Country to have fuel surplus by '95

By Shahrier Khan

Bangladesh is to have an annual surplus of over three and a half takh barrels of petrol by the year 1995 if the rate of consumption remains the

The petrol produced by the diesel producing plants at the Eastern Refinery in Chittagong and the increased production of condensate (a liquid fuel mixed with gas) from the country's gas fields would result in the estimated surplus.

Of the total 70 to 80 lakh barrels of imported crude oil, Eastern Refinery processes 15 lakh barrels of diesel, about seven lakh barrels of petrol and various quantities of other by-product fuels. The petrol processed at the refinery is almost capable to meet the country's present demand.

According to official sources, this surplus petrol will be produced from the gas fields of Kailastila and Bianibazar which have high contents of condensate. But this surplus was too little for exports, the sources said.

Apart from an annual import of different types of fuels worth about Taka 1000 crore, the various gas fields of the country produce about 85,000 barrels of petrol each year.

In this situation, the government is on principle following a policy to encourage petrol consuming vehicles and machinery to use up the sur-

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students' strike in the

University for today (Sunday).

The strike was announced at a

rally held at the Aparajeya

Bangla monument following a

warned the university authori-

ties and gave a three-day ulti-

matum to reconsider the deci-

student strike and paralyse the

University if the authorities

stick to their decision, the

angry students declared at the

police baton charge on their

silent protest procession after

the decision was biased and

CPRS also announced a press

conference for today at the

Madhu's Canteen of the DU.

They also called upon the gen-

eral students to boycott classes

students who had been op-

pressed several times by the

DU teachers would be received

at the Shamim Bikolpa

Photostat' at the Arts Building

gate from today, according to a

press release of the CPRS yes-

ing to this Correspondent, said

that the incident of ransacking

was not committed by the

general students or the

League-backed Chhatra League

(M-I) President Mainuddin

Hasan Chowdhury and General

Secretary Iqualur Rahim in a

joint statement said that the

ransacking was done by a

group of 'identified terrorists'

press conference at its central

The BCL (M-I) also held a

The BCL leaders KHM Lizu

Hasina

The Awami League chief

criticised the government of

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Zia for what she called breach-

ing its promise to pass the Indemnity Ordinance Repeal Bill

Referring to filing of cases

against 24 sponsors of Gano

Adalat, she said the govern-

ment is harassing the pro-lib-

eration forces while giving

shelter to the anti-liberation

unitedly resist terrorism and

foil the evil designs of the anti-

Later, she visited the resi-

dence of Azizul Islam Razu and

consoled the members of the

Saturday offered fateha at the

mazar of Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina

in parliament.

elements.

liberation forces.

bereaved family.

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backed by the government.

office yesterday afternoon.

Meanwhile, the Awami

Some of the protestors talk-

Letters of complaint from

tomorrow (Monday).

They also condemned the

The students also said that

Besides, the students of the

We will start an indefinite

Speakers at the rally

procession.

the rally.

terday.

protestors.

plus petrol which would otherwise be wasted, official sources

Planners advised the government to reduce taxation on petrol engine vehicles and machines for the next few years. They also advised the government to reduce the price of petrol by a small margin relative to the price of diesel.

Presently the demand for diesel is more than that for petrol. Other than the diesel processed at the refinery. about 45 lakh barrels are imported annually.

Encouragement of petrol consumption will not immediately aim to put pressure on the use of diesel in the light that 60 per cent of the country's present transports run on diesel. The agriculture sector consumes about 25 per cent and other sectors including the power sector consume the

The sources said, ultimately measures to reduce dependency on diesel will be chalked out. Planners advised the government to raise tax on diesel engines by the year 1995. While diesel use may not become obsolete within the next 10 years, the planners are thinking of ways not to increase diesel dependence any further.

But the government is yet to take measures encouraging consumption of petrol.

and Pankai Nath addressing

the conference said that a

group of armed terrorists from

Zahurul Huq Hall entered the

Arts Building areas in the

morning and fired several

shots and damaged the teach-

the violent incidents were

started at the beginning of

their pre-announced rally to

protest what they called the

false cases' against nine

League activists including

Anwar Hossain, KHM Lizu.

Association (DUTA) con-

demned the violence and de-

manded immediate punish-

The DUTA emergency

meeting chaired by its

President Dr SMA Faiz said

that the ransacking was led by

Ansar Ali and his unruly associ-

Syndicate at an emergency

four-member inquiry commit-

tee to probe Saturday's ran-

the Vice-Chancellor Professor

Maniruzzaman Miah con-

the incident that took place in

the Arts Building areas yester-

the incident extremely against

discipline and declared today's

Jamuna bridge

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eration Fund (OECF). Railway,

transport and power sectors

were also discussed at length

ter expressed satisfaction at

the progress achieved during

the last seven months and de-

scribed it as more substantial

than that of previous seven

bridge is now a realistic pro-

The Jamuna multi-purpose

The Communications Minis-

students strike "illegal".

at the meeting.

ject, he added.

The Syndicate chaired by

The Syndicate discussed

The Syndicate also termed

meeting yesterday formed

sacking in the campus.

demned the incident.

day noon.

The Dhaka University

ment to the people involved.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka

Mohiuddin Helal.

University

Hosen Apu and

Teachers

The leaders mentioned that

ers' lounge and other offices.

DU students

Flood grips three upazilas in Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, June 27: Vast tracts of land have been inundated in three upazilas of the district during the last two days due to an onrush of flood waters from the hilly areas across the border.

Journalists brought out a silent procession in the city yesterday protesting police attack on

Opposition

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atrocities at the Jatiya Press

Club on June 21, the meeting

demanded punishment for the

It also resolved that the

government accept the de-

mands of the striking trans-

port workers considering the

sufferings to the commonman

due to the strike and give up

the techniques of applying

of the alliance addressed the

metropolitan unit of Ekatturer

Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul

Committee will attend the

programme, said a press re-

convenor of his faction of BSD

in a statement yesterday called

upon the people to make the

June 30 march a success. He

also urged his party workers to

take all-out preparations aimed

at making the programme a

success and thus intensify the

movement for demand of

JS impasse

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demands include trial of Golam

Azam under International

Crimes Act, 1973, dropping of

charges against the 24 spon-

sors of Gana Adalat, ensuring

due honour to the leader of the

Opposition in parliament, and

extending democratic be-

haviour to the opposition polit-

The Opposition had infor-

mal meetings with leaders of

the BNP in one of the Parlia-

mentary Standing Committee

ferring anonymity, told The

Daily Star that a section of the

party leaders was showing in-

creasing intransigence in nc-

gotiating with the Opposition.

They, according to the

leader, felt that they could

outwit the Opposition once the

budget was passed by June 30,

in the absence of Opposition.

But, the other section felt the

party would be deprived of a

political victory over the Oppo-

sition for 'formulating a posi-

tive budget' if it was passed

without the Opposition in par-

AL, also an MP, however, felt

that three of the four demands

could casily be met by the rul-

ing party. About the trial of

Golam Azam, he observed, the

government could bail itself

out of the crisis by asserting its

own stand on the issue taken

in parliament earlier. This

would also allow the Opposi-

tion to extend the olive branch

to the government, he ob-

on Golam Azam said that the

issue should be settled in a

The ruling party decision

served.

court of law.

An influential leader of the

A senior leader of BNP, pre-

meetings held yesterday.

ical parties.

The Opposition four point

Golam Azam's trial.

Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan,

All the prominent members

Meanwhile, the Dhaka

persons responsible.

force on the strikers.

According to district ad ministration officials, the worst affected areas are located in the Gowainghat, Companiganj and Zakiganj up-

The situation has been aggravated by incessant rainfall over the last four days in the region.

About 4,500 acres of broad cast aman, 3950 acres of aus and another 50 acres of transplanted aman seedbed have been damaged in the Gowainghat upazila alone, confirmed an official today. Details on damages in other

areas were being collected. Most of the crop lands in Nandirgaon and Toakul unions under Gowainghat upazila have

been submerged. BSS from Chittagong says: Flood waters have started receding from the inundated areas of Chittagong and Cox's

Bazar districts today. Patenga Met office recorded only 34 mm rainfall today. Flood waters have also re-

ceded from several points of Chittagong- Cox's Bazar road facilitating the resumption of direct road communications

Dahagram people

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Rahman, a school teacher. Tension inside the enclave was so high that many families shifted their women and children from the borderline deep inside the enclave surrounded by Indian land on three sides and a river on the fourth.

Saifur Rahman, a resident of the enclave's Angorpota Union, walked about five miles taking his pregnant wife, mother and children to a relative's house deep inside Dahagram. "Words circulated that the

Indian militants may attack us to revenge the transfer of Tinbigha corridor. We did not dare to stay in our home." Rahman said.

The fear and anxiety highlight the possible plight that the Bangladesh citizens living in this sleepy enclave may suffer even after the transfer of the land corridor.

More than 18 years after the 1974 Indo-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement was signed India Friday leased the 178m x 85m corridor to Bangladesh. Overjoyed by the transfer, the enclave people offered special prayers, hugged each other, danced and sang.

for the past three days. Meanwhile, water levels of the rivers Matamuhuri at

between Chittagong and Cox's

Bazar which remained snapped

- Star photo

Cheringa, Shangu at Dohazari and Bagkhali at Cox's Bazar have fallen and flood waters from the adjacent areas of these rivers have receded, ac cording to official sources.

Chittagong and Cox's Bazar experienced heavy rains during the past four days.

Patenga Met office recorded 530 mm and Cox's Bazar Mct office recorded 543 mm rainfall during these days.

Dr Kamal hails opening of corridor

Awami League leader Dr Kamal Hossain has welcomed the opening of the Tinbigha corridor to Bangladesh for movement of its citizens to and from Dahagram and Angarpota enclaves, reports

"The opening of the corridor is a welcome development," Dr Kamal, who is also convenor of the newly formed Democratic Forum, said.

Section 144 in Gazipur

By Staff Correspondent GAZIPUR, June 27: The district administration today imposed Section 144 from 2.30 pm at the district headquarters prohibiting assembly

of five or more persons. The administration took this course of action in apprehension of clashes between supporters of Jatiya Party and

The district wing of Jatiya Party and that of BNP today called separate rallies at the same spot, namely, Bat Tala in the Sadar, at the same time. The Jativa Party was organising their rally to make their June 30 court arrest programme to set Ershad free, a success.

But the administration, feeling uneasy situation brewing up by noon between the two parties, imposed the Section

This law, while being imposed, virtually prohibits outdoor politics. A number of police have

been stationed in and around the district town just after the imposition of 144.

But supporters of BNP were reportedly seen to hold a procession from Bat Tala to the local office after 2.30 pm despite deployment of heavy po-

PM: Shibganj

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Rahman, Minu, Prof Lutfunnesa Hossain, MP, local BNP leaders Sultanul Islam and Satfuddin Ahmed

Mentioning various development programmes like canal digging, compulsory primary education and mass literacy, Begum Zia said village had been made the focal point of her administration as it wanted to develop every vil-

In this context, she referred to the resumption of the integrated Barendra project at a cost of Tk 350 crore, saying it will help boost food production in the region by providing irrigation facilities.

Stressing the need for rapid industrialisation, she urged all to set up small and cottage industries, including dairy and poultry farms. Credit will be available, she assured.

Begum Zia also called upon the entrepreneurs for setting up mango processing units in the district, which yields about 70 per cent the country's total mango production.

Responding to local demands, she said fund would be provided for improvement of the local stadium and Shibgani Girls' School be nationalised. She also assured them of rura electrification and road communication facilities in the remote frontier areas.

Earlier, Begum Zia visited the reexcavated Pithalitala-Bagrul canal here and released fish fry.

The 2.47-kilometre canal completed on May 16, is expected to produce about 25,000 kg fish, worth Tk 10 lakh, besides providing irrigation facility to 300 acres of land which will produce an estimated 12,000 tons additional

Begum Zia planted a sapling beside the canal, on both sides of which about 10,000 trees will be planted.

She also visited the mazar of a 16th century Muslim saint Shah Niamat Ullah (RA), at Toha Khana and offered fatcha She was given a prayer mat by the Khadem of the mazar. She also planted a sapling of Nageswari tree in the mazar

On her way back from the mazar, Begum Zia visited the famous Sona Masjid, a 15th century Muslim architecture. She offered prayer for sal-

vation of the departed souls of Bir Shrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir and Sector Commander Major Nazmul Huda, both buried in the historic mosque premises.

Ship deal

From Page 1 Col 5 Meanwhile, diplomatic so urces in Dhaka said that Pak istan would raise the subject with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia when she goes to Islamabad, possibly in early August.

Pakistan, they said, felt that the two countries could look into the allegations of irregularities instead of scrapping the deal.

Bangladesh Bureau of Anticorruption which took up the subject in February last year has, however, made little progress in its investigation of irregularities excluding filing cases against former minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam and three officials of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation involved in the negotiations on the deal.

Two of the officials are no more with the BSC while the third has been put under suspension.

The Midnight File

Municipal election in Chile today

SANTIAGO, June 27: Under heavy security, Chilean voters pick municipal officials Sunday for the first time in 21 years in an election widely seen as a crucial step in strengthening the country's young democracy. An estimated 7.8 million voters will pick 2,082 mayors and council members in 334 towns. Under the former military regime of Gen Augusto Pinochet, municipal authorities were appointed by the central government, reports AP.

Serb tanks withdrawn from Sarajevo Airport

SARAJEVO, June 27: Serb tanks blocking Sarajevo Airport withdrew this afternoon, General Lewis Mackenzie, head of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in the Bosnian capital, said Saturday. He could not say whether the tanks had returned by Saturday, reports AFP.

Transport Strike

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leaders and check continued terrorism.

Federation vice-president Abdur Rouf, treasurer Abdul Khaleque, organising secretary Abul Wadud Nayan and other leaders were present at the press conference.

On the other hand Waziuddin Khan president of the federation, at a press conference at Mahakhali Bus Terminal said that they were forced to go on strike as the government was 'unwilling' to meet the demands.

He said that Monjurul Ahsan was in favour of the strike decision but later changed his decision.

He admitted that it is possible to resolve the crisis through dialogue.

He alleged repression on the transport workers and demanded immediate release of the arrested transport workers and leaders Secretary Abdur Rashid, vicepresident Habibur Rahman Khan, and other leaders including Shajahan Khan, MP Roy Romesh Chandra and

Sick jute mills

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The move by the govern ment to replace the sick jute mills with textile industries under foreign collaboration is a bid to salvage the jute sector from continued losses as well as to increase textile production to meet domestic needs and exports. The proposed project

would also help divert and rehabilitate the surplus labour force in the country.

A visiting Italian parliamentary delegation, which called on the Jute Minister June 2, conveyed interest of the Italian private investors to take part in the joint venture textile project with Bangladeshi private entrepreneurs.

The Minister said that the Italians have also desired taking over management, quality control and proposed marketing of the products outside the country, particularly in the European market.

They have also assured provision of necessary funds in grants and in aid for the proposed project, he said. Italian Ambassador in Dhaka

Claudio Pacifico and an official of the Italian Trade Commission have had several meetings with the high officials of the jute ministry to work-out modalities for implementation of the project.

According to an estimate, the 36 state-owned jute mills have so far suffered losses amounting to Taka four billion.

Belayet Hossain were present at the press conference.

Meanwhile, the situation in Dhaka and Chittagong improved on Saturday as more vehicles started plying on the road in different district of the

In the capital buses in route no 6 and Syedabad-Gazipur were almost normal and those were the main target of attack of the striking workers.

BSS adds: The leaders of Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association yesterday appealed to the government, political leaders and persons concerned to take appropriate and bold steps for resolving the present situation arising out of

the transport strike. The association president S M Ziaul Hug and secretary general A Ghafur, in a joint statement said the present situation due to the transport strike was 'very dangerous' as it was having an adverse impact on the country's econ-

They said the general public and the bus truck owners have been facing unending sufferings and loss due to the strike for the last several days.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Truck Drivers Union and Gazipur Anto-Zila Sarak Paribahan Sramik Parishad in separate statements, congratulated the transport owners and workers for what they said, continuation of transport strike throughout the country in a peaceful manner for the last three days.

Compensation for damaged vehicles

The government will give full compensation to the affected transport owners whose buses, minibuses, trucks, tempos and autorickshaws have been damaged since June 22 due to 'acts of anarchy and terrorism', the Communications Ministry sources said Saturday

Tehran meet From Page 1 Col 6

in Dhaka, reports BSS.

lls, strengthening of capital markets and industrial financing and instituting cooperative measures for industrial and technological development in the LDCs and the island economies.

In addition to the strategy

for industrial development, the conference is also expected to adopt a declaration - entitled The Tehran Declaration which will consist of a set of actions that the countries of the region will collectively take to realise the goals of the aforementioned strategy.

MQM quitting Sharif's coalition

KARACHI, June 27: A Pakistani ethnic party said today it was quitting Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's coalition and deputies were resigning their seats to protest at an army-led crime crackdown, reports Reuter. Hasina urged the people to

> Mohajir National Movement (MQM) said authorities were using the 27-day-old crackdown in the troubled Sind province to crush their party based in the provincial capital Karachi and some other urban

The MQM central body has agreed on the resignations of

all of 15 deputies in the deputies in the leader said.

Several deputies of the strongholds in Karachi since June 19, were announced hours after Sharif left for a Uzbekistan.

> dents. But they said the Sind Provincial government of Chief Minister Muzaffar Hussain Shah could fall because the MQM was the largest group in

has sought to win over MQM deputies and at least two federal and two provincial deputies of the party have said

they will not resign their scats. Political sources said the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, the largest single group in the Sind Assembly, could try to form the next provincial government.

elections in the whole country. saying the last elections held in October 1990 were rigged by authorities to defeat her.

reporters that they had sent copies of their resignations to President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Sharif, their legislatures and election authorities.

on Friday.

sweep on their strongholds that followed gunfights between them and the dissidents in which 10 people were killed and a curfew imposed on two-thirds of Karachi.

has been in London for several months for medical treatment. Authorities say they have thorities of making pretexts to

crush the party. "The resignations are against the government's unconstitutional and undemocratic attitude which has been adopted to crush the MQM," the party's Sind Provincial Housing Minister Ishratul Ebad Khan said.

MQM deputy of the National Assembly from the Stnd town of Hyderabad, said he was resigning as the government had started crushing the MQM and its ministers and legislators had been threatened with kidnappings and deaths after

"The resignations are in protest at threats of kidnappings and deaths," Mohammad Aslam, another National Assembly member, told reporters.

গ্রাহক জরিপ সম্পর্কিত ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পানির অপচয় রোধ,সুষম বন্টন ও সরবরাহ ব্যবস্থার সার্বিক উন্নয়ন এবং সে সঙ্গে সৃষ্ঠ পয়ঃনিষ্কাশন ও ডেনেজ ব্যবস্থার উনুয়নের লক্ষ্যে দীর্ঘমেয়াদী প্রকল্প প্রণয়নের নিমিত্ত প্রয়োজনীয় সকল তথ্য ও উপাত্ত সংগ্রহের জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসা "গ্রাহক জরিপ" কর্মসূচী গ্রহণ করেছে।

উক্ত কর্মসূচী বাস্তবায়নের জন্য পানি/ পয়ঃ সংযোগ, বিলিং ও রাজস্ব আদায়সহ পানি সরবরাহ, পানি পয়ঃনিষ্কাশন সম্পর্কিত গ্রাহক সেবা প্রসঙ্গে প্র য়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি ও উপাত্ত সংগ্রহের জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসা নিয়োজিত জরিপ ফার্ম "একোয়া কনসালটেন্ট" এর মাঠকর্মীগণ মহানগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় কর্মরত আছেন।

* আপনার স্বার্থে বৈধ পরিচয়পত্র প্রদর্শন সাপেক্ষে সরেজমিনে কার্যরত উক্ত মাঠকমীকে পানি/পয়ঃসংযোগ, বিলিং, বিল পরিশোধ, পানি সরবরাহ, পানি ও পয়ঃনিষ্কাশন সম্পর্কিত প্রয়োজনীয় সকল তথ্যাদি ও উপাত্ত সংগ্রহে সর্বাত্মক সহযোগিতা

* জনস্বার্থে মাঠকর্মীকে আপনার বাড়ীতে প্রবেশাধিকার দিন ও পানি/ পয়ঃসংযোগ সম্পর্কিত কাগজপত্র, পরিশোধিত বিলের কপি এবং রাজউক অনুমোদিত আপনার বাড়ীর নকশা দেখান

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National Assembly (Lower House of Parliament) and 28 Provincial Assembly, a party The resignations, over an

army sweep against MQM two-day official visit to the Central Asian republic of

Political sources said the loss of MQM seats would not pose an immediate danger to Sharif's 20-month-old government, which will still have a majority in the National Assembly with the backing of other groups and indepen-

his coalition. A group of MQM dissidents But Bhutto demands fresh

Several MQM deputies told

Karachi Mayor Farooq Sattar, who is also a National Assembly member, said all MQM deputies would resign under the party decision taken

Most MQM activists have gone into hiding after the army

MQM leader Altaf Hussain

found more than 20 torture chambers which MQM operated to punish political opponents. The MQM denies the charge and accuses the au-

Kanwar Navced Jameel, an

their houses were set on fire.