PM iterates help for increasing production

TEKNAF. Nov 28: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia reiterated her government's determination to give support and every possible assistance to all efforts of increasing production to attain the targets of self-reliance and progress, reports

The Prime Minister was addressing a huge public meeting at the local high school ground. The meeting was also addressed by Livestock and Fisheries Minister Abdullah Al Noman. Post and Telecommunications Minister Tarigul Islam, Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, Shahjahan Chowdhury MP. Selima Rahman MP and Rosy Kabir MP.

Begum Zia said the government would carry forward its ongoing development programmes to give the country a prestigious position in the world community by attaining self-reliance in all sectors.

The Prime Minister said the nation had to achieve success in its educational programmes achieving targets to attain success in other sectors of socioeconomic life.

Begum Zia called upon all to send their children to schools to make them educated and con scious. Otherwise, she said, all our development would go in

The Prime Minister said dur-

'Shrimp industry can play vital role in dev'

TEKNAF. Nov 28: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today emphasised the need for exploring new areas of resource development and exploiting them properly for accelerating socio-economic progress of the country, reports UNB.

"We believe that Bangladesh is not a country of problems only, but it is a country of vast potentials as well," she said inaugurating the Demonstration Farm and Training Centre of Shrimp Culture Project here.

Terming shrimp culture as such a potential sector, the Prime Minister said shrimp industry can play an important role in socio-economic uplift of the country and also in creating rural employment.

The project has been set up with financial assistance from the International Development Association (IDA) with the objective of imparting advance training in shrimp cultivation to employees of private as well as government shrimp farms.

Card phone in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 28: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today inaugurated a card telephone at a local post office. reports BSS.

Begum Zia talked to the Post and Telecommunications Minister over the phone while inaugurating it.

Begum Zia also visited the under construction Cox's Bazar-Ramu bypass road. The road is being constructed at a cost of Taka 29 crore.

The Prime Minister also gave a surprise visit to the Burmese primary school in the town. She talked to the students and enguired about their studies.

ing the nine years' autocratic rule the farming community was affected very badly. She said her government had taken up a number of programmes for the improvement of the lot of the farmers. As a result of this reformative steps the production had increased in the agriculture sector manifold, she

The Prime Minister under lined the need for motivating the farmers for crop diversification to attain self-reliance in foodgrains apart from rice.

Begum Zia said we have to reduce our dependency on powdered milk to avoid spending of huge amount of foreign currency in the sector. She said her government wants to import high breed cows to set up dairy

Begum Zia said encouragement would be given to set up dairy farms. She said stability was the pre-requisite for attaining success in all the development programmes

Dwelling on local problems the Prime Minister said her government wanted to develop Teknaf and would provide every assistance to keep its plans. She said measures would be taken to enable the residents of Teknaf to see Bangladesh Television programmes. She said arrangements would be made to initiate border trade in the area.

Visits St Martin Island

ST. MARTIN (Cox's Bazar) Nov 28: "Nature has been bountiful to us. All we have to do is properly exploit the resources," said the Prime Minister during a visit to the St Martin island today, reports

Begum Zia, making her first visit to the beautiful coral is land in the Bay of Bengal. waded on the beach overlooking the hills of Teknaf, the southeastern tip of mainland Bangladesh

The Prime Minister flew in a helicopter from Cox's Bazar to the St. Martin island, a coral reef surrounded by blue water

The 3.37 square kilometer island, only about 10 kilometre off the mainland, is inhabited by 3,315 people who live on fishing. But they also grow some paddy, coconut and

A generator supplies the island with some electricity. It has a sub-post office, a health centre, a primary school, one madrasha, seven maktabs, a police out-post and a BDR camp. There is also a lighthouse on the island.

Begum Zia picked up a piece of coral and inquired the local people how the black algea is transformed by applying acid into beautiful off-white show pieces that decorate many drawing rooms.

If properly maintained, the beach will attract a lot of local as well as foreign tourists and botanists, she pointed out.

The Prime Minister stayed on the island for about one and a half hour.

After arriving on St. Martin, the Prime Minister inaugurated a cyclone shelter-cum-school and mosque at Zinzira on the island built with Saudi fund.

Number of diabetics

From Page 1 Col 4 centration of glucose in the blood. Non-insulin-dependent diabetes (NIDDM) is the most common form - representing about 35 per cent of all diabetes cases - and appears to be closely associated with obesity. lack of physical exercise, and inappropriate diet. This form often runs in families.

In the insulin-dependent form of diabetes (IDDM), the pancreas fails to produce insulin, which is essential for survival. This form of the disease develops most frequently in children and adolescent.

The theme of World Diabetes Day this year "Growing up with diabetes" draws attention to the fact that IDDM is one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood. It condemns the sufferer to a regime of daily injections, often progresses to severe complications, including blindness, amputation and kidney failure and reduces his or her life expectancy by as much as 15 years. In developed countries, research has shown deaths among IDDM patients, to be under two per cent five years after diagnosis. In Tanzania, however, researchers have found that 50 per cent of such patients die within five years of diagnosis.

Another WHO study currently underway, the multinational project for childhood diabetes (diabetes mondial, or diamond) is investigating and characterising the global incicare of IDDM. The study will collect population-based data on this form of the disease in up to 90 centres in 50 coun-The role of WHO in the pre-

dence, mortality and health

vention and control of diabetes is to advise governments on the development of national plans and programmes, to act as an international clearing-house for information, and to support research and education. In addition to the International Diabetes Federation, about 30 WHO collaborating centres in the field of diabetes worldwide assist with this task.

JP to observe 'protest day' Dec 4

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Party will observe "protest day" on December 4 to protest the abortive bomb attack on JP acting chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury,

A meeting of the JP central working committee yesterday decided to hold the protest day at the district and thana levels. Chaired by Mizan Chowdhury, the meeting also decided to observe the "Constitution Protection Day" on December 6 - the day former President Ershad relinquished power.

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JS stalemate

From page 1 Col 5 of so many lives," the Prime

Minister said. "The question of belittling the Jatiya Sangsad on my part does not arise," Begum Zia said. "I feel most proud of myself as a parliament member." Leader of the House said amidst thunderous cheers from the Treasury Bench.

The Prime Minister also observed that the people expects the JS to function effectively for the sake of changing their fates. "And this is what I always want to mean," the Prime Minister

Meanwhile, the Opposition entered the House five minutes after the Prime Minister had begun to speak. She congratulated the Opposition for their return and continued her tenminute speech

The Speaker. told the House, 'after the clarification of her November 7 speech, now there is no need for the discussion on the privilege motion against the Leader of the House'

The Speaker, in this connection, informed the House that he had ruled out the discussion on the motion under the negotiation reached by the concerned

Abdus Samad Azad then took the floor to tell the House that the confusion created following the Prime Minister's November 7 speech was now

"From now on, we hope to work together to resolve any problem in the JS". Samad Azad concluded.

Earlier, Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali told the House that he had mediated the negotiation between the parties with a view to performing his duty as a Speaker, to carry on the practice of parliamentary democ-

During the negotiation, the BNP team members included Barrister Salam Talukder, Colonel (Retd) Oli Ahmed, Shahidul Haque Zamal MP and Mohammad Ali Jinnah MP.

The Opposition delegation included Tofael Ahmed, Sajeda Chowdhury, Mohammad Nasim, A K M Jahangir of the AL and Suranjit Sengupta and Rashed Khan Menon.

2 get life-term for hijacking

CHITTAGONG, Nov 28: The second Additional Sessions and Anti-Terrorism Tribunal Judge Syed Enayet Ullah here today awarded life-term to two persons on charge of terrorism and hijacking, reports BSS.

2 die, 20 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

One person was killed, a housewife reportedly committed suicide and another 20 were injured in separate incidents in the city during the last two

Nazma Akhter, wife of Md Nizam reportedly killed herself by taking poison at her residence at Humayun Road, Mohammadpur, yesterday morn-

Md Shahidul Islam, 20, was seriously injured when an autorickshaw ran over him at Airport Road Saturday night He succumbed to his injury

at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH). Police seized the vehicle and

arrested the driver Mohammed lossain

At least 10 persons were inured when a auto-tempo collided with a speeding truck at Kajla, Demra at about 2 pm vesterday. In another accident at least

10 persons were injured when a minibus overturned at Kazipara at about 12:30 am Saturday. Six victims were admitted to

the DMCH. They are Mohammad Monwar Zahan, 30, Crime Reporter of Dainik Dinkal, Mohammad Haider Ali, 25, Khokon, 25, Nayem, 40, Mostofa, 30 and

Nasim, 25. Mohammad Ikbal Hossain, 19, a second year student of Kabi Nazrul Government College was severely beaten up by miscreants at North Basabo.

10 hurt as JP procession lathicharged in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Nov 28: At least 10 people were injured when police lathicharged a Jatiya Party (JP)

procession in the city this evening. The JP brought out the procession protesting the arrest of seven of its activists midnight

last night. Witnesses said, a clash erupted when the JP rally came face to face with another procession brought out by the Chhatra Dal, student wing of the BNP near the Picture

Palace. During the hour-long fight JP activists badly damaged a microbus near the hall. Five gun shots and four bombs were exploded during the melee. Police arrested 17 people

from the spot. Ten injured people were given first aid in the hospital.



A member of the visiting Chinese acrobatics team performing a feat at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday. Star photo

EC FMs resume Bosnian peace talks today

jina Serbs.

GENEVA, Nov 28: Foreign Ministers from the 12 states of the European Community meet in Geneva on Monday to restart stalled Bosnian peace negotiations and try to avert a humanitarian catastrophe in Bosnia

this winter, reports Reuter. Having last week endorsed a joint Franco-German policy proposal, the EC ministers come armed with a new stick-andcarrot strategy linking progress for peace with the gradual suspension of sanctions on

rump Yugoslavia. With the presidents of Serbia and Croatia beside their Bosnian proteges, the ministers will press the Bosnian leaders once more to guarantee safe passage to UN aid convoys.

They are also due to discuss the ethnic conflict in Serb-held 1 implementation of the Maastricht Treaty. But how much the EC ministers can achieve in a single day

areas of Croatia after secret ne-

gotiations last week between

Croatian officials and the Kra-

first major initiative of the new

European Union, which handles

joint European Community for-

eign policy since the November

The one-day meeting is the

before they jet off to a security summit in Rome is in question. UN mediator Thorvald Stoltenberg, co-chairman of the Geneva talks with EC envoy Lord Owen, said last week he would be "very pleasantly suppressed" if the Bosnians struck a deal in

negotiations due to follow Mon-

day's meeting.

Shares of oil, gas cos

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gas fields stands well over a hundred crore taka. Analysts observed the country's stock market does not have the capacity to absorb large number of shares. It has been hinted that the shares could be floated in small numbers, in phases. In the sub-continent, gas

fields are already on the stock list in the Karachi Stock Market. There are also moves in India contemplating similar measures.

"The transparency of the companies will be ensured once they go to the stock market," the Finance Minister claimed "But we need a stable political situation to attract public interest in shares. We have to shun past practices in politics and induce new thinking for the

economy." Meanwhile, the country's stock market witnessed a shock in the share price index following the crisis in the political arena with a 1.16 points decline in the All Share DSE index to

370.39116. "If tomorrow looks depressing, the capital market would certainly reflect that move, Imtiyaz Husain commented "Along with the political situation, the infusion of new issues have also contributed to the

There are 17 gas fields in the country with net recoverable gas reserves of 10.64 trillion cubic feet. This is projected to be depleted by the year 2010 with an annual increase in demand of ten per cent.

These gas fields are under the Bangladesh Gas Fields Companies Ltd and Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd. The Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Co, which supplies gas to various parts of the country, had a total revenue to over Tk 600 crore last year.

Recently, the government 'Ali were also present.

gave its permission for foreign participation in gas and oil exploration in the country. The move is seen as a part of the government's thrust in developing the gas sector.

Titas cuts system loss to 6 pc

The Titas Gas Company Limited, a subsidiary of Petro-Bangla, has reduced its system loss to 6.35 per cent in October '93 from 10.07 per cent in July '93 following the 'action programme' introduced recently by the government, reports BSS.

This was disclosed in yesterday's meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. Reduction of one per cent system loss helps the company save Tk one crore and 30 lakh, the meeting was in-

The Asian Development Bank had fixed a target for Titas Gas Company to reduce its system loss below 7 per cent by October '93.

The Energy and Mineral Resources Minister, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain who presided over the meeting, asked the Titas Gas Company management to work hard to bring down system loss to an acceptable level. Members of the committee Azizul Hog, A K M Abu Taher and Shahiduzzaman Beltu of BNP and Sharafuddin Khasru of Jatiya Party attended the meeting.

Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary M Fazizur Razzak, Chairman of Petro-Bangla S K M Abdullah, Chairman of PDB Kazi Golam Rahman, Chairman of BPCM Fazlul Hug, Chairman of DESA S T S Mahmood and Managing. Director in charge of Titas Gas Company Limited Major (Retd) Muktadir

Zhang calls on Noor Uddin

The visiting Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China, General Zhang Wannian, called on Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Zhang and Khan discussed matters of mutual interest during the meeting at the Army Headquarters, according to an ISPR press release.

Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Jhang Xujiang was present.

Zhang also called on Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mohaiminul Islam at the Naval Headquarters at Banani and discussed matters of mutual interest Earlier on his arrival at the

Cantonment, General Zhang went to Shikha Anirban, the Eternal Flame, and placed floral wreath in memory of the members of the armed forces who laid down their lives during the War of Liberation in 1971. Zhang then went to the

Senakunja where he was presented with a guard of honour by a smart contingent of army. He took salute and inspected the guard. He also planted a sapling there.

General Zhang Wannian arrived here Saturday night on a five-day goodwill visit.

Hasina discusses situation with lawyers

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Shetkh Hasina yesterday discussed with some leading lawyers the situation of the country, reports UNB.

Referring to the country's political situation. Hasina said lawyers could play an important role to create public awareness for protecting the hard-earned democracy and giving it an institutional shape.

Democracy must have a firm footing to make parliament effective and to uphold its prestige, she said.

The opposition leader called upon the lawyers to unitedly raise their voice for repealing the Indemnity Ordinance and the Anti-Terrorism Act, separation of the judiciary from the executive and establishing rule of law in the country.

Former Chief Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain, Justice KM Sobhan, SR Pal, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, Barrister Rafiqui Haq, Justice Abdul Malek, Barrister KS Nabi, Barrister Mozammel Hossain and Sudhangshu Shekhar Halder MP. were among others, present in

the meeting. 5 CCC employees suspended

CHITTAGONG, Nov 28: Five employees of the Chittagong City Corporation were suspended for their negligence of duties and involvement in cor ruption, reports UNB.

The action was taken after Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin detected their negligence and corruption during a surprise visit of different sections of the corporation today

The suspended employees are Section Assistant of the Licence Division Nurul Islam. Sayed Noor of the Accounts Section, peon Zafarullah, guards Obaidullah and Abdul

Departmental proceedings were started against them, sources said.

36-hour hartal in Sylhet from today

SYLHET, Nov 28: A 36-hour hartal is scheduled to begin in four districts of greater Sylhet from 6 am tomorrow (Monday) to press for setting up of an administrative division in

Sylhet, reports UNB. The Sylhet Division Implementation and Greater Sylhet Development Action Council and Students' Action Council has called for the strike in Sylhet, Habiganj, Moulvibazar and Sunamgani districts.

A big torch procession was brought out in the town in the evening today (Sunday) in support of their programme.

JCD-BCL clash at Bheramara: 20 injured

KUSHTIA, Nov 28: At least 20 students were injured, seven seriously, in a clash between the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and the pro-Awami League Chhatra League at Bheramara today, police sources said, reports UNB.

The clash erupted when a Chhatra League procession heading towards the district town for joining a conference there, came under attack. allegedly by a group of the JCD activists.

Both groups used hockey

sticks and other lethal weapons

in the two hour long clash. Additional police force from Kushtia rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The seven seriously injured "Our position is firm, unstudents were admitted to the changeable and irrevocable." Bheramara Health Complex.

Hekmatyar threatens to

KABUL, Nov 28: Afghan Prime Minister Gulbuddin

Israeli choppers raid Palestinian camp in Lebanon

today the Palestinian refugee camp of Ain Helwe near the southern Lebanon port city of Sidon. An AFP photographer said the helicopters fired several missiles sowing panic in Ain Helwe,

Killings in Kashmir condemned

India violates spirit of

ISLAMABAD, Nov 28: Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, condemning the killings in Kashmir, accused India today of violating the spirit of a recent agreement for bilateral

talks, reports AFP The Indian government "has no regard" for the spirit of the agreement and the "understanding" that there would be a "tangible reduction in human rights violations to create the

right atmosphere", she said. But she did not say whether the situation would impede the talks scheduled between the foreign secretaries of the two countries in January to discuss the Kashmir dispute and other bilateral issues.

"I have been deeply shocked and dismayed by the brutal acts of repression that have been perpetrated against the people of Jammu and Kashmir over the last two days," Bhutto said in a

Khaleda seeks global support for Palestinians

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon the international community for extending all necessary support and assistance to the Palestinian people to overcome their existing obstacles, reports

In a message on the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with Palestinian people today Begum Zia said Bangladesh had consistently supported a comprehensive solution to the Middle East problem of which the core issue was the inalienable rights of the

Palestinian people. "On this day, when the international community expresses its solidarity with the people of Palestine and I on behalf of he government and the people of Bangladesh, reaffirm. our unequivocal support and total commitment to their just cause and the realisation of their inalienable rights," she

Hasina

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she had told the House that if

the honourable members tell

lies, as the Prime Minister has

stated, the ministers, who are

also members, are also guilty of

further said after this clarifica-

could be no room for miscon-

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Opposition.

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Awami League MP Tofael

Ahmed, who was present in the

meeting, explained how the

chair violated the rules of pro-

cedure to admit the privilege

motion against the Leader of the

generally moved at the first

available opportunity. The

Works Minister tabled the privi-

lege motion two days after the

House resumed session and a

two-hour discussion allowed by

the Speaker on the derogatory

remarks made by the Leader of

the House about the hon-

minister to checkmate the dis-

cussion allowed on Awami

League members' motions, To-

minister, soon after submitting

his notice for privilege motion

with the Speaker's secretariat,

circulated its copies among the

members of the press. "This is a

gross violation of the rules of

admitted the motion without

sending it to the privilege

committee for scrutiny, Tofael

said. "This is a calculated move

to counter the opposition," he

In reply to a question,

Sheikh Hasina said her nomi-

nated representatives were due

meet the government party rep-

resentatives sometime Sunday

not at any unidentified place, as

has been reported by a section

of the press, but somewhere in

the Parliament Building to de-

vise ways and means to avert

But she hastened to add:

the current crisis.

But despite that the Speaker

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procedure."

added.

He said privilege motion is

She said that on Saturday people observed the death anniversary of Shaheed Dr Milon who sacrificed his life for democracy and to oust 'the nine-year autocratic rule.

added.

longer necessary. The Speaker earlier declared redundant the counter privilege motion of Works Minister Barrister Rafigul Islam Mia against the Leader of the

Reciprocating the sentiment, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad expressed the hope that the Leader of the House will pay more attention to make the House more effective.

He said the Leader of the House is not of any particular party but of the whole House.

From Page 1 Col 3 service condition of the workers of industrial units in the nationalised sector, the Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said that it had been placed for approval of the House for implementing certain recommendations of the national wages and productivity commission for fixing the service condition of the workers of industrial units under nationalised sector.

He said that despite extreme financial crisis and ever increasing losses in the public sector industries and within the fiscal limitation of the government, the bill had been forwarded to the Sangsad for providing wages and other facilities to the workers of the nationalised sectors in line with certain recommendations of the Wage and Productivity Commission for approval.

The Midnight File

attack president's palace

Hekmatyar threatened today to mobilise all his forces to attack the president's palace in Kabul, accusing President Burhanuddin Rabbani of planning to bomb his headquarters Hekmatyar said in a statement that Rabbani's military commander Ahmad Shah Masood planned to launch air raids on the prime minister's base southeast of Kabul and positions in the southern suburbs of the war-shattered capital, reports

AIN HELWE (Lebanon), Nov 28: Israeli helicopters raided the largest Palestinian camp in Lebanon with 80,000 residents

accord for talks: Benazir

She said a "large number of Kashmiris" were killed and "scores of houses burnt" in the town of Sopore in a so-called "cordon and search operation". Reports from Srinagar put

the death toll in Saturday's clash between Muslim militants and Indian troops in Sopore at Bhutto urged the Indian government to remove the "security cordon" around the Hazratbal

Mosque, release Kashmiri leaders and end the "atrocities." "We hope all those countries which favoured a dialogue between Pakistan and India for a peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute will use their influence with India to create the necessary conditions for meaningful

talks," she said. India must allow the international media and humanitarian relief and human rights organisations to monitor the sit uation in Kashmir, the Pakistani Prime Minister said.

BAF officers From Page 1 Col 8 President Biswas placed wreaths on the coffins of the deceased BAF officers. Wing Commander Shahidul Hoque, Squadron Leader Syed Abdur Rahman, Squadron

Leader A K M Shamsul Islam

and Pilot Officer Mohammad

Masudur Rahman were killed when two training aircraft crashed during a rehearsal of graduation parade. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in a message of

condolence expressed deep

shock at the death of the BAF officers. The Prime Minister, who is also in charge of the Ministry of Defence, said that the death of the promising officers engaged in the defence of the country caused an irreparable loss to

PM's speech

the BAF as well as to the na-

From Page 1 Col 3 adding, "people gave us the mandate this time and we should carry it out."

We are committed to the blood of the martyrs to save democracy, the Prime Minister

After her statement the Speaker announced that as the Leader of the House clarified her position and both sides reached an understanding, so Monday's scheduled discussion on PM's reported comment is no

Opposition, which was set for discussion on Tuesday.

Four bills