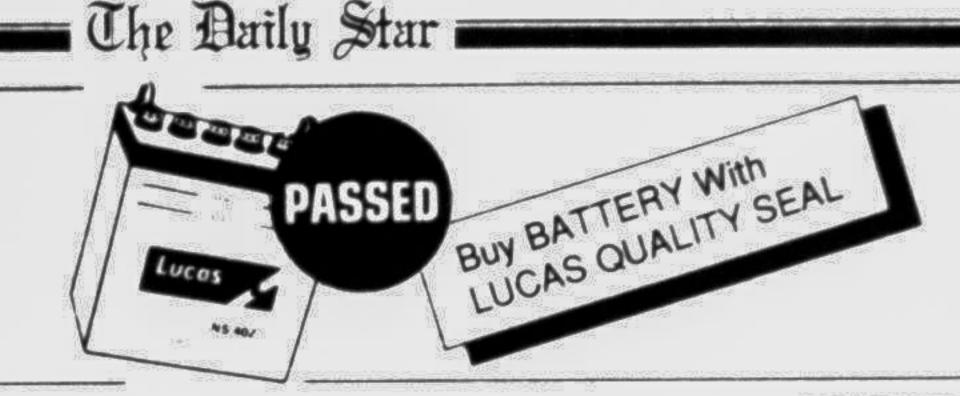
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## Negotiate help to mitigate natural disasters: Obasi

By Staff Correspondent

The Secretary General of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) Godwin Olu Patrick Obasi Thursday suggested that Bangladesh should increasingly take part in all the international conferences on environment to riegotiate assistance from the developed countries for lessening the adverse effect of global change.

"The developing countries like Bangladesh should take part in all the international meetings on global environment to contribute to the policy making, negotiate help and assistance to mitigate the natural disasters, and receive alternative technology from the advanced countries for disaster management," the WMO Secretary General told a press conference at the Hotel Shcraton. Obasi left Dhaka Thursday

evening after a six-day visit to Bangladesh. Giving a picture of the

global warming and rising trend of the sea level. Obast

constituency, was arrested on

October 27 last year in con-

nection with the killing of

Navek Ali Azam of DGFI in

1980. The case, which was

regime in 1982, was revived

Posters

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An official statement con-

firmed that the police had

bound the trio on personal

sureties to remain available "if

their presence was required

for plastering posters on the

walls of the city, the country's

political hub, the statement

said some 900 copies of a pub-

lication containing objec-

tionable matter were seized

Asma Jahangir called the raid

"illegal" and said it was the

duty of HRCP to 'represent

the feelings" of the people

with regard to the problem of

democracy and "to mobilise

them to play their role" in

secking solutions to the issues

The posters against the

President appeared in the

wake of a reported tussle be-

tween Ishaq Khan and Prime

Minister Nawaz Sharif over the

issue of slashing powers the

President wields under a con-

troversial constitutional

amendment. Sharif has ap-

pointed a committee to review

the amendment introduced by

late military ruler Muhammad

facing the country.

Commission spokeswoman

from its office.

Blaming the commission

to fulfill legal obligations."

at a nearby police post.

by the present government.

during the previous

said that half of Bangladesh would be affected if the sca water rose by 65 centimeters be cause of three degree Celsius increase of temperature in the next-100 years. He said that the world

communities should take immediate steps to contain green house gases.

"We have to do something now. If nothing is done, it will be too late because the warming is an irreversible process," the WMO Secretary General cautioned

He advised further enhancement in the country's capacity for disaster prepared

Obassi pointed out the need for two more radar stations for bringing the entire country under surveillance and monitor weather.

biennial council

any social disorder.

Women's rights

From Page 1 Col 8

recent communal riots in

India, he observed that the

womenfolk always fell victim to

added, the women had to

make supreme sacrifices.

our resources, he noted.

In all the incidents, he

Our youth force had fought

the war in 1971 when the

Pakistani Army was molesting

our women while destroying

Justice Rouf said that such

incidents were the examples

of sacrifices made by the male

for their female counterparts

because the basic relation be-

tween the two was of love and

affection - not of confronta-

Parishad Chairperson Be-

gum Sufia Kamal chaired the

inaugural session of the con-

ference while other leaders of

the organisations including

Ayesha Khanam, Munira Khan

Begum Noorjahan Morshed

Baby Moudud, Tara Reddy of

National Federation of Indian

Women and Ila Mitra and

Chhaya Basu of West Bengal

had dedicated itself to inspir-

Since its inception, she

The two-day conference be-

added, the Parishad had been

working relentlessly for the

gan with the hoisting of na-

tional flag, releasing of pigeons

and balloons. One-minute si-

lence was observed as a mark

of respect to those who laid

down their lives in various

democratic struggles for the

Parishad's Genera

Secretary Ayesha Khanan pre-

sented her elaborate report

containing various instances of

atrocities on women, their de-

privation and discrimination at

the meeting, also attended by

the delegates from all over the

country, representatives from

various women's bodies and

Later, the Parishad mem-

ber brought out a procession that paraded the city

DMP mobile units

to combat

terrorism

Commissioner AN Hussain has

brought 14 thanas in the capi-

tal under a single unit and set

up 16 new mobile units to

contain terrorism and hijack-

ing, according to a police

press release issued here yes-

been advised to contact near-

est thana, control room, detec-

tive branch and if necessary

the commissioner's office ei-

ther over phone or directly if

there is any act of terrorism or

hijacking in their respective

areas. The commissioner as-

sured that necessary action

will be taken if any thana, or

control room or concerned of-

ficials do not take any step af-

ter receiving the report of ter-

contacted are: Control Room:

509922, 509933, 509944 and

DMP exchange: 410061-222-

333, DB Office: 413776 and

410061-397. Commissioner

400391 and exchange:

The phone numbers to be

rorism or hijacking.

410061-440.

The city dwellers have

terday, reports BSS.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

welfare of the women.

cause of humanity.

foreign missions.

thoroughfares.

Director of the Meteorological Department of Bangladesh Hamiduzzaman Khan Chowdhury and Dr Lars E Oleson of WMO were present at the press conference.

#### Auranga in Keraniganj From Page 1 Col 5

By Staff Correspondent A double murder was com-

Abdul Aziz, 21, said police.

Police suspected that it was a sequel to a previous quarrel

Earlier, two other persons were murdered in the same area following rivalry between two groups of the area. But police are yet to confirm whether the vesterday's murders had links with the previous murders, according to police.

### Take bold steps

unprecedented shortage of the statement said.

and the problem apparently League leaders observed.

Bangladesh is being deprived crucial issue.

the government of Banga-

SALE AND REPURCHASE PRICES OF

# Double murder

mitted at Golam Bazar, Keraniganj - on the outskirts of the capital Thursday evening. The victims were identified

as Mokhter Hossain, 20, and Witnesses said that when

the two persons were at the Golam Bazar area, a group of armed men suddenly attacked with knives and brutally murdered them on the spot.

between the two groups in the

### From Page 1 Col 5

water caused by the upstream diversion of international river.

deepened further, the Awami They alleged that

of its just share of the Ganges water due to the ruling BNP's

bandhu Sheikh Mujibur

The AL leaders said the

world opinion must stand by Bangladesh on this issue.

### 'Azam is a Pakistani' Physical Training Centre. From Page 1 Col 4

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad brought out a procession in city yesterday marking its 8th

is not a correct assertion," he pointed out, adding "his allegiance was always with Pakistan and he never considered Bangladesh as his homeland." The Attorney General noted

that after his entry into Bangladesh in 1978 holding a Pakistani passport the petitioner "himself registered as a foreigner" which proves, he added, that he "still thought himself a Pakistani citizen.

Furthermore, the state counsel noted that the petitioner in order to avoid "possible illegal ouster," as claimed in the petition, applied for visa extension twice and only surrendered his Pakistani passport over four months later and filed an application to be registered as a Bangladeshi citizen. "All this ifsofacto suggests

that the petitioner continued to be a Pakistani citizen on March 26, 1971 till the day he left for Pakistan on November 22 and the fact also makes crystal-clear his loyalty towards Pakistan." The facts revealed in the

newspaper reports, the Attorney General said, also suggested that the petitioner was "venomously" against the very concept of Bangladesh and even "styled the freedom fighters miscreants". At this point the court

asked a series of questions about allegiance and residence of a person, saying: What is a passport? Does it show a person's allegiance? What is the international concept? Would a passport show oath of allegiance? Would residence translate into allegiance and how it is to be proved? What is the constitutional validity of a passport? Would a passport ifsofacto be a document of allegiance? The court then went on to

note that, during the initial hearing on the Writ, both the judges agreed that Article 2(b) of the Bangladesh Citizenship (Temporary Provisions) Order of 1972 which provides for disqualification under an oath of allegiance clause, does not attract in the case of the petitioner as it was incorporated after the impugne notification was issued on April 18, 1973. "Without that you cannot

bring in conduct and I can only go into it if there was flagrant violation of law," Justice Choudhury told the state coun-

The Attorney General pointed out that Article 2(b) was "re-validated" and given retrospective effect from March 26, 1971 by Act Number 5 at a later date. Alternatively, he argued that

the word citizenship also connoted allegiance to the coun-

The counsel for the state noted how the Razakar force came into being through the East Pakistan Razakar Ordinance Number 10 on August 2, 1971, by repealing the existing Ansar Act, and was later placed under the Ministry of Defence September 2.

"Although the Razakar force was raised by the government order, it was raised at the initiative of the Jamaat, of which the petitioner was the Ameer, as that party acted as the main feeder and motivator of the force," he claimed. At this point the Attorney

General produced a copy of the August 23, 1971 editorial published in Sangram, the party mouthpiece of the Jamaat, welcoming the formation of the Razakar force and a September 18 report in the same newspaper in which the petitioner made a motivational speech at the passing out parade at the Razakar camp located at the Mohammadpur

These newspaper reports

proved "absolutely in true colour," he said, that the petitioner was against the freedom struggle of Bangladesh and for upholding the integrity of Pakistan. The court also agreed that

the petitioner, at that time, was a "very adamant" supporter of Pakistan. However, Justice Chou-

dhury went on to ask if there was any law against providing citizenship to the Razakars or The Attorney Genera

replied that the petitioner was a Pakistani citizen all along. "But your (Bangladesh) law allows dual citizenship," inter-

jected the court.

"If we (Bangladesh) want to give it (dual citizenship) to him" the state counsel replied, adding "but the petitioner continued to be resident of Pakistan as a citizen of Pakistan as Justice Sarker found."

At this point the court asked if the proviso to Article 2 of the Temporary Order, which provides for those serviceholders and students stranded in Pakistan to become citizens of Bangladesh, would be given an "exhaustive" intempretation. Can it be said that the proviso is not exhaus tive but inclusive in definition. Justice Choudhury said, as the law did not intend to keep out lakhs of stranded Bangladeshis.

"We are not looking only at Golam Azam, we have to interpret the law in such a way so that all is included," the court remarked. The Attorney General as-

sured that he would bring all "who owed allegiance and loyalty" to Bangladesh through his argument. However, the court pointed

out that the government could have kept the collaborators out but instead kept silent about it "so as not to go for a witchhunt and to avoid bloodshed." The Attorney General ar-

gued that it was a "white lie" on the part of the petitioner to claim that he was stranded as a Bangladeshi in Pakistan. As according to the peti-

tioners' own admission he was the Ameer of the East Pakistan Jamaat and went to Pakistan on November 22, 1971 to attend a conference of the party in Rawalpindi, dedicated to the concept of integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan, he "Golam Azam is telling

white lies when he says that he was a stranded Bangladeshi in Pakistan, I find no words to condemn such lies," the Attorney General remarked. The hearing ended for the

day at 4:15 pm and will resume next Tuesday. Barrister AR Yusuf, repre-

senting the petitioner, was also present during the days

### Search for missing seaman on From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: The body of a second officer of Bahamas flag carrying vessel MV RT who remained missing at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port, could not be recovered even after thorough search operation for the last 40 hours, port officials said. Lutfor Rahman Chowdhury,

a Bangladeshi national, fell into the sea at 6 am yesterday while he was trying to take the draftreading, port control source

The search operation was conducted in the sea with helicopter, survey boats of Chittagong port and Navy, port radio control informed.

## PM: Poll pledges

From Page 1 Col 4 cultivation of fruits, vegetables, and plantation. "Ours is a small country with poor people and poor government", the Prime Minister said adding "We want to turn the hands of our people into the workers hands not the beggars." Referring to the diarrhoeal

situation which cost many lives in various parts of Barisal district, the Prime Minister said adequate tubewells would be supplied to ensure pure drinking water in the area. About the local demands,

she said Jhalakati Women College would be nationalised and rural electrification net work would be expanded in Jhalakati and Nalchiti thanas.

The Prime Minister sought cooperation of the people of Barisal district for speedy completion of the Barisal Airport.

The Prime Minister, addressing the meeting at Katakhali thana complex field said her government had been continuing programmes of en suring education and health for all side by side with its "Dal-Bhat" programme. Begum Zia criticised the

opposition's frequent agitational programmes saying some parties were out to create chaos and indiscipline a a time when the BNP government was going ahead with the programmes of production and development. The people of the country

are not in a mood to see any division in the nation and in discipline, Begum Zia said urg ing the people to identify those quarters which were creating obstruction in the na tion's march towards progress About the local demands,

she said Rajapur-Katakhali Patharghata Road would be constructed and electricity would be provided in Kaikhali

#### Bosnia From Page 1 Col 5

members from NATO and the UN Security Council— the US. France and Britain," said one alliance source. The mission will mark a

turning point in the history of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), which has been limited to the defence of its member states since it was set up in 1949 to counter Soviet military power. The alliance has said it is

now willing to take on new missions beyond its borders, such as peace-keeping, in an increasingly troubled Europe. While NATO will run the

operation, it will be under the strict political control of the United Nations. The UN resolution is intended to apply pressure on

the Bosnian Serbs, the only party to refuse to sign all parts of a peace plan drafted by mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen and endorsed last week by the Bosnian Muslims and NATO is also planning to

send up to 75,000 troops to enforce the peace plan but allies are arguing about how the command structure would work and there are growing doubts about whether allies will contribute enough forces.

## The Midnight File

### ICJ begins hearing Bosnia's case against Serbia

THE HAGUE, Apr 1: The International Court of Justice to day began hearing Bosnia's case accusing Serbia of genocide and other war crimes. Court President Sir Robert Yewdall Jennings of Britain convened the 14 Judge Court to hear Bosnia plead for an emergency ruling against Serbia. Bosnia wants the Court to order the rump Yugoslavia - made up of Serbia and its ally Montenegro - to halt immediately all killings, destruction of towns and villages and so called ethnic cleansing, reports Reuter.

### Police opens fire on Kashmir mourners: Two killed

SRINAGAR, India, April 1: At least two people were killed here today as police opened fire on thousands of mourners for a prominent Kashmiri surgeon who was murdered overnight. witnesses said. They said one of the dead was the brother-inlaw of the slain surgeon, Abdul Ahad Guru whose bullet-rid dled body was found here today, reports AFP.

### Bombay Blasts: 14 more held NEW DELHI, Apr 1: The

Bombay police today announced the arrest of 14 more people for involvement in the string of explosions which killed some 300 people last month, reports AFP. Prime suspect in the blasts

and six of whose members are sought by Indian authorities the Press Trust of India (I'I') reported Bombay Police Commi

ssioner Amarjit Singh Samra told reporters the latest arrests had taken to 44 the number held for their role in the explosions. PTI adds from Calcutta, un

city police seized ten ordinary live bombs from a place behind a nationalised bank in the central part of the city today. according to official sources DPRK envoy

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DPRK would cooperate in balancing the trade relations. Welcoming the Vice-President, President Biswas

also requested him to convey his personal regards and best wishes to President Kim Il Li Jong Ok conveyed to

him regards from the North Korean President and appreciated the great efforts made by Bangladesh for socio-economic development of the people. Yeltsin

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paralysed Russian politics for

Yeltsin wanted to give votcrs a simple choice of whether Parliament or the President should be the supreme author-

Congress undercut his plans last Monday by calling its own referendum for the same day, but set terms which protected itself and were heavily weighted against the President.

Yeltsin, who was preparing for a weekend summit with US President Bill Clinton, has promised to contest the terms of the vote in the constitutional court.

### From Page 1 Col 5 allocated Tk two crore for the

Public Health Department to install 15 km new pipelines during the current fiscal year. Three of the five high-rise tanks, including one in the

compound of the Water Supply office, remained dry as the corporation has failed to procure powerful motors to pump ground water, one official said. Some 90 roadside tanks, locally known as "dhops"

which were installed by Queen Hemanta Kumari of Puthia in 1937, are the major source of water for public. The corporation has also connected 380 taps to its pipelines later to ease people's woes. The corporation, however,

has been telling city people that the water crisis, graded number one by the authorities, would be solved by the year 2000 as a Japan financed project was being taken to meet the demand. But a corporation source

said that the Tk 150-crore ambitious project was now at the technical survey level and they were not sure when the works would start. The water experts and offi-

to poor rainfall and long aridity in the region. For the past four months Rajshahi and its adjoining districts experienced no rain-

cials also attributed the crisis

fall which has created a drought-like situation in the Many tubewells failed to pump out water as the ground water level has fallen alarm-

ingly over the recent years. The Padma once a mighty river on whose bank the city is situated is now a 'dead' There are more than 1,000 ponds in the city which earlier used to be the main source of

water have now been either

silted or have been turned into

garbage dump. The RCC authorities said that poor development budget allotted by the previous government almost stalled all the development works including the water supply.

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Nari Samity also spoke on the Justice Rouf in his speech further said that a vast human society flourishes because of the combined efforts of both the male and female despite differences in their persons well as in their mentalities. Begum Sufia Kamal in her presidential address said that Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

But unfortunately the bilateral talks had completely failed ing the country's womenfolk with education, courage and being self-reliant so that they could establish their rights in the society.

subservient foreign policy as well as unclear position in this The AL leaders recalled that Bangladesh had realised 44,000 cusecs of water during

But the post-75 regimes utterly failed to settle the problem and ensure the country's due share of the Ganges water and as a result, a vast area in the northern region virtually

Zia Ul Haq in 1985 which gave the President power to sack the Prime Minister and dissolve parliament. Both Zia and Ishaq Khan turned into a desert, they said. had invoked the amendment in sacking the previous two governments.

### concerned authorities," they said, adding that the three were detained for some time