NBR chief for better taxman-taxpayer ties

By Staff Correspondent

Chairman of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) Dr Akbar Ali Khan, at a seminar Thursday, said the mistrust between the taxpayers and the tax officials would have to be removed to broaden the tax base of the country.

Dr Khan was addressing as chief guest a seminar on "Changes in Income Tax Ordinance 1984, Wealth Tax Act 1963 and Value Added Tax 1991 by Finance Act 1993" organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Bangladesh (ICAB) yesterday afternoon.

Describing the relationship between the tax officials and the taxpayers as interdependent, he said an understanding between them would have to be developed for benefit of both.

The NBR Chairman said the taxpayers are like golden egglaying geese. If the government were to raise tax collection, taxpayers would need protection from unnecessary harassment, he added.

"If the officials of the revenue department feel that their responsibility is to seize the property of the people, they won't be able to realise taxes," Akbar Ali Khan, who is also the Secretary of the Internal the institute.

(Taxes) of the NBR, was ad dressed by former president of keynote speaker, while M ICAB and DCCI, Jamaluddin ICAB, present president M A Halim Ghaznavi and vice president Badrul Ahsan participated

M Yunus referred to a numsaid the government was talkconstraints.

eager to impose taxes on exexport-led-growth?" he asked.

M A Halim Ghaznavi, in his the role of the ICAB in assisting the government to formulate a taxation policy through its committees. He also hailed the government for accepting a number of recommendations of

Cambodian troops disarm 400 Khmer Rouge rebels

PHNOM PENH, (Cambodia) Aug 19: Government forces pounded Khmer Rouge positions again Thursday in heavy fighting that has forced the fanatical Communist guerillas to surrender weapons and evacu-

It was the second day of cothe offensive in two other

Janata Tower Case Sukur Prodhan, 7 others get bail

seven others who were senimprisonment in a corruption case were granted bail by a High Court Division Bench, reports BSS.

AKM Sadek and Justice KM

Special Judge Court, Dhaka.

Prodhan and seven others on the ground that the co-accused of the case were granted bail earlier by the High Court Division Bench.

known as Janata Tower Case. HM Ershad, Begum Roushan Ershad, former minister Abdus Sattar, former Chairman of RAJUK Rahmatullah, Abdul Sukur Prodhan and 14 others were convicted and sentenced to suffer seven years simple imprisonment by the special judge, Dhaka on June 7 on charges of corruption and abuse of power. Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Advocate Azizul Huq appeared for the pe-

Huda expelled

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Mahbubur Rahman who deserted Ershad at the fag end of his nine-year rule, also joined forces with Shamsul Huda Chowdhury along with 30 others former JP stalwarts.

Some 20 leaders spoke in the 10-hour long meeting at the Gulshan residence of the acting chief Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury. The meeting was adjourned till seven this

Source who attended yesterday's meeting said the adjournment came at around 9 pm after a stormy debate. A number of ranking leaders, including Moudud Ahmed, MP, Advocate Fazle Rabbi, MP and Munirul Huq Choudhury, MP opposed the resolution delegating power to the acting chief to

take such a major decision. Some members proposed that the power should be delegated to a body of four leaders comprising Mizan Chowdhury, Moudud Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hossain and Kazi Zafar Ahmed The matter may be settled this

evening. The meeting also decided to hold an extended meeting of the party on September 4-5 and expedite the district conferences as early as possible.

The leaders spoke both for and against the present leadership and stressed the need to invigorate party activities after the disgraceful downfall of Ershad in 1990.

Resource Division (IRD), said. Regarding the tax reforms of the government, he said the measures were designed on some broad philosophical base.

The seminar, chaired by Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Member the ICAB M J Abedin as the Yunus, former president of Ahmed, former president of in the discussion.

ber of double standards. He ing about industrialisation, but was reluctant to remove the

Why is the government so ports when it is talking about

address of welcome, explained participation in various advisory

UN peacekeeping mission

Chat, in the past 36 hours.

He said government soldiers

already had disarmed 400

Khmer Rouge guerillas in

Banteay Meanchey, and 300

Khmer Rouge families had been

forced to seek refuge in and

around the nearby town of

late Thursday to be in control of

everything but Phum Chat in

the two districts that have been

under heavy fire since dawn

sault began Wednesday, the

Khmer Rouge had brought rein-

forcements overnight into Phum

the Khmer Rouge strength up to

between 400 and 500 guerillas

versus 2,000 to 2,500 govern-

ment soldiers. Falt said.

Khmer Rouge isolated.

casualties.

The reinforcements brought

He had no information on

The offensive, which Falt

said also had been going on in

the central province of

Kompong Thom, has left the

Mahila Dal confce

Sept 9

The conference of the

Prime Minister Begum

Falt said that after the as-

Wednesday, he added.

The Government appeared

Thmar Puok.

provinces in the northwest, authorities said. spokesman Eric Falt said Thursday night that the government had fired 600 artillery and mortar rounds at the main ate their homes, reports AP. target, the Khmer Rouge logistics and arms center of Phum

ordinated attacks in the northwestern province of Banteav Meanchey, part of what the government called the biggest assault on the Khmer Rouge since the UN peacekeeping mission began in Cambodia 17 months ago. Government forces were on

Abdul Sukur Prodhan and tenced to suffer seven years

The bench comprised Justice Hasan.

Abdul Sukur Prodhan and others filed an appeal alongwith bail prayer before the High Court Division Bench against the judgement and order of the

The court granted bail to

Jatiyatabadi Mohila Dal (JMD) in the corruption case will be held on September 9 at 10 am at the Institution of Engineers here. A 32-member preparatory committee with the State Minister for Women's Affairs and General Secretary of the Mahila Dal Sarwari Rahman as convener was formed for the purpose. Khaleda Zia will be present at the conference. Eight subcommittees have also been formed for successful holding of the conference, reports BSS.

Continued EC's

help assured The out-going ambassador of the European Commission Jacques Bailly yesterday appreciated the government's programmes to meet the basic needs of the people, reports

Bailly told this when he made a farewell call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office. He said the European Commission (EC) would continue its help in the socio-economic development of

Bangladesh. The Prime Minister thanked Bailly, who is the first EC ambassador in Bangladesh, for developing closer relationship between the European Commission and Bangladesh.

She hoped that the EC would establish some links with the SAARC countries.

The Prime Minister gave the ambassador a brief resume of her government's programmes on education, health and family

Begum Zia said the EC could increase its import of jute from Bangladesh.

She said the manufacture and use of jute goods by using high technology would also help protect environment.

The Prime Minister also mentioned the EC's cooperation in various development programmes of Bangladesh including primary education and the construction of multi-purpose cyclone shelters, .



An emergency meeting of Executive Council of Awami League was held at the official residence of party chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday. - Star photo

AL programme

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of the Anti-Terrorism Act, stopping repression on the opposition parties, autonomy of the Radio and Television, removal of Mujtb's murderers from government service, permanent measures for flood protection and resisting the rise of communal forces.

The meeting also discussed the preparations for today's

The meeting over, Hasina issued a statement calling on people of all strata to attend the grand rally in a disciplined manner and voice protest against the government's misdeeds

Azam's return to politics will jeopardise independence'

By Our Correspondent NATORE, Aug 19: Awami League Presidium member Abdur Razzak, MP told a rally here today that the country's independence would be jeopardized if Golam Azam, the alleged planner of a genocide during the Liberation War, returns

to national politics. People irrespective of religion fought the war, which Azam and his Jamaat-e-Islami party opposed, Razzak told a rally of the Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannaya Committee, held this afternoon in front of the local press club.

Pak court to hear plea to disqualify 3 ex-PMs

LAHORE, Aug 19: A Pakistani High Court today agreed to hear a plea seeking disqua lification of three former premiers, including Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Shartf, from contesting the October elections, reports AFP.

The three have been accused of exploiting their authority for political ends, court officials

Admitting the petition, filed by lawyer Wahab Al-Khairi, for regular hearing, Judge Abdul Majeed Tiwana of the Lahore High Court ruled that proceedings would start on August 25.

Al-Khairi accuses Bhutto, Sharif and former caretaker premier Ghulam Mustafa Jatio of making politically-motivated allocations of residential and commercial plots during their

He also accuses Sharif of

doling out funds from a statemanaged Islamic Welfare Fund, called Battul Mal, for political considerations. The petitioner is also seek ing disqualification of two for mer chief ministers of Punjab

Ghulam Haider Wyne and

Manzoor Ahmed Watto on similar charges. According to an official report submitted to the court, Bhutto allotted 621 plots of land in Islamabad during her 1988-1990 government while

Jatot who succeeded her allot-

ted 59 plots during his brief caretaker premiership.

Sharif made 23 allotments in Islamabad during his two and a half year rule while 2,000 plots were given by him earlier when he was chief minister of Punjab from 1985 to 1990.

The report said that none of the former premiers had vio lated their discretionary quota while allotting plots in Islamabad.

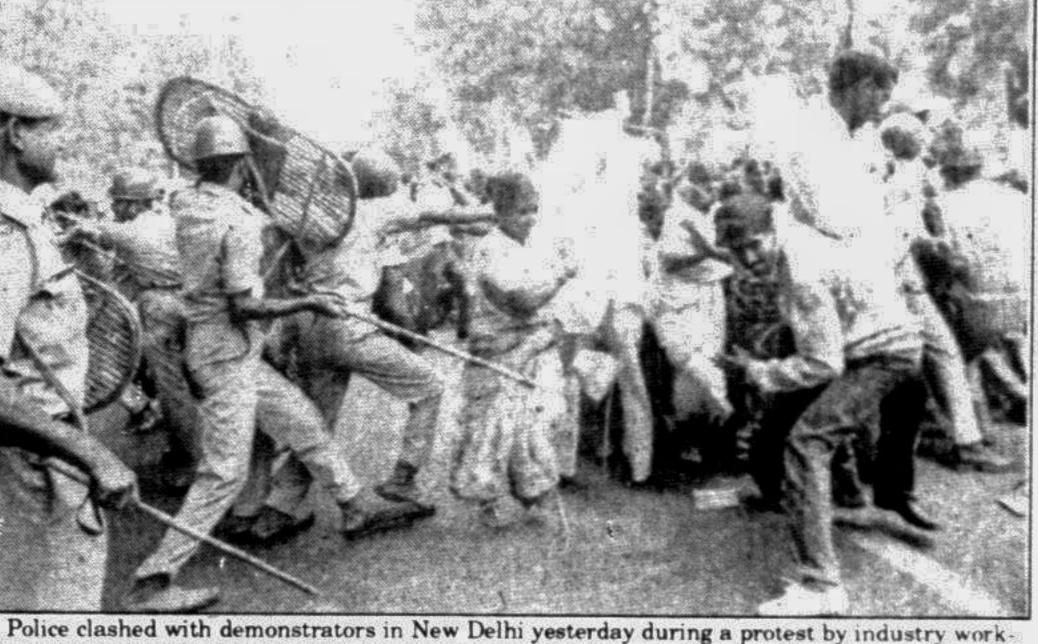
Downing of KAL:

ROK demands compensation from Russia

SEOUL, Aug 19: The South Korean government today officially filed for compensation from Russia for the 1983 Soviet downing of a Korean Airlines (KAL) jetliner which killed all 269 people on board, the foreign ministry said, reports AFP.

South Korea's ambassador to Russia Kim Suk-Kyu was to deliver a letter to the Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow during the day urging the two governments to begin negotiations on compensating the South Korean victims of the downing, ministry officials said.

In one of the most controversial tragedies of the cold war, Soviet jets shot down KAL flight 007 on September 1, 1983



Police clashed with demonstrators in New Delhi yesterday during a protest by industry workers opposed to the Indian government's economic reform programme. Four thousand people took part in the demonstration chanting slogans and courting arrest by breaking a ban on street protests in parts of the capital.

57.39 pc pass Dakhil Exams

The results of the Dakhil Examinations under Bangladesh Madrassah Education Board was announced here yesterday, reports BSS.

A total of 56,278 students including 7,912 girls appeared in the examination from 238 centres of which 32,296 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 57.39.

Out of the successful candidates, 1,770 have got first division, 13,983 second and 16,543 third division. in the general group of

Dakhil Examination, some 52,195 students appeared and 29,781 came out successful. The percentage of pass is 57.06.

In Science group, a total of 2,863 students appeared and 2,030 became successful. The percentage of pass is 70.90. In Mujabbid group of the ex-

amination, 1198 students appeared and 476 came out successful. The percentage of pass In Hifzul Quran group, nine out of 22 candidates came out

successful and the percentage

In the combined merit list, Muhammad Masum Billah of Tamirul Millat Kamil Madrassah, Dhaka, got the first position with 800 marks. Kawsar Ahmed of Farazikandi Waisia Aliya Madrassah, Chandpur, with 782 marks became second and Mohammad Ubaidulla Al Masum of Karoi Nurul Huda Aliya Madrassah. Joypurhat, got third place with

780 marks.

Nurses' strike continues

From Page 1 Col 5 rary measure" for overall development of the nursing profes-

"It's an office order, not a government notification or structural change of the nursing service," said a press note issued last night by the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

It said the office order had created misunderstanding and resentment among nurses and they went on countrywide

The Director General of Health Directorate issued the order in consultation with the Nursing Directorate after identifying existing problems in higher education, training. promotion, realistic adjustment of job structure, creating relevant facilities, overall development of the profession, modemising training and necessary steps for development of skills

for the members of the service. The DG on Tuesday held a meeting, chaired by Nursing Director Dilruba Begum, with representatives of different organisations of nurses and discussed various aspects of the

In the meeting, the note said, the DG stated clearly that it was an office order, not a notification, and the Nursing Directorate was not taken under control of the Health Department by the order. The Director of Nursing dis-

cussed with all concerned of the

discussion continued

The ministry hoped that the clarification would help remove confusion among all concerned and the members of nursing service join their work realising their duties and responsibilities.

Bangladeshi peacekeeper electrocuted

NAMPULA, (Mozambique), Aug 19: A Bangladesh peacekeeper in Mozambique who was electrocuted doing routine work two weeks ago, has died in hospital in neighbouring Zimbabwe, the Mozambican Aim news agency reported Wednesday, reports AFP.

Sarwar Hosain, a member of the 1,320-strong Bangladesh battalion serving in the UN operation in Mozambique was electrocuted doing routine cleaning work at an UNOMOZ barrack in the northern city of Nampula on August 2, said an UNOMOZ spokesman.

He was evacuated to a hospital in Harare, the Zimbabwean capital where he died Sunday night.

Another Bangladesh soldier, injured in a road accident in the same Nampula town is in hospital in Harare where he is reported to be recovering satisfac-

Bangladesh sent the largest battalion to the peacekeeping operation in Mozambique, where it is protecting the rail corridor from landlocked Nursing Directorate and the Malawi to the northern port of

4 die in separate incidents

By Staff Correspondent

At least four persons died in separate incidents vesterday in and outside the city.

Of the dead, two reportedly committed suicide while the others were killed in road mishaps.

At Mohammadpur in the city, police acting on an information went to 16/16 Noor Jahan Road and found the body of a maid, Baby, 14, hanging from the ceiling, police said.

The master of the house said that he was not at home when Baby committed suicide.

Our DMCH Correspondent reports: A young house wife also committed suicide at Savar yesterday.

Kasiluddin and mother of two

Kulsum, 25, wife of one

children, reportedly hanged herself from a tree yesterday afternoon. Her neighbours, however, claimed that Kulsum was beaten to death and hanged

from a tree. Police found bruises all over the body of the In a road mishap a young rickshaw-puller identified as

Raza Mia, 30, was crushed under the wheels of a speeding Demra bound bus near Katchpur Bridge yesterday. Babul, an electrician was hit by a bus Wednesday evening. He was rushed to the

Ghali calls for 3000 more troops

Orthopaedic Hospital and suc

cumbed to injuries there.

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 19: Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called Wedndefence portfolio, in reference to esday for some 3,000 additional troops to beef up the UN peacekeeping force in Somalia to disarm warring clans in the African country, reports AFP.

In a report to the Security Council, Boutros-Ghali said This additional troop strength enable the military component to be more effective, more rapid and move widely."

Utpal Dutta

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One of the leading lights in his field. Dutta had also acted in some of the films directed by Satyafit Ray, one of which being the award winning Agantuk. His role in Padma Nadir Majhi directed by Goutam Ghosh under Indo-Bangla joint production brought him fresh laurels.

Dutta is survived by his wife Sobha Sen, also a front rank stage and film artiste and literally a comrade in arms in Dutta's left theatre movement of which he was a living legend. only daughter Bishnupriya Pal, has also gained recognition in the theatre world.

Immediately after the news of his death spread, a pall of gloom descended on the stellar and stage world and in the cultural field. Cine and theatre personalities and people from all walks of life rushed to his residence.

Implement policies

From Page 1 Col 4 proper representation of private sector in various public agencies to ensure partnership with the private sector. This would also ensure accountability and transparency of these public sector bodies," Rahman said. PDB, DESA, WASA, T&T Board, Water Development Board, Bangladesh Railways, Petrobangla, port authority are some of the organisations that were identified by the business com-

munity for joint collaboration. The convention also recommended that bonded warehouse facilities should continue for all industrial operations. This facility is essential for export, deemed export and local industries to maintain necessary raw material inventory and reduce strain on the working capital

needs and cost. The FBCCI chief also demanded total exemption of income tax to make Bangladeshi exporters competitive in the international market and stressed on the need for diversification of exports.

The recommendations also included protection to domestic industries and checking of unplanned liberalisation. The convention also felt that an action programme for sector-specific reform is needed for private sector development.

500 crore need immediate support for recovery, the FBCCI ob-It also called for a speedy

Non-performing industries

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privatisation of public enterprises to stop wastage of the The convention also sug-

gested that a review on the recent expansion of the VAT net should be made to ascertain its impact on small entrepreneurs and observed that the VAT administration should be streamlined to avoid harassment of the taxpayers.

The convention also urged the government to ensure remunerative pricing of agricultural products because continuing fall in crop prices would sharply affect purchasing power of the masses.

The Midnight File

Rocket attack on Kabul: 3 die

ISLAMABAD, Aug 19: Three people were killed and 22 wounded in a guerilla rocket attack on the Afghan capital Kabul, the official Kabul radio said today. The city was hit by 10 rockets on Wednesday afternoon and later at night, the radio monitored in Islamabad said. It said the rockets came from the south of Kabul in areas controlled by the hardline Hezb-i-Islami Party of Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, reports Reuter.

Scam: JPC postpones final report

NEW DELHI, Aug 19: A parliamentary committee due to report this month on its investigation of India's 1.28 billion dollar stock market scandal today postponed its final report for the third time. The Chairman of the 30-member Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) investigating the scandal, Ram Niwas Mirdha, told reporters he would submit his final report in the next session of the lower house of Parliament due to start in November, reports Reuter.

India to develop rocket technology, says Rao

NEW DELHI, Aug 19: India will develop its own rocket technology so that its space programme will be unaffected by Russia's dental, under US pressure, of expertise transfer, Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao said Wednesday, reports

Rao told parliament that India would not allow Moscow's July volte-face on the supply of cryogenic rocket technology to hamper the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

programme. "Comments notwithstanding, the... programmes are going on quietly," said the 72-year-old premier, who also holds the plans to develop the surface-tosurface Prithvi rocket and other

There need be no apprehension on this score," he added.

Rao said ISRO and Indian scientists would also develop the technology required to put satellites weighing 2.5 tonnes or more into orbit.

He said the space agency had sought the cryogenic technology to develop self-reliance in space launches and to put in orbit satellites designed to boost communications, meteorology and remote sensing services.

Moscow went back on the deal in July

Salam Talukder retúrns today

By Staff Correspondent

Secretary General of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Abdus Salam Talukder returns today after a month long private visit to the United States, family sources

He underwent heart treat ment during his stay in the US. the source added.

A party source said the return of Barrister Talukder, who is also the LORD Minister, would expedite preparations for the notional council on September 1-2.

BNP From page 1 col 7 of government to the parliamentary form since the party had already voted for a switch to

the parliamentary system at the

beginning of the current Fifth

Parliament. The absolute powers of the chairman, after his/her election by the councillors, would remain intact, he said, adding that the position and status of the Secretary General would also remain unchanged after

the amendments.

Ctg flash flood From Page 1 Col 5

Besides, the low-lying areas of Raozan, Rangunia, Hathazari and Fatikchhari thanas of Chittagong district were report edly flooded following heavy downpour from last night and an onrush of hilly water.

Traffic movement both in the

city and its surrounding areas

was thin today due to incessant rainfall while the supply of essential commodities and vegctables from far-flung areas to the city markets was badly affeeted resulting in a price hikes According to the Chittagong

Met Office, during the past 24 hours 93 mm of rainfall was recorded here. However, the rainfall contin-

ued till filing of this report late

last night.

Peak hour rates From Page 1 Col 8 The proposal was considered at a recent meeting of the cabinet where it was agreed that all industrial plants which operate three shifts should get benefit from such exemption. However, a final decision would be taken

after the three ministries con-

cerned work out a procedure in

Gas Line Disconnection Drive is in Force

this regard.

With a view to realising the arrears, the special drive for gas line disconnection of all defaulting consumers, including govt & autonomous establishments, has been started from 31-7-93. In this first special drive of 1993-94 financial year, total 657 gas connections

have been disconnected up to 18-8-93. All esteemed consumers are requested to pay the arrear gas bills immediately and show the payment receipt to the disconnection squad on the place of gas use. On production of the bill payment receipt by the disconnected consumer at the concerned zone/office of the company by 7-00 pm on the day, steps will be taken for immediate restoration of his line.

If the reconnection is not taken within 3(three) months of disconnection, the gas line will be permanently disconnected with cancellation of gas supply contract.

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