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NEWS BRIEFS

Solar eclipse

today A total eclipse of the sun will take place today (Tuesday). The eclipse will begin at 0351 pm and will end at 0830 pm on the day. However, the central eclipse will begin at 0502 pm and will end at 0719 pm. The maximum duration of the total phase and magnitude of the eclipse will be 5 minutes 25.5 seconds and 1.06 respectively. This eclipse will not be visible anywhere in Bangladesh. It will be visible from some of the countries of south-west and south America, reports BSS.

JCD call to

stop violence Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Monday called upon all to come forward to stop violence on the campus. JCD held a rally in DUCSU bhaban premises protesting against Monday's gunfight on the campus between two factions of Chhatra League. The rally was addressed by JCD President Ruhul Kabir Rizvee Ahmed, General Secretary Ilias Ali, DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Khokan, JCD Organising Secretary Abdul Malek, Habibunnabi Sohel and Ali Akkas Nadim, reports BSS.

Garments earn Tk 942.48 cr Net earning from garment

exports between April 1991 and March this year stood at Tk 942.48 crore. In written answer to a question, Commerce Minister MK Anwar told parliament today that ready made garments fetched Tk 3682.98 crore during the oneyear period. Of this total amount, Tk 2740.50 crore went out for fabric imports, reports UNB.

Nine-day JS stalemate

Govt, Opposition reach understanding

By Staff Correspondent

after midnight to finalise the joint declaration. Sources said that the joint declaration was delayed because of differences over the use of certain words and phrases in the declara-

Despite an understanding

the ruling Bangladesh Nationa-

list Party (BNP) and the

boycotting Opposition failed to

issue the much-awaited joint

the Treasury Bench Khandaker

Delwar Hossain told the House

that an understanding be-

tween the government and the

Opposition was reached paving

the way for the boycotting

members to return to the

League leader Tofael Ahmed

who told the journalists: "We

have reached a satisfactory

understanding on the four-

point demand." He made the

statement immediately after

government and the

Opposition were in a meeting

in the Speaker's chamber till

The negotiators and the

the House was adjourned.

It was supported by Awami

House.

Earlier, the Chief Whip of

declaration till late last night.

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The first formal round of talks between the Treasury Bench and the Opposition were held in the chamber of Ganatantri Party MP Suranjit Sengupta late last night.

The Treasury Bench was represented by Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder and Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain.

The Opposition was represented by Suranjit Sengupta, Tofael Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in parliament Abdus

Samad Azad Speaker Shaikh Razzaque All was available to monitor the negotiation. Earlier, the Trea-

sury Bench represented by Prof B Chowdhury and Abdus Salam Talukder waited in the chamber of the Speaker from 3 pm to 4 pm. But the Opposition did not communicate their position. The second round of negotiation started in the chamber

of the Speaker at 7.30 pm bringing the representatives of the Treasury Bench and the Opposition together. The Speaker left for the House to preside over the session. In the second round of ne-

gotiation the Treasury Bench was represented by Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Salam Talukder and Khandaker Delwar Hossain while the Opposition was represented by Rashed Khan Menon

and Tofael Ahmed.

Sources said the agreement was initialled but its execution got delayed because of a comment made by Rashed Khan Menon. According to sources, he insisted that the Opposition should be allowed to discuss the Golam Azam issue in the House again. Menon, before his insistence on this issue, how ever, received a phone from Suranjit who was in a meeting with the rest of the Opposition leaders at his chamber.

The Treasury Bench, however, refused to accept Menon's position on the plea that it was outside the purview of the agreement reached.

The meeting ended at 8-30 pm without any firm commit ment from the Opposition about their rejoining the House last night.

The Opposition leaders See Page 12 Col 4

Algerian President assassinated

ALGIERS, June 29: Gunmen assassinated Algerian head of state Mohamed Boudial today. reports Reuter.

The HCE (collective presidency) has the sadness to announce that President Mohamed Boudiaf has just died after a criminal attack, perpetrated at 11.30 am, during his address," the statement

Boudial was inaugurating a cultural centre in the eastern town of Annaba when gunmen opened fire.

Witnesses said the Algerian President received two bursts of gunfire in the back as he arrived at the town's cultural

Total confusion reigned in the city, people were fleeing in all directions and traders closed their shops," the national APS news agency said.

The High State Council, the collective presidency Boudiaf had headed, was due to go into an emergency meeting. Alge-

rian television reported. The shooting came two days after the trial opened of seven top Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) leaders facing the death

sentence on armed insurrection charges.

Boudiaf, in his 70s, was recalled form exile after the army intervened in January to cancel elections the FIS was poised to win.

The FIS was outlawed in

It was the Arab's world's most dramatic assassination since Egyptian fundamentalists killed President Anwar Sadat in October 1981.

State television recited verses for the dead from the Muslim holy book, the Koran.

In Annaba, a doctor at a local hospital told Reuters by phone: "there are several dead ... and several hundreds wounded."

Helicopters from the paramilitary gendarmerie clattered over the town and ambulances screamed through the streets, the official news agency APS

Boudiaf was on a two-day tour of eastern Algeria.

A bomb was reported to have exploded this morning in the oil port of Skikda, which he had been scheduled to visit after Annaba.

Tight security to head off today's march to JS

By Staff Correspondent said, has ordered security per-

The government has intensified special security around the Jatiya Sangsad to head off today's March on Furliament building, planned to press home Opposition demands including trial of Jamaat chief Golam Azam as a war criminal.

According to Home Ministry sources, the government has instructed the law enforcing agencies to keep a vigil on all the entry points to Parliament and banned rallies and demonstrations within and around Parliament building. However, the Opposition

parties that support the programme have decided to defy the ban and march to the nearest possible points of their destination.

The government, sources

sonnel to maintain peace while the marchers have also announced that their programme is to be carried out peacefully. The National Coordination

Committee for Realisation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 earlier announced the march towards the JS demanding fulfilment of its four-point demands that includes unconditional withdrawal of cases against the 24 sponsors of 'Gano Adalat' on sedition charges.

The planned march is scheduled at 4 pm today from in front of the National Museum.

Leaders and workers of the See Page 12 Col 4

Tk 2246 crore supplementary budget passed

The supplementary budget for 1991-92 amounting to Tk 2245,95,48,000 was passed in parliament last night in the absence of Opposition excepting Jamaat-e-Islami, reports UNB.

The House also passed a bill granting an advance of Tk 3433,69,01,000 from the con solidated fund to meet partial expenses of 1992-93 financial

Both the bills, moved by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, were passed by the House by voice vote without any discussion.

Earlier, the House voted supplementary demands under different heads. Cut motions on the demands which stood in the name of boycotting Opposition members fell flat.

After passage of the bills, the House adjourned at 9-40 pm for an hour.

BSS adds: A total of 81 demands for grant on supplementary budget were introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad as the sitting resumed Monday at 3.23 pm with the Speaker

With four demands for grant introduced Sunday the total number of demands for grant stood at 85 for meeting expenditure under different ministries and heads till June 30.

Shaikh Razzaque Ali in the

Insurance Act to be amended

The Cabinet was apprised of different preparatory aspects of the 7th SAARC summit, to be held in Dhaka in December this year, says a PID handout.

The Cabinet impressed upon the need of holding the summit in consonance with the importance and significance of the highest forum of regional cooperation in this part of the globe.

A very high powered committee with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as its chairperson will be formed to give necessary directions and oversee the progress of arrangements in this regard, the Cabinet decided.

The Cabinet has also approved the proposals for amendment of certain provisions of the Insurance Act of 1938 and the Insurance Corporation Act of 1973.

The approval was given See Page 12 Col 5

'BNP busy protecting throne'

PM's idiocy threat to sovereignty: Abbas

On-duty police during yesterday's gunbattle on the DU campus.

By Staff Correspondent

The Acting Ameer of the Jamaat-c-Islami Abbas Ali Khan yesterday blamed the BNP government of acting only to proteet its throne and not for the betterment of the people.

'If offered, this government would prefer the throne and not the Independence of the country, he told a public meeting at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram in the city.

The Jamaat leader commented that the Prime Minister's "idiocy, inefficiency and absence of ideals" in ruling the country had posed a threat to the country's sovereignty.

Alleging that a conspiracy was being hatched against the country's integrity. Khan viewed that the sovereignty of Bangladesh could be protected only by establishing Islam in

the country. Regarding Tinbigha corridor he said that it had not been leased out to Bangladesh as per the 1974 agreement.

Continued violence by the

striking transport workers in

different parts of the capital

marked the 8th day of the in-

definite strike with no initia-

tive from the authorities to

jured, mostly acid burnt, as the

striking workers and their ac-

At least 35 people were in-

end it.

He called for a solid unity of the Muslims to save the country's Independence and to free

Jamaat chief Golam Azam. On the current strike by the transport workers, he blamed those in power for not trying sincerely to solve the issue.

Addressing the meeting, Jamaat Secretary General and leader of its parliamentary party Matiur Rahman Nizami said that the democratic government had not yet discussed any national issue in Parliament. Rather Parliament has wasted valuable time discussing a non-issue, the Golam Azam issue, he added.

He called this act of Parliament a black chapter in the country's history of parliamentary democracy.

Nizami accused the government of collaborating with the 'Gano Adalatis' (pro-Gano Adalat) with a view to destroying Islam and jeopardising the See Page 12 Col 3

They also created panic at

Our DMCH correspondent

Meanwhile, more vehicles

different points of the city to

reported that 11 of the injured

were admitted to the hospital

sources said.

enforce the strike.

with acid burns.

Fierce gunbattle follows assault on BCL chief

By DU Correspondent

Rival factions of AL-backed BCL exchanged gunshots yesterday on the DU campus following an assault on the organisation's president.

BCL (M-I) president Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury was assaulted by some angry activists of Mantu-backed Chhatra League 'Third World' group inside the Madhu's Canteen at about 11.45 am, witnesses

Police lobbed several rounds of teargas cannisters in the DUCSU and IBA building areas to disperse the BCL activists.

However, three persons including an Assistant Commissioner of police received minor injury during the violent incident, the witnesses said.

Witnesses said that a group of armed youths from the Zahurul Huq Hall had entered the Arts Building premises at about 11.30 am and stormed into the Madhu's Canteen. The 'Third World' activists then humiliated the BCL (M-I), they

Later the BCL president Mainuddin left the Madhu's Canteen and at that time the Mantu-supported youths brought out a procession and held a rally in front of the DUCSU

- Star photo

building. After the rally the Third World' group dispersed and moved towards the Suryasen Hall areas, sources added.

Later the BCL (M-I) brought out a procession condemning the assault on their president and held a rally in the Madhu's Canteen premises.

The rally, addressed by the BCL (M-I) leaders K H M Lizu and Iqbal Hossain Apu, was followed by a barrage of gunshots from the Lecture Theatre Building areas, witnesses said.

A reinforced BCL (M-1) group countered from the Madhu's Canteen areas by firing several rounds of shots of different fire arms.

Witnesses, however, mentioned that the Mantu supporters advanced up to the Sec Page 12 Col 1

Hasina's call to make today's march a success

Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina Monday urged the people to make today's march towards Jatiya Sangsad a success, reports BSS.

The programme was called by the 'Coordination Committee for Implementation of the Spirit of Liberation War and the Annihilation of the Collaborators of the 1971' to press home its four-point demands including the trial of Jamaat leader Golam Azam in a special tribunal and withdrawal of cases filed against the 24 sponsors of 'Gano Adalat'.

Hasina in a statement, al leged that the 'anti-liberation forces' had been carrying on violent activities on the democracy-loving people and the parties across the country. She also accused the gov-

cratic norms and destroying the hard-earned parliamentary democracy. Hasina also urged the proliberation forces to unitedly resist the 'violent activities' of

the anti-liberation forces and

uphold the spirit and values of

ernment of 'violating' demo-

importers evading taxes

the Liberation War.

By Staff Correspondent The government is being deprived of large seems in duty and taxes from some indiscreet importers of satellite dish antennas, according

The importers are allegedly evading import duty and Value Added Tax (VAT) by showing under invoiced documents to the customs officials where in the prices of dish antennas are See Page 12 Col 2

জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিগত ২১ শে জুন '৯২ তারিখে জাতীয় প্রেস ক্লাব এবং তৎসংলগ্ন এলাকায় সংঘটিত ঘটনাবলী সম্পর্কে সরকার কর্তৃক মনোনীত ১৯৫৬ সালের "কমিশন অব ইনকোয়ারী অ্যাষ্ট" – এর ৩ নং ধারা অনুযায়ী বাংলাদেশ সুপ্রীম কোর্টের (হাইকোর্ট বিভাগ) মাননীয় বিচারপতি কাজী শফিউদ্দিন এর সমন্বয়ে গঠিত এক সদস্য বিশিষ্ট তদন্ত কমিশনে সাক্ষ্য প্রদানে আগ্রহী সকল প্রত্যক্ষদর্শীকে আগামী ৩০শে জুন '৯২ হইতে ৫ই জুলাই '৯২ তারিখ সকাল ১০ ঘটিকা হইতে বিকাল ২-৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত নাম-ঠিকানা তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য তদন্ত কমিশন কার্যালয় ৬৭/১, সার্কিট হাউজ রোড, কাকরাইল (গীর্জার বিপরীতে) ঢাকায় নির্ধারিত ফরম পূরণ করিয়া সাক্ষ্য প্রদানের ক্রমিক নং অনুযায়ী তারিখ ও সময়সূচী সংগ্রহ করিবার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

উল্লেখ্য যে, আগামী ২রা জুলাই ১০ ঘটিকা হইতে তদন্ত কমিশন কার্যালয়ে নিয়মিতভাবে সাক্ষ্য গ্ৰহণ কাজ আরম্ভ হইবে। প্রত্যক্ষদর্শী সাক্ষীগণ ইচ্ছা করিলে পূর্বাহ্নে তাহাদের বক্তব্য লিখিতভাবে এবং কোন প্রমাণ থাকিলে প্রমাণ পত্রাদিসহ তদন্ত কমিশনে দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন। লিখিত বক্তব্য সাদা কাগজের এক পৃষ্ঠায় সুন্দর হস্তাক্ষরে অথবা মুদ্রাক্ষরে পেশ করিতে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

স ম নাসির হায়দার

ডিএফপি(জি) – ১৩১০৪ – ২৮/৬ 一をもろ

তদন্ত কমিশন।

were on the road on Monday in complices hurled acid bombs defiance of the strike called by during the strike. at passenger buses near Farmthe Bangladesh Road Transgate, Saydabad, and Fulbaria port Workers Federation areas, witnesses and hospital which split over the strike. arrested three members of a

Bomb attacks continue: 35 more hurt

No move for ending transport strike

By Staff Correspondent

The anti-striking group sources said that the transport

up security in major bus stoppages and as an incentive to owners declared full compensation for the buses damaged

services started normally from the Gabtali Bus Terminal, the stronghold of the strikers. The government stepped

Earlier, police raided the Mohakhali Bus Terminal and

litres of acid but the acidthrowing incident in city continued unabated. Those admitted to the DMCH on Monday were identified as Bimal Das, 35, Azizur

bomb-making gang with 20

Rahman, 32, Mosharraf Hossain, 35, Md Mohsin, 28, Golam Rasul, 40, Mosharraf Hossain, 34, Faruk, 18, Tofazzal Hossain, 35, Fatema, 30, Moina, 8 and Foyez Ahmed, 35.

Satellite dish

to knowledgeable sources.