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Mun'ir's mercy

petitions

JS probe body may

be announced today

By Staff Correspondent

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District and Sessions Judge,

Munir's petition for leave

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Munir Hossain

liamentary politics to investi-

gate into opposition allegations

following two separate meet-

ings with the representatives

of both treasury and opposi-

tion benches over the past

couple of days, has already fi-

nalised the terms of reference

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as its head, is likely to include

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from the treasury and opposi-

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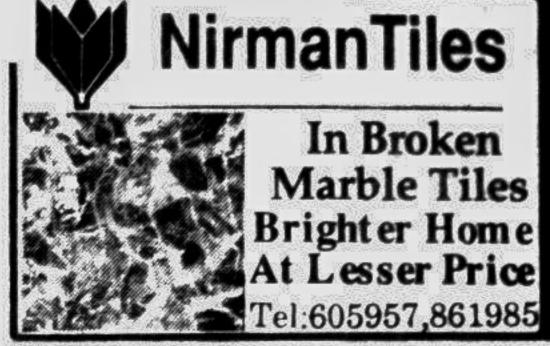
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Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali,

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Dhaka in 1990.



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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Milam holds reception

US Ambassador William B Milam held a reception in celebrations of the 217th anniversary of the declaration of independence of the United States of America at his Guishan residence here yesterday. Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Home Mi nister Abdul Matin Chowdhury Planning Minister Zahir Uddin Khan, Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Abdus Samad Azad, Mizanur Raham Chow dhury MP, Moudud Ahmed MP, Tofael Ahmed MP, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury MP and Zillur Rahman, General Secretary of Awami League, attended the reception. Chamber leaders, senior journalists and university teachers were also present, reports BSS.

### Flag meet with Myanmar today

COX'S BAZAR, July 4: A flag meeting between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Myanmar Security Forces, Lunthin, will be held tomorrow (Monday) at Maundow of Myanmar at 10 am. The meeting is expected to discuss the suspended transit communications between the two countries, official sources said, reports UNB.

### German Interior Minister resigns

BONN, July 4: German in terior Minister Rudolf Setters said today he was resigning following the death of extremist Wolfang Grams while be ing arrested by police. Grams was a leader of the far-left Red Army faction, reports AFP

### Defence Ministry denies reports

### Army has shown patience, Benazir warns Sharif

ISLAMABAD, July 4: Pakistan's main opposition leader Benazir Bhutto today warned embattled Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif not to try the patience of the army by ignoring her call for immediate midterm elections to end the country's political crisis, reports AFP.

"The army has shown remarkable restraint but it would not be a wise policy to test their patience or the endurance of the people", she said in a letter to Sharif released at her news conference

Her statement came as fears continued to grip the nation that the powerful military might intervene amid a wors-

TOKYO, July 4: A group of

Bangladeshi doctors undertak-

ing post-graduate training in

medical universities here have

charged the Bangladesh

Medical and Dental Council

(BMDC) with discrimination

for not recognising their

members of the Bangladesh

Doctors' Association of Japan

at a recent reception accorded

to National Professor Nurul

Islam by the Bangladesh

Citizens' Forum at the Tokyo

However, Professor Islam,

who is also the chairman of the

BMDCs degree recognition

standing committee, said he

was unaware of any such in-

participate in an international

Ahmed Choudhury, president

of the Forum and a long-time

resident of Tokyo and associ

ated with Radio Japan, the re-

ception was also attended by

Bangladesh Ambassador

of Bangladeshi doctors are not

being recognised and they are

facing discrimination after

their return home," said Dr

Aminur Rashid, secretary gen-

"The Japanese PhD degrees

Mahbubul Hug.

He was here last month to

Presided by Eskander

The charges were made by

Japanese degrees.

University campus.

ening power tussle between Sharif and President Ghulam Ishaq Khan.

The bitter rivalry between the two political enemies strength ened recently when the key province of Punjab rebelled against the federal government and rejected a parliamentary decree Sharif had obtained Tuesday for it to be placed under central control.

The Army Monday reiterated that it remained "neutral" in the current infighting, denying reports that the chief of army staff General Abdul Waheed had given Sharif two weeks to resolve the stalemate or dissolve the National Assembly and seek a fresh mandate.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing leaders and workers of different political

parties of Mirpur, who joined BNP yesterclay at her Sugandha office. Lt Col (Retd) Akbar

Hossain, MP, Salauddin Ahmed, MP and Syed Mohammad Mohsin, MP, are seen on her

Doctors with Japanese degrees

demand recognition

From S Y Bakht

eral of the association who is

undergoing post-graduate

training on surgery at the

Tokyo Medical and Dental

recognised then our promo-

tions are stunted at home and

we have to think about going

to some other country," he

added. "If this problem is

solved then many of us are

Professor Nurul Islam, how-

ever, said that there is no ex-

ample of degrees given by a

recognised university not be-

ing recognised in Bangladesh.

But he acknowledged that in-

vestigations are of course,

conducted to verify of the de-

gree is from a recognised uni-

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can be forwarded by your asso-

ciation, it won't be impossible

for me to do something about

local professors can greatly

expedite the assessment of the

member of the Forum pointed

out that Bangladeshi medical

students come to Japan under

research grants and thus they

This was promptly contra-

lack clinical experience.

At this point, another

Comparative evaluation from

it," he assured.

diplomas, he added.

"If you can cite any example

willing to return home."

"If our degrees are not

University.

Official sources in the military and the Defence Ministry said Waheed, who had been shuttling between the two men, had given no political formula and set no deadline for resolving the crisis.

Bhutto, who presented a set of electoral, political and constitutional reforms to Sharif, said she had not set out any ultimatum, but added that she would wait a week for his response before launching a mass movement to press for fresh elections.

The civilian system is close to collapse, Bhutto said, adding that the tussle between the premier and the president was "dangerous" for the country. Sharif is engaged in a three-

dicted by Dr S M Monowarul

Islam, a research fellow at the

Department of Opthalmology at

the University of Tokyo Faculty

Doctorate programme includes

for going through a year's

clinical experience and was

recognised university is de-

replied that recognition by the

Japan Medical Association,

government institutions and

other such organisations are

taken into account when

search fellow pointed out that

people in the higher echelons

of Bangladesh government are

not quite aware about the

Japanese education system as

much as they are about those

in the United Kingdom or the

The secretary general of the

association noted that there is

a uniform standard of medical

education in all Japanese med-

ical universities and that they

are duly authorised by both the

Ministry of Health and the

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Ministry of Education.

The Tokyo University re-

recognising a degree.

United States.

allowed to do so," he added.

one year of clinical research.

He said that the four-year

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He wanted to know how a

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of Medicine.

termined

pronged confrontation with the President, the provinces as well as the opposition, Bhutto said, adding that the recently held government-opposition dialogue led to "nowhere" as Sharif did not appear sincere and "victimisation" of opponents continued.

Sharif has been rejected by the people and he has rejected the people, she said, referring to his reluctance to hold fresh

"If as in the past, you once again dismiss the call for im mediate elections, then I am afraid Pakistan will only see further instability and the responsibility for the consequences will be with the gov-See Page 12 Col 8

### Opposition creates issues to hinder development, says Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka yesterday that the opposition were creating newer issues only to jeopardise the development activities of the government, reports BSS.

"The opposition, which do not have any issue against the government, were creating new issues to create indiscipline and instability for hindering the development efforts of the government," the Prime Minister told the leaders and workers of different political parties of Mirpur, who joined BNP at Sugandha Office.

The Prime Minister said the people, discarding all evil designs against development See Page 12 Col 1

gation, Water Development and Floor! Control is likely to be announced by the Speaker I'n view of this, the parliameritary wings of both the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Par ty (BNP) and the largest opposition party in Parliament the: Awami League (AL) will hold separate meetings of this ev ening.

### the first US probe body in the history of the country's par-

## ransack offices in RU

RAJSHAHI, July 4: Students went on rampage assaulting teachers and ransacking offices on the Rajshahi University campus today after police picked up two student leaders from a procession, reports

The unruly students allegedly ransacked the administrative building and the Proctor office and damaged the Proctor's car parked in front of the administrative building. Witnesses said the students

turned violent when police gheraoed the Chhatra Oikya procession and arrested its two leaders at about 1 pm.

Police said they arrested President of the RU unit of Chhatra Moitri Sadakat Hossain Babul Khan and President of the RU unit of Chhatra League (M-I) Karim Sikder in connection with the February 6 clash in which six students were killed

Assistant Proctors Delwar Hossain and Zakaria Hossain Chisti who accompanied police during the action reportedly came under the wrath of the students.

Chhatra Oikva leaders at a protest meeting later condemned the police action and said it violated the 1973 University Ordinance. They demanded immediate release of their arrested colleague.

The announced a protest rally on the campus Monday and a strike on Tuesday.

The meeting, held at the Library premises at 1:30 pm, was addressed, among others, by Chhatra Moitri President Ragib Ahsan Munna, General Secretary of BCL (M-I) RU unit Laib Hasan Labu and RU unit General Secretary of JSDbacked Chhatra League Ahmedul Kabir.

Tension mounted on the campus where additional police were deployed to ward off further violence. The university authorities

held an emergency meeting in the evening to take stock of the campus situation.

### Big fire in Tangail

By Staff Correspondent About 22 shops, three houses and 13 rented rooms were gutted yesterday when a fire broke out at the Karatia

Bazar of Tangail district, according to Fire Brigade The losses were estimated

at about Tk 68 lakh. The origin of fire, which started early in the morning, could not, however, be ascertained.

Four units of the Fire Brigade from Tongi and Gazipur rushed to the spot and managed to bring the fire under control.

### Budget provides proper policy guidelines'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar Sunday observed that the budget for fiscal 1993-94 provides proper policy directives to ensure implementation of the country's on-going macro-economic reforms

The seminar on "Budget 1993-94," organised by the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangla desh (ICMAB) at its auditor ium, was presided over by **ICMAB** president Mohammad Ishaq while president of Met ropolitan Chamber of Comme ree and industry (MCCI) Latifur Rahman, president of the Bangladesh Employers Association (BEA) M Ants ud Dowla and Professor of Dhaka University Abu Ahmed were

the main participants.

Food Secretary Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury was the chief

MCCI chief Lattfur Rahman termed the budget suitable for

the country's economy. He said, although the five per cent reduction of corporate tax is a welcome move to encourage investment yet, the rate should be further lowered and brought down to between

35 and 30 per cent. This would not affect government's tax receipts, rather it would increase revenue," the MCCI president observed.

He added that such steps would invite more investments and generate employment, thereby bridging the loss.

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Rahman observed that du-

### Half-day hartal observed in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 4: A half-day hartal was observed peacefully here at the call of two rival groups campaigning for opposing demands.

Bangladesh Awami League, Chittagong Chapter, gave the call for todays half-day hartal here and in Cox's Bazar demanding the withdrawal of what it said, a 'false case' filed against the party's central leader Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu, MP.

On the other hand, the Humayun Zahir Smriti Sangsad also gave a call for a half-day hartal here today demanding immediate arrest of Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury.

Akhtaruzzaman, an accused in the murder of businessman Humayun Zahir, went into hiding since the cancellation of his ad-interim bail. Despite a massive hunt police could not See Page 12 Col 8

### Three bills placed

Three bills were introduced in Parliament Sunday night seeking to amend the existing laws on district council, land development tax and electricity, reports agencies. The Local Government Zila

Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1993, piloted by LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, provides that chairman of a Zila Parishad will be elected by chairmen and members of Union Parishads of the respective district.

The bill contains provisions for electing two male and one female members of the Zila Parishad from each thana by the chairmen and members of the Union Parishads under each thans

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### 3419 certificate cases filed against loan defaulters

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday told the Jativa Sangsad that different banks and financial institutions had filed a total of 3419 certificates cases against industrial loan defaulters, reports

In a written reply to a question from the Awami League member M Abdur Rahim, the Finance Minister said according to the data supplied by the Bangladesh Bank the number of certificate cases under Dhaka district stood at 231 while it was 522 in Narayanganj, 71 in Chittagong, 241 in Satkhira and 112 in Cox's Bazar. In another written reply

from a question of the Awami League member Abdul Matin Khasru, the Finance Minister said the average rate of industrial loan repayments was 14.41 per cent in last ten years while it was 11.97 per cent in 1988, 12.42 per cent in 1989, 13.80 per cent in 1990, 14.36 per cent in 1991 and 14.39 per cent in 1992.

In a written reply to another question of Khasru, Saifur said different commercial banks and financial institutions in the country had waived interests of Tk 40.44 crores on industrial loans during 1991-92 while it was Tk 43.95 crores in 1992-93. Arrest of drug dealers

### Transit with Myanmar suspended

COX'S BAZAR, July 4: Transit communications between Myanmar and Bangladesh remained suspended for the last three days as the Myanmar authorities scaled the routes following a dispute over extradition of two alleged drug traffickers, reports UNB.

Official sources said the Bangladesh authorities had refused to hand over Zahtr Ahmed and Lal Mian to Myanmar. they were arrested by the BDR on Thursday night while allegedly smuggling heroin into Bangladesh.

The Myanmag authorities reportedly demanded immediate extradition of the duo whom they identified as inhabstants of Muangdaw thana in Arakan province.

#### Russia likely to scrap rocket technology deal with India mercial satellite launches. UR Rao after talks with NEW DELHI, July 4: India The United States argue Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao here on Saturday, told re-

was sending a space delegation to Russia today amid reports that Moscow was preparing to scuttle a controversial rocket technology deal under pres sure from the United States, reports AFP.

UR Rao, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Orga nisation (ISRO), and K Kasturtrangan, Director of an ISRO satellite centre, were to travel to Moscow for talks with

Russian space officials, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. The previously arranged visit coincided with press reports that Russia under pres sure from Washington was ready, to scrap 200 million dollar contract to supply two rocket engine to ISRO.

porters at ISRO headquarters in the southern Indian city of Bangalore that the 1990, deal was on schedule and "there is no httch at all."

But The Hindustan Times said in a front-page report

Sunday that the deal was off. In the unsourced report, The daily said ISRO had virtually concluded that Russia would not be able to fulfil the con-India's press has also excerpted a report from the influential Russian daily Izvestia

that Moscow was ready to pull

out of the deal if Washington

offered it adequate compensa-

tion including access to com-

that India's rocket programme could be used to develop intermediate range missiles and that it violates a missile technology non-proliferation

Washington in 1992 imposed sanctions against ISRO and the Russian space agency Glavcomos to force a scuttling of the deal. The sanctions included dental of licences for exports to and imports from the two organisations.

programme has any military angle. UR Rao said in Bangalore Saturday that he had explained to US officials during a visit last month that it was a "transparent" and a "civilian programme.

India denies that its space

Biman's DC-10 accident Inquiry report

### being drafted By Asiuzzaman

The inquiry committee probing Biman's DC-10 accident last May has completed its investigations and is now drafting the report, committee sources said Sunday.

The seven-member committee has already received preliminary report of the decoded black box and is expecting to receive the final report from the British Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB.) within a couple of days.

Committee sources declined to comment on the causes of the accident but Chril Aviation sources close to the probe body indicated that pilet error was one of the reasons for the troubled landing of the aircraft at the Zia International

Airport on May 18. All the 135 passengers and crew, arriving from Jeddlah, survived unhurt but the plane, one of Biman's four DC-10s, was badly damaged.

The report of the probe body, headed by Group Captain Nazmul Hug Chowdhury, Member (Operations) Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) was due on June 20 but has been delayed because of technicalities involved in the investigations.

We are trying to find out the actual causes of the accident, not to accuse anybody, one committee member said on

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### FBCCI team off to Delhi

A ten-member delegation of

the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) left for New Delhi yesterday to attend the first meeting of the Bangladesh-India Joint Business Council beginning today, reports Headed by Salman F Rah-

man, President, Pharmaceutical Association of Bangladesh. the other members of the delegation are AKM Shamsuddoha, Abdur Rashid, Chayan Islam, Elthem Kabir, Kazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Kazi Zafarullah, Mazibuddin Ahmed, Sha bbir Ahmed Khan and Tapan Chowdhury. The Bangladesh India Joint

Business Council (JBC) was formed with the signing of joint chamber agreement be tween FBCCI and the Federation of Indian Chambers of See Page 12 Col 8

# Students assault teachers,