conditions of the non-banking institution as laid down by the Bangladesh Bank to BCI is liable for penal action under section 109/111 of Banking Companies Act 1991. Hasan further said that the order has been passed in the interest of the investors to protect their deposits, not for any other reason. After hearing the Deputy Attorney General, the court ordered the Government and

Bangladesh Bank to file the affidavit-in-opposition (reply) by today and fixed the date of hearing on May 13. Barrister Rokonuddin Mahmud and Advocate Murad Reza appeared for the petitioner. Deputy Attorney General Hasan Arif and Assistant Attorney General Obaidur Rahman Mostafa appeared for the government while advocate Abu Salek appeared for Bangladesh Bank. Meanwhile, the hearing of the anticipatory bail petition of Mustafizur Rahman, absconding Managing Director of the BCI continued yesterday before a High Court Division Bench comprising Justice Habibur Rahman Khan and Justice Muhammad Abdul Mannan. The petitioner's counsel Barrister Rokonuddin Mahmud argued that 'Rahman is an absolutely honest and hard working man and enjoys an impeccable reputation'. He said the case had been filed



People Power Party presidential candidate Miriam Defensor Santiago casting her ballot in Quezon City, Philippines yesterday. Santiago has little money or political machinery, but her reputation for corruption busting appeals to many voters. —AFP photo

## Fatikchhari killings Tension high in 4 Ctg upazilas: 46 more held

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 11: Tension remained high in four upazilas of Chittagong district as police arrested 46 more suspected terrorists in a pre-dawn swoop in Fatikchhari. The 46 persons mostly activists of the Chhatra Shibir and the National Democratic Party (NDP) were nabbed from Fatikchhari, Hatazari, Mirshahwar and Sitakunda in connection with the killing of three Awami League activists in Fatikchhari Friday. Police also held 14 alleged killers after fighting a fierce battle with them near Nazirhat College under Fatikchhari

upazila Sunday. Tension prevailed in the metropolis when pro-AL demonstrators marched through different thoroughfares of the port city protesting the Fatikchhari killings. While passing through the Agrabad Commercial Area, the demonstrators got violent and pelted a shipping agency office belonging to a politician and other adjoining business establishments, witnesses said. The protesters were later dispersed by the police, they added. Awami League and its front See Page 12 Col 2

## Tk 7150 cr revised ADP Allocation for poverty alleviation withdrawn

By Mahfuz Ullah

With the small allocation of Taka 20 crore for poverty alleviation completely withdrawn and some of the important social sectors suffering setbacks the revised Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the current financial year now stands at Taka 7150 crore. The ADP was earlier set at Taka 7500 crore and a 4.7 per cent cut has given it the present size. Of the revised size, Taka allocation is Taka 2947.36 crore and project aid is Taka 4202.64 crore. Despite criticisms and prescriptions from donors, the power and transport sectors have been given more money

in the revised ADP followed by mass communication, greater Dhaka flood control project, public administration, four municipal corporations and the canal digging programme. There was, however, no money available for canal digging and greater Dhaka flood control project. These sectors will now get Taka five crore and Taka 89.65 crore respectively. Under the revised ADP expenditures in transport, power, municipal corporations and public administration sectors go up by 39.6 per cent, 9.2 per cent, 270 per cent and See Page 12 Col 2

## Repatriation uncertain Persecution on, say incoming refugees

From Farid Hossain

TEKNAF, May 11: Fresh Rohingya Muslim refugees arriving in this frontier town on Monday said Myanmar soldiers are still continuing the persecution. The unabated persecution has turned into a major factor against the repatriation of more than 250,000 refugees that Bangladesh and Myanmar agreed to start from Friday next. Meanwhile, tension mounted in the refugee camps along this rugged hilly region as thousands of Rohingyas continued their street protests against the planned repatriation for the second day on Monday. Enduring intense heat the

demonstrators in groups of 2000 to 4000 paraded through See Page 12 Col 5

## US sanctions on Russian, Indian enterprises

WASHINGTON, May 11: The United States announced Monday it has imposed sanctions on enterprises from Russia and India for a deal they concluded involving the sale of booster rockets, reports AP. But it was not clear whether the sanctions would have a damaging effect on either enterprise. Deputy State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the transfers were inconsistent with the guidelines of an international grouping which attempts to curb trafficking in sensitive military technology.

## Dhaka, KL for joint body to review ties regularly

KUALA LUMPUR, May 11: Bangladesh and Malaysia have decided to form a joint commission to regularly review the bilateral relations in all fields, particularly trade, investment and joint venture in industries, reports BSS. The decision was taken in the official meeting, held here today between Bangladesh and Malaysia. Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and Malaysian See Page 12 Col 8

## Gano-Adalat sponsors allowed to go on bail

The District and Sessions Judge Court Monday allowed 23 sponsors of the 'Gano-Adalat' to go on bail previously granted by the High Court, reports UNB. They appeared in the Court on Sunday and prayed for bail in a criminal case filed in connection with public trial of controversial Jamaat leader Prof Golam Azam. The 1st Additional District and Sessions Judge, Zinat Ara, granted the prayer Monday.

## Yet another dry spell on

By Staff Correspondent  
 City dwellers are again in the grip of a dry spell. The sultry weather that set in at the end of last week was attributed by weathermen to See Page 12 Col 4

## Deportation of 140 Bangladeshis From Saudi Arabia A Rejoinder

It has come to our notice that during the last few days a number of daily newspapers covering different stories involving our company's name directly and indirectly concerning the above subject. We have observed these news are contradicting one with another and a total distortion of facts. Unfortunately, such statements were made baselessly without our authority and even without any sorts of communication with us whatsoever. For reasons stated above we consider it expedient to make the following statement concerning the above subject in order to remove all sorts of ambiguity and doubts from the minds of all concerned: That on 5th May, 1992 we despatched 140 employment passengers with all valid papers and visas to one of our employer in Jeddah by Biman Bangladesh Airlines Extra Section Flight No. BG 107. But unfortunately, the Immigration Department in Jeddah suspecting the genuineness of these visas returned back all the workers on the same flight. Immediately thereafter we took up the matter with the Saudi Embassy in Dhaka and the matter is still under their investigation. As such the reason what was stated in the Dailies that for the reasons of Rubber stamp these workers came back cannot be accepted as a fact as we are aware that along with our group in the same flight other workers also came back even having Exit and Re-entry visas. So, we wish to reiterate here that the above matter have already been referred to the Saudi Embassy in Dhaka and we expect that there would be a solution very soon concerning the despatch of these deportees.

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