IDB to double its capital

JIDDAH, July 4: Finance ministers of the Muslim states announced Saturday an agreement to double the subscribed capital of the Islamic Development Bank, the main credit agency for the Muslim world, reports AP.

The announcement said its subscribed capital will rise from 2 billion to 4 billion Islamic dinars, while its authorized capital will be tripled from 2 billion to 6 billion Islamic dinars.

An Islamic dinar is equivalent to the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Right, meaning that the bank's subscribed capital has been increased from dlrs 2.9 billion to dirs 5.8 billion. while its authorized capital goes from dirs 2.9 billion to dirs 8.7 billion.

The bank was established in 1975 by 44 members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Jeddah-based umbrella for the world's estimated billion Muslims, to sup-

port economic and social development in Islamic countries and among Muslim communities living in non-member states, and to increase inter-

the defunct Soviet Union.

mined.

Adamjee battle

From Page 1 Col 4 on duty police officials. They are also apprehending cruption of fresh trouble as the workers of AL and JP were reportedly getting themselves prepared to launch a joint at tack against their BNP rivals.

Sramik Party's Siddiq Sardarled workers of the AJM at tacked the Dhaka Baju Workers' Colony, a stronghold of AL's Rehan group of the mills workers, at 12 mid night. The attackers allegedly blasted crackers numbering about 500. Sporadic gunshots and blasts were heard during the vio-

A week ago, the colony was captured by the pro-BNP Sramik Dal supporters.

As the attack began, Rehanuddin along with his supporters were rescued from

learnt to be staying.

Friday without any intermistook place at the AJM areas break in the early morning.

clash, that took place between the workers of BNP's Sramtk Dal and AL's Sramik League from 6.30 am to 9 am, Selim suffered bullet wounds at 8 am

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of the Programming Committee of the senior officials and the Standing Committee of the Foreign Secretaries.

yesterday and the Foreign Secretaries are due to begin a 3-day session today, according to a message received here from Colombo.

criteria for according recognition to various apex organisations in South Asia in professional, academic, commercial, industrial, cultural and other

ine actions taken so far in respect of economic cooperation among the SAARC countries. This will include South Asian preferential trade arrangement and establishing joint ventures and promoting technical ex-

regional projects, further action in respect of pre-feasibility study for a South Asian Development Fund which could take up the question of securing funds from extra-regional sources to supplement resources available in the re-

Islamic trade.

It has so far provided member states with interest-free loans, technical assistance and grants to the tune of nearly dirs 12 billion. Extensive assistance is going these months to the newly independent Muslim-populated republics of

The decision to increase the bank's capital was taken at the OIC summit conference hosted in December by Senegal, but the size of the increase had still to be deter-

Bank officials said the largest contributor in the increase was Saudi Arabia, which was expected to double its share to dlrs 1 billion. Other leading subscribers are Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iran and Turkey.

Informed sources said the

the colony by police. He took refuge at the Siddirganj Thana where he is

Blasting of hand-made bombs continued till 2 am sion. Similar occurrences also until 9 am Saturday with a

In the second round of at the Kadamtali Bridge area.

Abul Kashem led the Sramik Dal activists while Rehanuddin led the Sramik League workers, witnesses

SAARC meet

capital to attend the meetings

Senior officials already met

The Foreign Ministers will review the progress of implementation of the action programmes adopted in the last summit for poverty alleviation and protection of environmental disasters and checking drug abuse and illicit traffick-

The meeting will examine

The two-day session of the SAARC Council of Ministers will draft the agenda for the 7th summit.

The meeting will also exam-

Trading of gunfire continued between the two groups for over three hours.

Road communication between Dhaka and Adamjee remained suspended during the

Five of the seriously injured workers of the AJM were identified as: Abdur Rahim, 25, Nurul Hague, 25, Mohammad Babul Mia, 30, Amir Hossain, 30 and Rafigul Islam, 25.

All of them were learnt to be the workers of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal, workers front of BNP. They are undergoing treatment at the AJM Medical Centre.

The Superintendent of Police (SP) and the Deputy Commissioner of Narayanganj District were present in the trouble-torn AJM area till last night apprehending outbreak of fresh violence.

75 MPs demand withdrawal of cases against 20 in Khulna

By Staff Correspondent Seventy five Members of Parliament including the leader of the Opposition, Sheikh Hasina, Saturday issued statement demanding the withdrawal of cases against 20 political leaders and student caders of Khulna.

The statement termed the cases filed by the Jamaat-Shibir quarter as 'politically motivated' to harass them.

They demanded withdrawal of cases against BSD leader Advocate ABM Nurul Alam, CPB leader Firoz Ahmed, Khulna Muktijoddha Sangsad commander Mujibur Rahman, BCL lcaders Selim, Mintu, Lablu, Saiful, Jahangir, BCU leaders Bedwin, Mahendra, Jahangir, Mohammad and other student leaders Ismail, Dipankar, Abid, Shamim and Khasru.

Prominent among others signed the statement included Abdur Razzak, Sajeda Chowdhury, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tofail Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Shamsuddoha, Suranjit Sengupta, Shahjahan Siraj, Hafizuddin Ahmed and Nurul Islam Moni.

Jamaat favours stronger defence budget

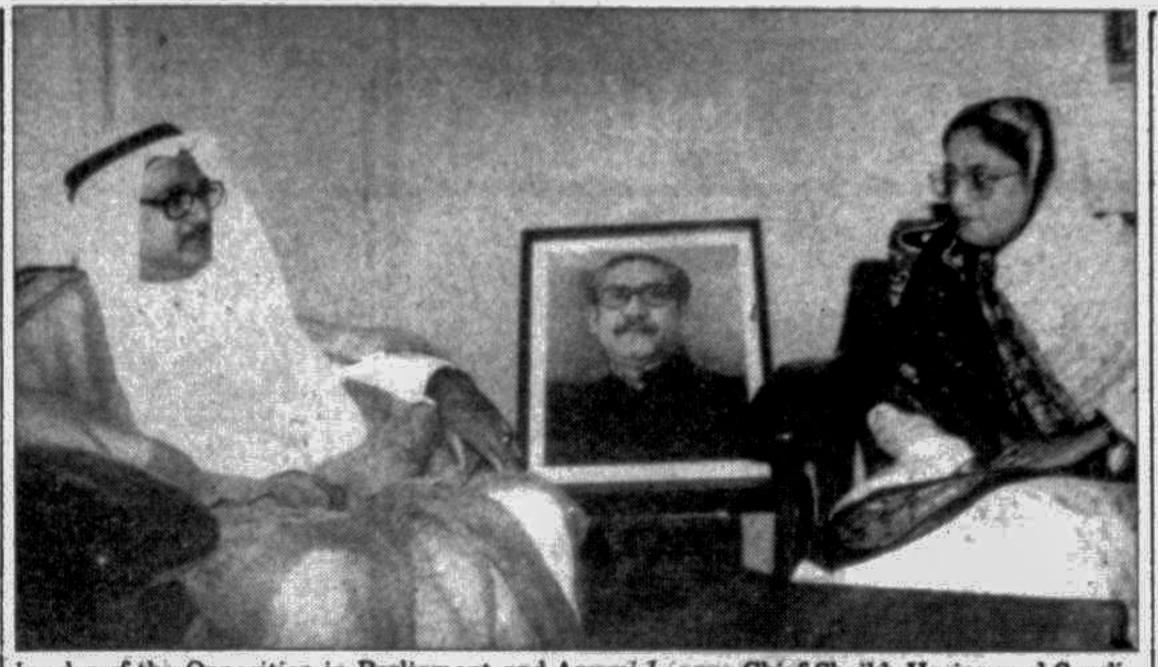
Jamaat-e-Islami has suggested higher allocation for defence in the new budget, saying that the sector deserves more allocation as defence is "very important" for an independent country, reports UNB.

Jamaat Majlis-e-Shoora, on the second day of its meeting Saturday, expressed pessimism that the budget will fail to fulfil aspirations set forth by It will consider funds for the Finance Minister and said "it is contradictory in its mea-

sures and objectives." Referring to open import policy in the budget, the meeting viewed that it will expose the local industries to uneven competition with foreign goods. Liberal import will hurt local industries, it said.

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Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina and Saudi Charge d'Affaires Ali Ahmed Abdal Wahab discussing matters of mutual interest at later's official residence at Minto Road yesterday. -Star photo

Instant ransom

By Staff Correspondent

Muggers late Friday night, in an alarming new trend, snatched a baby from a mother's lap and demanded the belongings as instant ransom for the return of the

The victims, a Dhaka University teacher, his wife and two minor children, were mugged off of cash, wrist watches and gold ornaments worth about Taka 15,000.

Dr M Ershadul Bari, Dean of the Law Faculty, was riding a rickshaw along with his family near the YMCA office at New Eskaton Road at around 1

The muggers stopped them, snatch one of the babies and demanded the ransom.

They then forced the helpless couple to hand over their belongings in return for the child. The muggers took Taka 700 in cash, two wrist watches and two gold-rings and fled from the scene.

A case was lodged with the Ramna Police immediately after the incident. However, no arrests were made in this connection till the writing of this report Saturday night.

Flash flood in

Sunamganj

From Our Correspondent

hit four thanas of Sunamganj

district following the onrush of

flood water from hilly regions

accompanied by excessive

rainfall during the last three

The lowlying areas of

Tahirpur, Jamalganj, Dharam-

pasa and Doarabazar thanas

went under water during the

thousand acres of land were

submerged by the flash flood.

About two hundred dwelling

houses were also damaged to-

Jute workers

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blockade programme on July

Earlier, the programme was

Meanwhile, Jute Workers

and Employees Action Council

held a conference on Saturday

at Taher auditorium to finalise

the strategy to make 'Sangsad

Abul Bashar presided over the

conference which was address

among others by Lutfar Rah-

man, Abdul Mannan, Motaharu-

ddin, Shah Alam, Anwara

Begum, Shariatullah and Shahi-

from different jute mills at-

jute workers will start a

greater movement if the gov-

ernment did not abandon its

denationalisation programme.

He said that the govern-

ment was following the pre-

scription of the World Bank

which 'aimed at destroying the

"The World Bank has asked

He said that jute sector

India to increase production

but has asked Bangladesh to

earned a profit of Tk six crore

from export of jute goods till

September last. More than

three crore people including

40 lakh farmers are engaged in

Bashar alleged that some

quarters were trying to create

artificial crisis in this prof-

itable sector and pointed out

that the government gave

permission for setting up of

about 300 synthetic factories

which are dangerous for envi-

to implement the agreement

signed with the jute and tex-

incident at Adamjee in which

one person was killed and

many others injured on

Saturday and held the ruling

party responsible for the

He urged the government

Bashar also condemned the

this sector, he added.

reduce the same," he added.

Nearly 65 representatives

Abdul Bashar warned the

Convenor of the council

28 and will go for a tougher ac-

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tended the conference.

scheduled for July 24.

Standings crops on several

SYLHET, July 4: Flash flood

400 feared killed as blast rocks Kirkuk police HQ

NICOSIA, July 4: An Iraqi opposition group said on Friday 400 people were killed or wounded by a huge explosion that rocked the police headquarters in the northern oil city of Kirkuk Wednesday, reports Reuter.

There has been no independent confirmation of the report and Iraqi officials were unavailable to comment.

The London-based Iraqi National Congress, in a statement sent to Reuter, said many Kurdish and Shi'ite political prisoners detained in the police building were victims of the explosion which targeted the police chief who was among the injured.

The opposition group said the explosion was a result of infighting among the security organs of President Saddam lussein following Tuesday's dispute near the citys' education department which left several people killed.

The group was formed in Vienna last month by more than 200 Iraqi opposition activists representing several opposition groups with the aim

to coordinate efforts to topple

A Tehran-based influential Iraqi Shi'ite opposition group, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, did not take part in the Vienna meeting saying it lacked unity

anti-Saddam action. The Iraqi National Congress reported on Thursday that a Republican guard brigade stationed north of Baghdad moved towards the capital on Monday to topple the government but was foiled by forces loyal to Saddam.

but promised to support any

A senior Iraqi foreign ministry official attending an Arab League meeting in Cairo denied the coup report on Friday.

DU students

From Page 1 Col 8 through a fair judgement.

The CPRS also said in its statement: "We did not demand withdrawal of the expulsion order against Ansar Ali but demanded the withdrawal of the cancellation of his Honours Degree which he (Ansar) has earned legally."

48 killed in Kabul

From Page 1 Col 7 on the ground outside what appeared to be the garrison's officers' club.

Burning vehicles and grass fires spewed smoke over the scene as soldiers carried the injured to safety. At least one rocket landed

near the Communications Ministry in the centre of Kabul killing five people, according to Western journalist eyewit-

Hekmatyar, a fiery Islamic fundamentalist, commands a powerful military and political force in Afghanistan.

His men played an important role in April's Afghan rebel victory after waging 14 years of civil war against successive Soviet backed communist government.

Dostum and his men fought for the government before changing sides in April, paving

Chinese Embassy

the way for Kabul's fall.

From Page 1 Col 8 charya, Dilip Barua, and Alhaj Abdus Samad during talks with the ambassador expressed their profound shock and condemnation of the incident.

The PDF leaders also expressed their solidarity with the people of the Peoples Republic of China. More political and socio-

cultural organisations Saturday have expressed their resentment on the attack and damage to the embassy property by the unruly people.

Leaders of Gana Azadi League, Bangladesh-China Friendship Association, Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association and Freedom Party in separate statements to the press Saturday condemned the attack and demanded legal actions against those involved in the incident.

UNB adds: Police have tightened the security in the diplomatic enclave of Baridhara and Gulshan after the Thursday's mob attack on Chinese embassy.

Gulshan thana sources said adequate forces have been deployed around the Chinese mission.

Meanwhile, the government is carrying out its investigations with all seriousness into the attack on the Chinese embassy in Dhaka last Thursday evening, Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said while talking to BSS. He said the attack, stem-

ming from a rumour, constituted a condemnable act and the government viewed the incident as a most unfortunate incident to occur here. The Foreign Minister on

Friday visited the Chinese embassy and conveyed government's regret for the attack to Chinese ambassador Chen Songlu.

Hekmatyar has refused to enter Kabul or play a meaningful role in the country's new Islamic government until Dostum's men, and others like them, leave the capital.

But Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masood are dependent on the turneoat generals to sweep the city clean of armed groups from rival guerilla factions.

Hekmatyar and his followers say placing trust in what they call "mercenaries of the former communist regime" is an incitement to Afghans who waged Islamic holy war against the government troops.

Warrant of arrest against 3 Bhorer Kagaz newsmen

State Minister for Textile Abdul Mannan yesterday filed a defamation suit against the Chief Editor, Editor and Chief Reporter of daily Bhorer Kagaz, reports UNB.

Mannan, a retired major who owns garments factories, in his application said the daily in its issues of June 15, 16 and 17, 1992 published reports which are false, baseless, malaside seriously desaming him personally, socially and politically.

Upon his application, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate ordered issuance of the warrant of arrest against the ac-

Jubo Command

From Page 1 Col 5 took shelter in the Baitul Mokarram Mosque and nearby lanes, police said.

The procession was brought out fallowing a meeting at the Dainik Bangla square to protest the government decision of withdrawal of the case against the 24 sponsors of 'people's court' which tried the controversial Jamaat chief, Golam Azam, on March 26 and suggested that his 'crimes' during the Liberation War was punishable by death.

shopkeepers hurriedly closed down their establishments and panic-striken passers-by scurricd for safety. Witnesses said that several

During the incident the

pedestrians were injured when they ran helter-skelter following the attack. Meanwhile, a JC leader al-

leged the incident ensued when some unidentified people hurled cocktails from inside the CPB office but police said that no one was present at the office during the incident.

The JC Secretary claimed at least four of their workers were injured in police action. No arrest were made during the incident.

Sharif's concern over Indian

naval expansion ISLAMABAD, July 4: Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif expressed alarm here today at a 'geometrical' increase in Indian naval spending, expansion, underlining the need for an adequate response from Islamabad, reports AFP.

"Whatever India's aims for a massive naval development programme, what concerns us is the reality that this entire force can be concentrated against Pakistan," Sharif told a seminar on maritime power.

He said India's navy oper ated aircraft carriers, submarines and missile-equipped nuclear ships, and that its naval budget had increased in "geometrical proportions".

"Such is the magnitude and the challenge we face at the sca, we have a situation that raised alarm and spells disaster," he said, noting that Pakistan wanted the Indian ocean to be a nuclear weapons; free zone of peace and did not want to enter into a race for superiority with its neighbours.

Garments workers postpone strike

Leaders of garments workers yesterday announced postponement of their scheduled strike programme on July 7 and 8, reports BSS.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the leaders of Garments Workers Union and Owners Association with Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan here Saturday evening.

SKOP strike

From Page 1 Col 3 problems of the workers

through mutual discussions. He said the objective of the government was not to create unemployment but solving the problems by setting up new mills and factories.

Mannan Bhuiyan called upon the labour leaders to help create a healthy atmosphere for investment through building up a proper trade union movement.

SKOP leaders Abdus Salam Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan Shahjahan Khan MP, Dr Wazed Ali Khan, Shafiqur Rahman Majumdar, Yakub Ali Bhuiyan, Pratap Uddin Ahmed, Tipu Biswas, Mujibur Rahman Bhuiyan, Ghulam Mohiuddin, Nurul Islam, Abdul Qader, Shah Atful Islam, Abdullah Sarkar, Fazlul Huq Montu, Mokhlesur Rah man, Mesbahuddin Ahmed, M Zafrul Hasan, Harunar Rashid Bhuiyan, Abdur Razzak, Abdul Matin Master and Abul Hossain were present, the handout

Different organisations on Saturday extended their support to the strike called by

Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad in solidarity with the strike call will hold a workers rally today (Sunday) at DIT Avenue.

Bangladesh Jatio Sramik League (BJSL) urging workers to make the strike a success demanded acceptance of the workers' five point demands immediately. BJSL president S M Rumi in a statement blamed the government for creating anarchy at various mills of the

In separate statements, the **Garments Workers Employees** Union, Bangladesh Dokan Karmachari Federation and Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal (ML) also expressed their solidarity with the strike call.

country.

The Midnight Eile

New govt of Italy wins confidence vote

ROME, July 4: The new government of Premier Giuliano Amato won a parliamentary confidence vote on Saturday, taking full power just two days before the summit of the Group of Seven richest industrial countries. The lower house of Parliament, as expected, gave its approval to the four-party coalition, in a 330-280 vote. The Senate vote was Thursday, reports AP.

Russia ready to forgo \$24b western aid

MOSCOW, July 4: Russia is willing to forgo 24 billion dollar of western aid if the International Monetary Fund (IMF) maintains its demands that Russia free energy prices, President Boris Yeltsin said today. He said Russia could not free its energy prices, which would lead to a tenfold price rise in other goods, particularly bread and other basic foods, which the population would not put up with, reports AFP.

PM: Cooperatives

From Page 1 Col 3 ference, held at the ground near the Bijoy Swarant. The conference venue, decorated with banners, fastoons and miniature flags, wore a festive

government's determination to give new momentum and dimension to the cooperative sector for effective utilisation of the productivity and initiatives of the poor majority peo-

She said the cooperative could play an important role in organising the poor majority for engaging them in national development activities.

The Prime Minister said 70

per cent of the farmers were poor and marginal. Due to poverty they cannot procure necessary agricultural implements. Such problems can be casily solved if the poor farmers could be organised through cooperative, she said.

The Prime Minister said the cooperative could act as the driving force in forging the national consensus, required in the struggle for achieving economic democracy.

She pointed out that all irrespective of the party affilia tion and opinions, had united in establishing political democracy by toppling the autocratic regime. She underscored the need for honest, efficient and well-organised cooperative organisation to establish a happy and prosperous Bangladesh. The Prime Minister said

only in the agriculture sector but also in other fields including fisherics, weaving, small business, banking and marketing the cooperative had to be expanded to consolidate this success, she said. Begum Zia stressed the

cooperative was successful not

need for involving women in the cooperative in an increasing number. She said women had proved their efficiency in organising cooperative in rural

Press Club incident

Enquiry body

invites witness The one-man enquiry commission to investigate the police action on incident around the National Press Club on June 21 has invited eyewitnesses, injured journalists and photographers to appear before commission chairman Justice Kazi Shaffuddin to give their cyc-witness account on July 10 from 10 am to 2.3 pm

areas. Their skill would be enhanced if they were involved in the cooperative in an increasing number.

Begum Zia called upon cooperators to plant one tree each to make the on-going Begum Zia expressed her tree plantation programme a success and save our existence

> Barrister Salam Talukdar described the cooperative movement as an important vehicle for achieving socioeconomic emancipation. Listing the achievements in the cooperative sector, the minister said it had helped

> people particularly the distressed and rootless women, with job opportunities. The minister, however, pleaded for stern action to wipe out middlemen and touts

providing a vast number of

from the cooperative sector. Dwelling on various problems and demands of cooperators. Talukdar said their genuine demands were under active consideration of the gov-

Water talks

From Page 1 Col.7 the two countries are to meet in New Delhi next month to talk trade imbalances, heavily tilted against Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, India has re-

quested to "expedite" the for-

mation of the 'political level

committee' on the Chakma refugees, as agreed by the Prime Ministers, in order to ensure 'early return' of some 50,000 tribals, now refuged mainly in the state of Tripura. Informed sources said the formation of the committee, comprising most likely by MPs of both countries, had been de-

layed by Dhaka's troubled political scenario marked by Opposition boycett of Parliament. "Now that the parliamentary deadlock is over, we expect to do it soon", said a senior government leader. in another development, Hashim Abdul Halim, the

through Dhaka on July 6 (Wednesday) and July 13 on his way to and from UK, Indian High Commission sources said. Hashim, a close associate of Chief Minister Joyti Basu, will stay the Wednesday night in Dhaka and is plans to call on the Speaker and other senior

Speaker of West Bengal

Assembly, will be transiting

leaders before departure on Thursday. Hashim, who presided over the House when WB passed resolution in favour of the corridor opening, is expected to receive warm welcome in

Dhaka.

government and opposition

ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

at its office at 67/1 Circuit

House road, reports BSS.

লক্ষ্য করা গেছে মহানগরীর বিভিন্ন এলাকায় ওয়াসার সরবরাহ লাইনের সাথে হস্তচালিত/যন্ত্রচালিত পাম্প সংযোজন করে পানি সংগ্রহ করা হচ্ছে। এ ধরনের কাজ সম্পূর্ণভাবে অবৈধ এবং শান্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ। এহেন কার্যকলাপের দরুন স্থিপ্লিষ্ট এলাকার বহু সম্মানিত গ্রাহ্ক প্রয়োজনীয় পরিমাণ পানিপ্রাপ্তি হতে বঞ্চিত হন। শুধু তাই নয় অবৈধ ভাবে অদক্ষ মিস্ত্রি দারা ক্রটিপূর্ণ উপায়ে ওয়াসার পানির লাইনের সাথে সরাসরি এসব পাম্প সংযোজনকালে সংযোগ স্থলে ফাঁক বা ছিদ্র রয়ে যায়। এস্ব ছিদ্রপথে বাহিরের আবর্জনা, দৃষিত পদার্থ বা ময়লা পানি ওয়াসার সিস্টেমে অনুপ্রবেশ করে সরবরাহকৃত পানি দৃষিত করছে।

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