Impeachment move

From Page 1 Col 4 Outside the Russian "White llouse" where the Supreme Soviet was meeting, thousands of ordinary Russians were demonstrating for and against Yeltsin.

About 3,000 pro-Communist, anti-Yeltsin protesters waved red flags at the back of the building. A very heavy police contingent, with about 100 police vehicles, separated them from about 2,000 pro-Yeltsin protesters in front of the 19-story white marble building.

No violence was reported. As night fell, some of the demonstrators lit bonfires and prepared for an all-night vigil, the first since Yeltsin's supporters flocked to the building to oppose the August 1991 hard-line coup.

Yeltsin declared emer-gency rule Saturday and said he would hold a referendum on who should govern the country, the president or the hard-line legislature made up largely of Communists.

He scheduled the referendum for April 25 and said emergency rule would be in effect until then.

In opening the legislative session, parliament Speaker Khasbulatov said: "Pushed by his inner circle, the President has chosen the path of direct, tough confrontation with legislative and judicial bodies the path of extreme measures, which put him outside of the constitutional framework."

"It's an attempt to establish arbitrary rule," Khasbu-

Yeltsin told the nation during a television address Saturday that the parliament was trying to restore the old Communist "nomenklatura" to

Khasbulatov said the President's speech was "an attempt to usurp power veiled by rhetoric about fighting the Communist hydra. Playing the Communist card is a straight path toward breaking up society and civil war.

Defence Minister Pavel Grachev called for a political compromise and said the army would stay out of the dispute. But he warned that in some units, Tempers are running high," especially in the Moscow Military District.

Security Minister Viktor Barannikov also pledged to keep his troops, the former KGB's forces, out of the fray.

Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi spoke after Khasbulatov and also denounced Yeltsin's declaration as uncons titutional

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, whose appointment was forced on Yeltsin by the parliament in December, gave Yeltsin only a halfhearted, partial defence.

He said the president, as the nation's popularly elected leader, "had a right to appeal to the people." Whether Yeltsin's declaration was unconstitutional or not "is an other question," Chernomyrdin

Heavy showers

From Page 1 Col 5 Sylhet. Fent, Chandpur, Madaripur, Barisal, Bhola, and Khepupara.

A trough of low pressure over the Bay of Bengal crossed through the Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong regions causing the rain that dropped the mercury by 3 to 4 degrees Celstus below normal, the Mct official said.

The normal highest temperature of the season was 33 to 35 degrees and the lowest 20 to 22 degrees Celsius, he

Residents in the capital experienced gusty wind and cool weather with a cloudy sky but there was no rainfall.

It felt like the last spell of winter sweeping across the country but Met officials said that it was a temporary "system" that had developed in the atmosphere and may improve in the next 48 hours from Sunday.

Some southern districts would experience rain also on Monday, the official added.

One health official said that it may improve the diarrhoeal situation in the southern dis-Our Staff Correspondent in

Chittagong adds: Inclement weather prevailed Chittagong Sunday amid intermittent rainfall accompanied by gusty wind that almost paralysed normal life here.

Chittagong airport sources said, the second flight of Bangladesh Biman in Chittagong-Dhaka route was cancelled while all other scheduled flights operated

with much delay. Transport movements were thin and people were forced to stay inside their houses as gusty and cold winds swept

the city. Many people were found returning home from offices and other business centres of the city early fearing a possible

hit by nor wester. Met office sources said formation of a low on land had led to such deterioration in the weather condition in Chittagong and riverine ports were advised to hoist Signal No 1.

said, without expressing an

opinion on the matter. Chernomyrdin promised the government would maintain order and try to keep the economy running.

Russia's chief justice and

prosecutor general denounced

the declaration. But Yeltsin

won immediate backing from some world leaders, including President Clinton. Both the 250-member Supreme Soviet and its parent body, the 1,033-member Congress of People's Deputies. have opposed Yeltsin's eco

nomic reforms and sought to curb his powers. Yeltsin went on nationwide television Saturday to respond to his humiliating defeat carlier this month by the Congress, the nation's highest legislative body. The lawmak ers had stripped his power to issue decrees without their approval and cancelled his plan for a referendum to de-

parliament should wield sup-Yeltsin told the nation that the Congress had "arrogantly denied the people the right to determine their own future and he called for a national vote of confidence in the pres-

cide whether the president or

ident on April 25. Until the vote, he said, he was declaring a "special order government." While he stopped short of dissolving parliament, he said presidential decrees would take precedence over the decisions of the legislature and courts.

During Yeltsin's televised speech, he said he had ordered the army to stay out of the political dispute. It was unclear how he would enforce his "special order" in the face of parliamentary resistance

Yeltsin's office said he signed a decree Sunday turn ing the Kremlin guards into a special "presidential regi ment." The decree says the step was taken to raise the prestige of the guards. But it also appeared to be designed to ensure their personal loyalty to Yeltsin.

The Supreme Soviet is the standing legislature that is chosen by the full parliament, whose members were elected before the collapse of the Soviet Union.

.Only the Congress has power to impeach the presi dent. But the Supreme Sovie can convene the Congress and urge it to consider impeach-

Under the constitution, the president can be removed if the Constitutional Court rules that he has violated the constitution and the Congress then impeaches him.

The 13-member Constitutional Court met in closed session Sunday, but did not announce a decision on Yeltsin's declaration. Its chairman Valery Zorkin, condemned Yeltsin's move as uncons titutional Saturday night.

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Steps taken to separate judiciary from executive'

The government has taken steps to separate judiciary from the executive with a view to sustaining the independence of courts, reports UNB.

This was stated yesterday by the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz while he was addressing the members of Dhaka Metropolitan Advocates Bar Association at an iftar party yesterday

Rouf murder

From Page 1 Col 5 cused on a further remand as they had significant clues to murder from the arrested persons. "Now we have to take them to some places to prove the information," he added.

At the end of the four-day remand yesterday, CID police produced Nasir and Mahmud before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and pleaded for seven days remand. But the Magistrate granted a three day remand for each.

Meanwhile, lawyers for the accused men Advocate Abdul Awal, Advocate Ali Asgor Swapon and Advocate Syed Shah Alam prayed for their bail, but the Magistrate re-

jected it. A reliable source said that Dr Nazir Ahmed who did the autopsy of Rouf's body and a retired naval officer deposed before a Metropolitan Magistrate Faruque Ahmed March 17 this year in connection with the murder.

A Deputy Superintendent of Customs, Abdur Rouf, was reportedly tortured to death at the DGFI headquarters, Dhaka Cantonment May 27, 1983 after he had detected a large quantity of smuggled watches at the airfreight godown at Zia International Airport (ZIA) May 24 the same year.

In a 'hasty' autopsy of Rouf's body at the Forensic Department of Dhaka Medical College the death was reported as heart failure.



Two Bosnian soldiers and a UN soldier carrying away a Bosnian wounded woman upon her arrival in Tuzla Saturday. She was a part of some 100 wounded and 500 women and children - AFP photo who were evacuated from Srebrenica.



A N Hussain new DMP commissioner

DIG of Police (Headquar ters) A N Hussain yesterday took over the charge of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissi oner, reports UNB.

The new DMP Commissioner with 25 years' experience carlier served as Police Super in Noakhali, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Dhaka and Rangamati Hill district, DC Police, Dhaka (North), DC (Detective Branch) and Additional Police Commissioner of DMP.

A N Hussain visited a number of countries and participated in different courses and conferences there.

Armed Forces team leaves for Mozambique

A group of 42 staff officers of Bangladesh Armed Forces left here Sunday for Mozambique to join the United Nations Operations in Mozambique, reports UNB.

Lt Col Mohammad Ali is leading the group which includes 40 officers from Bangladesh Army and two from Bangladesh Air Force.

Meanwhile, another contingent of 1,320 army personnel is ready for airlift.

The contingent includes an infantry battalion, an engineers company, a logistics company and medical elements.

Donors

From Page 1 Col 5 focal point of the system while unions and pourashavas be administrative units, the minister said.

The local government will comprise Union Parishads, Zila Parishads, Pourashavas and City Corporations. The bodies will be strengthened to be truly self-governing, he told the representatives of donors.

Emphasis will be given on local resource mobilization, proper training of local leaders and officials.

The new system will facilitate growth of responsible local-level leadership, the LGRD Minister said, adding the local authorities will be given responsibilities for local planning which will be reflected in the national plans.

Provision will be made to make the local bodies more accountable. The system of matching grant in local resource mobilisation will be introduced.

All local bodies will have to ensure collection of at least 75 per cent of taxes, rates and fees levied by them in a financial year, the minister said.

All elected representatives of different local bodies will have to ensure payment of taxes, rates and fees levied under respective acts/ordinances failing which they may not be eligible to participate in further elections, he pointed out. Salam Talukder said to fulfil

constitutional obligation, the present government was committed to institutionalising democracy by ensuring people's participation in the decision-making process and development activities of the country.

Secretary of the Local Government Division of LGRD and Cooperatives Ministry Mushfigur Rahman, Additional Secretary of the Economic Relations Division Ayub Qudri and high officials of the Ministry were present at the meeting.

Hundreds of refugees leave Srebrenica

TUZLA, Mar 21: UN trucks packed with jubilant refugees from besieged Srebrenica have arrived in this eastern bosnian town after crossing the most contested battle lines in Bosnia, reports AP.

The 17 trucks with 673 people on board rolled in at dusk to Tuzla, the closest gov ernment-controlled city to Srebrenica, 72 kilometers (45 mtles) to the southeast. The mostly wounded refugees were brought out by a long-awaited UN convoy that a day earlier had entered Srebrenica, where refugees live outdoors under Serb shelling.

Smiling children poked their heads through holes in tarpaulins and refugees flashed victory signs with their fingers as they arrived in

UN officials on Sunday tried to get a second aid convoy and

a field hospital into besieged

Srebrenica.

Gen Philippe Morillon of France, commander of UN forces in Bosnia, was also to meet with Serb commanders near Srebrenica to discuss deployment of UN observers in

As he worked to capitalize on the successful relief mission in castern Bosnia, the UN airlift to the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, remained suspended because of heavy fighting near the airport The airlift was stopped

Friday after a British plane was shot at, it was not hit.

On Sunday, Serb infantry attacked the Butmir suburb near the airport and a shell hit the runway, said Maj Pepe Gallegos, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo. Much of the capital was

showered with shells," and streets were nearly empty despite mild, spring-like weather, Sarajevo radio said.

20 more die: Diarrhoea continues onslaught

Some 20 more patients succumbed to diarrhoea while 2.081 people were infected by its vicious bacteria yesterday in the 14 affected districts, reports UNB.

The Diarrhoea Control Room sources here Sunday said the overall situation in the affected districts continued to be critical as the epidemic so far claimed a total of 1,304 lives and attacked over 89,928 people despite government and non-government efforts to contain the disease.

Since its outbreak in early January, a large number of people of the 14 districts particularly in Laxmipur and eight southern districts, are being infected by the vicious new diarrhoea bacteria every day, the control room sources

added. Unofficial sources however believe that the death figure and the number of people attacked could be much higher as many cases of diarrhoea were not reported from remote areas.

Of the fresh deaths, five were in Barisal, four in

Oscar tonight:

Clint top

favourite

Clint's turn.

LOS ANGELES, Mar 21: It's

That may well be the mes-

sage Oscar voters convey

Monday night at the 65th an-

nual Academy Awards, reports

and often directing and pro-

ducing box-office hits without

even a nod from Oscar, Clint

Eastwood capsulized his

unique screen persona in

"Unforgiven," which he pro-

duced, directed and starred in

A multiple Eastwood win

seems likely this year, despite

the presence of two widely

praised independent films,

"The Crying Game" and

Returnees from

Malayasia advised

to lodge cases

repatriated from Malayasia,

who had gone there illegally,

have been advised to lodge

cases in the Munsel Courts of

their respective district head-

quarters against those agencies

or agents who were responsi-

ble for their illegal exit, re-

According to an official

handout today, they have also

been requested to contact

their respective district ad-

ministrations, district man-

power offices and Director

General's office of Manpower

Employment and Training

Bureau in Dhaka for taking fur-

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ther actions.

After 30 years of starring in

in Khulna, one in Bagerhat and three in Jhalukati. So far, the highest number of 256 people died in Pirojpur district, followed by 205 in

Patuakhali, three in Laxmipur

another three in Pirojour, one

Laxmipur, 172 in Barguna and 170 in Patuakhali districts.

Diarrhoea breaks out in Jessore jail: 3 die

JESSORE, Mar 21: Three prisoners died of diarrhoea while more than 200 other inmates in the Jessore Central Jail were attacked by the disease during last one week, reliable sources today said, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Anwar (60), Razzak (32) and ldris (47). Among the three, Anwar and Razzak were prisoners while ldris was a detenu.

The sources said the waterborne disease broke out inside the jail due to lack of clean drinking water.

One stabbed to death, tendons of three cut in Magura

MAGURA, Mar 21: A young man was stabbed to death and 10 other were injured in a violent clash between two rival groups of youths in the town on Sunday, reports UNB.

Tendons of three of the injured were slit in the twohour-long flerce street battle. Some 10 shops, a motorbike, 5 electric metres and 2 bus ticket counters were also set aftre rampage that started

at 9:00 am.

Most shops were shuttered as the clash created panic Witnesses said the clash ensucd when some youths of Parla area stabbed Mahabbat Ali (25) of Párnanduali area to death Tendons of the legs of

Munshi Mahmudul Haq (50), Jamal Mollah (20) and Yad Alt Mollal (25) were cut in a sav-

Pakistan From Page 1 Col 7 all movement across the

mountainous border, and some militants are receiving training in Afghanistan. Kanju acknowledged that Islamabad had not been able to

control people entering Pakistan during the 14- year Afghan insurgency against the former Soviet-installed government. Islamabad this year ordered

all unofficial foreign organisations, including Afghan groups, to close their offices in Pakistan to try to convince the United States to lift the charges.

Road, rail link with Ctg disrupted as workers put up barricades

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Mar 21: Road and rail communication between Chittagong and other parts of the country was disrupted for 12 hours today when several hundreds of agitating jute mill workers put up barricades at Barabkunda area under Sitakunda thana, 25 miles off the city, police and witnesses said

The workers of Anwara Jute Mill uprooted the fish-plates and put up barricades at Barabkunda point on Chittagong-Dhaka route at 5 am to press home their demands for wages and Eid bonus, police said. As a result the Dhaka and Chittagong bound trains and other transports remained stranded in both the sides of Barabkunda police and witnesses added.

However, the communica tion was restored after 5 pm today when the barricades were withdrawn following the intervention of local administration.

call off strike

Farm labourers

By Staff Correspondent

The striking workers of 72 public sector agricultural farms and centres have 'postponed their work stoppage with immediate effect.

Bangladesh Krishi Farm Sramik Federation in a press release Sunday asked all workers to join their jobs from Monday (March 22).

The announcement came after 27 days of strike by the workers against retrenchment of workers from different farms of Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC).

The federation said the strike had been called off because of the Eid festival. The federation also asked the au thorities to meet its demands. Further decision on the

strike would be taken after Eid, the press release said.

Child labour

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In his Senate speech, the senator from US state of lowa termed the global child labour scenario "deplorable as it is enormous. In many developing coun-

tries children represent a sub-

stantial part of the work force and could be found in such industries as glass, metalworks. textiles, mining and fireworks manufacturing, Harkin said. They are poor, malnourished, and often work 60- hour weeks for little or no pay. The child labour situation in

Bangladesh occupied a good part of Harkin's Senate speech where he pointed out that some 60,000 children were working in the garment indus-

He referred to a report published in a newsletter by a former Catholic sister after her visit to the Saraka Garment Industry at Mirpur, Dhaka. The sister said that 60 per

cent of the 500 workers in the factory were boys and girls under 13 and she was informed that if a child was sick and was absent for one day without notification, they were docked three days' pay. US accounts for more than

30 per cent of the total Tk 5302 crore in export earnings of Bangladesh. llowever, Tom Harkin mentioned the corrective ac-

tions by the foreign government, manufacturers, and by the US importers following the first introduction of the bill. He pointed out that the

Bangladesh Government and the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) had warned the country's garment industries of dire conscquences of violating law and employing children. The Asian-American Free

Labour Institute and the BGMEA have now agreed to cooperate to solve the child labour law violations.

"This legislation is not about imposing our standards on the developing world. It's about telling those who willingly and knowingly buy and sale goods made on the backs of a child, telling these traffickers of misery that we will not tolerate their dirty trade any longer. They are forewarned, Harkin added

In recent months, increasing campaign by human right activists and the media in the United States against the use of child labour has brought the issue in sharp focus in that country, forcing large multinational companies like Levi Strauss and Co to impose a guideline, against the use of child labour, on the contractors in the developing coun-

US retailing giant Wal-Mart is also considering similar measures including funding primary education in Bangla-

The Midnight Kile

Lightning claims 6

BARISAL, Mar 21: Six persons were killed and ten others injured by lightning in three thanas of Barguna district today. Besides, the lightning caused damage to standing crops including water melons, pumpkins, pulses and chillies, reports

Conservatives may win French polls

PARIS, Mar 21: French voters, fed up with political scandal and high unemployment, were expected to thrash the ruling socialists and give conservatives an overwhelming victory Sunday in the first round of elections for a new National Assembly. French television to project results after polls closed at 8:00 pm (1900 GMT), reports AP.

Gunmen in Nicaraguan embassy free hostages

SAN JOSE (Costa Rica), Mar 21: Gunmen holding 11 hostages in the Nicaraguan Embassy freed their captives Sunday, but remained inside the building, police said. The break in the 13-day standoff came after negotiators agreed to allow the leader of the four gunmen to seek political asylum in the Dominican Republic, authorities said, reports AP.

Tk 4500 cr masterplan

From Page 1 Col 7 Activities of Power Development Board (PDB), Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) and Rural Electrification Board in the power sector were reviewed at the

meeting. The meeting observed with satisfaction that the World Bank had lifted suspension on rehabilitation programme of PDB for the improvement made by the board in its power supply system.

Till January, PDB had supplied about 1,720 megawatt of electricity in the current (1992-93) fiscal year to its 9,40,793 consumers who had a demand of 2,000 megawatt

the power board during the current fiscal had been able to reduce its systems loss from 30.4 per cent to 25.2 per cent through different measure. DESA was able to bring

down its systems loss to 30.21

per cent from the recorded

The meeting observed that

38.26 when it was formed in 55,902 illegal power connections have been disconnected and 476 people sent to

jail for the offence. The authorities snapped Lunthin intrusion

From Page 1 Col 8 servers here when the two countries were engaged in repatriation of some 265,000 Rohingya refugees who had crossed into Bangladesh from Myanmar to escape persecu-

"Lunthin" men intruded into village Ashartoli in Naikhyongchhari thana oi Bandarban district Friday night and opened fire, killing Nurul Kabir and injuring five others.

The incident occurred when Bangladesh Communications Minister Oli Ahmed is touring Yangon and holding talks with the Myanmar authorities on hastening the repatriation of the refugees and other bilateral matters.

On December 21 in 1991, Lunthin launched an attack on the BDR outpost at Rezupara in Bandarban, killing a BDR personnel and looting arms and ammunition.

Mugger

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after the boy yelled 'dacoit dacoit,' he perhaps went away. Kotwali police rushed to the spot immediately after the series of incidents but could not arrest any of the killers.

A case was lodged with Kotwali police station in connection with the murders and both the bodies were sent to the Mitford Hospital morgue for autopsy, said police.

lines of nearly 12,000 subscribers on charges of default while it collected about Tk 27

Disciplinary action has been taken against 83 employees, and four executive engineers have been transferred on different charges, the meeting was informed. Awards have also been given in recognition of good performance of em-

The measures aimed at streamlining the power sector which earlier had an unusual rate systems loss, nearly 40

Number of subscribers increased to 4,23,646 from 3,65,733 in the last 16 months, marking an increase, of 11 per cent in demand, the meeting was informed. The meeting, held at the

by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman. Cabinet Secretary, Principal Secretaries and officials of concerned ministries, de-

International Conference

Centre (ICC) was also attended

present. JMB project

partments and divisions were

From Page 1 Col 4 against the estimated cost of taka 207 crore.

question whether the bids would come in accordance with the estimates," said an authoritative World Bank source. A possible option, the JMBA official said, would be to seek a

re-tender on the river-training

portion of the project "with

"There has always been a

certain modifications and changes to reduce the price without losing time.' A senior official of the ADB resident mission said: "We have to wait for the overall cost to be clear and try to get a

good cost figure as far as pos-The Manila-based ADB is yet to announce its financial contribution towards the project. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia requested ADB assistance for the Jamuna Bridge project during her recent meeting with the visiting Bank

President Kimimasa Tarumizu The JMBA executive added that if a decision was taken to seek fresh bids for the rivertraining work, it would be floated along with the tender

for construction of the bridge. Technical bids for the bridge component of the project have been completed with the participation of six international firms and an evaluation is in progress, the official added. Financial bids for the bridge would be invited soon and the last date for submitting the tenders would be June 15. Work on the bridge is scheduled to begin January

CHEHLAM



Rahman, Chairman & Managing Director of Chandpur Jute Balers Ltd., and Director of Eastland Insurance Company Ltd. will be held today, (March 22, 1993).

Chehlam of Mr. Shafigur

On this occasion a Milad-Mahfil has been arranged after Asar Prayer at his Residence at 8/7, Lalmatia, Block 'C' Dhaka.

Relatives, friends & well-wishers are requested to attend and pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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