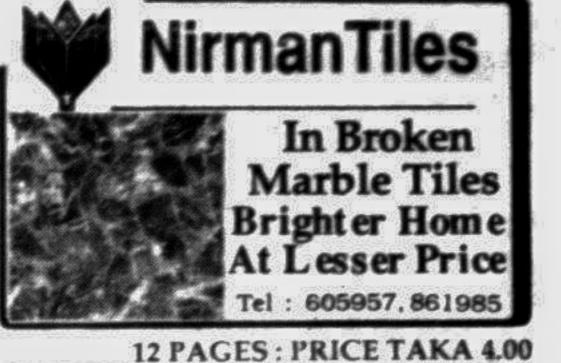
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Shantibahini

agrees to

extend truce

upto Apr 30

From Nurul Alam

leaders of Parbattya Chatta-

gram Janasanghati Samity

(PCJSS), the parent of-

ganisation of Shantibahini, re-

portedly agreed to extend the

truce period upto April 30,

The extension period of

ceasestre agreed carlier be-

tween the Shantibahini leaders

and the government during

the second round of peace

called upon the government-

formed Parliamentary

Committee to hold the third

round of peace talks in the

month of April before the fresh

extension period of truce

Shantibahini leaders came to-

UN staffer from

Bangladesh

killed in Phnom

Penh shootings

Mar 30: Cambodian govern-

ment soldiers fatally shot a UN

staffer from Bangladesh in one

of six overnight shootings and

grenade attacks in the capital,

a government spokesman said

The Bangladeshi was in one

Tuesday, reports AP.

PHNOM PENH, (Cambodia),

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The message from the

The PCJSS leaders also

sources in CHT said.

talks ends tomorrow

ends, sources added.

CHITTAGONG, Mar 30: The

– Inside Today –

Congress: A Party without Ethos

the Lines by Kuldip Nayar



double-barrel Oscar for Unforgiven

North-West region needs planned forest conservation

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When the Going

# **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Hasina leaves for India

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina left for India yesterday (Tuesday) on a five-day private visit, taking daughter Putul to her school in Bangalore

During the visit, Hasina will also travel to Madras to see her son Joy who is studying there in a public school, said Awami League leader Amir Hossain

It is customary for public schools in India that parents pay routine visits to see their

wards. Hasina is expected to return home on April 4 or 5.

reports UNB.

### Pak navy team in city

A three-member delegation of the Pakistan Navy arrived here vesterday on a eight-day visit to Bangladesh. The delegation is headed by Rear Admiral Shamoon Alam Khan, a deputy ehief of Naval Staff of the Pakistan Navy, reports

### 25 army men off to Mozambique

Another batch of 25 army personnel including five officers led by Major Mosharaf llussain left Dhaka for Mozambique last night. They were seen off at the Zia International Airport by senior army officers, reports BSS.

# Serajul Alam Khan

hospitalised Former JSD leader Serajul Alam Khan was admitted to a private hospital in the capital Monday in a critical condition. lle is suffering from a serious disease of the vertebral column and spinal cord. Khan had undergone a surgical operation of the spinal cord in PG Hospital where doctors advised for a second operation abroad. But he could not proceed for operation abroad as his passport was impounded and not yet returned, reports UNB.

# Accord appears remote

# Delhi delegates doubt Dhaka's water flow figures

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

meeting, expressing customary hope that "we will try to do something today.

With the flow at Hardinge

Bridge going further down

vesterday, prospects of a posi-

tive outcome were bleak as

discords dominated the delib-

crations of the first day of the

two-day second meeting of the

Indo-Bangladesh joint body of

two sessions, failed to make

headway although the Indian

delegation leader Irrigation

Secretary CD Thatte claimed

Assifuddowla, bluntly refused to

endorse the statement saying

can tell you as we could make

nior member of Bangladesh

delegation said of yesterday's

The impugned government

notification, issued in April

1973, disqualifying Golam

Azam to be deemed to be a

citizen of Bangladesh is "Illegal

and void", claimed Barrister A

the petitioner at the hearing of

the writ petition challenging

the cancellation of the citizen-

ship of Golam Azam in the sin-

gle-bench of the High Court

Division comprising Justice

the eleventh day began at

10.45 am and continued till

4.15 pm with an hour's break.

The hearing will resume today.

counsel for the petitioner con-

tinued to place his arguments

with the court interjecting a

number of times. Attorney

General Aminul Haque, repre-

senting the state, was also pre-

sent during the hearing.

On the day's hearing, the

licaring on the petition for

Anwarul Huq Choudhury.

He was acting on behalf on

R Yusuf on Tuesday.

no substantial progress," a se-

that he was "not happy."

His Bangladesh counterpart.

There is nothing that I

that "things are progressing."

The four-hour talks, split in

water experts.

CHAITRA 17, 1399 BS,

Asked what the Bangladesh side proposed, he said in no mood of optimism, "All we have told them is we need wa-

Another two formal sessions of the so-called Joint Committee of Experts (JCE) are scheduled today.

The first meeting, held in mid-November in New Delhi, vielded nothing except the decision to hold the second in Dhaka soon. That too was delayed by months owing to the acrimony that followed the Ayodhya developments.

Much to the dismay of the Dhaka delegates, the New Delhi men brushed aside the complaints that too much water was being diverted through Farakka and that the extremely low discharge was causing unduc hardship to a vast population in south-western Bang-

The Indians refused to believe the figures of the declining flow and the water level at the Hardinge Bridge which prompted the Bangladesh delegates to insist that they see for themselves the big shoals in the once mighty Padma.

Meeting sources said that the Indian team initially nodded to the proposal but later backed out saying that a visit to the area today, as proposed by Bangladesh team, would eat up much of time for scheduled deliberations across the table. The Indian refusal to the

helicopter ride to Bheramara,

where the country's largest irrigation project solely dependant on Padma water is located, annoyed the Bangladesh team members.

Meanwhile, hydrologists at Bheramara yesterday found the flow at the Hardinge Bridge point further low, beating previous day's record.

According to figures made available to The Daily Star, discharge at Hardinge at noon yesterday was 9,218 cusccdown from Monday's 9.247 and water level 13.91 feetdown from the previous day's

Later, replying to reporters after the meeting, CD Thatte, a former chairman of India's Central Water Commission, claimed, "We are half way

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# Reformers ask Yeltsin not to hold his own referendum

MOSCOW, Mar 30: The Russian parliament voted a 30 million dollar budget today for next month's referendum and vote of confidence in President Boris Yeltsin, report AFP, AP.

The conservative-dominated assembly displeased Yeltsin by altering the poll regulations so that he will need at least 50 percent yes votes of the whole registered electorate and not just of those actually voting.

Reformist lawmakers mean while advised President Yeltsin against holding his own referendum on his fight with parliament and warned him of the dangers of discontent in the military.

Yeltsin met with about 100 supporters from the Congress of People's Deputies after a raucous emergency parliament session that ended Monday without resolving the power

The four-day session produced no winners in the standoff that has paralyzed government for a year. Yeltsin's opponents failed to vote him out of office, and the president's main political rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, retained his position.

The Congress did take another bite from Yeltsin's powers. It also set an April 25 refcrendum that Yeltsin had sought to resolve the fight, but lawmakers added a question on whether Russians support the painful economic reforms he began 15 months ago.

Presidential aides said Monday the president might hold a parallel vote to ask guestions of his own choosing. But the reformist lawmakers urged Yeltstn to challenge the Congress' decision in the See Page 12 Col 4

## Hafizuddin MP joins BNP

## Face opponents politically, Khaleda asks partymen Mohammad Haftzuddin MP and

SAIDPUR, Mar 30: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today asked her party leaders and workers to politically face those trying to create indisci pline in national life, reports We will face them organisa-

tionally and politically," she said addressing a rally of workers of Saidpur District BNP at the local Town Hall here this afternoon. Begum Zia warned that indiscipline in national life will

bring destruction for the country and called upon all individ uals to take responsibility of building the nation. We have to be openhearted and broad-minded. We have to build the country in-

volving all," she said referring

to joining of leaders and work-

ers of National Awami Party

Nearly 1,500 leaders and workers, led by Prof

[NAI' Malek-Hafiz].

Dr Abdul Malek, formally joined BNP at a public meeting at Nilphamari this morning, dissolving their own party.

With the joining of Hafizuddin MP, the number of treasury bench members in parliament rose to 173 including 28 women members. Three other members elected independently earlier joined the ruling party. The Prime Minister pointed

out that people from different walks of life inspired by BNP's polities of production and development are joining the nationalist forces. She called upon the party workers to further strengthen the organisation at the grassroot level. She said the party has to be

strengthened to work for bringing about socio- economic development of the villages. The BNP Chairperson

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## of two cars that drove without stopping through a govern-

ment weapons checkpoint Monday night, said spokesman Khicu Kanharith. Occupants of the first car fired at govern-See Page 12 Col 1

President of Bangladesh

**Employers' Association Anis** 

Ud Dowla Tuesday demanded

formation of five wage boards

to fix minimum wages of

He felt that sector-based

review on the wage-issue would help finding out appro-

priate solutions to the prob-

emergency meeting of the

Tripartite Consultative Com-

mittee held at the Labour and

Manpower Training building

The Committee which was

formed with the representa-

tives from government, em-

ployers and workers held the

meeting to discuss the Wage

approach' in fixing up mini-

mum wages for the workers,

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Jute, textile

sugar workers

to discuss

strategies Apr 9

By Nurul Kabir

try's jute, textile and sugar

sectors will hold a joint con-

vention in the city April 9 to

chalk out strategies to imple-

ment accords separately

signed with the government

scheduled convention would

especially concentrate on

adopting a strategy to combat

what the workers termed the

government's unilateral deci-

sion to disinvest the public

officially announced disinvest-

ment of two textile mills-

Bangladesh Textile Mills,

Narayanganj and Madaripur

The government has already

sector mills and factories.

According to sources, the

earlier.

The workers of the coun-

Emphasizing on 'sectoral

Tuesday morning.

Commission Report.

Anis was addressing an

workers of different sectors.

BEA for fresh five wage boards By Staff Correspondent

### Hearing on writ continues

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting at Kishoreganj Stadium in Nilphamari yesterday.- PID photo

# Order disqualifying Azam should be declared void, Yusuf pleads

By Staff Correspondent

Barrister Yusuf argued that the impugned notification went far beyond the power vested on the government and that in exercise of that power the government took "irrelevant considerations" into account.

Through the notification, issued on April 18, 1973, the government, under Article 3 of the Bangladesh Citizenship Temporary Provisions Order (PO149 of 1972), declared 39 persons, including the petitioner, not to be qualified to be deemed to be citizens of Bangladesh citing three spe-

cific grounds, he noted. The grounds on which the notification was issued were: staying abroad since long before the Liberation of Bangladesh and by conduct cannot be deemed to be citizens of Bangladesh and continued to be citizens of Pakistan.

These grounds, the counsel

for the petitioner said, go beyond the scope of Article 3 which provides for removal of doubt in respect to Article 2 of the Temporary Order.

"There seems to be no doubt in respect to the three conditions required to be a citizen under Article 2," he as-

Article 2 sets three specific conditions to be deemed to be a citizen: Whether a person or his father or his grandfather was born in the territory now comprising Bangladesh; if he was a permanent resident on March 25, 1971 and continued to be so resident.

While Article 3 of the Temporary Order states: In case of doubt as to whether a person is qualified to be deemed to be a citizen of Bangladesh under Article 2 of this order, the question shall be decided by the government, which deci-See Page 12 Col 7

'Harkin bill not to punish developing states'

By Staff Correspondent Amid Bangladesh's fears

that a 'handshake' between its realities and western corporate idealism would be difficult, a US senator's aide Tuesday assured that the Harkin Bill was not aimed at punishing the developing

"Nobody is going to punish anybody," said James Sweeny, legislative aide to Senator Tom Harkin, the author of the Child

The bill aims at helping Third World governments

The law, known as the Harkin Bill, and seeking a ban on all imports produced with child labour will have a farreaching impact on the garments industries of

(Democrat-lowa) and co-sponsored by nine other prominent Schators, the law proposes a See Page 12 Col 4

# Pakistan blames Indian intelligence for blasts

intelligence agents of masterminding bomb attack in Bombay early this month in which almost 300 people were killed, reports AFP.

The attackers were "used by

Indian intelligence for the sole purpose of implicating Pakistan," Akram Zaki, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs told a press conference. New Delhi has alleged that

Pakistan's secret service was behind the blasts on March 12 which wreaked havoc in the Indian financial centre.

Bombay police have said that those who carried out the bombings fled to Pakistan via Dubai five days after the blasts. Despite strenuous efforts

the attackers could not be located in Pakistan, Zaki said Report from Bombay says, Bombay police investigating a series of deadly blasts in the city carlier this month said

Monday that Bombs used in

the attacks were smuggled in

from Dubai with a huge cache

"We have indicative evidence from there," Bombay Police Commissioner Amariit Singh Samra said in the first statement on the origin of the plastic explosives which devastated the city on March 12 and killed almost 300 people.

Two tonnes of explosives and 200 AK-56 assault rifles were landed on the Bombay coast ahead of the attacks, he

There is a possibility that other landings have taken place, and so other mischiefs are likely to be engineered by these elements," the police

chief said. Samra, whose officers have arrested 27 suspects in connection with the bombings one of world's bloodiest terrorist strikes - said an Indian organised crime boss, Dawood Ibrahim, based in Dubai, was also part of the plot to wreak havoc in Bombay.

He added that Ibrahim and another wanted man, Mustaque "Tiger" Memon, a Mus-See Page 12 Col 6

# 6 killed, 20 injured in road mishaps By Staff Correspondent

Six persons were killed and 20 others injured in three Dhaka, Feni and Joypurhat in two days.

According to our DMCH

Correspondent, two persons were killed in separate road accidents at Park Avenue and Jatrabari in the capital yester-An unidentified rickshaw-

puller died on the spot when a speeding truck ran over his rickshaw near the Ramna Park at around 7 pm yesterday. In another incident, a 22-

year-old man was killed in a road accident at Jatrabari at around 6 pm yesterday. His identity could not be known. UNB adds: Head Master of a THE REPORT OF THE STREET AND THE STREET

high school was killed when a speeding bus knocked him separate road mishaps in down at Fatchpur on Feni bypass road yesterday. Police said Mohammad

Soliman Bhuiyan, Head Master of the Box Mahmud High School in Langalcourt thana of Comilla district died on the spot when a bus knocked his motorcycle from behind at about 5 am. In Joypurhat, a bus carrying

a bridal party overturned near Atapur rail crossing on l'anchbibi-llilli road Monday night, killing three people and injuring 20 others, including the bride and the groom. Bus helpers Akbar (30) and Amjąd (18), and a pedestrian

police and witnesses said.

See Page 12 Col 1 Nirmul Samannaya Committee protest rally today By Staff Correspondent

Nirmul Samannaya Commi-

ttee has urged the people to

make today's protest rally and

demonstration a success. A joint meeting of the Advisory Committee, Steering Committee and Public Enquiry Committee was held yesterday to review the situation, which accused the government of vio-See Page 12 Col I

Mizanur (20) died on the spot,



- Star photo

countries. Labour Deterrence Act, 1993.

climinate a major form of child abuse, he said.

Bangladesh. Tabled by Senator Harkin

# Chemical factory 10 houses gutted

in city: 10 hurt

By Staff Correspondent A chemical factory and about ten thatched houses near the Dhaka Central Jail were gutted in a big fire Tuesday af-

ternoon. At least 10 people including three fire service officers and five firemen sustained minor injuries while they were battling the fire.

factory at around 5:30 pm, the fire spread to the nearby area and continued burning for an hour, witnesses said. Seven rooms of MS Arif Chemicals Limited containing

Originating from a chemical

fire, the firemen said. Cause of the fire and the loss in the incident could not be estimated immediately, sources said.

burnish-chemical products and

machine were gutted in the

## ISLAMABAD, Mar 30: Paof assault rifles. kistan today accused Indian