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John Demjanjuk smiles in Israel's Supreme Court Thursday as he was acquitted on appeal more than five years after he had been sentenced to hanging as "Ivan the Terrible," infamous gas chamber operator at the Treblinka death camp.

A victim of mistaken identity Demjanjuk now a free man fied against Demjanjuk. Three

Israel's Supreme Court on ing. Thursday ruled unanimously that John Demjanjuk was not the Nazi death camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible," overturning his conviction and death sentence, reports AP.

The court also found Demjanjuk innocent of any other war crimes. The ruling set Demjanjuk free, and the police minister said he would be deported.

The court ruled that Demjanjuk, 73, was not the sadistic gas chamber operator at Treblinka death camp who tortured prisoners on their to

Chief Justice Meir Shamgar said the court sifted through all the evidence presented in the seven-year case.

"True, the memory of the Holocaust shakes every Jew to the bone, but a judge must overcome these emotions when seated in a ruling," the Chief Justice read from the bench. "The defense has raised doubts and the prosecutors cannot help us resolve these questions," he said during the twohour reading.

Outside the courtroom about 150 people watching on closed circuit television shouted in amazement at the final decision. They have done an injustice.

in the 16-year-case.

10 BIWTC

employees

jailed in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

Ten employees of the Bangla-

desh Inland Water Transport

Corporation (BIWTC) were

sentenced in absentia here

today to suffer 10 years' rigor-

ous imprisonment each for mis-

appropriation of government

Sessions Judge and First

Special Judge Mohammad

Najmul Ahsan, while pronounc-

ing the verdict of the case re-

garding misappropriation of 610

bags of wheat nearly seven

years ago, also fined each of the

convicts Tk 1,35,000 or to suf-

fer imprisonment for another

Mahmud, Fakrul Islam, Anwar

Hossain, Rafigul Mowla, Rafigul

Islam, Dil Mohammad, Noor

Mohammad and Altaf Hossain,

all employees of the BIWTC

According to relevant author-

ities, the Assistant Commercial

Officer of the BIWTC filed a case

with the Bandar police after

finding that 610 out of 7,217

bags of wheat were missing

from a barge of the corporation

while en route to the

Narayanganj CSD godown from

the Chittagong river port on

October 26, 1986. The accused

the captain and nine crew of

the river craft carrying the

goods - fled after anchoring

the vessel at the local CSD

godown ghat after misappropri-

APP Humayun Kabir con-

ating the 610 bags of wheat.

ducted the the prosecution.

The convicts, Siddique

two years in default.

have been absconding.

Additional District and

NARAYANGANJ, July 29:

inside the Supreme Court build-

Demjanjuk, surrounded in the docket by police in blue uni forms, showed no emotion, sitting listening to the translation of the ruling from Hebrew in headphones over his bald pate.

weighed convicting Demjanjuk of other crimes because of evidence presented that he served as a guard at other camps including the Sobibor death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland.

him for another crime," Shamgar said.

held in Israel.

testified against Demjanjuk were stunned

"I am in deep shock. The That is him, the war criminal." Shouts of "Can you believe said Josef Czerny, one of five it?" and "It's amazing" rang out Treblinka survivors who testi-

taker government to investigate abuse of bank loans by influential people, reports AFP. Such a probe should cover

all aspects of the last decade's fraudulent transactions" involving state-owned and privatized banks as well as other financial institutions, she said in a statement.

ISLAMABAD, July 29: For--

mer Premier Benazir Bhutto

supported Wednesday a re-

ported move by Pakistan's care-

Reports, which were not officially confirmed or denied, said the government had called for lists of borrowers who failed to pay back or managed to get huge loans written off by state institutions.

The government plans to debar big tax evaders and defaulting debtors from standing in the elections scheduled for October. the reports said. In a warm-up for campaigning expected to take off next month, Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and her arch rial, former Premier Nawaz Sharif's Pakistan Muslim League (PML) have started trading allegations Leaders in both major politi-

Sharif won't go for alliance

PESHAWAR, July 29: Former Pakistani Premier Nawaz Sharif said here today his party would eschew a political alliance for the October national election, reports AFP.

But he kept the door open for electoral cooperation with individual parties in exchange for reciprocal support. Sharif expressed confidence

that the nation would return him to power.

Sharif said the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) decided to shun alliances because of its experience in the multi-party Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad (IJI), which won the last 1990 election under his leadership. In apparent reference to

fundamentalist Jamaat-i-Islami (JI), he said some parties in the UI had opposed his government on vital issues, ignoring the discipline and programme of the

JI severe links with Sharif last year and has launched a Pakistan Islamic front to gather fundamentalist groups on a single platform for the polls.

Plan to set up Maritime Division

The 12th meeting of the standing committee on Foreign Affairs yesterday considered the proposal to set up a complete Maritime Division for the better use of our maritime resources, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman presided over the meeting, held at the Sangsad Bhaban.

To observe the present position of Rohingya refugees, the committee members will visit the Rohingya camp on August 17 and 18. The members expressed their satisfaction over the Rohingya repatriation pro-

IFRC team due today

George Wever, acting Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), will arrive here today leading a two-member delegation on a three-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

JP rift From Page 1 Col 8

"I have called the meeting to discuss various problems affecting the party and to reorganisc it.

He, however, said he was ready to call off next Sunday's meeting provided "Mizan Chowdhury first resigns."

Meanwhile, the JP presidium meet, which continued till 11:30 last night, was adjourned till 4:00 pm this afternoon.

JS probe

From Page 1 Col 8 uled to fly for London on August 1 for treatment and is supposed to return home by the last week of next month, sources in the Parliament secretariat said.

All the legislators of the 15member committee barring Jute Minister Hannan Shah, Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon and Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim were present at the meeting held yesterday evening at the Speaker's official chamber.

probe abuse of bank loans ruler General Mohammad Ziaul-Haq, reaching the premiership in November 1990.

> Bhutto said some individuals which they ruled. had enriched themselves at the Bhutto's 20-month stint in expense of national financial office ended with her dismissal institutions, using their political in August 1990, while Sharif influence which "has become quit prematurely this month folthe scourge of our political syslowing a long power struggle with President Ghulam Ishaq "The large-scale use of Khan who also resigned under

> money in politics has also opened the doors for drug "It is an unfortunate fact money in electioneering," she that since 1985 the country's financial institutions have been She demanded that the subject to severe political pressures," Bhutto said in her

> probe should include an impartial inquiry into the collapse of statement released by the PPP here. Loans were obtained withprivate cooperative finance societies during Sharif's governout fulfilling required criteria ment, which deprived thouand collateral and instances of sands of people of their depolitically-motivated loans being written off were widely reported. The PPP blamed the scam on

alleged heavy borrowing by Sharif's industrialist family and his political allies, but an inquiry by a judge, carried out on his orders, exonerated him.

Bhutto also demanded the recovery of loans written off fraudulently from "formerly powerful persons and their

Move to unite left forces

Star Report

A move to unite the left-wing political parties has been initi ated with the first-round of discussion held between the leaders of the Workers Party and Communist Party (hardliners). Haider Akbar Khan Rano,

"All such instances have in-

volved politically influential in

dividuals and families who rode

to power on the back of martial

ence to Sharif who rose to

power in his home province of

Punjab in the early 1980s dur-

ing the rule of the late military

This was an apparent refer-

law," Bhutto said.

Acting General Secretary of the Workers Party and Mujahidul Islam Seltm, General Secretary of the CPB discussed possibilities of a unity at a meeting held Tuesday at CPB's Purana Paltan office. Some other leaders of the two parties were also

When contacted, Haider Akbar Khan Rano said that this was a 'semi-formal' meeting where they exchanged views on

"We had only preliminary discussions which are to be followed by more serious talks" said Rano, who is also a prominent leader of the Five-Party alliance, a left-leaning association that groups the Workers' Party, the JSD (Inu), the BSD (Khaleque), the BSD (Mahbub) and the Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal. The alliance came into existence in

Rano said that his party favoured a broad-based unity of left forces to uphold the cause of the working people and to 'fight imperialism.'

Rumour From Page 1 Col 5

ing his wife Rima, was hanged. There should not be any doubt about it." To a question, the DIG

(Prisons) said there was no rule for taking any photograph inside the jail or taking any picture of the body of a hanged person. According to law, a photograph is not considered as evidence; the persons who were present during the execution are the witnesses.

Khan said it depended on the relatives whether they would show the people the face of a dead man. The confusion was perhaps created because press photographers were not allowed to take snaps of Munir's body, he said.

Impostor held By Staff Correspondent

An alleged impostor was arrested while trying to collect money from the Grameen Bank head office at Mirpur in the capital in the name of one senior opposition political leader, police said Thursday.

Mirpur police said that they had arrested one Md Delwar Hossain on a charge of illegal toll collection in the name of Awami League presidium member Tofael Ahmed, MP.

They said a phone call was made to the residence of Grameen Bank Managing Director Dr M Yunus and the caller claimed that some money was needed to carry the body of a former member of parliament, who had died, to Pabna.

When Grameen Bank officials telephoned Tofael Ahmed and Awami League Leader Abdus Samad Azad, they denied having sent anyone to collect

Later, when the toll collector arrived at the Mirpur head office of the Grameen Bank police arrested him. Md Delwar Hossain claimed to be an

Awami League worker. Grameen Bank has filed a case with Mirpur police.

Mujahidul Islam Selim said his party's programmes incorporate formation of a left Democratic Front for a progressive democratic transfor mation of the society.

"We want unity of the gen uine Left movement for which we have initiated discussions. he said, adding that such discussions would continue.

Selim is leading the CPB faction after the party's formal split on 15 June last.

Another faction of the CPB led by Saifuddin Ahmed Manik is now involved in the process of forming a new party along with Dr Kamal Hossain's followers, the NAP and other polit ical elements.

Ogata in Yangon, meets intelligence chief

BANGKOK, July 29: The United Nation's High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadako Ogata, today called on Myanmar's powerful military intelligence chief Khin Nyunt in Yangon, state-run Radio Yangon reported, says AFP. Also present at the talks

held at the Yangon's Defence Ministry, were Myanmar Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaw and the representative of the United Nations to Myanmar, according to a broadcast monitored here. No details were given of their

discussion. Ogata arrived in the

Myanmar capital late Wednesday for a five-day unofficial visit, the radio said.



Manzur Elahi elected BEA chief Syed Manzur Elahi, Chair-

man, Apex Tannery Limited, has been elected the new president of the Bangladesh Employers' Association at the 42nd annual general meeting of the Association.

Elahi is a leading industrialist of the country and has been associated with a large number of organisations, says a press He succeeds M Anis Ud-

Dowla of ACI.

Mrs. Laila Rahman Kabir, Chairperson of Dhaka Warehouse and the Bangladeshtyo Cha Sangsad, has been elected the new Vice-President.

Other members of the Managing Committee are Iftekharul Alam, Kamaluddin Ahmed, Syed Mohsen Ali, G M Chowdhury, Rashid-ul-Hasan, Zeaul Huq, M. Aminul Islam, Syed Rezaul Karim, M Morshed Khan and Salman F. Rahman.

Benazir backs govt move to

Fighting rages on in Bosnia despite ceasefire

SARAJEVO, July 29: Fighting raged on in Bosnia today after leaders of the republic's three warring factions agreed yet another truce. Minutes after Muslim, Serb and Croat politicians agreed a ceasefire at talks in Geneva, shelling erupted in Sarajevo. Artillery pounded the area of Zuc, a strategic hill overlooking Sarajevo from the north, with explosions audible every few seconds, a Reuter correspondent in the city said.

Military chiefs of the rival factions were expected to meet later in Sarajevo to implement the ceasefire due to have come into force immediately.

Kashmir militant commander shot dead

SRINAGAR (India), July 29: Indian soldiers shot and killed the commander of a militant group in Jammu-Kashmir state after taking him into custody, witnesses and his family said Thursday. But the military said he was killed in a shootout. Sajed Ahmad Mir, 22, leader of the Tehrikul Mujahideen, one of the five top guerilla groups fighting for independence in Kashmir valley, was arrested Wednesday by soldiers who were searching Lal Chowk, the centre of Srinagar, the witnesses said, reports

UNGA expresses sympathy for flood-hit people

UNITED NATIONS, July 29: United Nations General Assembly has expressed its deepest sympathy to the victims of natural disasters in Bangladesh, USA, Japan, India and Nepal, reports BSS.

It has also expressed the hope that the international community would show its solidarity and respond promptly and generously to any request for help by the affected coun

The UN General Assembly meeting yesterday to admit Andorra to the membership began its work with a statement by the President of the session expressing deepest sympathy to the governments and peoples of Bangladesh, USA, India, and Nepal struck by floods and Japan - recently struck by earthquake.

The statement noted that these major disasters have caused tragic loss of lives and extensive material damages.

JU closed

From Page 1 Col 4 Hafiz was expelled from the

university for three years by the JU Syndicate on July 26 for allegedly snatching an official tender- box and tearing some tender bids other than the one submitted by himself. Enraged by the Syndicate

step, the JCD activists caused yesterday's violence. This was the outburst of a

long held grudge against the teachers," one JCD leader remarked, adding, "Earlier, the teachers, demonstrating their autocratie' attitude, had expelled two of our leaders for a trivial reason."

"But they had to surrender to our just demands earlier and we are determined to achieve similar results again," he remarked. Sources said the VC left the

campus for Dhaka after resigning his post. All the injured teachers re-

ceived first-aid at the university medical centre. They include Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, Prof Enamul Haq Khan, Prof Imamuddin, Naim Sultan, Kawsar Hussain. Additional Police were de-

ployed on the campus following the violence. The JCD and the

Jahangirnagar University Central Students' Union (JUCSU), in separate press releases, held the teachers responsible for the incident. The Students termed the expulsion of Hafiz as a

"manipulated" act. They also claimed that scores of students were injured in the attack by the teachers.

In 1988 there was a similar confrontation between JU teachers and students which led to the institution remaining closed for four months.

Dhaka deplores From Page 1 Col 3

bombing in the Southern Lebanon, the spokesman further said that Bangladesh upholds the principles of sovereign equality, non-interference in each other's internal affairs. non-use of force to settle interstate disputes and territorial integrity of nations enshrined in the UN charter.

The continuous ruthless bombing on the civilian population in the Southern Lebanon by the Israeli armed forces not only constitutes a flagrant violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon but also a gross violation of basic human rights, the spokesman said.

It decided that all the teachers of the university would abstain from taking classes and all other administrative duties until punishment of the "identified terrorists," a judicial

probe and the restoration of

JUTA blames

From Page 1 Col 5

academic atmosphere. The JUTA also condemned the Vice-Chancellor for his 'negligence' in providing security to the campus inmates and said the VC had lost his moral right to remain in office.

Flood situation

From page 1 col 7 Sylhet, Kishoreganj, Sunamganj and Narsingdi was still not satisfactory.

The handout contradicted reports of flood-related epidemics anywhere in the coun-

Relief operation is being carried out in all affected areas, it

have been working in the floodhit areas of Kurigram district where 909 people have been affected by diarrhoea and another 160 by dysentery. Severe erosion has hit sev-

Eighty-six medical teams

eral thanas of Brahmanbaria district, affecting some 37 thousand people, according to reports received in Dhaka.

Our Sylhet correspondent said that the flood situation in his district had remained unchanged.

UNB adds: The flood situation in Jamalpur district improved further although erosion by the river Jamuna had in-

creased with recession of water.

About 2,000 people in Dewanganj and Islampur thanas were rendered homeless by the erosion during the last 48 hours, official sources said. About 10,000 people in 50

unions of seven thanas were affected and 5,000 rendered homeless by the deluge in a Relief materials were yet to

reach the victims, local people

US jets

From page 1 col 7 and Sciences-Research, Hammam Abdul Razzak who told me that a gesture of goodwill like opening files (one suppliers of nuclear material) could be a good start for technical talks in New York" scheduled for late August or early

September. The latest Iraqi pledge was an "encouraging development," Zifferero said.

Shibir, JCD clash in Kushtia KUSIITIA. July 29: Police

opened fire to disperse a mob which chased Islami Chhatra Shibir activists into the local police station after a clash here today, reports UNB.

The clash between the Shibir and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) led to violence in the town when transport workers and other people joined hands with the JCD activists.

Witnesses said today's trouble erupted when some JCD supporters allegedly passed unkind remarks during a procession of the Shibir members protesting the closure of the

Islamic University. On July 24 the authorities closed the university till August 5 apprehending trouble between the two rival groups.

The Shibir processionists, blasting crackers, locked in battle with JCD supporters near the Mazampur bus stand. Transport workers and other people lent force to the activists of the ruling BNP's student front and chased the Shibir men who took shelter inside the Kotwali thana.

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The Demjanjuk case came

25 years after the hanging of holocaust mastermind Adolf Eichmann. Nazi hunters had said an acquittal of Demjanjuk could dampen efforts in the West to try Nazi war criminals.

judges have made a mistake.

He had appeared tense before the ruling was read. He glanced around the oval courtroom packed with 375 journalists and spectators. Shamgar said the five judges

"We saw no room to hold

Thus ends only the second major war crimes trial to be

Death camp survivors who

to weigh the testimony of the survivors who identified

Demjanjuk as their tormentor "Ivan," against 32 Treblinka guards who accused another man. Some 850,000 Jews were killed at the camp in 1942-43. Demjanjuk, a retired American autoworker, was convicted in 1988 "without hesi-

Thursday.

tation or doubt" on the strength of the survivor testimony. Prosecutors also presented a Nazi identity card in Demjanjuk's name from the Trawniki training camp for guards. The card doesn't mention Treblinka, but says Demjanjuk was dispatched to

> the Sobibor death camp. Demjanjuk says he was victim of mistaken identity and spent most of the war in German captivity. In a dramatic turn midway through the appeal, Israel won

were in the courtroom

The High Court judges had

access to a Soviet KGB file which yielded depositions given after the war by 37 Treblinka guards and forced labourers. The guards said "Ivan" was different Ukrainian named Ivan Marchenko. Some identified Marchenko in photographs. The guards were later executed in

the Soviet Union as war crimi-

The winner is be decided in a

The White panel of teachers

by Prof Sirajul Islam

Chowdhury of the Department

had won the previous elections,

is also known as the pro-BNP

forum of teachers. The White

(Siraj) group was formed re-

cently by the hardline leftist

Blue Panel is known as the

platform of teachers leaning to-

wards the Awami League, the

CPB and other left-leaning par-

ties, while the Pink Panel is

said to group the followers of

PM: Shrimp

From Page 1 Col 8

work for enhancing the foreign

currency earning from Tk 500

crore to Tk 2000 crore through

The Prime Minister was in-

formed that the committee had

already taken a pilot project of

shrimp cultivation under semi-

intensive process. Though there

are some difficulties, on an av-

erage of 2000 kg to 2500 kg

shrimps are being produced in

one acre of land. There are 2.70

lakh acres of shrimp cultivable

land. If 25 per cent of this land

can be brought under semi-in-

tensive cultivation process, the

country will be able to produce

21.75 lakh metric tons of

shrimps every year. Taka 5700

crore could be earned through

export of these shrimps, it was

the Prime Minister to ensure

supply of electricity, long lease

of khas land, finance on easy

term and infrastructural devel-

opment in the shrimp cultiva-

tion field.

The representatives urged

export of shrimp.

former VC Prof Abdul Mannan.

Of the two other panels, the

The White (laz) panel which

of English.

Marchenko's fate is not

Pink Panel wins polls From page 1 col 7 Dr. Md. Sultan Hossain from the White group led by Nurun Nahar Rahman (Pharmacy), Prof Mustafizur Professor-lazuddin Ahmed. Rahman (Bio-Chemistry), Prof Ataur Rahman (Pol. Science), lottery. Prof Shaffqur Rahman (Statistics), Prof Sultan Hossain split into two over the election (Soil Science), Prof Syed Salehin issue -one group led by Prof Qaderi (Bio-Chemistry), Dr lazuddin Ahmed and the other

Humayun Ahmed (Chemistry). The Blue Panel Senators are Prof Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury (Pharmacy), Prof Shahadat Ali (Zoology), Prof Moshihuzzaman (Chemistry), Prof Moniruzzaman (Bengali), Prof. Mohabbat Khan (Public Administration), Prof Sultana Safi (Physics), Prof Mostafa Chowdhury (Pol. Science), Prof Abul Hashem (Management), Prof ATM Zahurul Hug (Economics), Prof SM Emamul Huq (Soil Science), Prof Syed Anwar Hossain (History), Dr Rajib Humayun Kabir (Linguistics), Anis Ahmed (English) and

Habiba Khatun (Islamic History

and Culture) and Prof

Dr Anwar Hossain (Bio-Chemistry). The five elected senate members from the Pink Panel are Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury (History), Prof AKM Saduddin (Sociology), Prof Muntasir Mamun (History), Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad (Marketing) and Prof Syed Monjurul Islam

Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury of the Anthropology Department was the lone successful candidate from the White (Sira group). Three candidates secured

the same number of votes in the senate elections. They are Dr. Hironmoy Sen Gupta (Blue) and A. H. M. Mahbubar Rahman,