The government has introduced a new system of Secondary School Certificate examination (SSC) to be effective from 1996 under which the examinees have to secure minimum marks in each of the objective, narrative and practical part of a subject to pass the examination, reports BSS.

Education Minister Barris ter Jamiruddin Sircar disclosed this yesterday at a press conference at the conference room of the Education Ministry

He said the pass marks for each subject had been fixed at 33 but students from Arts Group must secure at least 15 marks in both objective and narrative papers of a subject He, however, pointed out that the students have to secure minimum 18 marks in either of the objective or narrative papers to pass the examination.

He said the students appear ing from Science Group have to get minimum 12 marks in both objective and narrative parts of the subject and nine marks in practical.

The minister said a science subject will have a total mark of 100 of which 37 and a half in the objective part, another 37 and a half in the narrative part while 25 marks for practical.

Barrister Sircar said the new system would be applicable to the students who were now studying in class eight and be promoted to class nine in December this year.

The Education Minister said under the new system objective questions would not be confined to the existing 500 question bank for each subject but it would be set from the approved

He said the new system had been evolved after a thorough study by the educationists as the result of the first examination after introduction of objective questions in 1992 showed an adverse affect on the stan-

dard of education. Barrister Sircar said after

JS body examines bill on separation of judiciary

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Justice Ministry in a meeting yesterday further discussed and examined a draft bill seeking to amend the Criminal Procedure Code 1898 for separation of the judiciary from the executive, reports

The meeting chaired by the Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz, decided to continue discussion and examina tion of the draft bill in the next

"If this happens, it would be

the first time in the history of

the Bank/GOB (Government of

Bangladesh) relations for a

project to be cancelled before

bursements, and it would have

serious adverse implications for

future multi-lateral and bilat-

eral assistance to this sub-sec

tor," the letter, issued by

Frederick Temple, Chief of the

Energy and Infrastructure

The reasons for disagree-

ment with the action plans, as

stated by some concerned gov-

ernment officials, include the

labour unrest likely to arise out

of retrenchment of 2200 work-

ers of the BIWTC and the ad

verse effects of trimming down

the fleet size and withdrawal of

non-profitable river transport

The officials also feel the in-

terest rate on the credit (11.5

per cent) is too high and would

further burden the debt-ridden

feels the reforms are imperative

if the BIWTC is to attain finan-

cial viability. Regarding reduc-

tion of the fleet size, the WB be-

lieves this would not materially

On the contrary, the WB

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Department, mentioned

the commencement of dis-

the results of 1992 SSC examination it was revealed that a student could pass without getting any number in the narrative part if he secured 33 marks in the objective part of a

He said a high-level committee headed by Agriculture Minister M Majid-ul-Huq at a meeting in January last held detail discussion on the amendments to distribution of

The committee, he said, had suggested holding of a workshop and creating public opin ion on it through wide public-

Accordingly, he said, a work shop was arranged and Bangladesh Television held a discussion in which the Chairman of Dhaka Board and students of a few schools in the city had participated.

The Education Minister said the recommendations of the committee and the recommendations made during the discussion in the television were

Thus the recommendations were put up before the cabinet which approved it.

Replying to a question on allegation of tampering the examination results through influence. Barrister Sircar said all possible-measures had already been taken to check it if there were any such case.

In this context, he said computer system was expected to be introduced fully from

State Minister for Education Principal Md Yunus Khan, Education Secretary Ershadul Hog and Director-General of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Prof Eunus Mia were present.

Sixth Asian Art show from Nov 2

By Staff Correspondent The Sixth Biennial Asian Art Exhibition will begin November 2 at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

Artists from 40 Asian countries are expected to take part in the month-long exhibition organised by the Academy.

Bangladeshi Artists have been requested to submit their works for selection.

Artists who have participated in at least two National Art Exhibitions organised by the Shilpakala Academy or an Asian Art Exhibition are eligible for participation. They can submit a maximum of three recent art works (1991-93) to the Director of Arts Department of the Academy between August

organisational restructuring

would affect the interests of

some corrupt officials of the

ministry and the corporation

and that's why they were oppos-

ing the plans, even at the cost

The ERD, prior to the sus-

of cancellation of the project it

pension letter, had sent a letter

to the WB chief in Bangladesh

Christopher Willoughby for

ratification of the restructuring

and rationalisation proposals

made by the Ministry of

BIWTC component included,

revision of the strategic plan for

achieving the long-term objec-

tive of strengthening the BIWIC

and expanding its operations,

revision of the organisational

restructuring plan, amendment

of the Subsidiary Loan

Agreement, dropping of the fleet

restructuring plan, cancellation

of the manpower rationalisation

plan and waiving of the limita-

tion of investment by the

BIWTA component included

raising of the government

grants to the inland water

transport authority for debt-

servicing, procurement, con-

struction and installation of

navigational equipment, waiver

costs, to streamline financial

and operational aspects of the

age development of the country

boat sector, to increase the in-

stitutional capacity for planning

and policy formulation and to

facilitate better training of in-

BIWTC and BIWTA, to encour-

The proposals relating to the

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Shipping.

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WB suspends credit



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is distributing sarees among the flood affected people of - PID photo Gujarhat under Gaibandha district yesterday.

PM: Bank loan 1

From page 1 col 7 must ensure that damaged tubewells have been repaired or resunk for ensuring pure drinking water which was necessary for avoiding the outbreak of diarrhoeal diseases.

She suggested the officials to form committees with people's representatives for gearing up rehabilitation work in the affected areas. She said the officials, people's representatives and common people must work closely for mitigating the sufferings of the affected people.

The Prime Minister later addressed the local elite and praised their courage in facing this calamity. Begum Zia called upon them to work for mitigating the woes of the suffering people of the flood-hit areas and to participate in the gov ernment rehabilitation pro grammes for flood affected peo-

Earlier the Prime Minister enquired about the steps taken by different departments of the administration at the district level. She also enquired about the present relief situation and medicine facilities among other rehabilitation measures for the affected people.

Addressing a meeting of the local BNP workers and members the Prime Minister called upon her party members to work day and night to remove the sufferings of the flood-hit people. She also called upon them to extend cooperation to the government administration

in their rehabilitation work. The Prime Minister said the government would take up measures for reconstructing the Monisha regulator on the river Ghagot which has been washed away in the floods. The work for the regulator would be taken up with the fall of water in the river.

Israel pounds Sidon

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now nearly abandoned. Residents and refugees began fleeing the port of Tyre after the Voice of the South, which is operated by an Israeli-backed militia, said they would be 'subjected to Israeli fire' starting at 9:30 am (0630 GMT).

When the deadline expired, Israeli jets and helicopter gunships began pounding the Rashadiyeh refugee camp on Tyre's northeastern edge and Israeli artillery opened up on nearby villages.

One wire-guided missile hit a three-story building in the village of Qleileh where some 20 tenants were sheltering in the basement. UN officials said two people died and 18 were pulled from the rubble, all with serious injuries.

In Beirut, Israeli fighters buzzed Beirut International Airport at midday (0900 GMT). Sonic booms shattered several windows in the terminal building and control tower, and passengers broke their queues to dive for cover. Flights, however,

Rabin

From Page 1 Col 4 ing air and artillery assault deeper into Lebanon.

Reuter adds: Israel said today it was attacking 70 villages in Lebanon with artillery and aircraft to force more than 150,000 civilians to flee and create a major refugee problem An army spokesman said Israeli artillery, pounding away relentlessly at targets to the north, had fired 13,000 shells since Israel launched an offensive against Hizboullah guerillas on Sunday, air strikes resumed at

were not interrupted, airport officials said

Southern Lebanon has been used by guerillas as a base for attacking Israel's self-styled security zone.

The Israeli attacks 'will force (the) population there to express its views, whether by mouth or foot, to the Lebanese government and its overseers, Rabin said.

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10,000 Keraniganj AL, JP, Jamaat workers join BNP

About 10,000 leaders and workers of the Awami League Jubo League, Chhatra League, Jativa Party and Jamaat e Islami of Keraniganj Thana and chairmen and members of various Union Parishads of the thana last night joined the BNP expressing their solidarity with the programmes and ideals of the party and support to the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports

UN team's report

in the administrative structure.

formally handed over to the Minister for Establishment in a few days, is expected to suggest major reforms in the administrative system, including concrete recommendations for change in the cadre system.

It was learnt that if the recommendations were accepted wholly or in part, the UNDP would provide assistance for implementation of the suggested reforms.

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The report, which is to be Prime Minister of the State

Jahanara Imam, Convenor of the Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Samannaya Committee, addressing a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. Star photo

Azam episode stage-managed'

The Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannaya Committee Convenor Jahanara Imam yesterday termed the arrest and release of Golam Azam a "stagedmanaged game" of the government and demanded setting up of a special tribunal to try the Jamaat leader for his "war crimes," reports UNB.

Such move of the government would not confuse the people who are now united to punish the war criminals, she told a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting was organised by the Samannaya Committee to press its demand for implementing the verdict of the socalled Gano-Adalat or people's court which found Azam 'guilty' and pronounced the death sentence.

Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman told the meeting that "Independence of the country didn't come with a High Court verdict; it had to be wrested after sacrificing three million lives."

The people's court is the supreme court ... Golam Azam may be released by the courts, but he cannot escape the people's court," Rahman said.

Awami League presidium member and Samannaya Committee leader Abdur Razzak, MP, said the people Will not accept judgement of any court other than that of the Gano-Adalat. No law can save war criminals."

of Social Science, Faculty of From Page 1 Col 8 protested the inactivity of the

White panel Convenor Prof Strajul Islam Chowdhury This led to a virtual split in the White panel which was the strongest penal during the last

Prof Ahmed, a former advisor to the interim government, talking to The Daily Star said that a group of young teachers of the White panel being unhappy with the inactivity of the group asked him to lead the

A meeting held on July 7, he said, was attended by more than 150 teachers.

However, Prof Strajul Islam Chowdhury, defending his position said that as teachers their main responsibility was to teach and not to indulge in group activities. Leaders of both of the White

group factions were confident of winning a large number of seats in the polls. This year none of the contesting groups could nominate

their representatives to compete in all the six Dean's posts. All the teachers' groups have nominated candidates for the 35 posts of the teachers' representatives to the DU Senate except the White group, led by

Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury More than 900 teachers of

the university are expected to exercise their franchise on the The six faculties for which the Deans will be elected in-

clude: Faculty of Arts, Faculty

Commerce, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Biological Science and the Faculty of Law.

The candidates for the Dean elections from four panels are: the White panel led by Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury — Dr Hasna Begum (Arts), Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury (Social Science), Md Moinuddin Khan (Commerce), Dr Muhammed Shafi Chowdhury (Science) and Dr Md Nurul Huq (Law)

The White panel led by Prof lajuddin Ahmed - Dr P' I S Mustafizur Rahman (Arts), Md Moin Uddin Khan (Commerce) Dr M Ershadul Bari (Law) and Dr Anwara Begum (Biological Science). The Blue panel — Dr Muha-

mmed Moniruzzaman (Arts), Dr Muhammed Moshihuzzaman (Science), Dr A T M Zahurul Huq (Social Science), Dr Md Shahadat Ali (Biological Science) and Dr Md Abdul Mannan (Commerce).

Pink panel - Prof Aminul Islam (Arts), Prof ABM Khaled (Commerce), Dr A K Monwar Uddin Ahmed (Social Science).

Shibir foils BNP rally in Shailkupa

JHENIDAH, July 28: A meeting of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at Madandanga in Shailkupa thana was foiled by activists of the pro-Jamaat Islami Chhatra Shibir today, reports UNB.

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By Staff Correspondent

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will restore its original summer schedule from Sunday next after nearly two and a half months of disruption, officials said yesterday.

The decision to resume

normal operations has been taken after one of the two newly leased DC-10 aircraft joined the fleet earlier this month," a senior official told The Daily Star, adding that the second leased aircraft would join the Biman fleet by tomorrow. Biman's international sum-

mer schedule was disrupted after one of the national flag carrier's four DC-10s met with an accident at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) on May 18. The aircraft was returning from Jeddah with 135 passengers and crew who all survived unhurt

The damaged aircraft is now under repair at the Biman's

hanger at ZIA. The Biman official said that besides restoring the original schedule the airlines would operate some extra flight to Riyadh and Kuala Lumpur because of the rush of passenger on these routes.

Biman will operate two weekly flights to Frankfurt and Hong Kong, the official said, adding that on the Dhaka-London route Biman would operate five flights weekly in-

stead of four. The first of the two additional DC-10s has been leased from the manufacturers Mc Donnell Douglas for six months while the second one, due here Friday, will serve Biman for three years.

Moudud, Mosharraf granted bail

By Court Correspondent

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed, MP, a former Vice President, and former Industries Secretary Mosharral Hossain were granted bail, in connection with an Anti-Corruption Bureau case, Wed nesday The Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate Court granted the bails and asked them to post bonds of Tk 50,000 each.

That Anti-Corruption Bureau earlier filed a case accusing them of unlawfully employing one Abdur Rahim, convicted in an arms case, at the Kohinoor Chemical Company and thereby causing a loss of Tk 2,08,823 to the government exchequer.

Both Barrister Moudud and Hossain had earlier taken advance bail from the High Court, which had asked them to seek permanent bail by being personally present at the CMM

JP meet

From Page 1 Col 5 Moudud Ahmed, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Sirajul Hossain Khan, Sunil Gupta, Abdus Sattar, Sardar Amjad Hossain, Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Dr TIM Fazie Rabbi, Col (rtd) MA Malek, Syeda Razia Faiz, Reazuddin Ahmed Bhola Mia, Tajul Islam Chowdhury, Syeed Tareg and JP member-secretary Khaledur Rahman Tito took part in the discussions till 11:30 last

Flood

From page 1 col 7 Sunamganj, Moulvi Bazar Habigani and Comilla districts would continue to improve in the next 24 hours with waters of all the rivers receding.

The major rivers in all the basins barring the Ganges recorded falls.

The Brahmaputra continued to decrease at all points. The Ganges registered a risc

by five centimetres at Pankha while it rose by five centimetres near Raishahi. The Surma recorded a slight

rise at Kanaighat while it fell at both Sylhet and Sunamganj. According to a bulletin of the

FFC, six rivers were now flowing below the danger levels. BSS adds: The Relief

Ministry sources in Dhaka said that the government had so far distributed relief goods worth Tk 1,09,50,000 and Tk one crore as house-building grants, 7510 tons of rice, 150 metric tons of wheat, 11,400 pieces of sarees, 11,400 pieces of lungis, 3,030 metric tons of wheat as test relief — and allotted 1,500 bundles of CI sheets and 2,754 tonnes of wheat against 29,384 vulnerable group feeding (VGF)

The current floods claiming 157 lives till date, have affected 89,90,199 people in 32 districts, the Relief Ministry sources said. So far, crop on over four lakh acres of land have been fully damaged while partial damage was caused to crop on 4,71,337 acres.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) has strengthened its relief programme in Sylhet. Habigani, and Moulvi Bazar while it has taken up relief programme in Gaibandha, Sunamganj, Pabna, Sirajganj, Brahmanbaria, Comilla, Sherpur and Jamalpur dis-

Biman to restore 1 The Widnight Bile

Berlin court asks Gorbachev to testify

BERLIN, July 28: A Berlin court has asked former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to testify in the trial of former East German leaders for the manslaughter of people killed trying to cross the border into West Germany. A Berlin Justice Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday that the defendants had asked Gorbachev to testify on how Moscow influenced East Germany's police of shooting would-be escapers, reports Reuter.

Public parking at WTC banned

NEW YORK, July 28: There will be no public parking at the World Trade Centre garages when they reopen in September, six months after they were closed by the detonation of a bomb hidden in a rental van. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said Tuesday that some tenants - government and law enforcement agency employees - will be able to park their vehicles starting Sept 1. Other tenants of the landmark towers are expected to be able to park in the garage next spring, but general public parking will not be permitted, reports AP.

Israeli madness

From Page 1 Col 3 the time of writing - and who

have vowed to retaliate for Israelt raid on the civilian popu-There is madness in Tel

Avtv's plan. What's worse -- and more important for the world to note - the raid on the civilian population is contrary to the minimum standard of civilised conduct, all sense of international morality and human rights.

These victims of Israeli raid now hounded out of their own homes, have committed no offence under any law, national or international, although, as Tel Aviv says, Hezbollah activists may well be taking sanctuary in

The method is borrowed from Nazi Germany which, during the Second World War, ransacked homes of innocent civil ians looking for Jews or resistance workers.

For Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, the move is not only a mad one - he can never eliminate the Hezbollah this way - but it also seems a polit ical gamble. His raid appears to push the Government of Lebanon, now slowly finding its feet on the ground, to go after the Hezbollah and perhaps even Syria. Or he is setting the stage for a large-scale war of the kind Tel Aviv waged in Lebanon in 1982 Finally, he may well be risking a continuing stalemate in the Middle East peace talks

Nasim undergoes surgery

By Staff Correspondent

Chief Whip of the opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Moham mad Nasim has undergone a surgery yesterday morning successfully at the Holy Family Hospital.

Prof Chowdhury Mohammad Habibur Rahman conducted the operation.

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Sheikh Hasina visited the hospital yesterday to

Among others, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, AL leader Abdul Mannan, Abdur Razzak, MP. Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Sycd Shahidul Huq Jamal MP. Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Shamsuddoha, MP, Mosharraf Hossain, MP, Mostafa Rashidi Suja, MP, and Harun- or- Rashid MP also went to the hospital to enquire his welfare.

BNP council

From page 1 col 7 held, although the deadline ex

pires July 31.

A broad-based agenda for the council was finalised on or ganisational, political and economic matters, Siddiky said, adding that the council would be divided into four sessions.

The venue of the opening ceremony has not yet been finalised but the business sessions would be held in the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers.

He said that the question of election of the party chief would not arise in the council since Begum Khaleda Zia was elected the chairperson just six months

ago for a two-year term. Siddiky said the Central Executive Committee would endorse her election in the council session.

He avoided most questions relating to organisational matters but said. The BNP is a nationalist, centrist and liberal democratic party. It has added new substance to Bangladesh politics and we are reaping the fruits of the new ideas.

The first and second council were held on January 25-26, 1980, and February 9-10, 1981 respectively when its founder late President Ziaur Rahman was the chairman and prof Badruddoza Chowdhury was the secretary general.

The third council was held on March 8-9, 1989 when the party was engaged in the antiautocracy campaign under the leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia with Barrister Salam Talukder as the secretary general

to satisfy his domestic critics. In the process, Rabin is putting the international community to a severe test. It is a test for the Clinton Adminis-

tration, the United Nations, the

European Community and the Muslim world Once again, as it happened on the Bosnia issue, Clinton has failed to demonstrate that he is unequivocally critical of the Israeli raid over the civilian population in southern Lebanon and that the move is nothing less than an outrageous violation of human rights of some 300,000 people who have been hounded out of their homes. Thus, the one and only super-

power which also has an enor-

mous hold over Israel, watches

the grim spectacle from the France and a few other EC members have taken a critical line against Tel Aviv's misadventure. But, perhaps following Washington's line, the UN Chief, Dr Boutros-Ghali has bracketed the Israeli raid with the Hezbollah's assault on Israeli soldiers, thus making no distinction between terrorism and an undeclared war launched by a state against in-

nocent civilians. The Muslim world and members of the Non-Aligned Move ment (NAM) are bitter. But so far they have shown little drive, little interest in an action plan.

We believe, there is some room here for initiative for Bangladesh. Let our Ambassador in Washington work with envoys of Indonesia, Pakistan, India and of some other NAM members in calling on the highest ranking official available at the US State Department and convey the feelings of the developing world on what we regard as an Israeli madness in

Lebanon. We believe, the same should be done by our permanent representatives at the United Nations who should frankly tell Dr Ghali that his performance on both Bosnia and Lebanon falls far, far below our expecta-

We have passed the stage of mincing words on these issues.

Rao

From Page 1 Col 4

had nearly equal strength. Today's voting pattern indicated that some independent lawmakers or members of the small opposition parties voted

for the Prime Minister. Rao's government has been criticised since a dlrs 1.2 billion security scandal was exposed in 1992, reinforcing allegations of widespread corruption among

India's bankers and politicians. Last month, the key suspect in the scandal, Bombay stockbroker Harshad Mehta, elaimed that he secretly gave Rao 10 million rupees (dlrs 325,000) late last year. Rao, who had never been accused of corruption during his 40 years in politics, denied the charge, but many people dismissed the evi-

dence he produced. Rao, in his speech, made no reference to the corruption issue, prompting opposition shouts of "What about Harshad

Mehta?" He defended economic reforms, saying, "Liberalisation has become necessary because the Indian economy has to integrate with the world economy. We can't be an island in isola-

Rao's victory Wednesday could mean he is safe only for the next six months, the amount of time Parliament must wait before introducing a new no-confidence motion.

Since 1990, two minority governments have fallen in India. Amid the political instability, the BJP has grown in power - from two seats in Parliament's lower house in 1989 to 119 at present — by capitalizing on growing Hindu nationalism.

But it also has promoted anti-Muslim prejudice in a country where 82 per cent of the 880 million people are Hindus and 12 per cent Muslim. In December and January, India suffered its worst communal riots since independence after Hindu extremists leveled an ancient mosque in the northern city of Ayodhya.

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