Dozens executed in Kabul

KABUL, May 24: Vigilante groups have executed dozens of looters and burned thou erase the last traces of com ports AFP.

Bonfires of communist lit-Jalalabad under the supervision of Islamic warriors who toppled the Soviet-installed regime last month after 14 years of war.

They are happening everywhere," said Assem Akram, spokesman for interim President Sibghatullah Mojadeddi, when asked by reporters for directions to one such show.

Vigilante groups have executed 66 of 120 people caught plundering Kabul to instill fear among looters although Islamic laws do not provide death for theat, sources here said.

Chaired by DUCSU VP

Amanullah Aman, MP, it was

also addressed by more than

30 speakers, including Dhaka

University VC Prof Maniruzz-

aman Mia, Foreign Minister

ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Ed-

ucation Minister Barrister

Jamiruddin, Sircar, Works Mi-

nister Barrister Rafiq, Barri

ster Moinul Hossein, BFUJ

President Reazuddin Ahmed,

DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Kho-

kon, AGS Nazimuddin Alam,

CUCSU VP and Chhatra League

leader Azimuddin and JUCSU

"violence is the greatest en-

emy, unless it is uprooted from

society, we cannot expect the

with major political parties on

December 3 last year for dis-

cussing ways of stamping cam-

pus violence, the Prime

Minister said a 7-point charter

was agreed upon to combat the

launch a drive against the ter-

rorists in accordance with law

and irrespective of party and

group affiliations of the trou-

olutions adopted by the parties

had failed to solve the prob-

the terrorists for political pur-

poses ?" The Prime Minister

asked and asserted that her

mising on any compromise

"We have ordered the law

Saifur

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sion on overall economic situa

Minister the meeting was at-

tended by Law, Justice and

Parliamentary Affairs Minister

Mirza Golam Hafiz, Agriculture

and Irrigation, Water Develo-

pment and Flood Control

Minister M Majid-ul-Haque,

Health Minister Chowdhury

Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Commerce

Minister MK Anwar, Food

Minister Mohammad Shamsul

Islam, Information Minister

Barrister Nazmul Huda, Energy

and Mineral Resource Minister

Dr Kh Mosharraf Hossain,

Education Minister Barrister

Zamir Uddin Sircar, Jute

Minister ASM Hannan Shah,

Planning Minister AM Zahir

Uddin Khan, State Minister for

School boy

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sent to the hospital morgue for

was murdered in sequel to a

previous quarrel with some

rushed to the spot and picked

up six boys from the area for

Mithu, Milton, Sentu, Tipu,

Chunnu, Mansur and Jahangir.

They were kept in the

Monwara Begum lodged a

murder case with Dhanmondi

Mother of the victim,

Dhanmondi police custody.

other young boys of the area.

interrogation.

Police Station.

Police said. Shahabuddin

Dhanmondi police said they

The nabbed boys were

Textile Abdul Mannan.

Chaired by the Finance

government was uncompro-

But, she regretted, the res-

"Who are those nurturing

blemakers.

with violence.

cherished development."

The Prime Minister said

Referring to her meeting

VP Maniruzzaman.

looted in the confusion of factional fighting following the transfer of power.

Witnesses said Mujahideen soldiers had paraded men accused of trying to compromise women, flogged petty thieves and meted out instant justice on the streets of Kabul in the cuphoria of ending communist

Janata Tower case proceedings to resume after Eid

A bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court Sunday issued rule in the case popularly known as Janata Tower Case, involving allotment of a commercial plot at Kawran Bazar, to stay its proceedings till one week after the end of Eid-ul-Azha vacation, reports BSS.

The bench comprised Justice Habibur Rahman Khan and Justice Abdul Mannan. The court will remain closed on account of Eid holidays from June 1 to June 16.

vesterday in observance of poet Kazi Nazrul Islam's 93rd anniversary of birth. - Star photo

'Diplomatic goods' recovered from

an imaginary diplomat with a false address, reports BSS.

According to an official handout issued here Sunday, the illegal imports prestigious bohemian crystal chandeliers, from Czechoslovakia, wine glasses, flower vases and ashtrays, which were flown into Bangladesh in 14 wooden crates in 1987 when the former Industries Secretary AKM Mosharraf Hossain was the Chairman of Bangladesh Chemical Industries

hidden in the BCIC godown along with other government materials on the instruction of Mosharral Hossain.

Two Myanmar refugees killed in accident

Minster said it was generated least two Myanmar refugees were killed and 12 others injured in a accident on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf road on Sunday, police sources said.

The victims were going to

The dead were identified as Umar Abbas (60) and Nurunnahar (10).

Nazrul's birthday

Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate both the functions as chief guest while State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum is expected to preside over the functions.

Besides the national level programme, different social and cultural organisations have chalked out claborate programme in Dhaka to celebrate the birth anniversary with laying of wreaths at the mazar of the rebel poet on the Dhaka University campus.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas in a message Sunday described the rebel poet as "bold symbol of our national unity" and said celebration of the birth anniversary of this great poet would provide a spontaneous inspiration to

Khaleda Zia in a separate mes sage Sunday said poet Nazrul's writings against oppression and discrimination would always inspire us in building an exploitation-free happy and a prosperous Bangladesh.

Terming the poet a *bright star' in the domain of Bengali literature. Begum Zia said Nazrul's allround creative works had enriched Bengali language and literature on the one hand, and, on the other expanded 'the horizon of our thinking by touching com monman's mind."

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina has said poet Nazrul's literary works had inspired the Bengalee nation into the fight for freedom from centuries old colonial rule and social sys-

In a message yesterday she

which may not like to fritter

away even the limited gain

sharing of waters in the past,

covering the period between

January and May averaged 55

per cent for Bangladesh and

45 per cent for India. Even in

recent two months, when the

flow at the Farakka came down

to around 55,000 cusecs from

nearly 80,000 cusecs in

January and February, India

honoured its part of the

agreement, withdrawing only

the thread from where it was

let off in 1982. Her personal

envoy, Bangladesh Minister for

Irrigation Majedul Huq has

prepared the ground. But it is

not easy to span the sterile

relationship of one decade, of

arguments and counter- argu-

ments, accusations and coun-

Narasimha Rao told Majedul

lluq that his is after all a

minority government, a cons-

Besides, Prime Minister

ter-accusations.

Begum Zia has picked up

35,000 cusecs of water.

Officials here say that the

from the Farakka Barrage.

India looks at visit of Begum Zia

said: The poet fought with pen for justice, beauty and equality against injustice, repression and exploitation," the Awami League President said in a message on the eve of 93rd anniversary of birth of rebel poet Nazrul Islam.

The teachers, students, of ficials and employees of Dhaka University will bring out a procession at 6.30 am today and place wraths at the mazar of Nazrul

Bangla Academy will organ ise a discussion, and recitation and musical function to mark the day.

Chhayanat, a leading cultural organisation of the country, will hold a musical and dance programme at 7 pm at the Shilpakala Academy Auditorium today to celebrate the birth anniversary.

place wreaths at the mazar at 6-01 am and hold a discussion.

adds: All preparations have been completed to celebrate the birth anniversary. The three-day programme

at Comilla begins at the local stadium at 4 pm. The functions include book fair, exhibi tions of various personal belongings of the poet, and cul tural programme.

ical organisations have been working jointly since a month ago for smooth holding of the

Radio Bangladesh will broadcast live the functions a Comilla and Bangladesh Television will put up special programmes on the occasion.

perse the clashing groups. However no arrest was made in this connection yesterday, according to Kotwali police.

clashes Thursday last.

injured and around 30 people were arrested during the clashes over the last few days in

At least 50 persons were

again

By Staff Correspondent

after a break on Saturday, again

Two groups of musclemen,

The musclemen of Lal

Chand Mukim Lane and Golok

Pal Lane had for a long time

been at loggerheads over the

control of the brothel at

English Road. Finally both the

groups entered into bloody

shots and exploded crackers

during a one-hour clash from

11:30 am to 12:30 pm yester

resorted to baton-charge and

lobbed tear gas shells to dis-

Police rushed on the spot

The clashing groups fired

Population

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Works Department said in a joint paper that nearly 40 per cent of the urban population of the country lives in Dhaka followed by Chittagong with 31.14 per cent.

The paper titled "Bastuhara settlement: attitude and response of the dwellers in a low income urban housing scheme," said that since 1985 Dhaka has needed 300,000 new housing units annually to meet the increasing demands for housing. But the target has not been reached. how more

The paper was presented to the SAARC South Asian Association for Regional Coopera tion architects regional semi nar on shelter held in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo in last November

It said that if the present increase continued. Dhaka would have a 11.2 million population by the year 2000.

It said that 85 per cent of the city population lived under the poverty level while 37 pcr cent lived in nearly 1,500 slums around the capital.

It is also pointed out that Sutrapur and Kotwali were two of the most densely populated areas of the world accommodating more than 200,000 and 348,000 people per sq mile respectively. Meanwhile, a project has

been undertaken to prepare new master plans for the development of Dhaka and Chittagong cities. United Nation Centre for

Human Settlement (UNCHS) is providing logistic support to the Bangladesh government for the project financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The 15-crore Taka five-year project would cover Savar Joydevpur and Narayanganj as the Dhaka city area in the new master plan. The first master plan for

Dhaka city was prepared in 1959 but became invalid as it was not modified or implemented timely.

Musclemen clash in old city The Widnight Sile

14 blacks killed in S African violence

JOHANNESBURG, May 24: Police said Sunday that 14 blacks were killed in townships outside Johannesburg, including two youths who died when a grenade exploded as they handled it.

Black areas outside the city have accounted for much of the political violence that has claimed more than 1,000 lives nationwide this year, reports AP.

Klestil to succeed Waldheim

VIENNA, May 24: Conservative Thomas Klestil, a former ambassador to Washington, won a convincing victory Sunday in the runoff election to succeed President Kurt Waldheim and end Austria's six years of awkward isolation. Klestil. candidate of the Conservative People's Party, won easily what had been expected to be a neck- an- neck race with Social Democrat Rudolf Streicher, reports AP.

Six policemen injured in Madrid bomb blast

MADRID, May 24: A car bomb believed to have been planted by the Basque separatist group ETA exploded Sunday in central Madrid, injuring at least six policemen, authorities said. There were no immediate claims of responsibility for the attack, reports AP.

Hasina: Neo-autocracy

From Page 1 Col 3 on the pro-liberation camp with a design to foil the anti-Golam Azam movement as well as jeopardise national independence.

"As this government doesn't believe in democratic practice, it is instigating terrorists and anti liberation elements to destabilise the situation and run the country in an autocratic style." Demanding execution of the

people's court" verdict on Golam Azam, she asserted that the Bangabandhu government did never pardon those war criminals and rajakars involved in killings, arson, rape and loot during the nine months of war

in a scathing attack on Jamaat-Shibir for resorting to "unislamic" activities, she said these evil elements who supplied women to the Pakistani occupation soldiers in 1971 have again raised their ugly heads misinterpreting Islam."

The Awami League chief asked her party workers and supporters to say prayers in mosques so that the Jamaatis could not spotl the sanctity of places of worship by using those as party offices.

Referring to economic sit uation, she said the government party had failed to come out with specific economic programmes to salvage the na tional economy from the pit of

Unbridled galloping of prices of essentials has already battered the commonman, she said, adding fresh taxation on

gas, water and electricity would further aggravate their misery.

She also accused the government of conceding to conditions of donor agencies in receiving foreign aid at the cost of national interest.

In this context, Hasina referred to Awami League's new economic policy aimed at achieving a self-reliant economy ensuring wellbeing of the downtrodden through boosting agricultural and industrial production.

Hasina warned of unpalatable consequences of any retrenchment of workers without creating alternative jobs. She demanded reopening of all closed mills and factories and employment of thousands of jobless educated people.

Presided over by Satkhira Awami League leader Syed Kamal Bakht Shaki, the meeting was also addressed, among others, by Amir Hossain Amu, Dr Selim, Khan Tipu Sultan, Makbul Hossain, Mansur Ali Gazi, MP, and former Chhatra League leader Mrinal Kanti

reception at Kashipur High School where she also gave away prizes among the school children for their good performances. She also inaugurated a

Earlier, Hasina attended a

memorial at Parkumira in memory of 39 freedom fight-

ers killed in a fight in 1971.

The Awami League President will address four public meetings in Jessore tomorrow.

CUCSU VP expelled from BCL (M-I)

CHITTAGONG, May 24: Chittagong University chapter of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) (M-l) today expelled Nazimuddin, a leader of BCL and Vice-President of Chittagong University Central Students Union (CUCSU) on charge of tarnishing the image of the organisation, a BCL press release said here tonight, reports BSS.

The decision to expel Nazimuddin has taken at an emergency meeting of BCL, Chittagong University Branch with Branch president Manzur Alam Shaheen in the chair.

BCL leaders Mizanur Rahman, Liaquat Ali Khan, Rashidul Hyder Javed, Anup Khashiagir, Suhrab Hussain Sohaq, SM Rashedul Alam, Kazi Sohel Haider, Shibashish Dutta Oshim and others addressed the meeting alleging that Nazimuddin was maintaining secret contact with Jamaat-Shibir and collecting illegal tolls.

15 injured

At least 15 people were injured as armed rivals clashed at Sadarghat area in the city Sunday over taking lease of a ferry-ghat.

Clashes started at about 11 The two rival groups ex-

ploded around 100 crackers and fired gunshots during the

spot, resorted to baton charge and lobbed tear gas shells to bring the situation under con-

persons from the spot. Police however declined to disclose their names.

Chan Mia, Salek, Mizan, Shahabuddin, and Harun Mia were identified. Among them Harun Mia was admitted to Pongu Hospital.

Two killed in accidents

By DMCH Correspondent Two persons were killed in two separate road accidents at Bangla Motor and Sayedabad in the city Sunday. Masud, 30, an employee of

Pal Mal Garments died as a garbage carrying truck of Dhaka City Corporation ran him over at Bangla Motor at around 8 am. Fatally injured Masud was

immediately rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) but he succumbed to his injuries immediately after admission there. The victim was on the way

to his office at New Eskaton road from his residence at Hatirpool. A rickshaw puller died on

the spot as a speeding truck ran him over at Sayedabad at around 6 pm. The victim was not imme-

diately identified. He was around 30. The body was sent the DMCH morgue.

Gautam Dewan

still unmoved RANGAMATI, May 24: The

Local Government Council of the district at a meeting today condemned the May 20 incident and demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for it. Twentythree out of 30

members of the council attended the meeting held for the first time since chairman Goutam Dewan resigned on May 20 following clashes between rival groups of students which left 12 injured and more than 60 houses and shops burnt.

Meeting sources told UNB that the members made fresh attempt in persuading Gautam Dewan to withdraw his resignation but he remained adamant

The meeting demanded that victims of May 20 incident should be adequately compensated and rehabilitated.

town continued for the fifth day today. No untoward incident was reported from any-

some minimum quantity of

Even by hinting at closing the door on Begum Zia, New personal anxiety to contain the anti-India lobby.

pects indeed look good for the success of Begum Zia's state visit to India, a visit that should generate goodwill and cooperation between the two neighbours at both bilateral and regional levels.

traint when it comes to taking different with West Bengal Little chances of smooth repatriation

From Page 1 Col 4 The official, whose identity was not available from UNHCR offices in Cox's Bazar and Dhaka. Also urged the Rohingyas to steer clear of "any movement" that would lead to their breaking the laws of the country which has given them

sanctuary. "We cannot tell you when to go back, and we depend on you tell us when you want to go back," he said.

Sources said this was in line with Dhaka's request to the UNHCR to four camps to explain what voluntary return meant and assure Rohingyas that they would not be forcibly repatriated.

Omar Faruque, the Chittagong Division Commissioner,

warned that demonstrations would not be tolerated and said "I want to warn you demonstrations or any actions against Bangladeshi laws will not be tolerated and you will suffer if you don't trust us."

He said Bangladesh was for Bangladeshis and Myanmar was the home of Rohingyas. Meanwhile, security and

camp officials also criticized private aid organisations, saving "even the small number agreeing to go are backing out because of propaganda by some aid agencies.

One official said most were religious organisations which were "brains" behind recent anti-repatriation demonstra-They also implicated the

Sans Frontieres (MSF or doctors without frontiers). A UNHCR spokeswoman in Dhaka refused to comment on

the allegations. The major Muslim aid agencics include the Saudi Arabiabased Rabita and Pakistanbased Islamic Relief Associa-

tion (ISRA). Residents and officials also charge the Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami

party, of instigating the refugees not to return. The Jamaat, earlier linked to such allegations, had said it only "kept in touch" with the Rohingyas as Muslim brothers." Several refugees said local students had helped them write their placards. Refugee Commissioner Islam said he was aware of the alle-

gations against the aid agen-

cies and would investigate

said of the 27.5 million aid appeal made by the High for the refugees, only 13.9 mtllion had so far been commit-

refugees. Officials said with aid money only trickling in, it was difficult for this impoverished

Commissioner Sadako Ogata

Clash over lease of ferry-ghat:

By Staff Correspondent

am and continued till 5 pm.

Kotwali police rushed to the

Police also arrested seven

Of the injured, Abul Kalam,

Section 144 imposed in the where in the town.

sands of bottles of vodka, as Kabul's new regime sets out to munism from Afghan society and replace it with Islam, reerature have been lit in the cities of Kabul, Herat and

The government has not commented on the extra-judicial killings in Kabul, where several diplomatic missions and private complexes were

Khaleda: Convention From Page 1 Col 7 enforcing agencies to nab the terrorists whoever they may ties and varsity halls.

> The ruling BNP and its student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal have reportedly asked the agencies to track down traublemakers in Job following mternecine clasues "We want to see reflection of the same spirit in other po-

be, she said in the message.

ties, setting fire to vehicles in the streets, creating chaos and issuing statements to protect the terrorists are going on." "We must bear it in mind that the people of the country are above all, be it party or in-

litical parties," she said, "but

obstructing police in their du-

dividual," she added. Making a flashback on the glorious role played by the student community in the 1952 language movement, 1969 mass upsurge, liberation war in 1971 and 9 years of movement against autocracy, the Prime Minister expressed deep gratitude for their contribution.

such glorious heritage didn't The meeting also agreed to have any connection with terrorism, it was imported from Dwelling on the genesis of violence in 30 years, the Prime

She said the greater stu-

dent community which has

in the 1960's and surfaced again after the liberation war. Peaceful environment had prevailed in all educational institutions, including Dhaka University, during the rule of President Ziaur Rahman, she

claimed. Referring to violence let loose in campuses during the autocratic rule, resulting in unscheduled closures of Dhaka University for five years. Begum Zia alleged the terrorists pitted by the last regime

had become desperate for foiling the new democracy. She expressed her firm determination to mop up vio-

Santiago

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lence from society.

The 46-year-old mother of two has accused the government of President Corazon Aquino, who is backing Ramos, of falsifying the results to push

the former general ahead.

attention 'to the facts and documents I have at hand which prove election fraud. "I was telling the American president this simply as a matter of information, hoping that as the leading democratic

country in the western world,

She said she called Bush's

the United States might take such action as it might see fit, Meanwhile, President Corazon Aquino urged Filipi-nos today to set aside feuds over the May 11 elections and back her successor - apparently

former desence chief Fidel "I would like to appeal to our countrymen that once the new president of the country is proclaimed, we should give him all of our support because the job ahead will be difficult", Aquino said in her weekly ra-

dio programme. "I would like the victors to practice some humility and to approach their former political opponents and ask them to support," the government, she

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Two Nazrul Sangeet Shilpi Goshthi singers on stage at Shilpakala Academy auditorium

BCIC godown! The Bureau of Anti Corruption has unearthed a case of importing a huge quantity of expensive contraband luxury goods as 'diplomatic goods' through a forged bill of entry and under the name of

Corporation (BCIC). These goods were kept

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, May 24: At

Teknaf upazila headquarters from nearby Dumdumia Camp by a jeep which overturned near Baraitali at around 12

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people have been affected and

even the standing crop has

wilted beyond redemption.

There are only 13,000 cusecs

of water available against

30,000 which flowed from

1977 to 1982 when India had

guaranteed that much mini-

mum to Bangladesh through an

to blame. One part of the

agreement was that both

Bangladesh and India would

look for alternative sources to

augment water. But the two

sides turned down each

other's proposals. New Delhi

did not agree to Dhaka's sugge-

stion to associate Kathmandu,

a third party, to build rescr-

voirs in Nepal to increase the

quantum of water. Now, to the

irritation of Dhaka, India has

signed such an agreement with

and Bihar which have depleted

the Ganges further by drawing

more water from it are gover-

ned by opposition parties. It is

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh

However, India is not alone

agreement.

Nepal.

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consolidate national unity. Prime Minister Begum

Abbasuddin Academy will Our Comilla correspondent

All social, cultural and polit-

The concluding function will be held at the Daulatpur village at Comilla district.

major daring long-term cannot refuse to guarantee policies. It is against this background that the two sides can reach some kind of an understanding that paves the way for moving forward. However, Indian sources say that whatever agreement is visualised, it should be for four to five years and that during this period, Bangladesh must have its own projects completed to augment water. The Bangladesh Irrigation Minister agreed to this when

he talked to some of us during his visit to New Delhi. However, all said and done, India has an obligation towards Bangladesh, human and political. When millions in a neighbouring country face starvation because of niggardly supply of water, India cannot think of washing away the silt from the Hooghly or making Calcutta port more operational. True, there is no contractual commitment but the human family is one. We can argue that there is less water in the Ganges and that Bangladesh should share "our inadequacies." But India

Delhi would give the anti-India elements in Bangladesh a talking point. As some observers here say, there is a whispering campaign in Bangladesh that New Delhi is "punishing" Khaleda Zia for having defeated "pro-India" Sheikh Hasina. It is said here that this line is being fuelled by some of the leaders of the ruling BNP and that the Prime Minister Zia has taken no steps to silence them. During her talks in the Indian capital, she should indeed provide some evidence of her

As seen from here, pros-

UNIICR and the Medicins

Wild rumours spread by unidentified quarters were also creating panic among the

South Asian country to bear economic burden for long. A UNHCR spokeswoman