

Star TV photo showing Nigeria's military rulerIbrahim Babangida and the latest decree.

Nigerian presidential polls annulled

LAGOS, June 23: Nigeria's military government today annulled the June 12 presiden-tial election, suspended the National Electoral Commission (NEC) and repealed decrees on the transition to civilian rule programme, state radio said, reports Reuter.

The announcement was made in a special broadcast at 0900 gm.

An official at the presidency in Abuja, the capital, told Reuters: "The election has been annulled.

The government statement on the radio said the decision was to save the judiciary from

the internal wranglings that followed the election.

Government will not fold its arms or despair in the face of this unfortunate and unwarranted situation which is fast croding the esteem, honour and confidence with which the public hold the nation's judiciary, the statement said.

Africa's most populous country was plunged into crisis last week after an Abuja High Court blocked the release of poll results when candidate Mo hood Abiola had a clear lead over his sole rival, Bashir

ing those under detention," said

Pilot, who has been given spe-

cial charge of Indian-ruled

Kashmir, convulsed for more

than three years by the insur-

he thought India would agree to

the idea. "What we've been say-

ing to them privately is that ev-

ery time you refuse offers like

this you fuel suspicions that

group has listed 99 people as

killed in police custody in

Indian-ruled Kashmir in the

first three months of this year

and said as many as 127 may

group, such as Amnesty

International and Asia Watch —

which are not allowed into

Indian-ruled Kashmir — also

accuse security forces of tortur-

ing suspects, raping women,

and looting houses during

14 Chakmas

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Indian state of Tripura, the

Suddahajoy Chakma (36).

headman of the two families,

said a huge number of

Bangladeshi tribals were eager

to return home but could not

due to obstruction by some

tribal leaders now sheltered in

the Indian state has expressed

willingness to visit Khagr-

achhari to see the rehabilitation

programmes taken up by the

TUC's Wajed

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Criticising the budgetary

used for the readymade gar-

ments, the country's top ex-

allocations and suggestions for

retrenching workers and em-

ployees through the 'golden

handshake', the labour leader

observed that under this move,

skilled and efficient workers

are being encouraged to leave.

This will, of course harm pro-

ductivity in the industrial and

*Workers and employees

He also resented that the

new budget had failed to give

any direction regarding reha-

bilitation of the so-called sur-

growth of our national econ-

Commenting on the gov-

ernment's liberal economic

and industrial policies, re-

flected in the budget, the

workers' leader said that all

these would only help the up-

per and rich sections of the

income ax help the poor?" he

will destroy our local indus-

tries, especially the small and

medium-sized ones," Dr Wajed

"How can the reduction of

"A liberal import policy

plus manpower.

omy", he said.

port-earning sector.

Meanwhile, a group of six

rebel tribal leaders.

tribal refugees who returned

home told newsmen today.

International human rights

have died.

scarches

A Kashmiri human rights

you have something to hide."

One Western diplomat said

Delhi may allow ICRC to visit Kashmir jails

NEW DELIII, June 23: India is considering allowing the International Committee of the Red Cross ((ICRC) to visit prisoners in battle-scarred Kashmir, Minister of State for Internal Security Rajesh Pilot said today, reports Reuter.

Around 5,000 Kashmiris are in jail, detained under draconian anti-terrorist laws that allow authorities to keep suspected militants in jail for up to two years without trial, Pilot told a meeting of foreign correspondents.

Pilot said he met an ICRC delegation last month which proposed that the humanitarian group be allowed to visit the prisoners and monitor their well-being in Jammu and

The only Muslim-majority state in predominantly Hindu India, Jammu and Kashmir is the scene of a violent uprising by Muslim rebels.

The government will consider their proposal for monitor-

Tinbigha opening

BJP observes 'black day' June 26

LALMONIRHAT, June 23: Bharatiya Janata Party has chalked out programmes to observe as 'black day' the first anniversary of opening the Tinbigha Corridor to Bangladesh on June 26, reports

Reliable sources in Dahgram and Angarpota enclaves said BJP would hold rallies as part of their black day programme in the neighbouring areas at Dhapra High School ground and Kuchlibari in India.

The Indian Border Security Force (BSF) has, meanwhile, deployed additional force to maintain law and order in the frontier on the day.

Food inspectors protest forced retirement

other sectors, he opined. KHULNA, June 23: Food inare being retrenched on the spectors of the district today held a rally and brought out a plea of cutting costs while in dustrial units are being burprocession protesting the forced dened with top-heavy adminisretirement policy of the governtrations costing huge sums," ment after completion of 25 Dr Wajed said. years in service, reports UNB.

They sought Prime Minister's intervention into the matter.

Meeting venues

From Page 1 Col 5 tain places in the city for peo-

The TUC leader criticised the budget for not mentioning ple and political parties to anything about reopening o hold rallies and meetings, the the mills and factories closed minister informed the House. after being disinvested and Incidentally, the Parlia also about the rehabilitation of mentary Standing Committee the sick industries. on the Ministry of Public "Non-production in such industries are stifling the

Works took up the issue fast year and formed a four member sub-committee to select possible meeting venues in the city.

The sub-committee, headed by ATM Alamgir of the BNP. had already proposed three particular places for public meetings. The venues include the western part of the Osmani Uddayan near Gulistan, the park between the Gulistan Cinema hall and Bangabhaban, and a playground behind the Saidabad bus terminal.

The Standing committee however, is yet to review the sub-committee proposal.

Flood water yet to recede in Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, June 23: Overall flood situation in the Sylhet district remained unchanged today as flood waters remained stagnant at many places.

Road communication between Sylhet town and Jakiganj, Beanibazar, Balaganj and Fenchuganj remained snapped. Thana headquarters of Balaganj, Companiganj and Fenchuganj were still under

two to three feet water. Water levels in all the rivers including the Surma and Kusiara in region were flowing above the danger levels at different places.

The Surma was flowing 82 cm above the red mark at Kanaighat, 43 cm above at Sunamganj and 11 cm at Sylhet town. The Kusiara was flowing 40 cm above the danger level at Jakiganj, and 42 cm at Sheola at Beanfbazar while the Manu was flowing 18 cm over the red mark at railway bridge.

Meanwhile, diarrhoea and other intestinal diseases broke out in the flood damaged areas affecting thousands of people, officials here said today.

An acute scarcity of food and fodder, drinking water and essentials prevailed in the affected areas.

In Pabna, four people were killed and 47 others attacked

Karadzic ready to accept confederation

GENEVA, June 23: Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said today he would be ready to accept a confederation linking Muslim, Croat and Serb republics within Bosnia, reports

"I think it is better to have three separate state but if the international community wants us to stay together, then it should be a confederation," he told reporters as he arrived in Geneva for talks on the future of Bosnia.

Turkish restaurant fire bombed in Germany

HANOVER (Germany), June 23: A Turkish restaurant was firebombed early today in what could be another anti-foreigner incident in Germany, reports

Hanover authorities said unknown attackers threw two petrol bombs into the restaurant in nearby Hildesheim. One of the petrol bombs burst into flames, but the fire was put out and nobody was injured.

Suggestion for Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman is expected to complete his double hattrick next year when he submits his budget for fiscal 1994-95, an Opposition member reminded the minister and the House on Wednesday.

Awami League MP Prof Raffqul Islam suggested the Finance Minister should preserve the proposed budget for 1993-94 in the museum so that he can achieve his personal milestone next year presenting the same document with minor al

terations The Opposition member criticised the budget as 'mere tall talk' which would multiply the suffering of the people. "It can only be used to complete the hattrick, he quipped

The minister smiled, and didn't retort.

SKOP convention

From Page 1 Col 8 sure on the government to implement its demands.

The suggestions would be forwarded to the SKOP Central Committee which would finalise a fresh programme in consultation with various political par ties, professional bodies and socio-cultural organisations.

According to sources, this time, the SKOP would try its best to ensure that the major opposition parties back its agitation. To this end, the SKOP central leaders will call on the leaders of the concerned par-

A SKOP source hinted that the new programme would be more militant to compel the authorities to implement in full the accords between the government and the SKOP signed earlier.

The SKOP observed a 72hour nationwide strike from May 11 after talks between the two sides failed with the government rejecting some of the major demands, including the announcement of the National Wages and Productivity Commission report and the national minimum wages for workers and employees.

by diarrhoea in four villages of Sadar thana in 24 hours till 10 am today, officials said.

The dead were identified as: Ramiz, 5, of village Mahmudpur; Jahan, 12, of village Nowdapara; Asia Khatun, 32, of village Par Gobindapur; and Alcya Bibi, 60, of village

The control room at Fent said road communication between Feni and Parshuram, which was suspended, had been restored. But the rail link between the district and Bilunia was yet to be operative.

The situation in Comilla has marked improvement over the past 24 hours, the source said, adding the Gumti was now flowing below the danger level.

DU admissions to be completed in 8-10 weeks of HSC results

By DU Correspondent

Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University, yesterday expressed the hope that in future the DU authorities would try to complete admissions in the first year honours classes within eight to ten weeks after publication of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) results.

He was delivering his speech in the opening session of the annual Senate meeting of the Dhaka University yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman of the DU Senate, VC Emajuddin also said that terrorism from the university can not be uprooted without consensus among the political parties.

Seventy-two out of the 104 Senators attended the annual meeting held at the conference room of the university.

in his speech, the VC lamented that no major construction work could be undertaken in the campus for quite some time now because of the terrorists who have been harassing the contractors by demanding tolls.

The senate meeting began with the national anthem and recitation from the holy Quran. The budget of the Dhaka University for the fiscal 1993-94 is expected to be placed before

the Senate today. The Senate meeting was ad journed yesterday at 8.15 pm and will resume at 3.30 this afternoon.

RU students lock Shamsuzoha Hall provost office

RAJSHAHI, June 23: Resi dent students of Shaheed Shamsuzoha Hall of the Rajshahi University today (Tuesday) put the office and provosts room of the Hall under lock and key for an indefinite period, reports UNB.

The students are demand ing rapid completion of the ongoing reconstruction work of the hall.

They alleged that construc tion work was being delayed for undue reasons.

The authorities have as sured them that the matter was being looked into.

KNM

From Page 1 Col 3 kewra wood instead of gewa.

However, ever with the pas sage of three years, the KNM could not find any effective al ternatives.

Meanwhile, sources said the Environment Ministry has given some kind of informal assurance that gewa wood be supplied to the KNM even af ter the exptry of the agree

But it has scaled down the quantity of wood to only 3.7 million oft under the incre mental price instead of the KNM's requirement of 4.7 mil lion cft.

Source in the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corpora tion (BCIC), KNM's suppervising authority, said such small supply of wood would be insufficient to meet the mills' 48,000 metric tons production target a year. At present, the KNM has a stock of newsprint for one and a half months only

It is also feared that the re duced supply of gewa would lead to a severe crisis in newsprint, necessitating its import. The Forest Department

wants stoppage of wood cxtraction on the ground that excess logging has thinned down the country's biggest mangrove forest in the Sunderbans and it several years are needed to regenerate the gewa trees. Meanwhile, the acting pre-

sident of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Co mmerce and Industry (FBCCI), Alhaj Kazi Md Shafiqul Islam, in a press statement, has urged authorities to continue supply of gewa wood to the KNM in the greater national interest.



two people near the Kakrail crossing in the city yester-

Two killed as bus rams rickshaws in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed when a bus lost control and rammed three rickshaws at Kakrail in the city Wednesday afternoon

The Kamlapur-bound bus, plying in the city route Six, hit the typing stand and crushed one Mahbubul Hoque, 25, at around 4:30 pm yesterday. Mahbub, a final year student

of Physics Department in the Jahangirnagar University, died on the spot while one injured rikshawpuller died on his way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. An agitated mob set the ve-

hicle on fire. However, the fire brigade extinguished the fire within 15 minutes of the inci-

Meanwhile, Motijheel police seized the vehicle and lodged a

Both the bodies were sent to

the Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. An old woman was killed and her daughter and two grand children were seriously injured when the rickshaw they were travelling in was hit by a speeding truck on Daulatdia-Faridpur highway yesterday.

The victim, Jamirunnesa, 50, of village Ruppur of Sadar thana in Rajbari, died on the

All the three injured -Khodeza Begum (30) and her children Aklima (7) and Nizam (8) — were admitted to the Rajbari Sadar Modern Hospital. The condition of Nizam who suffered head injury was said to be critical. In Chittagong, one Kedar

vesterday when a Chittagongbound truck knocked down the rickshaw in which he was travelling near Patiya bus stand. In Khulna city, a school student was killed and another injured as a speeding coaster hit

them while they were riding a

Chakrabarti (70) was killed

bi-cycle near Moilapara yester-Munna (15), a student o Class VIII of Khulna Zila School, died on the spot when his cycle was hit by a Paikgacha-bound coaster from

behind on Sonadanga road at 10:30 am. His friend Sagar (14), who was also with him on the cycle,

was injured and admitted to the Sadar hospital, police said.

Mahananda bridge

From Page 1 Col 7 Minister M Majidul Huq, State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman, State Minister for Establishment Aminul Hug, Whip Md Shahjahan, Syed Manzur Hossain MP, Lutfunnesa Hossain MP, and Chinese

Ambassador Zhang Xujiang. The Prime Minister said her government would construct a bridge at Pakshi near the Hardinge Bridge with the

Japanese assistance. Turning to the local problems, the Prime Minister an nounced that no land would be utilised for field range firing She said the telephone lines in the local areas would be expanded by another four hundred lines. Crop loan would be provided to the local silk and

silk worn growers. The Prime Minister said the government had banned the import of eggs to give incentives to local poultry farms. She said taxes on poultry feeds had also been recuced to encourage self employment projects like poul-

try farming. Begum Zia thanked the PM opens mango exhibition

NAWABGANJ, June 23: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here that the govern ment had taken up planned initiatives to fulfil the demand for food through grop diversification, reports BSS. She was addressing the in-

augural session of the third National Mango Exhibition at the mango research centre More than 300 mango

growers have taken part in the exhibition where 10 group of varieties of mangoes including Gopal Bogh, Lengra, Him Sagar, Bombai and other vari eties were put on display. The exhibition had been organised to inspire the mango growers to cultivate high yielding vari eties of mango.

The Prime Minister said mango has a great potentiality of becoming a cash crop for export after meeting the local demand if proper care was taken in mango growing.

Chinese government and the people for extending their whole-hearted cooperation to Bangladesh in constructing the bridge.

The bridge, which is in fact the Bangladesh-China Friend ship Bridge III, has been named after Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Birsrestha. Begum Zia said that a Food for Education Programme will

begin next month to make the compulsory primary education a success. She was addressing a public meeting at Bargharia in Chapainawabganj district this after-

"The programme was taken up by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government to inspire needy children to go to school from work," she said.

Under the new programme, poor children will get rice and wheat everyday for their regular attendance at school.

Dr Kamal From Page 1 Col 8

and the ministers' salaries. They happily reached a consensus on importing duty free cars for themselves. If this Parliament fails to

overcome the socio-economic crisis facing the country, the Democratic Forum will find alternatives by taking the people into confidence, Dr Kamal He said the two leaders of the ruling and main opposition

party could not yet come closer in resolving any of the problems. 'It's a shame for all of us,' he added. Dr Kamal called upon the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to sit to-

gether and resolve the problems of the commonman. The nation expected much from the Parliament, he said. Presided over by Advocate Mohammad Ali, the meeting

was addressed, among others, by JSD leader Shahjahan Straj, Forum leader Barrister Amirul Islam, Mostafa Mohsin Montu Syed Mazharul Huq Baki, Enayetur Rahman, Advocate Zahurul Haq, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Rabeya Straj and Abul Hashem.

The Midnight File

Pakistan complains Indian troops buildup on border

ISLAMABAD, June 23: Pakistan today complained of a massive Indian troops buildup on their common border in Kashmir. But a Foreign Ministry spokesman could not confirm Indian reports of an exchange of light weapons fire between the Indian and Pakistani troops across a United Nations-monitored control line in the disputed Himalayan region. The massive Indian troop buildup is a matter of serious concern, and we are trying to defuse the situation, the spokesman told reporters. He gave no details of the alleged size or timeframe of the troop buildup, reports Reuter.

Crackdown on un-Islamic dress: 500 Iranian women held

TEHRAN, June 23: Vice squads detained 500 women in the first days of a crackdown on Un-Islamic dress and other social vices in Tehran, a newspaper said on Wednesday. Fewer women wearing makeup or showing curls of hair from under headscarves could be seen on the streets today, three days after police and revolutionary guards set up roadblocks and began checking on appearances of motorists, reports Reuter.

PDA won't join constitutional amendment body

ISLAMABAD, June 23: Pakistan's main opposition party has refused to join a parliament committee on constitutional amendments trimming President Ghulam Ishaq Khan's powers, opposition sources said today, reports

Speaker Gohar Ayub named a 16-member panel representing all groups in parliament following a resolution adopted by the National Assembly on Sunday.

Three deputies from the People's Democratic Alliance, led by former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, were to be included in the committee, which is to submit its report within 14 days.

PDA deputy parliamentary leader Farooq Leghari said the Speaker had no right to name PDA members without first consulting the alliance. Analysts said the PDA boycott was in line with its stand

that amendments to the Constitution from part of a package deal between the government and the opposition. Engg unit owners

of VAT By Staff Correspondent Leaders of the Bangladesh Engineering Industries Owners' Association have demanded the government withdraw VAT and turnover tax from the units locally producing capital machinery and

spare parts. They also demanded withdrawal of cases against the engineering unit owners.

Speaking at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club on Wednesday, the leaders of the association said that imposition of turnover tax and expansion of VAT (Value Added Tax) would threaten the existence of the small medium engineering and iron casting units in the country.

Since the small engineering units have to depend on the local market both for sale and purchase of raw materials, the VAT and turnover tax can never be justified, they argued.

President of the association Matlub Ahmed, Sccretary General ASM Nurul Islam Kotwal and other members of the body spoke at the press conference.

UN offers reward for capture of Aideed

MOGADISHU, June 23: The United Nations is offering a reward for the capture of fugitive Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed, UN sources said today, reports Reuter.

They said helicopters were dropping thousands of leaflets over Mogadishu promising an unspecified sum for information leading to the arrest of Aideed, who went underground last Thursday.

Aideed resurfaced on Tuesday to give a televised interview to NBC news, the American news organisation, in which he denied guilt in the June 5 killing of 23 Pakistani peace-keepers. Tunisian and American

troops killed two Somalis when a Tunisian contingent came under fire at its compound in Mogadishu University complex on Tuesday night, they said. The US Quick Reaction Force, which reinforces the

18,000-strong UN force in Somalia, sent helicopters to the scene and destroyed a 'technical' battle wagon, the sources said: Audit report

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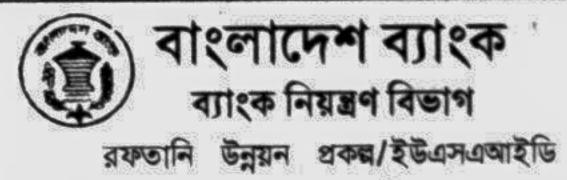
demand withdrawal taxi fare during tour by officials who also drew excess daily allowances. The mission chief, between 1985 and 1989, paid medical treatment fees of his servant

> from the embassy accounts in violation of the rules. The mission in Manila donated Tk 87.000 to the local house-owners' association from the mission fund between 1984 and '89 although there was no such allocation in the

An executive of the Manila mission purchased furniture for his residence at a cost of Tk 62,475 without any sanction. Officials and employees also unlawfully drew festival allowances amounting Tk

Similar anomalies were detected in the missions in Kuala Lumpur, Geneva, Abu Dhabi, Yangon, New Delhi, Brunei, Kuwait, Brussels, Bucharest, London, Harare, Canberra, Moscow, Beijing, Jakarta, and the Agartala visa office in India.

Bangladesh has 58 missions abroad and a total of Tk 92 crores 82 lakhs and 22 thousand was allocated to meet "foreign affair" expenses, according to the report.



অপ্রচলিত পণ্য রফতানিকারকদের জন্য সহজ শর্তে বৈদেশিক মুদ্রায় বিশেষ ব্যাংক ঋণ সুবিধা

বাংলাদেশ সরকার ও বিশ্ব ব্যাংকের অর্থানুকুল্যে গঠিত এবং বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক পরিচালিত 'রফতানি উনুয়ন তহবিল' থেকে নিশ্চিত ও অপ্রত্যাহারযোগ্য রফতানি ঝণপত্রের বিপরীতে কাঁচামাল, মোড়ক সামগ্রী, খুচরা যদ্ধাংশ ও অন্যান্য উপকরণ আমদানির জন্য ১৮০ দিন মেয়াদে 'লাইবর' + ১% হার সুদে রফতানি মূল্যের অনধিক ৭০% পর্যন্ত বৈদেশিক মুদ্রায় ঋণ গ্রহণ করা যায়। বর্তমানে সুদের হার ৪ 5%। এ তহবিল থেকে একজন রফতানিকারক একক ঋণ কেসে সর্বোচ ৫ লক্ষ মার্কিন ডলার এবং সামগ্রিকভাবে ১০ লক্ষ মার্কিন ডলার পর্যন্ত ঝণ গ্রহণ করতে পারেন

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