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### Nothing to fear if cheap foreign goods flood market: Saifur

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday reiterated that the economic reforms and deregulation measures undertaken by the present government were aimed at making the economy more marketoriented, reports BSS.

The Finance Minister was inaugurating a seminar on "deregulating economies of South Asia" in a local hotel Saturday morning. DF Robinson, general manager of the ANZ Grindlays Bank presided.

Organised by the Grindlays Bank the two-day seminar is being participated by the delegates from India, Nepal, and Bangladesh.

The Finance Minister said in a market-oriented economy

goods coming from outside, rather deregulation measures would pave the way for more extrovert and outward looking economy. Such measures means, Rahman said, abolishing all the restraint handicaps in the free way of conducting transaction.

It is to some extent difficult to undertake deregulating measures in a society like ours, which are used to regulation for 40 years or so, he added.

Regarding the imposition of restrictions by some western countries on certain exportable items like shrimps and garments from Bangladesh, the Finance Minister regretted that when we are deregulating and liberalising there should not be any fear of our import policies these sures undertaken by the prebeing flooded by the cheap countries are pursuing policies sent government.

which are not in conformity with the deregularisation and trade liberalisation.

Rahman expressed the hope that the deregulating measures adopted by the present democratic government would make "Our vast labour force more production-oriented since there is very little scope of drawing salaries without work."

He said, good governance, rule of law, and democratic process are inter-related and a good governance means caring for the people and their wel-

The Finance Minister outlined the series of deregulating and trade liberalisation mea-

## Debate on budget

From Page 1 Col 4 middle of the year bypassing

Parliament. On subsidy in agriculture, the said even rich countries like in Europe, Japan and China gave heavy subsidies to farmers.

Haldar expressed dissatisfaction at the raising of duty on ambulance while giving duty relief to trucks.

Sharfuddin Khasru (Jatiya Party) called for effective measures including construction of embankments, to protect greater Sylhet from frequent flooding. He also demanded adequate funds for development of haors in Sylhet dis-

He regretted that his party was not allowed to hold meetings and bring out processions. The ruling party should practise political tolerance as it has been preaching democracy, he

Advocate Abdul Karim (BNP) described the budget as 'realistic', aimed at mobilising domestic resources for attaining self-reliance.

He, however, called for protecting the jute sector from further decay. Jute is the main cash crop and effective mea sures should be taken to protect its market abroad, he ob-

served. A Treasury Bench member, LK Siddiki, referred to the unnecessary expenditure in different foreign aided projects and said, "We should be unanimous in our opinion that we need money as foreign aid but without foreign experts. Otherwise, the morale of local engineers will go down, he as-

A lady Jamaat member. Begum Rasheda Khatoon, referring to the freedom given to the NGOs in operating their activities for removal of

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Briefing newsmen later, the

Parliamentary Affairs Minister,

VC Shukla said 'government

has nothing to hide. A

'political onslaught' had been

launched against the Congress

and 'we will meet it politically'.

deputies in parliament passed

the resolution expressing their

Mehta, a swashbuckling broker

known as 'big bull' said they

have evidence, including an

audio tape, to prove Rao ac-

Although Congress is rally-

ing behind Rao, it is almost

certain to face a no-confidence

motion when parliament re-

convenes next month, analysts

The 38-year-old Mehta,

who once owned 30 cars, is

free on bail and is fighting

cepted a big campaign dona-

The Congress Party's

But lawyers for Harshad

he added.

'full faith' in Rao.

poverty, alleged that they were serving the interests of the donors and some embassies

A total of eight women members belonging to the Treasury and opposition benches participated in yesterday's debate. They were: Mrs. Roushan Elahi (BNP), Mrs Selina Rahman (BNF), Begum Lutfunnessa Hossain (BNP), Begum Shamsunnahar Khwaja Ahsanullah (BNP), Mrs. Matia Chowdhury (AL), Begum Rasheda Khatoon (Jamaat), Begum Rahima Khandkar (BNP) and Mrs Roushanara Begum(AL) in the debate.

The other participants of the debate included Shankar Gobinda Chowdhury (AL) Rahman Khalilur Chowdhury(JP). Latifur Rahman (Jamaat), and Sharif Khasruzzaman(AL)

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, who presided over the House for an hour after Maghreb prayers, adjourned the session at 8.30pm till 12 noon today.

#### HC jurisdiction

From Page 1 Col 7 portedly remarked Money speaks, everything is possible with money, on the floor of the Jatiya Sangsad on May 11.

Speaker Shatkh Razzak Alt yesterday asked minister Rafiqul Islam Miah to submit the certified copy of the High Court order before discussion on Monday.

The hands of the High Court are long, Speaker Shelkh Razzak Ali said. The question is, whether those are too long to stretch to parliament, the Speaker said.

He, however, agreed with Barrister Rafiq and said Article 78 of the Constitution is clear and categorical about it.

Minister's residence on

November 4, 1991 and handed

over 10 million rupees

the Congress (I) is displaying

could being to crumble if Rao

is unable to defend himself ef-

"Only an offer of a transpar

ent and independent judicial

probe into Mehta's allegations

will restore Rao's respectabil-

In a resolution passed at a

three-day party session in

Bangalore the Bharatiya Janata

Party said Rao's Congress (f)

government had 'forfeited the

the Rao government of being

single-minded in its pursuit of

filthy lure and in striking

compromise with corruption,

including corruption at the

Advant today resigned as the

leader of the BJP parliamen-

tary party following his assum-

ing office as the party

indicated that senior leader

Atal Behart Vajpayce could be

persuaded to become the

leader of the parliamentary

Meanwhile, party sources

Another report says, L K

The BJP resolution accused

ity," The Times said,

cepted a payoff.

mandate to rule'.

highest level'.

President

fectively against the allega-

The analyst said the unity

(320,000 dollars).

Rao at the Prime

BJP behind Mehta

#### No AIDS patient in country, JS told

There is no AIDS patient in the country, parliament was informed Saturday by the Health and Family Welfare Minister, reports UNB.

Replying to Mohiuddin Ahmed (AL), Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf said five laboratories have been set up in the country to detect HIV antibody virus. Of these three are in Dhaka and one each in Chittagong and Sylhet.

So far, blood samples of 2,18,000 high risk persons were collected and tested at government and private levels, the minister said.

He added that in its bid to check the AIDS virus the government has undertaken programme, including seminar, workshop, training and motivational campaign to create awareness among the people.

National AIDS The Committee was reconstituted in March, 1992 with Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury to strengthen the organisation. Besides, a women's sub-committee under the national committee was formed to involve women in the anti-AIDS campaign.

#### Red letter day for Roushan Ara By Staff Correspondent

It was possibly a red letter day for Roushan Ara Begum, MP who delivered her

maiden speech in Parliament on Saturday, after being elected almost seven months

It was also an occasion of sorrow and joy because she was elected in a by election late last year from Mymen singh's Gouripur constituency, previously held by her husband Nazrul Islam of the Awami League.

Nazrul Islam was killed in a road accident on August 18,

A housewife-turned-poli tician, Roushan was assisted by three of her senior party colleagues when she read out her written speech on the proposed budget for 1993-

Matia Chowdhury, Mirza Azam and Amirul Islam of the AL sat beside her during the speech. Roushan Ara alleged that

the present government had Meanwhile, BJP turned up stopped development works the heat today under in the Gouripur area after she Narasimha Rao, demanding was elected on an opposition that he step down immediately ticket. over allegations that he ac-

She demanded allocations for development of roads, schools and colleges of her constituency.

#### Sharif

lution order by the President and a political crisis which remains unresolved.

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Soon after the Supreme Court verdict, the assemblies in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Sharif's home province of Punjab were dissolved.

The high courts in the two provinces are currently hearing petitions against the dissolution.

Sharif said the dissolution of the provincial assembles was an offshoot of the presidential action and hoped that the sit uation in the provinces would now improve in the light of Ishaq Khan's gesture.

Apart from problems with the provinces, Sharif's efforts to mend fences with opposition leader and former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto are apparently bogged down over her insistence on immediate ciections as the only way to solve the crisis.



should I change my profession

for three decent meals a day?"

Asked Yar Ali, father of nine

jotedars of grabbing all the

khas land and leaving nothing

still fresh on the persons of

the people at Diarpara, another

landless community near Becl

the local jotedars, in a bid to

eliminate the landless peas-

ants, swooped on the village on

May 2 and looted 49 home-

sprayed petrol on five of the

Chekon Bibi, 65, said that the

jotedars' people had beaten up

the landless people and even

Villagers said that the lath

Tals loaded all the belongings of

the landless peasants in 20

buffalo-carts and dumped

those at the residence of

Kokil Mia, a landowner of the

For Abdul Hanif Sheikh, 14

During an attack on a

life has ceased to hold any

neighbouring Katuli village of

the landless peasants on May

19, the jotedars' people

caught the young boy and

chopped off his right wrist.

They also stabbed him five

times on his chest, shoulder

thing about the dispute, his

only fault being that he was

traumatised Hanif recalled that

he was chased and caught by

the lathials who were return-

ing after raiding the Katuli

caught him. Some of them

shouted, "slaughter the bas-

tard; his father is a landless,"

alleged that the hired goons of

Kokil Mia and other jotedars,

after maiming the boy, went

back with the severed palm of

Hanif on their spear and hung

village seeks justice for his

killed by the jotedars' hench-

man the same day Hanif was

landowner, said that his son

was never involved in the dis-

pute and accused the police of

"sheltering" the murderers.

the arrest of my son's killers

the police officials say "Lead us

to them, said Korban Hossain.

Chatmohar thana, however, re-

futed the allegation and said

that he spared no efforts to

nab the killers.

slain son Abul Kashem.

Md Korban Hossain of Lautia

Kashem was 'accidentally'

Hossain, himself a rich

"When I go to the police for

The officer in charge of

"They have vanished," he

Theft at UNB

director's home

Lalmatia residence of Hasan

Saced, Executive Director of

the United News of Bangladesh

(UNB) on Friday night, reports

the window grills to enter the

house, decamped with a VCR,

two in one and a couple of

small electronic items.

The burglars, who cut open

A theft took place at the

The villagers of Mathurapur

the teenager recalled.

it from a tree.

attacked

The lathials chased and

Talking to The Daily Star, a

the son of a landless.

Hanif did not know any-

did not spare the women.

nearby Choroikhole village.

more promises.

and back

houses and set them on fire.

After looting, the hoodlums

Recalling the attack,

The lathials (henchmen) of

for those who had none.

Yar Ali accused the local

The wounds of clashes are

#### Beel Kuralia \*For how many times

children.

Kuralia.

From Page 1 Col 6 the locality kept their possession on the land at Beel Kuralia, some 25 kilometers north of Pabna town.

During a fact-finding trip to the remote hamlets around Beel Kuralia, this correspondent found: The landless peasants

have organised themselves and have taken over the land they could not claim for more than 32 years. Although the land belongs to the government, the local

administration has no control over Beel Kuralia which became state or khas land in The thana administration

is silent over continued repression of the peasants by the landowners. \* The top police official at

Chatmohar thana is reported to be personally involved in the dispute over the beel and the landless people accuse him of siding with the rich iotedars. \* A law and order situation

worse than before, may arise any time if the land dispute is not resolved and legal tangles untied soon. Night are sleepless for the

villagers of Dharail in Haripur

Landless villagers — men and women - of Dharail now keep a regular night-time vigil over Beel Kuralia where they have almost finished harvest ing the boro rice.

Men, with sticks and lanterns, patrol the rice fields to deter the jotedars' men from cutting away their crop.

The Dharail neighbourhood earlier comprised mainly fishermen who used to earn their bread from fishing at Beel Kuralia before it dried up. With the flushing out of

water from the beel, the whole fishing community had to change its profession to become farmers.

Yar Ali, a 46-year-old for mer fisherman from Dharail. said he used to haul some 20 kilograms of fish from the beel everyday, good enough to support his family.

But with the drying up of the beel, he changed his profession and became a menial

#### Floods: Ctg

the headquarters after their houses were swept away

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Official sources also said that all the rivers and canals here including the Halda, the Matamuhuri, the Sangha, the Dalu and the Srimai were flow ing above danger-levels with the onrush of rain waters from the hilly areas.

Road communication between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar was snapped Saturday af ter four bridges on the highway were washed away by swirling flood water, official sources said.

Roads in Chakaria, Khurulia and Satkania remained under three to four feet of flood water since Friday, the source said, adding that some 40,000 people of the district were marooned. People of Chakarta, Kutubdia and Maheshkhali were the worst hit.

Incessant rain and gushing water from the hilly region caused the flood and submerged the roads. Local meteorological official said that 328 mm of rain was recorded in three days at the tourist town since Thursday.

### A relatively drier day

By Staff Correspondent The capital experienced a relatively dry day yesterday af-

ter two days of heavy rainfall. But the city sky remained cloudy throughout the day with occasional light drizzle.

Only 5mm of rain was recorded from dawn to dusk Saturday was compared to the previous day's 65mm in Dhaka

The intermittent rainfall clsewhere in the country under the influence of a land depression is likely to continue today. With the combined effects

of excess rain and poor drainage system, many parts of the city went under kneedeep water Friday. However, as the downpour slowed into a drizzle yesterday, the stagnant water cleared in some areas. 'Reza's appointment

#### as DG BIDS transparent'

By Staff Correspondent

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) Mattur Rahman Dhaly, in a signed statement Saturday, said that the ap pointment of SA Latifur Reza as the Director General of the institute was made in accor dance with established rules and practices.

He said the appointmen was made also on the basis of discussions with all concerned and a unanimous decision of the Board of Trustees of BIDS.

Matiur Rahman said Dr Reza was a widely respected teacher and an eminent economist and researcher. Moreover, he has authored several books and many of his research works have been published in various professional journals both at home and abroad, he added.

Describing the background of appointing Dr Reza as the DG of the institute, he, how ever, said there was no lack of transparency whatsoever in the selection process.

#### MH Khondaker passes away M H Khondaker, a senior

advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court, died of a heart attack at his Dhanmondi residence vesterday evening, reports He was 89.

Khondaker, the first Attorney General of Bangladesh, was elected president of the Dhaka High Court Lawyers Samity in 1964. His body has been kept at

BIRDEM and will be buried after arrival of his wife from abroad. Meanwhile, President Ab-

dur Rahman Biswas expressed his deep grief and sorrow at the sad demise of M H Khon-In a condolence message

Biswas said at his death the country has lost a very eminent lawyer and his death is indeed a great loss for the legal profession.

#### Minibus kills one in city

By Staff Correspondent One Abul Azad, 25, was killed when a speeding mini-

bus ran over him near the Sukrabad bus terminal at 2:55 pm Friday, police sources said. The driver of the vehicle managed to fice the scene.

# The Midnight File

#### Scam: Delhi statement soon

NEW DELHI, June 19: The Parliamentary Affairs Minister, VC Shukla today said that a categorical statement would be made in the next two days on whether the Prime Minister had ever met Harshad Mehta. "We are checking with the records to see whether any person of this description met the Prime Minister. We don't want to be on a weak ground," he said while replying to a spate of questions from journalists, reports PTI.

#### Nawaz Sharif launches journalists' foundation

ISLAMABAD, June 19: Pakistani Premier Nawaz Sharif launched today a government-sponsored organisation for the welfare of journalists and other press industry workers starting it up with a 800,000 dollar grant. The journalists' foundation will extend financial help in cases of disability, layoffs and accidents, Sharif told a gathering of newspaper employees invited by him to a luncheon, reports AFP.

> Clinton-Yeltsin meet in Tokyo July 10

TOKYO, June 19: US President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin will meet in Tokyo on July 10 a day after an annual summit of Group of Seven (G7) heads of government has ended, Kyodo news agency said today. Kyodo, quoting Russian diplomatic sources said Clinton and Yeltsin, during their second meeting, are to discuss issues including nuclear disarmament and US aid to Russia, reports AFP.

#### Action against human traffickers ordered

A high level inter-ministerial meeting on illegal human trafficking and fake manpower export was held yesterday at the conference room of the Home Ministry with Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury in the chair, reports BSS.

Expressing concern over the illegal activities of human trafficking and fake manpower business, the meeting decided to take stiff action against cul-

The meeting proposed to formulate new laws for ensuring exemplary punishment against illegal human traffickers and fake manpower exporters. Stressing on having provision of death penalty for child trade and trafficking, the meeting felt the need for

#### Dhaka EPZ

From Page 1 Col 5 Ltd, has started setting up machinery at its factory building at the DEPZ.

The industrial units at the special industrial zone will have all utilities including electricity, gas, telecommunications and water. The rate for power supply is Tk 2.70 per kilowatt hour, for water supply 13.56 per cubic meter while gas will cost Tk 3.64 per me-

DEPZ will be connected to the Zia International Airport directly to facilitate smooth export-import activities. The DEPZ also has ware-

It is also expected that the

house facilities. Foreign investors and Bangladeshi nationals living abroad are eligible to invest in the DEPZ. Bangladeshi investors living in the country and Bangladeshi and foreign investors undertaking joint ventures are also eligible.

All investments in the zone are guaranteed by the laws of the country. The first export processing

zone, at Chittagong, was inaugurated during the BNP gov ernment headed by late President Ziaur Rahman. The total amount of invest

ment in the Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CPEZ) stands at 137.30 million US dollar, which has helped create over 26,000 jobs. The CPEZ has 46 industries

in operation and 12 more are under implementation.

#### Gen Stackpole leaves

The US marine Lt General Henry C Stackpole, Comma nder of Marine Forces Pacific and Commanding General Fleet Marine Forces Pacific, left Dhaka yesterday, ending his four-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

He was seen off at the Zia International Airport by senior military officials. The US ambassador in Bangladesh, William B Milam and other embassy officials were present at the airport.

Earlier, General Stackpole called on the Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the army headquarters yesterday morning. He stayed with the Chief of Army Staff for some time

General Stackpole then went to the Prime Minister's office, armed forces division at the Dhaka Cantonment where he called on the Principal Staff Officer Major General M S A Bhuiyan.

speedy trial of such cases. The meeting decided to conduct combing and ambush operations against organised traffickers. It instructed the law enforcing and intelligence agencies to strengthen vigilance along the border areas to resist illegal woman and child

traffickers. It also advised to supervise the activities of recruiting agents and travel agencies.

The meeting emphasised on creating awareness among the members of the public. It proposed to constitute various committees in coordination with local public representatives, opinion leaders, administration and law enforcing agencies. It also decided to take people awareness and motivational programmes through newspaper, radio, television and other mass me

dia. Sufia Kamal's birth day today

Bangladesh Mahila Parisad has chalked out a day-long programme at the National Museum auditorium today at 4 pm on the occasion of the 83rd birth anniversary of Poet Sufia Kamal. The programme includes a discussion meeting and a cultural function, reports

### BEA chief

From Page 1 Col 5 tirement.

The BEA chief stated that the vast amount of money allocated for education had not been appropriately utilised in both the technical and vocational sectors in the previous years and he apprehended that it would be same with the current budget allocation.

"Vast amounts are being wasted in higher education on some totally useless subjects which give (the students) degrees but not jobs he commented.

He suggested that the government should spend more on practical training and retraining of workers.

On the withdrawal of agricultural subsidies in the previous budget, he said, "Ideally, there should be no subsidies on agriculture.

He clarified that the agriculture of the country was strong yet it suffered a lot because of the sudden withdrawal of subsidies in the last

The subsidy on inputs should have been withdrawn

slowly," he explained The budget would not help a sick industry, Anis feared; on the contrary, the marginal in dustries would suffer and the existing plants are not sure of a prosperous future either because the budget provides no

scope for tariff protection. He recalled the experiences of previous budgets and said that promises of tariff protection during the budget speech and the reality afterwards were quite contradictory, and usually went against the indus-

"To make a budget with such limited resources is indeed a tough task," Ants con-

ceded. He added: "Budgets in our country, no matter who formulates them, will always be criticised."

"It was easy to criticise budget because there is no political consensus in the country regarding economic plans,

Anis observed.

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charges of bribery, fraud and currency violations. He is a central figure in a 40 billion rupee (1.28 billion) securities scandal in which money was allegedly siphoned from a securities market to pump into the Bombay Stock

Exchange, then booming partly because of reforms introduced by Rao. More than 50 bankers and stockbrokers have been arrested and India's Commerce Minister and Attorney General have quit.

Mehta alleged at a news conference on Wednesday that Editor: S. M. Ali

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