# Ershad told of charges in two new cases

Deposed President Hussain Mohammad Ershad and a Japanese national are being charged with misappropriating government funds amounting to over Tk 33 crore, reports BSS.

Ershad, now serving jail terms, was produced before the Special Divisional Judge's Court to be told of the charges. The day was fixed for the appearance of the accused persons so that the court takes cognizance of the matter.

Abdut Tawheed, Divisional Special Public Prosecutor who read out the charges, said K. Inoyama, the Japanese national accused in this case, is absconding.

The ease relates to accepting the second lowest quotation in the procurement of river craft for the Relief Ministry in 1988 with funds received from Japan on the directives of Ershad, the then President of Bangladesh. The charges said the difference between the lowest and the second lowest bids was Tk 33,07,40,000 - the amount which was misappropriated in collusion with the suppliers. thereby causing a loss to the Bangladesh government.

Ershad, who allegedly ordered that the second lowest bid be accepted — with the ulterior object of gaining personally from it or to give favours to others, had committed an offence under 409,109 and 5 (2) of Act 11 of the Anti-Corruption Act of 1947, Tawheed told the court.

lnoyama was identified as the General Manager, Agro Industrial Marketing and Development Section, Marubeni Corporation, Japan. Marubeni

LUCKNOW, Oct 12: The

special magistrate today issued

summonses to the BJP Pre-

sident LK Advani, the Shiv Sena

Chief Ball Thackery, and 38

other persons of VHP, BJP and

Shiv Sena for their appearance

before the court on November

after the special magistrate.

Vijay Verma, took cognizance of

the CBI chargesheet filed again-

st the 40 persons, allegedly

involved in the "conspiracy" and

demolition of the disputed

structure (Babri Mosque) at

orders to this effect after hear-

ing argument of a team of

counsels, led by PK Chaubey for

The chargesheet against the

Most embarrassing of all, the

average farm gate price of mar-

ket-size carp harvested was

only 70 US cents a kilogram, or

less than one-third of the cost

of the fish stocked, the FFI re-

used to pay out about dollar

eight lakh sixty thousand of in-

spent to stock fingerlings pro-

duced only a dollar's worth of

factors have been put forward

to explain these results, no one

has apparently said publicly

that the original concept and its

design were at fault, the report

simply recommends that a mid-

term evaluation of the project

be conducted in January 1994

to take into account the results

The magazine said that for

Corruption cases

against seven

Jamuna Oil staff

district Anti-Corruption Depart-

ment here filed cases against

seven officers and employees of

the Jamuna Oil Company on

charge of misappropriating

4,270 barrels of diesel worth Tk

ment also recommended action

against the Bangladesh Pe-

troleum Corporation Chairman

and the Director (Finance) for

their alleged indirect involve-

ment in the misappropriation of

cers and employees of the

Jamuna Oil Company impli-

cated in this case misappropri-

ated the diesel oil at the time of

lighterage from oil tanker in

it was alleged that the offi-

The Anti-Corruption Depart-

88,26,090, reports BSS.

the diesel oil.

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: The

of the 1993 stocking pro-

The 1993 World Bank report

The World Bank loan was

Thus every three dollars

Although many exceptional

port commented.

come to fishermen.

fish, it said.

the CBI.

The magistrate passed the

Ayodhya on December 6 last.

The summonses were issued

10 next, reports PTI.

Demolition of Babri Mosque

Advani, Thackery, 38

others summoned

Fisheries project

has a local office in the capital housed in the HR Bhavan. Kakrail, Dhaka, the prosecutor

The defence lawyers for Ershad pointed to some "shortcomings" of the Prosecution in bringing the case. Sudhir Kumar Hazra argued that since lnoyama is a foreign national, a gazette notification should also have been published in a Japanese daily.

Former State Minister Fazle Rabbee, another defence lawyer for Ershad, said since one of the accused is a foreigner who has no address here, it has to be seen whether P and A (proclamation and attachment) was properly served or not. There must not be any lacuna in such cases, Rabbee said and stressed that P and A be served to his Japanese address to complete the process.

When Divisional Special Judge Mohammad Ali Khan wanted to know the prosecution's opinion. Tawheed said everything necessary was done.

The judge fixed October 31 for charge hearing.

Earlier yesterday, in another case relating to the reinstatement by Ershad of a government employee nearly a decade after dismissal through alleged misuse of power and indulging in corrupt practices, Khandakar Mahbub Hossain, the defence lawyer, said he cannot proceed with the case since he was yet to get copies of the statements of witnesses under Sec 161 and other relevant papers.

The Judge asked the prosecution to supply the defence with necessary papers and fixed October 31 for charge hearing.

40 was filed by the CBI in the

special court on October 6 last

for its cognizance and the court

whom the chargesheet was filed

included the former Uttar

Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan

Singh, the then Faizabad Dis-

trict Magistrate, RN Srivastava,

and the senior superintendent

of police. DB Rai, 'who have

been charged with "criminal

conspiracy, deliberate demo-

lition and defiling of a place of

worship, criminal trespass and

intimidation of public servants

immediately thereafter had reg-

istered cases against "Kar

Sewaks" who were present at

Ayodhya at the time of demoli-

its part, the World Bank is

lending the government of

standard IDA (low interest rate)

terms over a 40-year period to

finance this loan, titled the

money is budgeted for the pur-

chase of fingerlings and associ-

ated institutional support to the

Department of Fisheries to en-

able it to carry out the flood-

plain stock enhancement com-

ing to bear the burden of a very

ambitious ranching scheme for

the carp, which had not even

been tested by a pilot project,

A poor country is thus hav-

However, about half of this

Third Fisheries Project.

ponent of the project.

tion of the disputed structure.

The Uttar Pradesh police

on duty in Ayodhya."

The other persons against

had listed the case for today.

# PM: United stand

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presiding over a meeting of the National Committee on Education at the International

Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman is on her right while LGRD Minister Barrister

Abdus Salam Talukdar, Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and Education Minister

reaucrats, SM Al-Hussaini, gave a resume of the draft national plan on education aimed at ensuring education for all by the year 2000. Fourteen other members of the committee spoke at the meeting giving suggestions on the national

Barrister Jamirudding Sircar are on her left.

Two Americans

share Nobel

Prize for

**Economics** 

Professors Robert W Fogel and

Douglass C North of the United

States were jointly awarded the

1993 Nobel Prize for Economics

on Tuesday for research cover-

fing the impact of trains, slavery

Fogel is a Professor at the

University of Chicago and North

is a Professor at Washington

University in Saint Louis,

They won the prize "or hav-

ing renewed research in eco-

nomic history, by applying eco-

nomic theory and quantitative

methods in order to explain

economics and institutional

change," the Swedish Royal

Fogel, aged 67, and North,

Academy of Sciences said here.

72, are leading figures in the

field of "new economic history,"

PLO ratifies peace

deal with Israel

Liberation Organisation (PLO)

Central Council on Monday rat-

ified the peace deal with Israel,

63 to eight, with 11 members

either abstaining or absent from

Washington last month provides

for Palestinian self-rule first in

the Gaza Strip and the West

Bank town of Jericho. It has

The accord signed in

PLO officials said.

the meeting.

TUNIS, Oct 12: The Palestine

The accord was approved by

the academy said.

and shipping, reports AP.

STOCKHOLM, Oct 12:

Highlighting the salient features of the plan. Secretary for Primary Education Kazi Raqibuddin said 95 per cent children will be enrolled in pri mary schools by the year 2000 Nearly one lakh new schools will be set up during the period under a Tk 19,112 crore plan.

Members of the cabinet. Parliament members and senior officials were present.

The Prime Minister told the meeting that concerted efforts should be made to strengthen the primary education, "We have to make our programmes more pragmatic and acceptable to the people", she said.

Begum Zia called upon the people's representatives, guardians and retired government officials to maintain surveillance over schools of their respective areas so that they are run properly.

She asked them to ensure regular attendance of teachers and students and help maintain congenial academic atmosphere in the schools to improve the country's literacy rate.

The Prime Minister warned that if necessary, the existing laws will be reformed to make the teachers, school inspectors and all others concerned accountable.

taken by the government to encourage poor children to attend schools, she said donors have appreciated the programme and assured assistance for its successful implementation.

About different standard of education in private and public schools. Begum Zia said all should maintain a common curriculum.

#### Khaleda to lay foundation stone of new Biman office bldg today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will lay the foundation stone of a new head office complex of Biman Bangladesh Airlines near the Zia International airport this morning reports UNB.

Spread over 9,758.36 square metres, the complex will include a six-storied administrative building, to be constructed within 18 months at an estimated cost of Tk 12 crore 24 lakh and 37 thousand in the first phase.

The project area of 1.88 hectares has been acquired from the Civil Aviation Authority on lease. The entire cost of the project will be met from Biman's resources, said a press release

Another 10-storied adminis trative building has also been planned as part of the head office complex to be constructed in the next phase.

The present Biman headquarters in Motifheel Commercial area will continue to be an office of the national flag carrier after the inauguration of the new head office complex.

#### PM leaves for Cyprus Oct 19 to attend **CHOGM**

- PID photo

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will leave here for Cyprus on October 19 to lead the Bangladesh delegation to the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held there from October 21-25, officials said,

Cyprus President Glafcos Clerides will open the summit in Nicosia, the capital city of the Mediterranean island state. The working and concluding sessions of the conference will be held at Limossol, the country's second largest city

Most heads of the government of 50 Commonwealth countries will attend the conference which is going to take place in the backdrop of profound and unprecedented changes in the global political

Queen Elizabeth II will grace the occasion as the symbol of the unity of the Commonwealth. a loose confederation of the former British empire.

The Commonwealth Secretary General has proposed that the special theme of the Cyprus Summit be the emergence of a global humanitarian order.

The Prime Minister's entourage will include Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rah man, M Abdul Ghani, MP, Begum Halima Khatun, MP Foreign Secretary Reaz Rah man, Secretary to the PM Dr Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Press Secretary to PM M Mozammel Huq, a Director General at the Foreign Ministry Syed Muazzem

### Varsity teachers' strike ends

By JU Correspondent University teachers yesterday demanded publication of the probe body reports related to the recent violent incidents at the Jahangirnagar and

Rajshahi Universities. The Federation of Bangladesh University Teach-ers' Association (FBUTA) made the demand at a meeting of its executive body held at the Dhaka University Teachers Club yesterday afternoon, at the end of a three-day country-

The FBUTA also demanded arrest and trial of the terrorists involved in the Islamic, Rajshahi and Jahangirnagar University violence and withdrawal of charges against ten JU teachers.

The federation, in view of the exemption of charges against the JU teachers and commencement of the judicial process against the accused students, asked the JU teachers to consider reopening of the Jahangirnagar University.

It also sought the government's and the university administration's intervention to strengthen security measures for the reopening of the Rajshahi University.

The FBUTA will observe a token hunger strike on November 8 in front of the Shaheed Minar

#### Cox's Bazar Poura Chairman, 5 commissioners join BNP

The newly-elected chairman of Cox's Bazar Pourashava Nurul Afsar, five commissioners and a number of union parishad chairmen of the district yesterday joined the BNP.

At a simple ceremony organised on the occasion at the Prime Minister's Suganda office here last night, the pourashava chairman and commissioners and the UP chairmen pledged to work for implementing the policies and programmes of the

present democratic government. The Prime Minister welcomed the newly-joined members to her party and asked them to supplement the politics

Communications Minister

#### December parliamentary elections and combine them at a later date with presidential polls. Itar-Tass News Agency quoted a senior presidential adviser as saying today. "Simultaneous elections would confirm Yeltsin's intention to continue democratic changes," Georgy Satarov said, reports Reuter.

#### Ghali for stronger sanctions against Haitian military

The Midnight File

Yeltsin may postpone

parliamentary polls

MOSCOW, Oct 12: Boris Yeltsin may decide to postpone

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 12: UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is ready to recommend that stronger sanctions be imposed against the Haitian military in response to the obstacles preventing deployment of the UN mission in Haiti, diplomats here said today. The measures envisaged by Boutros-Ghali include punitive measures against specific persons that would place restriction on their movements outside Haiti, the diplomats said, reports AFP.

2 absconders, 71 others held

# Big police drive

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka Metropolitan Police special drive is a logical follow (DMP) yesterday launched a

DMP, five under the Detective

Branch, five under the Dhaka

Metropolitan Traffic Police and

five others led by the DMP

deputy commissioners - will

conduct the month-long swoop

on the hide-outs of criminals.

drive was taken at a recent

meeting of the senior police offi-

cers with DMP Commissioner A

Detective Branch Mohammad

Abdul Quayyum told The Daily

Star last night, "It was a de-

mand of the situation ... the

DMP felt that the city's law and

order situation had deteriorated

during last few days... and this

Back to Berlin

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coali

tion parties have agreed to

move the German government

to Berlin from Bonn by the year

2000, coalition sources said.

ministries could move to Berlin

before the year 2000, depending

on the availability of their new

urge parliament to follow suit.

The government would also

The sources said some of the

reports Reuter

offices.

they said

BONN, Oct 12: Leaders of

Deputy Commissioner of the

A decision for the special

said a senior police officer.

N Hussain in the chair.

month-long special drive to Meanwhile, the Dhaka Metcurb crimes in the capital. ropolitan Po-lice (DMP) in a Sixty special teams- 45 under 15 police stations of the

special drive yesterday arrested 73 people including two absconding convicts. Mohammadpur police ar rested one Gtasuddin from Mir

pur's Paikpara area yesterday. Giasuddin was absconding since a special tribunal sentenced him to life imprisonment in absentia in 1990.

Lalbagh police in their special drive arrested one Faruque. 26, from the Urdu Road area. Faruque was absconding since he was charged and convicted under the Anti-Terrorism Act. and given 14 years' rigorous imprisonment.

#### Franco-German

From Page 1 Col 8 a growing number of smaller states and uphold the primacy of the council of EC governments over the executive European Commission

But they doubt that Kohl will announce proposals so soon after Tuesday's Constitutional Court ruling allowing Germany to ratify the Maastricht Treaty on European Union.

The ruling ended 16 months of agony over the treaty which calls for a common European foreign and defence policy and a single European currency by 1999, a goal that looks increasingly uncertain despite France's and Germany's commitment to

#### German court

From Page 1 Col 8 Europe-wide central bank, which is to be in place no later than January 1, 1999. The independent central bank will eventually issue a single currency, replacing existing national currencies.

Under the accord, the EC nations will work to forge common foreign security and eventually defense policies. The EC will have more powers in education, public health, culture. consumer protection, industry, research and the environment.

#### Drug policy From Page 1 Col 5

ceuticals industry said if given the proper environment, the country would earn as much as one billion US dollar from exports in the next five years.

He said transparent policy and law, backward integration to basic materials and "level playing" are necessary for the export growth of the sector.

He said the 1982 drug policy and the drug control ordinance have badly affected the indus-

Salman Rahman said the prohibition on manufacture of drugs under third party licence is detrimental for the industry. He also said a prohibition on home remedy products for the

allopathic industry, while allow-

ing such products under other

traditional disciplines is unjust. Rahman observed that the 1982 drug policy was not comprehensive enough and failed to cover all relevant aspects of the drug industry.

He lamented that a new committee to review the drug policy could not function because of an injunction by the High Court, granted following a petition by the Unani and

Ayurvedie medicine producers. He demanded that the government should not allow import of medicines which are produced locally under grants

from the donors. Health and Family Welfare

Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, speaking on the occasion, said any policy relating to drugs would be taken in consultation with the pharmaceutical industries.

He assured all-out support for the sector.

Dr ANA Abeysundere, the WHO representative in Bangladesh said the manufacturers should use the generic names of drugs and stressed the need for upgrading the Drug Administration Authority.

Mia Abdullah Wajed MP, Dr Abu Yusuf, MP and leaders of the organisation Samson Chowdhury and Aminul Islam Lashkar also spoke on the occasion.



A Somali woman argues with a US soldier as she comes to find some work at the entrance of Mogadishu harbour yesterday. - AFP photo

### AL procession

the FFI report commented.

From Page 1 Col 4 when the local unit of BNP also announced this morning a protest rally on the same venue and at the same time.

The thana administration clamped Section 144 on the thana sadar to ward off any possible violence minutes before a procession of about 10,000 AL activists marched towards the venue. The crowd turned violent when police barred them, and at one stage, police resorted to lathicharge.

Police said they went into action when the AL activists snatched a microphone used for announcing the prohibition and violated the order.

The Thana Nirbahi Officer and the Officer- in-Charge of Kaliganj also suffered minor injuries during the melees.

Later in the afternoon, the scattered AL activists assembled at Kaliganj Bazar, some 2 km off the venue, where they condemned the police action and demanded trial of those involved within a week.

Thana Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal blamed the AL supporters for the incident, claiming tension mounted when some of the opponents stormed their club. Pratiddhani.

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## Darkness

From Page 1 Col 5 Board engineers have not been able to tell me exactly what had gone wrong."

He said he had been told that the Ashuganj and Ghorashal plants, which together supply 1300 megawatts of electricity, had suddenly suspended power generation. Such a situation could happen if the demand for power rose too sharply and the plants could not take the load. " Of course, there could be so many other reasons, too," he said

The Ashuganj plant has been undergoing maintenance work since the past several days.

"Only the plants around Chittagong were operating during the power suspension but the new 210-mw Rauzan plant was not in operation today," the DESA Chairman said.

Meanwhile, the government has formed a high-powered committee to investigate into the causes of the power failure.

The shutout brought life to an almost standstill in the cities, and especially the capital, where traffic was halted and the industries stopped. Patients in the hospitals and clinics. most of which have no emergency sources of power, were the worst sufferers. The newspapers and news agencies also suffered serious problems with their deadlines.

The country's present de-

mand for power is slightly over

1800 mw.

had a low CPR rate of 43 per cent for the last two years. Jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the Johns Hopkins

University Centre for Communication Programmes (JHU/ CCP) and the US Agency for International Development (USAID), the workshop was aimed at finalising a draft rec-

Workshop on FP told

# Ctg div lowest in use of contraceptives

By Staff Correspondent

The contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) is lowest in the Chittagong division compared with the rest of the country. This was disclosed yesterday

at the concluding session of a two-day workshop preparing the draft National Family Planning (FP) Mother-Child Health (MCH) Information **Education Communication** (IEC) strategy.

Director General of the Family Planning Directorate A K M Rafiquzzaman, while presiding over the morning session of the workshop, disclosed that 10 districts of the Chittagong divisions keep a low CPR rate at around 27 per cent due to conservative values and objections from older family members.

Three districts of the Dhaka Division and Bhola also have

ommendation to enhance the current CPR by the year 2000. The Ministry of Health may approve the draft within the

next seven days, the workshop was told. According to information available, the percentage of non-Muslim contraceptive users is higher than Muslim users. The use of contraceptives is also higher in the urban centre than

the rural areas. Reviewing the proposed strategy, participants in the afternoon session of the workshop underlined immediate implementation of the strategy and called for concerted efforts of the government and Non-Government organisations and donors to reach the goal.

Most of the participants, however, observed that Bangladesh has the necessary resources to carry out the strategy. Training of the field workers and communicational problems were also identified as drawbacks in the FP activities.

The discussion session was chaired by NIPORT Director BR Chowdhury while Country Representative of the JHU/CCP Edson Whitney and Dr Khalidah Akhter participated.

reports BSS.

of production and development

Oli Ahmed. Shahjahan Chowdhury, MP, and the newlyjoined pourashava chairman Nurul Afsar spoke on the occa-

#### From Page | Col 4 bid to stop their war of Sources at Qureshi's resi

Bhutto govt

dence today said he wanted them to stop 'mud slinging' and cooperate with each other before Friday's parliament session begins to elect a new premier. Qureshi's mediation offer

came as Pakistan's political scene remained deadlocked almost one week after general elections. Neither party had any immediate comment on Qureshi's offer. Bhutto said today she was

hopeful she would head a stable government in Pakistan's hung parliament despite moves by Sharif to boost his parliamentary minority. 'Stability is a relative term in Pakistan,' she said.

She said she was confident

that with a majority for her

Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in

the most powerful province, Punjab, her govt could survive its term. That is why I am cautiously optimistic of stability." the 40year-old Bhutto told reporters

#### in Islamabad. Moscow promises From Page 1 Col 7

Monday, had made no direct reference to restoration of the islands to Japan Another report says, Yeltsin

apologised to Japan's hereditary, political and business leaders today for his country's internment of Japanese prisoners of war after World War Two. "As President of Russia, and

on behalf of the Russian people and the government, I would like to express my apology for these inhumane acts," he told Hosokawa in their first meeting in Tokyo, according to a senior Foreign Ministry official. In an evidence with Emperor

Akihito. Yeltsin offered his Deep condolences for the many Japanese who died in Russia.' Later, addressing business leaders, the Russian President

apologised again:

"Today.... I made my apologies in the name of the President, the government and the people of Russia (to the Emperor and the Prime Minister) for the inhumane acts perpetrated against Japanese POWs in 1945 and later on," he told the executives.

"I bow my head to you also and excuse myself," he said, winning applause from the generally unresponsive crowd. Hosokawa and Japanese of-

ficials heaped praise on Yeltsin for his 'Frank apology', the first by any Moscow leader. When then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Tokyo in 1991, he offered condolences but not a full apology.