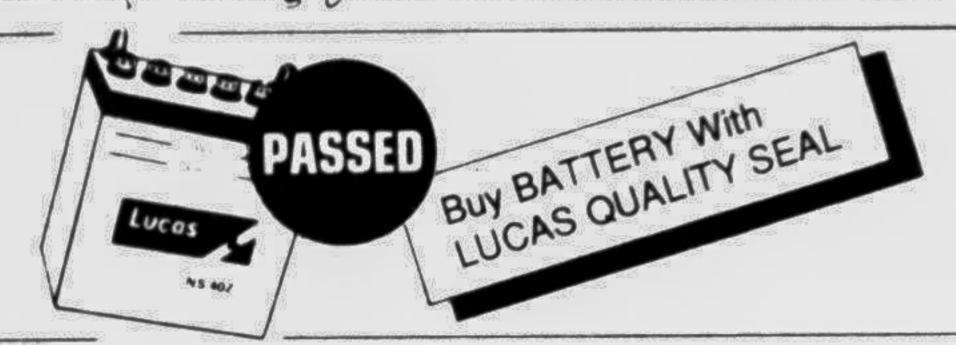
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Below the belt

From Page 1 Col 8 enue and reduction of public

expenditure. The opposition members also called for national unity to in-

crease production for the devel-

opment of the country. Moudud Ahmed of the Jattya Party (JP) thanked the Finance Minister for his 'successful management of the macroeconomy', but said that there had been total failure at the

micro level. Moudud said that the rural economy had been stagnant because the government failed to ensure fair prices to the agricultural products and thereby reduced the purchasing capacity of the vast majority of people. The JP leader criticised the Finance Minister for not providing adequate subsidy to the peasant community.

"You have tightened your belt so hard that it has damaged the vitality of the economy", Moudud told the Finance Minister, adding You have hit the economy below the belt.'

Moudud also felt that the industrial policy pursued by the government was faulty. The government failed to earn confidence of the local investors, Moudud said. "When your local investors are shy to invest, how do you expect foreign investment in the country?" Moudud asked the Finance Minister.

Moudud told the House that about 4000 industrial units had been closed down while 1,500 turned sick during last two

He expressed scepticism about the government's commitment to industrialise the country. The JP lawmaker, a former industries minister, felt the country could not achieve its dream of self-reliance without an industrial base and technological advancement. Identifying unemployment syndrome as the country's number one problem, Moudud said that the proposed budget would not help in generating. new employment. Matiur Rahman Nizami of

the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh, said that the objectives proposed in the Finance Minister's budget speech were very nice, but they would not be implemented due to the government's 'faulty policies'. Nizami said that the pro-

posed budget was designed on the principles of a free market economy but had failed to suggest measures to protect local industries.

Criticising the government's policy of withdrawing subsidy from agriculture on the World Bank's advice Nizami said that it would virtually destroy the most potential area of the country's economy.

The Jamaat MP advised the government not to blindly follow the World Bank sugges tions, especially when developed nations like United States and Japan and even our neighbours India, have been giving subsidies to agriculture.

Nizami proposed that the national budget should be discussed in a pre-budget committee every year to ensure meaningful participation in the budget discussion, which would definitely help in offering a good budget to the na-

Shahjahan Siraj of the J\$D severely criticised the government for 'blind' advocacy of a free market economy in a poor country like Bangladesh.

The JSD MP, pleaded for formulation of an effective education policy for producing efficient human resources, subsidy to the agricuture for strengthening the rural economy and protection of local industries for a sound industrial base in the country.

State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman hailed the budget. Explaining the main features of the budget, he said it is free from fresh taxes, designed to encourage labourintensive industries, and has a political commitment in

commonman. Responding to opposition criticisms, he said the government also desired national unity in resolving the basic problems. But there can be no unity without political honesty on the part of the opposition, he said.

He said national unity was demonstrated during he war of liberation and again in 1990 movement against the auto-

cratic regime. But the opposition has been trying to destabilise the government since it came to power through a free

critical of both the Awami League and the Jatiya Party for misrule during their regimes.

Deputy Minister for LGRD, Abdul Hye disagreed with the opposition contention that the present government was not giving subsidy on agriculture.

He said the government has exempted agricultural loan with interest upto Taka five thousand, reduced the price of fertilisers, waived land revenue upto 25 bighas of land and introduced food for education programme. "Are not these measures subsidy?", he asked.

of supervision committee in all thanas with MPs to monitor the distribution of loans for agriculture, dairy and poultry

He pleaded for establishing an industrial estate in each thana of the country to accelerate the process of industrial isation and to generate employment.

HC rejects

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tody in connection with the case, also moved a bail petition. The court fixed June 27 to pass order on the petition.

Begum Raushan Ershad filed the criminal appeal against the order and judgement of the Janata Tower building.

In her appeal, Begum Ershad prayed for a stay of the operation of the order of confiscation of the land and the building till disposal of the appeal.

Hasina

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The Awami League chief told newsmen that all dignitaries she met during the visit had condemned the Indemnity Ordinance and Anti-Terrorism Act in Bangladesh and rejected them as "anti-people and antidemocratic.

Our Staff Correspondent adds, the Awami League chief returned home yesterday ending a 17-day visit to Europe.

Senior AL leaders were present at the airport to welcome their leader.

Hasina left Dhaka on June 7 to attend the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria.

the Awami League President visited Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy and the United Kingdom. She also attended a number of annual conferences of the Awami League's units in European countries and addressed the expatriate AL workers.

In London, Hasina visited the House of Lords and discussed with Lord David Ennals issues of the Chakma and Rohingya refugees and the repatriation of the stranded

She also met British Foreign Assistance Minister

Hasina met with senior Italian ministers, including the Speaker.

Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, party General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Abdur Razzak, MP presidium member Abdul improving the lot of the Mannan, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Sultan Muhammad Mansur Ahmed, Mofazzal Hossain Maya, Dr. Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin and president of Mahila Awami League Advocate Ivy Rahman were present at the airport to receive Hasina

> Sheikh Hasina arrived by the same flight with Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman. Both of them took part in the Vienna Conference.



An Indian police officer prevents an opposition activist from shouting slogans against Premier Narasimha Rao at a function attended by government officials on - AFP photo Wednesday.

JP constitution

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M Alam and Shameem Al-Mamoon, attacked Mizan Chowdhury for taking a number of anti-party decisions, includpresidium.

Chowdhury spoke in favour of Mizan Chowdhury, while Moudud Ahmed tried to pacify both groups. Some 48 members, including eight MPs who are ex-officio members of the working committee, and a district leader from Dinajpur at tended the meeting.

would meet once every two months, according to the constitution.

A move to amend the party

constitution was made at least three months ago and presidium member Sheikh Shahidul Islam had already prepared a draft of the proposed amend-

if passed in the national council, would ease the total control over the party which the chairman now has. Consequently, the presidium and the central working committee's powers

Chargesheets filed before JPC

CBI accuses Mehta of siphoning bank funds

BOMBAY, June 24: Federal detectives, probing India's biggest securities fraud, today accused Bombay stockbroker 'Big Bull' Harshad Mehta and bankers of siphoning funds from state-run banks to illegally play the stock market, reports AFP.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in its first charge, also named a former chief of India's United Commercial Bank as one of the main accused in the 1.3 billion dollar share market scam.

In separate chargesheets filed before judge S N Variava the CBI said stockbroker Mehta, his relatives and the former bank chairman, Kandaswamy Margabandhu, had flouted all rules to plough money into the market.

Margabandhu was sacked af ter the scam surfaced in April last year to reveal nexus of bankers and brokers behind the government bond market swindle.

would increase proportionately. I start a trial into the securities

fraud which turned thousands of investors into paupers after the scam's exposure led to a stock market crash.

Meanwhile, the joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probing the securities scandal has granted permission to Mehta to appear before it on June 30 at 1500 hrs, according to his counsel.

The special court trying the scam-related offences, presided over by Justice S N Variava, has also granted Mehta the permission to go to Delhi either tomorrow or one day prior to the date fixed by

The court permitted the broker to inspect and take photo copies of certain documents which are in the custody of CBI, Mahesh Jethmalant, the counsel, told PTL

Mehta alongwith his brother, Ashwin Mehta, was due to appear before the JPC tomorrow, but he had sought time to any convenient date the following week stating that he had to obtain the court's

PM lauds SOS village activities

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here vesterday that it was the responsibility of all to ensure a growth supporting environment for grooming up children propcrly, reports BSS.

We have to remember, investment on children is the most valuable investment, Begum Khaleda Zia told the closing ceremony of the International SOS Childrens Village Day '93 at the village premises here yesterday.

Begum Zia visited the SOS village on two carlier occa-

Begum Zia also thanked the SOS Children Village organisers for their decision to set up a SOS Children Village at Bogra and youth village cum training centre at Bagerhat responding to her request. She also thanked them for their initiatives to establish a youth village cum social centre at Rajshahi and youth village cum trade school at Chittagong, which would be an expansion of the SOS village activities now confined to four divisional towns.

Derring-do

By Staff Correspondent

A daring auto-rickshaw driver over-powered one of the muggers who waylaid his vehicle by exploding crackers in the early hours Thursday near the city's Shishu (Children's) Park.

The driver caught held of one of the muggers when they tried to snatch the goods from his passengers at 5:30am Thursday.

Later, the unlucky mugger, identified as one Makbul Hossain, was handed over to Lalbagh police with three crude explosives.

DU budget From Page 1 Col 8

own sources.

The budget provides addi tional allocation for mod ernising the library, setting up a 500 line telephone exchange, conferring Ph D degrees, and facilities for smooth research work in the laborato-

The Treasurer, in his speech, said that the university authorities had already submitted a Project Concept Paper (PCP) for an allocation of Tk 9.75 crore for a 500 seat residential hall for female students.

He also mentioned that the university authorities had undertaken a construction work for developing residential facilities for the students, teachers and employees.

Fatikchhari

From Page 1 Col 4 Police arrested 35 persons

from the centre. Witnesses informed this correspondent that during the clash the entire examination centre turned into a battle ground marked by gunshots,

cocktail blasts, chases and stampedes. The mob also reportedly kept

the female examinees confined They were later rescued by police and taken to safety. When reports of violence

reached the district police headquarters in the city, a large police reinforcement, most of them in riot gear, rushed to the spot and fought the troublemakers. Police cordoned off the examination centre and the examination scheduled for the af ternoon started at 3 pm. after the situation came under full police control.

According to sources, a tense situation still prevails at Fatikchhari.

Meanwhile, UNB adds: Police arrested 63 people and filed cases under the Anti-terrorism Act against 40 of them in connection with clashes in five examination centres in the district till today. Attacks on magistrates and

teachers, ransacking of halls and damaging of vehicles have been occurring everyday in most of the examination centres in Chittagong since the HSC exams began on June 17. Deputy Commissioner AHM

Abul Kashem, at a press brief ing after visiting the examination centres, told journalists today that the scale of unfair means was much higher than that of previous years.

"Performing duties in the ex level

The Midnight File

Over 100 women activists of PPP arrested

KARACHI, June 24: More than 100 women activists from the main opposition group, the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), were arrested here today while protesting against the government, party sources said. At least 43 women were arrested in a two-hour stand-off with police near the provincial assembly and about 60 others were taken into custody as they tried to lead processions from other PPP strongholds across the city, the sources said, reports AFP.

> Elchibey to hand over part of powers to Aliyev

BAKU, Azerbaijan, June 24: Azerbaijani President Abulfaz Elchibey, under pressure from army rebels to quit, has agreed to hand over some of his powers to parliamentary chairman Geidar Aliyev, a presidential spokesman said today. Elchibey's decision was announced as the parliament in the former Soviet republic met to decide whether to strip all powers from the democratically-elected President who went into hiding six days ago. "President Elchibey has decided to hand over part of his authority to the chairman of the Supreme Soviet Geidar Aliyev", the spokesman said. "The text of the presidential decree is being prepared", reports Reuter.

From Page 1 Col 8 improve despite the end of

Menon

Ershad's authoritarian rule in

leader observed that although parliamentary democracy was reintroduced in the country, the democratic rights of the people, especially of the work ing masses, were yet to the established. "The Democracy that has been established is the democracy of the moneyed men, not of the middle or poor classes", Menon said, adding, No steps were taken to democratise the country's economy".

Nirmul body

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The rally, at Bangabandhu Avenue, was organised to mark the first anniversary of the death of a Nirmul body activist, Mukim in Raishahi. Mukim was killed, allegedly __

by the pm-Jamaat Chhatra Shibir activists, during a Nirmul-called nationwide hartal on June 24 last year.

Delivering her presidential speech, Imam commented, "The political parties have got themselves associated with our move to demand trial of war criminals' in order to cover up their failures in past 22 years.

Paying tributes to the sacrifice of Mukim, the Nirmul chief said such a bold instance of martyrdom would inspire those who were fighting against the razakars (collaborators).

Nirmul leaders including

Abdur Razzak MP, Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury, Nurul Islam Nahid, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Lt Col (Retd) Abu Osman Choudhury, AFM Mahbubul Haque, Mujahidul Islam Selim and Dilip Barua also addressed the rally. Abdur Razzak MP, blasted

the Prime Minister, accusing her of tyranizing the people, you cannot prolong your stay in power unless you give-up the way you are governing the nation", Razzak warned.

Sylhet flood

From Page 1 Col 4 Flood situation in Feni improved further with restoration of Feni-Porshuram train

communication today.

The road communication between the two thanas restored on Wednesday with the recession of flood water, officials said

Water Development Board sources said the flood water in six unions of Chagalnaia thana and 10 unions of Porshuram thana started receding. But the situation in three unions of Sadar thana remained unchanged.

22 held at ZIA with fake

Police arrested 22 persons Thursday morning when they tried to fly to Malaysia with

The police sources said that these passengers were challenged by the Zia International

All the arrested persons bought their fake visas from a city travel agency at Green Road, sources said

US citizens asked not to visit Nigeria

WASHINGTON, June 24: The US State Department urged US citizens on Wednesday night to defer unnecessary travel to Nigeria, citing reports of civil disturbances in Lagos, the capital, reports Reuter.

The Department also advised US citizens in Nigeria to stay close to their homes, avoid public gatherings and remain in touch with the US Nigeria's military rulers on

Wednesday declared null and void the results of June 12 presidential elections, the first in a decade, and suspended plans for transition to a civilian government.

"The US embassy has received reports of civil disturbances in Lagos," the Department said in a travel warning that did not give further details of the reported vi-

PM: Sylhet From Page 1 Col 3

taganj which was damaged by the floods, disrupting rail communications between Dhaka and Sylhet. The communications were

later restored.

separate meetings with the district-level officials during her tour and asked them to take precautionary measures to stop the spread of anypostflood diseases including diar-

and about the relief operations being carried out in the affected areas.

keep the additional medical teams and adequate medicine ready for meeting any emer-The deputy commissioners

apprised the Prime Minister that so far Tk 35.25 lakh, 1610 metric tons of rice, 2520 metric tons of wheat, 1500 bundles of CI sheet, 2500 sarees, 2500 lungis and 1700 tin biscuits and 150 packets of vegetable soup had been sanctioned for the affected people

asked them to participate in the relief operation.

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The foreign minister informed that a special ministerial level meeting of the OIC countries in Vienna on June 15 had called for inclusion of Bosnia-Herzegovina issue in the final declaration of the conference which is scheduled to end today.

The OIC meeting also called for paying special attention to the Bosnia issues. Bangladesh also supported the proposal for lifting of arms embargo against Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina for their self-defence, Mostafiz

During his stay in Vienna, Mostafiz also discussed with his counterparts from different countries, including India and China, bilateral matters.

He visited human rights ex-

hibition there and met with

Rahman and Additional Foreign Secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed received the Foreign

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During her stay in Europe,

Pakistanis.

Lynda Chalker. During her stay in Rome,

Deputy leader of the

yesterday.

ing some new inductions in the Only Munitul Hug

In the face of criticism by most of the speakers, the meeting decided that from now on the working committee

The meeting also decided to complete conferences in all districts by August 31 to hold a national council.

The proposed amendments,

The CBI charges pave the way for the Variava court to

Khan Panni was at a loss to control the House for a while. Springing on his feet in support of Mirza Azam, Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed

Secretary General. senior minister like Barrister Salam Talukder rebuked Azam

the integrity of Azam's forefa-

thers. You can't call him a

Barrister Talukder has tried to influence the court, Tofael said. "This Parliament is not your father's property", he shouted at

Taking the floor for a second

From Page 1 Col 5 by any significant proportion.

lowering of duties was not done very intelligently. "According to the provisions of the 1993-94 budget, industries involving investment below Tk 3 lakh would be exempt from paying taxes. On the other hand, the bigger industries would have to pay taxes according to the maximum retail prices of their products.

industries", he said and asked, local markets? Can the government not exempt duties on production of some goods for the local market?" "The government has spared a very small sum to help the sick industries compared to the doles for the pub-

on occasions, even made derogatory remarks about the entrepreneurs. But he must realise that the proper environment for the growth of industries have not yet been created," Islam claimed.

The Bangladesh Sick

amination centres is almost inpossible in the wake of a spate in terrorist activities," he said,

adding a solution to the problem should immediately be worked out at the national

The left-wing political

olence. [Editorial on Page-4]

The Prime Minister held

In the meeting, the deputy commissioners of the districts apprised the Prime Minister of the extent of damage by floods

The Prime Minister asked the district administration to

in these districts. The Prime Minister held a brief meeting with the leaders and workers of Sylhet district BNP at the Circuit House and

FM: Bosnia

visas By Staff Correspondent

fake visas. The arrested persons were being interrogated by the Cantonment police.

Immigration officers when they tried to board a special Malaysian Air System flight at 8.35 am Thursday

said responding to a question.

Bangladeshis staying in Austria. Foreign Secretary Reaz

Minister at the airport.

and fair polls, he said. The State Minister was

He suggested constitution

farms. Formation of supervision committees at the thana level would check misuse of loan money by the village touts and interested quarters, he

further steps towards confiscating the property till disposal of the appeal. Begum Ershad, now in cus-

Special Judge, Dhaka on June 7 in a special case, sentencing her, her husband H M Ershad and 17 others to suffer seven vears' imprisonment and confiscating the land and the

Salam Talukder irked From Page 1 Col 7 Minister had looted bricks worth lakhs of taka, Azam al Azam said an enquiry com mission was formed to investi

> lished, nor any action taken because the guilty party was the minister's own nephew. He further alleged that a Deputy Minister had transferred to the Food Department in Jamalpur one of his relatives

who had earned huge illegal

money and built a multi-storied

gate the matter but the com-

mission's report was not pub-

building in Jamalpur town. Azam also charged the State Minister for Relief with irregularities in the distribution of "Those who are loyal to the Prime Minister are allowed to go unpunished", the Awami League MP said. He cited the example of Chhatra Dal leader Ilyas Ali who was detained on

leaders, also involved in the same case, were not brought to Rising on a point of order, Barrister Salam Talukder cate gorically denied the allegations brought against him by Mirza Azam, saying that these were all untrue. No construction

work was given to anybody

Visibly angered by the alle-

without tender, he added.

murder charge while other JCD

gations, Barrister Talukder, brought counter allegations of misappropriation of relief goods by Mirza Azam. The Minister said a complaint has been lodged with the Bureau of Anti-Corruption against Azam for misappropri-

ation of CI sheets and he would

Barrister Talukder said

"false" allegations against an

individual aimed at character

have to face trial.

assassination should be avoided. At one stage, the angry Minister questioned the pedigree of Azam and his forefathers and asked the AL member to look at himself in the mirror.

Azam's serious allegations

and Barrister Talukder's equally competition between the sharp retort sparked off hue smaller and bigger industries and cry among the BNP and producing similar products." Awami League members as he observed. Deputy Speaker Humayun

time, Barrister Salam Talukder tried to clarify his position regarding the allegations.

said young MP Mirza Azam had brought certain allegations against the LGRD Minister who is not only an important minister but also the ruling party's Tofael argued that the way a

was 'indecorous and uncourte-The senior Awami League leader, who apparently felt provoked by Salam Talukder, said in a loud voice: "You cannot use bad language ... this is Parliament. You can't question

He further said Barrister Talukder cannot intimidate a member by saying that he has been charge-shected and he will have to face trial. By saying so,

the ruling party Secretary

Budget: Interview never lowers the interest rate "The good part of the budget is that for the first time the government is showing a tendency to lower duties and taxes," he conceded and commented," however the

"This will make for uneven

"The government, with its

Amidst shouts and uproar, Deputy Leader of the House Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury took the floor to pacify his party MPs and the opposition mem-

He said members in parlia-

ment are used to bringing allegations and the ministers concerned give replies to those allegations. But tension mounts when the question of morality is raised, Dr Chowdhury added. Agreeing with Dr Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the

Opposition Abdus Samad Azad said that Mirza Azam had only raised allegations against the LGRD Minister. He said that earlier an allegation of corruption regarding the Jamuna Fertilizer Factory

was made but no satisfactory

reply has yet been given in

Parliament.

had said.

"Everyone should look at the mirrors around them", Azad said, adding that Barrister Talukder should repent what he

However, calm returned to

the House after about 15 min-

utes of heated arguments.

obsession for exports, exempts duties for the export-oriented "What about production for the

lic sector," Islam lamented . "And the Finance Minister,

Industrics Association is affiliated with the Inter-Association of Sick Industries Rehabilitation Council.