Biswas, Khaleda

greet Akihito

Biswas vesterday congratulated

Emperor Akihito of Japan and

the Empress on the occasion

of the engagement of Crown

In a message to the

In another message: Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

yesterday also felicitated

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the Empress on the occasion

of the engagement of Crown

message to the Emperor,

hoped that Almighty God

would bestow blessings and

beneficence upon Crown

Railway has

16,000 surplus

staff, JS told

power of 16,000 employees,

State Minister for Communi-

cations Fazlur Rahman told

parliament yesterday, reports

undertaken a scheme for vol-

untary retirement of the

superfluous staff to cut the

financial burden being borne

A substantial amount is

spent for salary of the surplus

employees, Fazlu said replying

to supplementary questions

from the Opposition benchers.

Besides, he added, the donor

agencies also expressed reser-

vation about the surplus man-

In reply to Maulana

Shakawat Hossain (Jamaat),

the State Minister said so far

the government had received

8,357 applications for volun-

tary retirement of railway offi-

Of them, 2,369 had been

sent on retirement till

December 29 last year Tk

44,57,50,000 was spent for

BJMC incurs

Tk 924.91 cr

loss

Corporation (BJMC) has incurred a total loss of Taka 924

crore 91 lakh during the last

three financial years (1989-90

10 1991-92). Jute Minister

Brig (retd) Hannan Shah told

Jamaat member Mufti Maulana

Abdus Sattar the minister gave

a detailed account of losses in-

curred by 35 nationalised jute

given by the minister, the

BUMC incurred a loss of Taka

243.09 crore in 1990-91 and

369.39 crore in 1989-90, Taka

According to the statistics

mills in the country.

Replying to a question from

the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Bangladesh Jute Mills

cials and employees.

by the railway sector.

power.

He said the government had

Railway has a surplus man-

Prince and the bride-to-be.

The Prime Minister, in a

Prince Naruhito, reports UNB.

Emperor, President Biswas in-

voked the blessings of God on

the Crown Prince and the

bride-to-be.

Prince Naruhito.

President Abdur Rahman

To be or not to be

by Parveen Anam



The latest in fashion is to be thin. Thin is in' is the adage of the hour with the doctors and the medical journals adding their bit to the cacophony. Exercise is the order of the day and those not indulging in it go about with a 'hang-dog expression making all sorts of excuses and giving all sorts of explanations as to why and how they have not yet joined the crowd. The mad rush of joggers, walkers, you name it, make the ones not included amongst them hang their heads in shame.

But in the long run, perhaps it is the nonexercisers who will have the last laugh. Only because they will probably survive longer. Exercise is supposed to put one in peak form with vital organs functioning in top gear. What the advocates of exercise have not reckoned with is the underlying conspiracy to do away with the exercisers for good. Anybody who has had the misfortune of trying to walk in the early or the magical hour when the villains are supposed to be in bed, will bear with me. For the villains might be in bed but the trainers are not? Trainers? Trainers of what is the next normal question. The 'motor car trainers'. Or to put it in our layman's language, the trainers of 'teach yourself driving'

The misty mornings are the hours when the driving schools like to give driving lessons to their enthusiastic learners as many a morning walker has discovered as he has had to adroitly skip to one side to avoid the madly careening motor vehicle making straight at him. Of course it is not only the driving schools which are on the roads; the drivers of the 'pucca sahibs' who have somehow managed to slip out with the car while the sahib is still catching the extra forty winks, is also at the wheel with the darwan next door. Making the extra taka by

Ctg lawyers hail

Mamun as AAG

CHITTAGON, Jan 19: One

hundred and eighty six lawyers

of Chittagong today hailed the

Abdus Salam Mamun as an

Assistant Attorney General,

Advocate Abdus Salam Mamun,

of Assistant Attorney General.

Jehangir, Sukumar Talukdar,

M Shahed Ullah, M Ishaq

Meah, Kashem Chowdhury,

Abdul Hannan and Abu Salch.

'Terrorism should

be uprooted for

spread of edn'

Justice and Parliamentary

Affairs Barrister Aminul Haq

said that the nation which was properly educated could not

but be prosperous, reports

He said this while address-

The function was addressed

ing a freshers reception at the

Government Bangla College at

among others by BNP city

President Mir Shawkat Ali,

MP, Amanullah Aman, MP,

Jainul Abedin Faruk, MP and

BNP city Secretary Salahuddin.

that if the mass literacy pro-

gramme initiated by President

Ziaur Rahman could have sus-

tained, literacy rate would have

uprooting the trend of terror ism and lawlessness from the

campus so as to bring back congenial atmosphere for smooth spread and promotion

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Sports Programme

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ment Al-Quran Prog-

He stressed the need for

raised satisfactorily

of education.

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The State Minister asserted

Mirpur here yesterday.

State Minister for Law,

In a statement, the

reports BSS.

giving the unofficial driving lesson.

The hazards of the morning walker can never be undermined. The trucks are the other ogres, in a mad rush to beat the speed of light and hit the Guinness Book of Records. The 'helper' or the 'conductor' behind the wheel, substituting for the driver who is probably taking a nap in the back could not really care less if he took a couple of morning walkers along with him to the pearly gates. He , is above the law (miraculous what a difference those few extra takas to the policeman make). It's the job of the morning walker to avoid him.

As for the exercise freak i.e. the morning walker, if he still insists on keeping fit he would be well advised in any event, to keep the identity papers in the pockets. Just in case. Its a practical thought. But again, if the walker has somehow managed to avoid the inglorious exit offered him by the noble vehicle, the mugger is of course just round the corner to relieve him of the unnecessary things of life which include his watch, his chain, his ring, etc. If he is foolish enough to wear any. The day we fear is not far off though when the walker will have to carry some 'muggers money' on his person to avoid the additional wrath of the mugger at not finding any valuable with him.

The walker or the exercise fad can hardly be blamed, if after weighing the pros and cons and whether it is safer to stay in bed or try and keep fit he opts for the bed. To be or not to be might seem too complicated a question in the early hours of the morning. If the morning walker will insist on keeping fit, the nonexerciser might have the last laugh and we must remember. He who laugheth last, laugheth best

Matin blasts Awami League for looting nat'l economy

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday called upon the workers irrespective appointment of Advocate of their political affiliations to maintain peace and discipline in the industrial belt to boost the national economy, reports

lawyers said. We congratulate He was addressing as chief guest at a workers rally organa Special Public Prosecutor for ised by Adamjee Jute Mills unit his being clevated to the post of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal to observe the 57th birth an-The signatories to the niversary of President Ziaur Rahman at Adamjee Jute Mills Nasir Uddin Sramik Kalyan High School Chowdhury, Abdur Rahman ground last afternoon.

> Presided over by Abul Khayer Khwaja, President Adamjee Jute Mills unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal the rally was also addressed by Abdul Mannan, State Minister for Textiles, Ashraf Hossen, Whip Jatiya Sangsad, Rezaul Karim MP and Jafrul Hasan, Joint Secretary General Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

He said the national econ-

omy was looted and plundered during Awami League misrule and added it was late president Ziaur Rahman who brought back the national economy to right gear.

He assured the workers that measures are being under way to implement the wages commission for the wellbeing of the workers of the country.

State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan said jute sector had incurred loss of Taka 4500 crore and textile sector sus tained loss of Taka 500 crore during the nine years of autocratic rule of Ershad

He said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was trying its best to overcome the loss of the past regime.

He urged the workers not to be misguided by the false propaganda of the vested quar ters as they ruined the national economy in the past.

BSB sanctions Tk 7.63 cr loan

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) sanotioned Tk 7.63 cr loan including foreign currency equivalent to Tk 7.26 crore for a new and five existing industrial projects, says a press release

The sanction was given at the 201th meeting of the BSB's Board of Directors held vesterday in the BSB's head office in Dhaka with ATM Alamgir, MP and chairman of the board in the chair

Obituary

Al-Haj Major (Retd) SM Yusuf, retired DIG prisons, died here of prolonged illness, yesterday. He was 86, reports BSS.

He left behind his wife. five sons and four daughters and a host of grand children to mourn his death.

Sallad His eldest son Yusuf is a Professor International Relation Virginia, United States.

The body of Major Yusul was taken to Chittagong for burial at his village

Weather

Dry weather likely

By Staff Correspondent

Weather forecast for the next 24 hours commencing 6am today (Wednesday) says weather is likely to remain dry with fair sky over the country.

The Met office forecasts, night temperature is likely to remain nearly unchanged over the country. The minimum temperature of 7.6 degree Celsius was re-

ported from Srimangal yesterday (Tuesday) and the maximum of 27.4 degree Celstus was reported from Cox's Bazar. The sun sets today (Wednesday) at 5.36 pm and riscs to-

morrow (Thursday) at 6.43 am. The maximum and the minimum temperature and humidity of some of the major cities and towns of the country yes-

Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
23.7	9.6	66	46
26.0	14.7	88	61
24.2	8.9	53	53
24.7	11.7	63	56
25.0	11.5	85	72
27.4	15.6	66	73
23.6	11.5	91	53
21.0	8.7	78	65
	degree 6 Max 23.7 26.0 24.2 24.7 25.0 27.4 23.6	degree Celsius Max Min 23.7 9.6 26.0 14.7 24.2 8.9 24.7 11.7 25.0 11.5 27.4 15.6 23.6 11.5	degree Celsius percent Max Min 9 am 23.7 9.6 66 26.0 14.7 88 24.2 8.9 53 24.7 11.7 63 25.0 11.5 85 27.4 15.6 66 23.6 11.5 91

Govt decides to wind up BJC

The government has decided to wind up Bangladesh Jute Corporation (BJC) since it could not fulfil the objective for which it was set up. Jute Minister Brig (retd) ASM Hannan Shah told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports

In a written reply to a question from Mirza Azam of Awami League, the minister said the decision to wind up BJC was taken in keeping with the government's policy of denationalisation.

Hannan Shah said the BJC incurred a total loss to the tune of Taka 1,100 crore since it was set up in 1985 with a view to ensuring stable jute market and fair price to the growers. But because of corruption of a section of officers, damage of jute kept in godowns due to natural calamity, reduction in the de-

mand of jute in the international market and inability to repay outstanding loans to the banks it was impossible for BJC to become a viable organisation on commercial basis, he added.

He said it also became impossible for the government to provide funds to the BJC and bear its huge losses.

The minister said after reviewing last few years' activities of BJC it was seen that the BJC could purchase only 10 to 15 per cent of the country's total jute production and had failed to ensure purchase of 85 to 90 per cent of jute at fair

Answering another question from Kazi Abdur Rashid of Awami League, the minister said the BJC had not purchased any jute during 1992-93 season.

IDB adviser meets Lutfor

The visiting Adviser of Islamic Development Bank They discussed matters re-(IDB) Abdur Rahman Nur Hersi lated to progress and utiliza-

tion of IDB grant for the help called on State Minister for Relief Lutfor Rahman Khan at of the Rohingya refugees. his office yesterday, reports

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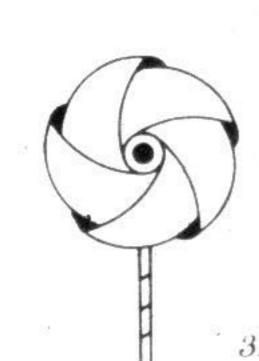
by Hasna Jasimuddin Moudud

English translations of palm-leaf manuscript of Caryagiti mystic poems by Bengali Buddhist poets constitute an integral part of the heritage of Bangladesh. In addition to Sastri collection the anthology includes three Caryas composed by Atisa Srigana Dipankara and also a second Caryagiti manuscript discovered by the author in Nepal between 1984 to 1988.

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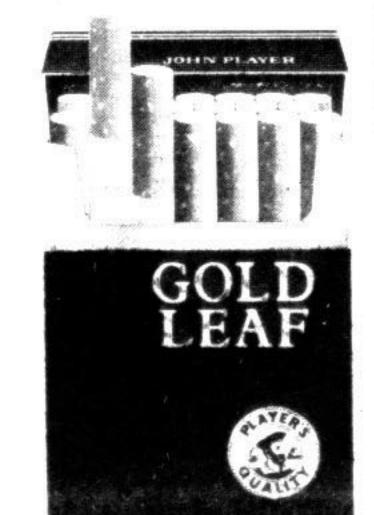
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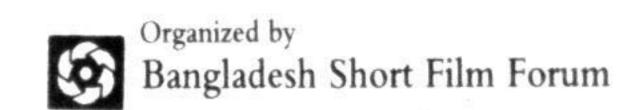
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