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NEWS BRIEFS

Sramik Dal leaders meet Khaleda

Central leaders of Jatiy atabadi Sramik Dal yesterday met Prime Minister Begun Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office. They discussed labour situation, opening up of closed mills, situation in denationalised mills and welfare of workers. The labour leaders also hailed the government for presenting a pro-development budget, reports BSS.

SAARC tech body meet begins today

A three-day meeting of the technical committee on health and population activities o SAARC begins at 10 am today at Hotel Sheraton, reports

· Land Bank to be set up

A Land Bank will be set up to extend credit to farmers keeping their land mortgaged Finance Minister Saifur Rah man told a post-budget press conference here yesterday that the proposed bank will provide relief to the farmers from high interest rate they pay to money lenders, reports UNB.

One killed, 30 hurt in Adamjee clash

By Staff Correspondent

One person was shot dead Kutty Mia lived at Char Sumilapara village near the and another 30 people injured mills, about 15 kilometers in a bloody showdown between south-east of the capital. two rival groups of labourers in The identity of the four inthe Adamjee Jute Mills area

Siddhirganj police said that

Kutty Mia (25) was killed and

30 workers of the mills were

injured when the labourers be-

longing to the Rehan group

and the Kashem group locked

in a two-hour clash beginning

were rushed to Dhaka with

serious bullet wounds while

the rest were released after

first aid at the local clinics and

correspondent, the dead man

and four other injured persons

were brought to the hospital

According to our DMCH

They said seven people

at about 6 pm Friday.

medical dispensaries.

with bullet wounds.

jured are: Bhola Mia (22) with a bullet wound on his back. Aziz (19) with bullet in his right leg, Tajul Islam (30) with injuries on the right leg and Kamal Hossain (25) with injuries on right hand.

Our Narayangani correspondent says that the clash, which ensued at about 6 in the evening Friday and continued till 8 pm, was a sequel to an carlier clash between the two groups on May 30 that left one labourer of the mills dead.

The fight began near the Moonlight Cinema near the jute mills and spread over to Kadamtali, Sumilpara and Sona Mia market of the area.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the Grand National Convention '92 of

engineers, agriculturists, doctors and Bangladesh Civil Service Coordination

Minister while inaugurating

production oriented and effi-

cient manpower, innovation

and development of appropri-

ate technology for breaking the

shackles of dependence, she

said the country has the poten-

tial to overcome the back-

Association (BMA) president

Dr M A Mazed chaired the in-

augural function at the

Bangladesh Civil Services

Reaction to budget proposals

Agri-subsidy cut under fire

By Staff Correspondent

budget for implementing the

policies included in the indus-

trial policy of the country. He

said the proposed enhance-

ment rate of land development

tax would certainly hinder the

ever, hailed the budget for

providing a dynamic tax ad-

ministration that, according to

him, would ensure revenue

earnings if it was implemented

dividend income should be

imposed in the interest of in-

vestment and industrialisation.

as shown in the budget ap-

peared to be inconsistent in

some cases, the DCCI presi-

dent said, adding that tax had

been reduced on some con-

struction materials like ce-

ment, whereas new tax had

been proposed on its raw ma-

removal of the inconsistencies.

Chamber of Commerce and

He, however, suggested

UNB says: Metropolitan

terial called clinker.

M Youns felt that no tax on

The benefit of tax reduction

The DCCI president, how-

growth of industries.

properly.

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Engineers' Institute.

Bangladesh Medical

It was also addressed by

wardness.

Emphasising the need for

the two-day conference.

Committee at Engineers' Institution yesterday.

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia yesterday said her

government wants to build up

a dynamic, development-ori-

ented and science and tech-

nology-based administration

for achieving self-reliance in

we have to break the poverty

cycle, arrange dal-bhat for the

poor people, give them jobs,

health, and education facili-

ties," she told a grand confer-

ence of doctors, engineers and

agriculturists here in the af-

hind anymore," said the Prime

"We don't want to lag be-

Handsome allocation for the

education and health sector

and the tax reform measures

were hailed by most of the

business and professional

groups, political parties and

organisations in the post bud-

get reaction. However, most of

them were critical about the

reduction of subsidy from the

groups and business organisa-

tions also mentioned that the

proposed budget had not

enough incentive to attract

Chamber of Commerce and

Industry (DCCI) M Yunus at a

discussion meeting on the

proposed national budget said

that the matter partaining to

the protection of the local in-

dustries had not been given

much importance in the new

any incentive for investment in

industry in the proposed bud-

get. Unfortunately, there was

hardly any provision in the

He said there was hardly

President of the Dhaka

people for investment.

budget.

A number of professional

agriculture sector.

"We have many works to do,

every sector, reports UNB.

All cadre services equal in

democratic system: PM

Witnesses said more than 100 crackers were blasted while the feuding groups freely used sawed-up rifles, shot guns, pistols, daggers and ram daos in the battle.

The whole area was panic stricken as people began running at all directions and the shops shuttered. Vehicular movement on the

came suspended during the Rehan group has links with Awami League while Kashem

Demra-Narayangaj Road be-

Group is backed by the ruling The Superintendent of Police in Narayanganj district, who visited the spot, told the Daily Star last night that the situation had been brought under control while security had

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Duty on powdered milk not raised

By Staff Correspondent Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said that the import duty on tinned powdered milk had not been increased in the proposed budget for 1992-93 as reported quoting the circulated text of his budget speech in Parliament.

Addressing a post-budget press conference in the Jatiya Sangsad premises, he said a decision had already been taken to withdraw the raised import duty on the item although an increase from the existing 25 per cent to 45 per cent was included in the text of the budget speech.

However, it was not deleted from the text of the budget speech distributed in Parliament, he added.

"I did not read that particular portion during my budget speech in Parliament," he as-

The minister also added that the import duty on baby food had been decreased from the current 30 per cent to 15 per cent in the budget pro-

Democratic

Forum

launched

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Democratic Forum

was formally launched on

Friday with Dr Kamal Hossain

for a greater national consen-

sus on pressing problems fac-

The forum pledged to work

People irrespective of polit-

Dr Kamal delivered the in-

ical affiliation can become

augural speech while the open-

ing session in the premises of

forum office at Segun Bagicha

was presided over by former

vice-chancellor of Dhaka

University Prof Fazlul Halim

former Aly Zaker read out the

declaration of the forum. Poet

Begum Sufia Kamal, Dr Nilima

Ibrahim, Dr Syeda Feroza

Begum, Dilip Barua, Nurul

Islam Nahid, Shah Jahan Siraj

MP, Abul Bashar, Pankaj

Bhattacharya, Shirin Akter,

Justice K M Sobhan and

Reazuddin Ahmed gave con-

gratulatory speeches wishing

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success of the forum.

Noted TV and stage per-

as its convenor.

ing the nation.

Chowdhury.

member of the forum.

The much-talked-about

Saifur says budget will help remove poverty trap

By Staff Correspondent

Mine blast near camp

Bangladesh soldier in

Cambodia loses eyes

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said that the proposed budget for 1992-93 was geared towards making the economy "export-oriented and export-led" to bring about national development.

Addressing a crowded post budget press conference at the committee room of the Jatiya Sangsad, the Minister also hoped that all boycotting opposition parties would join the ongoing budget session in Parliament

"I would have been most satisfied if they (the opposition) had attended the opening budget session," he said while noting that it was is the duty of both the government and the opposition to run the See Page 12 Col 7

PHNOM PENH, June 19:

The United nations peace-

keeping operation suffered its

first mine accident today when

a Bangladeshi soldier lost his

eyes in a mine blast, reports

forward to clear small trees

from a camp where UN peace-

keepers were setting up their

tents just north of the central

city of Siem Reap when the

mine exploded, said UN

His eyes were 'perforated'

in the accident, and he was

evacuated to Bangkok to be

met by an eye specialist, Falt

conscious and could speak

soldiers stationed in Siem

Reap, which has been heavily

mined throughout the 13-year

gent arrived in the town of

Phum Bouk, 15 kilometers

The wounded man's contin-

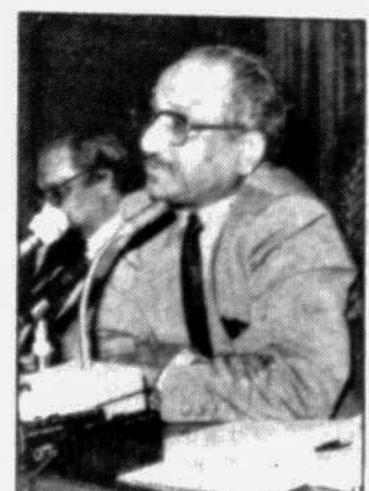
after the accident, he said.

The wounded soldier was

There are 850 Bangladeshi

spokesman Eric Falt.

The soldier was bending



Saifur addressing a postbudget press conference yesterday. -PID photo

(nine miles) north of Siem

injury was erroneous, Falt said.

another person was injured,

but the injury was of a lighter

related injury of a UN peace-

keeper since the operation be-

of the Australian contingent

was shot in the arm and in the

leg as his helicopter flew over

Khmer Rouge territory in cen-

nom Penh says: A UN heli-

copter evacuated two injured

Bangladeshi soldiers from

northwestern Cambodia to Ph-

transmissions, monitored by

Reuters, the Bangladeshis

were flown from the province

of Siem Reap. They are part of

the UN peace-keeping contin-

According to UN radio

nom Penh on Friday.

gent in Cambodia.

A Reuter report from Ph-

tral Cambodia.

An initial report of a second

An earlier report said that

This was the second war-

Earlier this year, the head

Reap city, about a week ago.

before Justice Ruma Pal of the Calcutta High Court, challenging the legality of the acquisition of land by the government of West Bengal for the construction of a corridor at Tinbigha in Coochbehar district of West Bengla, reports PTI. The petition, moved by Niharendu Dutta Mazumdar on behalf of Monmochanm Roy. President, Kuchlibari Sangram Committee, under Article 226 of the constitution, prayed for

an ad-interim order staying the impunged proceedings sought to have been initiated under the land requisition and acquisition act in Tinbigha. The writ was opposed by

Naro Narayan Gooptu, Advocate General, West Bengal, who appeared for the state of West Bengal, saying that the petitioner had no locus standi to See Page 12 Col 4

AL to continue boycotting JS

By Staff Correspondent

The Working Committee of Awami League yesterday resolved that the party would stick to the joint decision of the opposition parties in Parliament except the Jamaat to continue boycotting the budget session unless the ruling party offers an honourable solution to the four-point op-

The opposition parties jointly decided to boycott the budget session Thursday after noon with the ruling party's continued indifference' to their demands that included the trial of the Jamaat chief Golam Azam under the International Crimes Act, 1973, withdrawal of cases against 24 persons associated with the public trial of Golam Azam, ensuring due honour to the Opposition chief in Parliament

tion parties. Presided over by the party chief Sheikh Hasina the Awami League Working Committee (ALWC) meeting was held yes-

Opposition in Parliament. The ALWC also discussed,

DU reopens today:

By DU Correspondent

opens today (Saturday) after ten days' Eid-ul-Azha vacation. But the classes will not be held since the teachers of the university are on indefinite strike since June 6 following the assault on Professor Dr Badrul Alam of Physics Department by a third year

Teachers on strike

-PID photo

The Dhaka University restudent, Ansar Ali.

Mcanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) at an emergency meeting of its working committee held at the Dhaka University Club yesterday evening decided to partie ipate in the discussion meet See Page 12 Col 6

Industry (MCCI) has praised

most of the proposals made in

the new budget but expressed

concern at the absence of ade-

quate provisions for protecting

simplification of procedural

matters, reduction of tax rates

and deregulation proposed in

the budget are bold steps in

right direction," said a state-

ment signed by MCCI

But, it pointed out that ade-

quate attention had not been

given to protect local indus-

tries, especially in view of sig-

nificant reduction in tariffs and

import duties on finished

products. The trade body

called for taking appropriate

steps to safeguard the interest

larger ADP size than current

expenditures, the MCCI said

that this would reverse the

long term declining trend in

It also appreciated exemp-

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Hailing the projection of a

of local industries.

\public investment.

President Morshed Khan.

"Tax structural changes,

local industries.

yesterday. Story on page 12 AL terms budget 'prescription' of

int'l agencies Awami League termed the national budget for 1992-93 "a prescription" of some international agencies and said it will further increase the country's dependence as well as the number of hapless people, reports UNB.

The party's primary reaction on the proposed budget came at its central working committee meeting held yesterday at 29 Minto Road with Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

A resolution of the meeting said that the Finance Minister had produced he next year's budget without considering its side effects and long term development plan.

"The budget is full of contradictions and inconsistency, the resolution said adding that it will not help remove poverty, unemployment and dependence on others.

The government also predicted increased growth, employment, investment and production as well as removal of poverty while announcing the last budget, the meeting

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could spell disasters of terrible proportions had been a big achievement.

FM terms Rio summit a beginning of progress

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman returned here yesterday after attending the Earth Summit and called the first ever massive conference on environment as the "event of the century", reports

Prof Rehman Sobhan addressing a seminar organised by Democratic Forum in city

"It was a momentous occasion that would usher in a new era of cooperation on an issue crucial to our survival," he told newsmen at the airport.

The Foreign Minister, who led the Bangladesh delegation to the 12-day summit, said the occasion provided an opportunity to the developing and least developed countries to air their plight caused by environmental degradation.

Furthermore, he said, this also brought all nations across the globe to discuss alarmingly emerging issues that posed to scuttle the very existence of the planet.

Rahman noted that the unanimity at the summit that serious environmental changes

He said the attainment of the conference could not be

measured in terms of concrete gains since it was the beginning of progress on such issues whose adverse effects could be minimised only through concerted endeavour.

-Star photo

The Foreign Minister stressed that whatever gains accomplished at the summit must be followed up for securing a safer planet.

Bangladesh, he said, drew the attention of the summit to the problems that stemmed from environmental degrada-

As a lower riparian country, emphasised, Rahman Bangladesh bore the brunt of shortage of water and that the problem had been well appre-

The Foreign Minister, during his stay at Rio de Janeiro, discussed the Rohingya refugee issue with his Myanmar counterpart U Ohn Gyaw and also with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, S Ogata.

Rahman said the refugee is sue also figured prominently during his discussions with the United States Deputy Secre-See Page 12 Col 8

position demands.

and assurance of democratic attitude towards the opposi-

icrday morning at the official residence of the Leader of the

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Call to observe dawn-to-dusk hartal tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A dawn-to-dusk hartal has been called throughout the country tomorrow (Sunday) to press the government for accepting a five-point charter of demand including execution of the Gano Adalat verdict on the controversial Jamaat leader Golam Azam and ban on the politics by the communal forces including the Jamat-e-Islami party.

The National Coordination Committee for Realisation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 gave the hartal call on expiry of its one-month deadline set for acceptance of their demands by the government. Meantime, major political

parties including Awami League, the Patriotic Democratic Front, the Five-Party Combine, several factions of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and various professional groups, trade union bodies and socio-cultural organisations have extended their allout support to the hartal call. Different political parties

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Call for half day hartal today

By Staff Correspondent

A countrywide half day hartal has been called today (Saturday) jointly by Jatiya Juba Command and Bharatiyo Dalai Protirodh Committee in demand of legal actions against the sponsors of public trial of Jamaat chief Golam Azam.

In support of today's hartal, both the organisations held rallies that paraded the city streets yesterday. Jamaat-e-Islami and its stu-

dent front Islami Chhatra Shibir, Freedom Party and Progotisheel Ganotantrik Party have supported the sixhour hartal from 6 am.