## Road accidents claim 406 in five months

Oli Ahmed told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that 493 road accidents occurred in the country from June 1 to October 30, 1993, reports BSS.

Replying to a question by Azizur Rahman (AL), the Communications Minister said 406 persons were killed and 598 injured in the accidents.

He said the Communications Ministry had taken various steps to check accidents. Listing the measures taken by the government to check accidents. he said the Home Ministry had also been making efforts to check road accidents.

Replying to a supplementary question, the minister said the authority had taken up steps to detect fake driving licences. Besides, he said, his ministry had been making efforts to eradicate the root causes of accident by taking help from the Home Ministry, transport owners and

workers. Replying to a question by M Mizanur Rahman Manu (AL) the Communications Minister said there were 5674.50 acres of land belonging to Bangladesh Railway. Depending on certain circumstances, these lands are sold or given for use on licence. he added

#### Govt to probe attempt on Mizan, JS told

Home Minister Abul Matin Chowdhury yesterday said in Parliament that the government would investigate Friday's alleged attempt on the life of Jatiya Party leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, MP, in Patuakhali, reports UNB.

Legal action will be taken against the persons involved in it after proper investigation, the Home Minister said responding to concerns expressed by Manirul Islam Chowdhury and Advocate Fazle Rabbi of Jatiya Party.

Drawing the attention of the chair on a point of order. Advocate Fazle Rabbi said some unidentified youths equipped with bombs and firearms stormed the Patuakhali circuit house in an assassination attempt on Mizan Chowdhury after he had returned from a public meeting.

The Home Minister said identity of the attackers could not be known. Sometimes it is found that such incidents take place following intra-party

feuds, he added. He, however, said necessary legal measures would be taken against the culprits.

#### JP calls hartal in Khulna today

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Nov 29: The Jatiya Party (JP) has called a half-day hartal in Khulna tomorrow protesting Sunday's police ac-

tion on its procession. The party brought out a torch procession in the city this evening in support of hartal.

From page 1 Col 5

Taking the floor on a point of

order, the Deputy Leader of the

Opposition quoted press reports

on various problems of Sylhet

and the on-going agitations for

mand, Samad Azad told the

House that the Leader of the

Opposition Sheikh Hasina al-

lowed the leaders of 'Sylhet

Bibhag Andolon' to have a meet-

ing with her. But the Prime

Minister did not let the leaders

Appreciating the Finance

Minister M Saifur Rahman's

(also from Sylhet) recent remark

that it would be Sylhet if an-

other district were to be up-

graded to a division, Samad

Azad referred to the PM's reac-

tion to the people of Sylhet in

London, when they called on

"Instead of admitting the

"I have been inspired to raise

the issue in the House as the

Leader of the House yesterday

(Sunday) assured that Par-

liament will be made the nerve

centre for resolving all national

issues," the deputy opposition

from his party colleagues and

others from his district, he re-

quested the PM to sympatheti-

cally consider the popular de-

mand of the Sylhet people

although she was absent from

Samad Azad's deliberations

the House at that time.

Amid thundering cheers

her during the PM's recent visit

justification of the demand."

Samad Azad said. "She told

them that there is no logic be-

hind the demand."

leader said.

to meet her, he regretted.

In a bid to justify the de-

a separate Sylhet division.

after the Magreb break.

In reply to another question by Mohammad Neamat Ullah (BNP), the Communications Minister said the Tongi-Ashulia-EPZ road had been taken in hand at a cost of Taka 20.61 crore. He said Taka 3.76 crore was allocated during the last fiscal year while Taka 4 crore has been earmarked for the current year for the road.

He told the Sangsad in reply to a question by Jainal Abedin Hazari (AL) that it was not true that the Meghna Bridge was threatened due to faulty construction

#### Shikha Anirban From Page 1 Col 3

legislators including Sajeda Chowdhury, Matiya Chowdhury and Rahmat Ali strongly protested Shahduzzaman's remark that the non-stop burning at the Shikha Anirban caused wastage of gas

The Jamaat MP made the comment while deliberating on his call attention notice under Section 71 of the Rules of Procedure.

Taking the floor, Sajeda Chowdhury of the AL strongly protested the Jamaat MP's criticism of the Shikha Anirban and said it was the symbol of our Liberation War and lakhs of martyrs. "The Shikha Anirban will exist as long as Bangladesh exists," she said and demanded of the Speaker to expunge the

Amidst much uproar by the AL and the Jamaat members. the Deputy Speaker gave floor to the Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury who also observed that Shikha Anirban was the symbol of the nation and demanded that any comment insinuating it directly or indirectly, be expunged from the proceedings.

#### BMA begins action programmes

By DMCH Correspondent

Doctors throughout the country began their month-long programme yesterday to realise their 21-point demands.

The programme includes postering, leaflet distribution, meeting at all the medical institutions of the city, wearing black badges, contact with employees, political parties and

social organisations. The physicians will observe a three-hour token strike from

December 19 to 21. The doctors will also observe hunger strike and stage sit-in demonstrations in front of the office of the DG, Health, in the capital, Directors' offices in all the Medical Colleges and Civil Surgeons' offices throughout

the country on December 28. The 21-point demands include increase of budget in health sector, introduction of primary health care system at union level under an MBBS doctor, establishment of Medical University and administrative autonomy for all the Medical Colleges.

The visiting Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China General Zhang Wannian called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yester-- PID photo

#### Inflation rate comes down to less than 2 pc

Governor of the Bangladesh Bank Khorshed Alam yesterday said the foreign exchange reserves of the country currently stand at around 2.35 billion US dollars and the inflation rate has come down to less than two per cent, which is much lower than those of the neighbouring

countries, reports BSS. Addressing the annual general meeting of the Council of the Institute of Bankers as its president here. Alam said the fiscal deficit has been content at a very low level while the current account deficit of the balance of payment had undergone considerable contraction.

"The current macro-monetary management of the country had never been so good and this has been acclaimed at both

home and abroad," he said. Alam urged the bankers to accept the challenge of modern banking which has undergone vast changes due to modern

technologies and innovations. He emphasised the need for ensuring necessary finance in the rural areas to increase agricultural production, and particularly to help alleviation of poverty.

Alam also called upon the bankers to take the opportunity of convertibility of the taka and overall liberalisation of the exchange and trade regimes to augment the banks' income in foreign exchange business.

#### SAARC

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Responding to another question, Reaz Rahman said, the progress of SAARC cannot be evaluated on a particular ground. "It is a constant effort at regional understanding. where the totality of the spirit of cooperation was more important than the specifics."

The Foreign Secretary said that there were presently 13 technical committees of the SAARC and two conventions have already been reached, one on narcotics and the other on control of terrorism. He said that consensus on a food reserve for the SAARC countries have been reached but the actual measures were yet to be implemented in this regard.

Responding to another question, Reaz Rahman said Bangladesh had created an enabling atmosphere for the return of the 'Chakma refugees' and was awaiting New Delhi's efforts for an early outcome.

## Saifur

From Page 1 Col 3 Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam, Chairman of the United Insurance Company and BIA Chairman M Moidul Islam and Vice Chairman Nurul Islam also spoke at the reception arranged by the Bangladesh Insurance Association (BIA) at a

local hotel last night. The Finance Minister said the government is also planning to circulate some treasury bills so that the insurance companies can invest profitably.

under which rule the Deputy The development of economy depends on flourishing the insurance industry. For that you have to invest profitably. Although treasury bills of Tk 1200 crore were withdrawn in last five months we are considering to circulate some bills to facili-

> tate investment," he said. Responding to a demand for establishing a 'reinsurance company in the country, the minister called upon the insurance companies to conduct a study on the possibility of such a company.

Jt meet at DU From Page 1 Col 8 ing terrorists or armed hoodlums would try to get rid of those elements and that none would object to disciplinary action of the university authorities against the troublemakers.

It condemned the killing of Jinnatul Islam Jinnah on November 1 and Alok Kanti Pal on November 22 on the DU and BUET campuses respectively and demanded immediate inquiry into the murders to find out and punish the culprits.

## BSB asked to simplify disbursement procedure

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman paid a surprise visit to the Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) head office yesterday and expressed dissatisfaction over the long and cumbersome disbursement procedure of the

bank, reports UNB. He directed the industrial bank authorities to further simplify and streamline the whole procedure.

The Finance Minister examined pending files, loan applications lying in different sections of the bank and talked to some entrepreneurs present there for seeking credit.

The BSB authorities informed the Minister that loans amounting to Tk 21 crore had so far been disbursed since July this year against the target of Tk 125 crore fixed for the current fiscal. Only Tk 5 crore has been recovered against the refixed for this year. recovered while total disburse ment was Tk 66 crore.

Total outstanding loan from the bank is Tk 1200 crore out of

A total of 277 cases have been filed to recover the overdue loans of which 11 cases are more than five years old pending before various courts of the,

ted the limping procedure involved in this regard and urged quick dispensation of the cases

Chairman of the Shilpa Bank ATM Alamgir MP and Managing Director Akmal Hussain were with the Finance Minister during the visit.

On the guidelines formulated

to elect directors of insurance

companies from amongst the

public shareholders, the Insur-

company is not competent to

ascertain the suitability of a

shareholder to be elected a di-

rector under the Insurance Act

none of the insurance compa-

nies have large hall-rooms to

hold shareholders meetings at

the company premises as stipu-

lated under the proposed

made as to the rotation of term

in office of the directors from

public shareholders and the

position of shareholders who

have bought shares from the

sponsors should also be spelt

Presently there are 16 gen-

eral and three life insurance

out, the Association said.

Specification should also be

BIA also pointed out that

ance Association noted that

## 14 insurance companies

From page 1 Col 5 clude guidelines for issuing liemployers of life insurance

In a written representation to the Ministry of Commerce. the Bangladesh Insurance Association expressed its 'deep Rules.

"The circular (proposing the amendments) came to us as a surprise, for we have thought that we shall be consulted in the formulation process of the new rules," the Association said in its recent letter to the Min-

The Association opposed the specified minimum qualification requirement for life insurance agents, at least a Secondary School Certificate or equivalent, as it would prove 'disastrous' to the growth of the life insurance industry and would also reduce the employment opportunities for the under-privileged section of the population.

It also opposed the suggested increase in licence fees for life insurance agents from Tk 10 to Tk. 100 and argued against the stipulation requiring seven years of past experience for employers of life insurance

# hijacker surrenders

unidentified Iranian hijacked a government aircraft on a domestic flight in Iran with 38 people aboard Monday, then surrendered hours after the plane landed in southern Iraq. news reports said, reports AP.

The Iraqi news agency said the male hijacker surrendered

It did not say whether or not the hijacker was armed, or if any of the passengers were hurt in the ordeal. INA also did not say what the hijacker's demands were, except that he requested asylum in Iraq or any other country.

From Page 1 Col 3 mained unsold which are expected to be filled up soon, the

US dollars. Despite initial good response Biman experts predicted that

the route will be a losing concern for the first six months. But recovery would start gradually after introduction of

lakh Bangladeshis who have been living in the USA will be the regular passengers of the national carrier besides a large number of foreign travellers.

#### Asian Art Biennale concludes today

By Staff Correspondent The month-long Sixth Asian Art Biennale organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Aca-

demy concludes here today. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated the exhibition on November 2.

Twenty-seven countries of the continent participated in the exhibition. The countries are Bahrain, Bhutan, Nepal, China, India, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Republic of Korea. Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Shri Lanka, Turkey, Thailand, Vietnam United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Russian Federation and Bangladesh.

Some 684 works of 354 artists were displayed at the

#### Hasina visits houses of 3 BAF officers

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hastna yesterday visited the houses of the three Bangladesh Air Force officers who were killed on Sattirday when two training aircraft crashed at Jessore, reports

Sheikh Hasina visited the houses of Squadron Leader Shamsul Islam, Flight Lieutenant Sayeed and Pilot Officer Rahman and conveyed her deep condolence to the bereaved families. She spent some time there and consoled them.

# J R D Tata

BOMBAY, Nov 29: J R D Tata, a pioneer of Indian industry and aviation who headed one of India's economic powerhouses for more than half a century, died in Switzerland Monday, his company announced. He was 89, reports

A spokesman for the Tata group of companies said Tata died at Geneva's Cantonal Teaching Hospital. The cause of death was not released, but he had been suffering from kidney infection and fever for several weeks. He had been in Geneva for two months.

A confidante of prime ministers. Tata was one of the most influential figures of India. though he stayed away from active politics. Prime Minister P V Nara-

simha Rao said India had lost one of its most illustrious sons, Since 1926, he headed an empire built by his father that

made everything from hand soap to trucks and ran India's leading luxury hotel chain.

#### FBUTA asks govt not to amend Varsity Ord '73

By DU Correspondent The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday urged the government not to amend the university ordinance and warned against any interference in the autonomy of the univer-

The federation at a meeting, presided over by its president Professor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, alleged that the government was taking steps to amend the University Ordinance, 1973, through the parliamentary standing committee on education.

It felt that the amendment would undermine the democratic rights of the teachers and destroy the academic atmosphere in the universities.

The amendment would also strengthen government's grip on universities, the federation ob-

## JU probe body submits report

The one-member commission comprising Justice Abdul Matin Chowdhury, formed on October 1, to probe into the July 29 incident at the Jahangirnagar University, yesterday submitted its report to Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury at his Secretariat office, a commission press Release said here last right, reports BSS.

#### Janakantha Editor. Sr Reporter granted bail

Mohammad Atiquilah Khan Masood, Editor of the daily Janakantha and Senior Reporter Noor Mohammad were granted bail yesterday by the Metropolitan Magistrate when lawyers stood surety for them, reports BSS.

K M Nuruzzaman, Metropolitan Magistrate, granted them bail against surety of Taka 20,000 submitted by lawyers on their behalf.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Dhaka issued warrant of arrest against the two for publishing reports, which had alleged to have defamed the Energy Minister, Dr Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain, the plaintiff in this case.

# The Midnight File

### 62 people die of AIDS in Iran

TEHRAN, Nov 29: An Iranian health official announced that 62 people in Islamic Iran have died of AIDS and about 5,000 people are infected with the HIV-virus. Hussein Malekafz Ali. Deputy Health Minister, was quoted by today's English daily Tehran Times' as saying that 269 people in the country have been tested positive for HIV-virus so far. reports Xinhua.

#### Serbian President demands suspension of UN sanctions

GENEVA, Nov 29: Accusing the West of killing Serbian children with its edicts, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic on Monday demanded the immediate suspension of UN sanctions in exchange for peace in Bosnia. The comments came as the European Community launched a new bid to avert a winter catastrophe in Bosnia by hosting a peace conference. The new EC plan proposes to ease UN trade sanctions if Serbia can persuade Bosnian Serbs to relinquish another 3 to 4 per cent of their territorial gains, reports AP.

#### Double-murder case

## 13 sentenced to 60 yrs' imprisonment each

Thirteen youngmen were yesterday sentenced to 60 years in jail each in a double-murder case. The rigorous imprisonment for the two murders shall run concurrently, reports UNB Court also find them The 5000 each or, in default to suf-

fer another 1 year's RI. The convicts are Shaidul Islam alias Bijoy, 28. Bidyut Chandra Dey alias Bidyut, 27 Abdus Salam, 29, Palash Chandra Basak alias Palash 30. Swapan Kumar Sarker alias Swapan, 25, Ilyas, 26, Shamb hunath Chakrabarty, 24, Naru, 28. Tippon, 29. Arun Kanti Ghosh alias Batu, 27, Mahmudul Islam alias Ratan, Abdus

man alias Habib, 29. The first eight among them

Salam, 26, and Habibur Rah-

were tried in absentia. Prosecution case in short is that on May 7, 1991 the ac cused attacked Khaled alias Khaleque, 26, at the Wari Mahila Samity Primary School

#### Woman jailed for women trafficking

A special tribunal yesterday convicted and sentenced a lady to 14 years of jail for trafficking in women, reports BSS.

M Zafar Ahmed Mina, Fifth Additional District Judge. Dhaka, convicted Afroza Begum alias Feroza Khanum after finding her guilty under the Special Powers Act and also of the Section Five of the Crueity to Women Act.

The judge sentenced her to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Taka 5000 in default to suffer another six months of rigorous imprison-

Afroza Begum, in her early forties, is the mother of film actress Rina Khan

sources said. The prosecution story says that Afroza Begum used to maintain a mini- brothel at her Senpara residence under Mirpur Police Station and sent

the hapless women to hotels

field at 8:30 pm and fired at him with a cut rifle. He died at the Dhaka Medical College

About half an hour later they attacked Munir, 23, at 44 Nabendra Basak Lane and fired on him with a revolver. Munir started groaning in a pool of blood on the ground. Later, he was taken to Mitford Hospital where the doctor declared him

Both the murders were committed out of enmity

A case, better known as Sutrapur double-murder case, was registered with the Sutrapur

During the trial of the case, the court examined 24 witnesses, and after hearing both sides, Additional District and Sessions Judge Jinat Ara found them guilty and gave the ver-

PP Abdur Razzague Khan conducted the prosecution case.

#### Housewife strangled to death

By DMCH Correspondent

A young housewife was strangled to death reportedly by her husband in the city's Lalbagh area early yesterday.

found dead at her Islamnagar residence in Lalbagh in the morning while her husband Abdul Barek was missing. Parveen's father, in a murder

Parveen Akhter, 23, was

case filed with the Lalbagh police, accused Abdul Barek of the killing. He said that her daughter had been murdered following a

family feud. Barek used to torture Parveen, he added. During the primary inquest, police assumed it to be a homi-

The body of Parveen was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) mor-

gue for autopsy.

## Concorde states its case

From Page 1 Col 8 relates to the funding aspects, and which has been raised in our article is reproduced below along with our correspondent's

M/s Concorde Multitrade Inc. in its letter states:

in the city

"Financially, Concorde is the only bidder, conforming to the tender terms - i.e. a fixed price for the aircraft, with a fixed interest of 6% for a period of 10 years; and according to our bankers in the present money market, these terms are considered excellent. The others have offered lease terms, partial lease and sale and complicated formalae with LIBOR PLUS, rates of interest. It is common knowledge that LIBOR rates can fluctuate almost from week to week and in that case it would be almost impossible to accurately forecast what Biman

would ultimately have to pay!

"Some doubt has been cast about Concordes capability to mobilise the desired funds and your reporter expressed grave doubts about the bidder's financial arrangement. Surely one would not expect Biman to jump into this deal with its eyes closed - but logically, this is NOT Biman's problem; but that of Lufthansa - who will be paid in cash for the 2 aircraft before delivery to Biman; and Biman is required to pay the instalments for repayment of the loan after the planes are handed over Also, before the deal is closed and contract signed, Lufthansa, the Credit Company and Biman would surely examine the relevant papers and documents.

"Also the name of the Credit Company mentioned in the report is World Capital Development Group Inc; is incorrect because finance is being provided by another company - and it is to the credit of Mr Fazlul Haque that as a young Bangladeshi entrepreneur he has succeeded to convincing a finance company of International standing to loan to Biman a staggering sum of US\$ 200 million, on terms,

which according to our local

bankers, are excellent and most lucrative. Mr Fazlul Haque owns, the Concorde Group of Companies which deals with Commodities, Crude and refined oil products and has considerable interests in other fields besides his connection with Airleasing and aviation

business. "From what has been expressed above it is obvious to even the uninitiated that Lufthansa planes offered by Concorde Multitrade Inc. are by far the best. Financia Evaluation made by a number of people from figures obtained and calculated on the basis of offers opened in the presence of

bidders on 19 September '93." Our correspondent replies: The rejoinder does not explain why the company is offering a credit of US 200 million dollars to Biman when according to the tompany's claim the aircraft it would provide from Lufthansa would cost US 123 million dol-

The letter does not answer the vital question raised by the correspondent about the absence of any track record in aviation business and the source from which such a phe-

nomenal sum would come It states that the name of the credit company mentioned in our report - World Capital **Development Group is incorrect** but the initial bid offer was supported by this company in

Tulsa, Oklahoma Our report has essentially raised questions regarding the source of funds of this company to be arranged by this young Bangladeshi entrepreneur whose company was established in New York a little over one year back on August 18, 1992 with a start up capital of US 1,00,000 dollars only and which till now has dealt in commodities like wheat and soyabean oil, etc. In fact the company was officially incorporated on that date but started its commercial operation on January 25 of this year, according to the New York Corporate and Business Registration office.

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prompted the Information Minister to give an explanation on the PM's comment.

Debate on Sylhet Divn

Taking the floor, Nazmul Huda contradicted Samad Azad's statement saying that he accompanied the PM during her London tour and told the House that the PM accepted the memorandum submitted by the Sylhet people there. The Information Minister quoted the PM as having told them that there were many problems and

constraints of resources in Le country. "She never told the expatriates that there was no legiti-

macy of their demand," Huda At this stage a number of AL and Jatiya Party legislators stood up to seek the floor. Getting the floor, Salahuddin

Yusuf of AL wanted to know

Speaker had permitted the Information Minister to clarify a remark regarding the PM. The Deputy Speaker replied that the minister had only ex-

plained the PM's speech and that he expected the PM would speak on the issue.

This failed to satisfy the agitated Opposition lawmakers. Taking the floor again, Samad Azad also asked the Deputy Speaker under which rule the Information Minister replied on behalf of the Leader of the House. "I've drawn the attention of the PM but the Information Minister has become the 'state witness' for her." the Deputy Leader of the Opposition commented. He also expressed his anger as the chafr did not allow any other opposi-

tion member to speak on the is-

#### **Editor: Mahfuz Anam**

# exhibition.

covery target of Tk 70 crore Last year, Tk 57 crore was

which Tk 632 crore is overdue. A major portion of the overdue loan goes to 93 sick industries of the country.

country. The Finance Minister regret-

in the greater national interest.

and Rules.

amendments

The proposed amendments to the Insurance Rules also incences to life insurance agents and providing certificates to

concern' about the proposed amendments of the Insurance

#### agents to obtain certificates from the controller of insurance. 3 CPI (M) activists

killed in Tripura AGARTALA, Nov 29: Three CPI (M) activists were killed, another one was seriously injured in two different incidents in north Tripura district, ac-

cording to police sources here

today, reports PTI. Police said, a group of insurgents of the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) with heavy arms raided the houses of three (CPI-M) activists at village Rangacherra, under Belonia Sub-division of south Tripura district on Saturday night and kidnapped them at gun-point and added, later shot them in a nearby lonely place after tying their hands. Two

persons were killed on the spot, and one suffered serious injury. Police said, the injured, was admitted to hospital whose condition was stated to be sen-

Farakka From Page 1 Col 6 of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies said through the Himalayan Drainage Ecosystem meeting three years back at Koittya, Mankiganj, and the World Coast Conference in Holland and the recent environmental meet at Nepal, it was

revealed that all the develop-

ment efforts in the country will

face adverse impact in the next

20 to 30 years due to the exter-

nal factors like Farakka.

"The cost of non-cooperation and stalemate in political negotiation is very high and poor people usually become the worst victims ... and we must find a way out of such situation," he added.

#### companies operating in the country. In addition, there is a foreign-owned life insurance company and two governmentowned insurance companies. The minimum paid-up capital for life insurance companies is Tk. three crore and that for general insurance companies is Tk. six crore. Of the total amount 50 per cent is the

sponsors' portion of the equity

while the remainder is to be

floated for public subscription

# within three years of registra-Iranian plane

NICOSIA, Nov 29: An

at 3:45 pm (1245 GMT), six hours after the twin-prop Fokker Friendship F-27 owned by Iran's Oil Ministry landed in Basra.

## NY via Moscow

official said. Biman is offering a two-way ticket at 1260 US dollars, while a one-way ticket will cost 720

two flights weekly, they said. Biman hopes that some two