Parliamentarians' confce

1.5b go hungry in the South everyday

By Staff Correspondent

About 1.5 billion people go hungry everyday, one billion are devoid of clean water and 1.7 billion lack sanitation in the southern hemisphere.

Addressing the International Parliamentarians' Conference on 'Population, Poverty and Lifestyle' vesterday in the city Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman of the BIDS said while a person in the rich Northern states dumped 600 kg of municipal wastes every year on an average, a person in the south dumped only 70 kg. One Northerner emitted 16 tons of carbondioxide at the same time while a Southerner emitted below one ton, he further informed

The conference was organised jointly by the Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) and the Khan Foundation in cooperation with the Rockfeller Foundation, the World Bank (WB) and to Cowell Foundation.

The parliamentarians yesterday discussed 'consumption patterns of the North and the South', 'per capita consumption rates in the North and the South', 'population growth', and identified 'poverty as the principal factor in the population, resource consumption and environmental degradation equation.

The sessions of the conference were presided over by

Swedish MP Lena Klevenaas, Nepalese MP S Paradhan, Pakistani Senator Noor Jehan Panezai, Irish MP John Connor and Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee. Thailand Dr Krasae while WB Resident Represenopher Willoghby, Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman of the Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies (BIDS). Dr Osman Haider Chowdhury, UNICEF Country Representative Rolf C Carriere, Sk Alok of UNFPA, Dr Barkat-e-Khuda and others spoke on the occasion.

Willoughby cited the world development indicators of the WB which revealed that a Bangladeshi consumed US 160 dollars annually in 1965 which rose to 200 dollar in 1990.

On the other hand, a US citizen, consumed 11,400 dollars in 1965 which stood at 15,700

It further revealed that the per capita consumption in 1965 in the South was 350 dollar which increased to 640 in '90 while the per capita consumption of the North was 7,600

Help democracy grow

From Page 1 Col 4 laration which called for the repeal of black laws, separation of the judiciary from the executive and autonomy for Radio and Television.

On the other hand, the Treasury Bench members denying the opposition allegation said the implementation of the joint declaration was not mandatory on their part. They observed that each political party had received their mandate from the voters on the basis of their respective partymanifesto and that the government was primarily obliged to implement the programmes mentioned in the party's election manifesto.

They, however, also stated that the government was not indifferent to the joint declaration. 'We have established parltamentary form of government, ensured the freedom of expression and independence of the judiciary. Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan said, adding there were also certain points in the joint' declaration under the consideration of the Gover-

The one-hour unscheduled debate was initiated by Awami League (AL) legislator Tofael Ahmed who made an appeal to Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali for a prayer in the House for those who had sacrificed their lives during the Ershad regime. While making the appeal, the AL MP criticised the government for ignoring the joint declaration and called upon the ruling party to take an oath on the third anniversary of the fall of Ershad to implement

the joint declaration. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, speaking on the issue, accused the AL of not cooperating with the government in institutionalising democracy. The minister observed that the AL was now involved in an 'entente' with the Jatiya Party (JP) to obstruct the democratic process initiated with the fall of

the JP government. The Information Minister. referring to the AL's present demand for immediate election under a care-taker government, said the joint declaration of the political alliances stood for the constitutional continuity in transfer of the

state power. At a certain stage, the House witnessed an exchange of hot words between Tofael Ahmed and Barrister Nazmul Huda. The Speaker immediately expunged from the proceedings the unparliamentary

words of both the leaders. Jatiya Party MP Munirul Haque Chowdhury, while

Nusrat -

From Page 1 Col 3 prehension was growing that

Nusrat Bhutto might help her son seize the party leadership. Sources in Lahore said there

was some confusion among leaders of whom to side with in the family fight.

The second wife of the party founder Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Nusrat Bhutto, who entered politics in 1972, was appointed chief of the party's women's wing in 1977 and was elected an MP the same year, shortly before her husband was toppled by military ruler Muhammed Zia-ul Haq.

Z A Bhutto was executed on a political murder charge in 1979 and Nusrat Bhutto was elected party chief.



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dollars in '65 and 15,300 in '90.

The WB representative said deterioration of water cleanliness, deforestation, soil degradation, global warming and other environmental issues had affected the growth of the world consumption

decade, but we appeal to in-

clude the names of the politi-

cal activists killed after Ershad

had transferred power in

salvation of the departed souls

of the martyrs of the anti- au-

tocracy struggle during the

the floor only ten minutes be-

fore the House was adjourned

at 10 last night. Leader of the

Opposition Sheikh Hasina who

entered the House for the first

time since her resignation

threat on November 24

meanwhile had left the House.

ten-minute speech, said the

parliamentary standing com-

mittees were now functioning

on a regular basis to

in accusing each other and

create unnecessary issues, the

democratic system would be

affected,' the Prime Minister

the democratic process which

started through the elections

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Hossain, State Minister for

Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman,

Suranjit Sengupta, Shajahan

Siraj, Shamshuddoha and

yesterday passed by voice vote

a bill relating to the service

conditions of the state run in-

The speaker adjourned the

Apart from this, the JS

Maulana Abdus Sobhan,

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Among others who dis-

elections.

She also told the House that

'If we still remain engaged

strengthen democracy.

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Dip pharmacists observe strike

Team leader tells Saifur

importance of

JMB project

Mission on Jamuna Multipur-

pose Bridge led by S Sato, Di-

rector General of the Loan Aid

Division of the Economic Co-

operation Bureau of the

Japanese Foreign Ministry,

called on Finance Minister M

Saifur Rahman at his office yes-

During the discussion, the

Finance Minister outlined the

importance of the Jamuna

Bridge in socio-economic life

of the people of western part

of Bangladesh and economic

activities in that part would be

increased manifold after com-

terday, reports UNB.

The high powered Japanese

Japan feels *

By Staff Correspondent Diploma pharmacists working at the eight medical colleges, postgraduate hospital, district hospitals and the thana health clinics of the country yesterday observed a token strike to press for their sever -

point demands. During the strike no medicine was distributed among the patients except in emergency

Bill passed

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in violation of the constitution. Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali reiterated that since 1973 a number of similar ordinances with retrospective effect were passed by this House.

The Manufacturing Nationalised Industrial Enterprises Workers (service condition) Bill provided that the government through gazette notification could determine wages, bonus, medical allowance, house rent allowance, conveyance allowance, leave, gratuity and night shift allowance of the workers to materialise the recommendations of the national wages and productivity commission, excepting the wages and benefits fixed, no additional benefits would be allowed.

Pak FM leaves for home

Pakistan Foreign Minister. Sarder Aseff Ahmed Ali yesterday said that Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto was likely to visit Bangladesh on a suitable date, reports BSS.

Talking to newsmen at the Zia International Airport before his departure for Islamabad, he

Tolerance precondition for consolidating democracy'

The Paily Star

BNP Secretary General and LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder addressing a discussion at the Shilpakala

Speakers at a discussion here yesterday pleaded for taking a fresh vow to give democracy an institutional shape reflecting the ideals and dreams of those who embraced martyrdom during the nine-year anti-autocracy movement, reports BSS.

Academy auditorium in observance of the 'Democracy Day' yesterday.

The discussion was organ ised by the city unit of BNP marking the third anniversary of the fall of autocracy and triumph of democracy at the Shilpakala Academy with BNP Vice Chairman and Telephone and Telecommunications Minister Tariqul Islam in the

Barrister Salam Talukder in his speech said that one of the der Awami League rule. main objectives behind the anti-autocracy movement was establishment of democracy Paying tributes to the memory of those who shed their blood in the democratic movement, the LGRD and Cooperatives Minister said consolidation of democracy required cultivation of democratic values and toler-

Barrister Salam Talukder referred to shifting of BNP's scheduled public meeting at Democracy Square in Gulistan

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would go down, the existing

problems would multiply and

there would be no welfare of

the masses with the BNP in

this government," the AL

leader said and continued.

"Even than, it failed to return

anything except lip-service

through Television and repres-

that the BNP government

breached its commitment with

every quarters including its

former political partners, stu-

dents, labourers, peasants and

different professional groups.

the Opposition leader once

again termed the government

Hasina said, the ruling party

did not implement its com-

mitments made in the joint.

declaration of former three

political alliances, nor it mate-

rialised the students' 10-point

demand, and solved the prob-

lems facing the labourers.

Television, as was pledged in

the joint declaration, she ac-

cused the government of

running the state-owned me-

On the autonomy of

peasants and others.

Elaborating her charges,

Reiterating her allegation

sion on the Opposition.

"We've given 33 months to

power."

a betrayer.

Hasina: Force BNP

to December 7 from December 6 as another party had announced meeting in the same area on the day. He said consolidation of democracy was difficult task everywhere in the world as it required tolerance. and exercise and cultivation of democratic cultures

Food Minister Lt Gen (retd) Meer Shawkat Ali referred to a recent speech of Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina published by the newspapers that if voted to power Awami League would improve the condition of the army and said the army never believed so. He recalled the condition of the army between 1972-1975 un-

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda referred to an incident of Awami League's decision to join polls under Ershad in the face of reported threat of fresh martial law in 1986. In an oblique reference to Awami League, the Information Minister said it had betrayed with the cause of democratic movement.

Energy Minister Dr Khondaker Mosharraf Hossain stressed the need for resisting conspiracy against parliamen-

18 minutes, foreign news for 2

minutes, ministers for nine

minutes and Sports events for

charge of politicisation of the

administration by the ruling

party. Hasina commented.

"The administration has been

politicised after BNP's popular-

ity declined sharply and after

it lost confidence in people.

istration, she added.

Speaking on her party's

one minute.

Labour Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said there were attempts to create chaos and indiscipline in the society on different pretexts.

- Star photo

Works Minister Rafiqui Islam Mia said Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina had joined polls under Ershad in 1986 though she had earlier announced that anybody joining such polls, would be branded as national traitors. He referred to such announcement at a meeting in Chittagong.

T & T Minister Tariqui Islam, in his speech, referred to change in party constitution for switching over to parliamentary democracy from presidential system to implement the declaration of the three alliances.

Referring to demands for implementation of the declaration raised by the five-party alliance and also others, he said whether it was any longer required when some political parties were involved in conspiracy with the defeated

12 Shibir activists held in Sylhet

The weapons include 12 were sent to the fall hajat

Meanwhile, the Sylhet town unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir today brought out a procession.

From Page 1 Col 4 hard-earned democracy. The ruling party has failed to exercise democratic norms during its three years' rule, he added.

The Jamaat leader alleged that the BNP government imposed Section 144 to foil public meetings and rallies of the Jamaat, and the Awami League let loose terrorism across the country.

Referring to the demolition of the Babri mosque on this day last year, Khan demanded that it be rebuilt at its original

Jamaat parliamentary party leader Motiur Rahman Nizami was critical about those which are demanding a ban on religion-based political parties. "This is an undemocratic demand ... They are out to trample fruits of the nine-year anti-

autocratic agitation," he said. Nizami maintained that "Only Islam can present us the real democracy and Islamic rule can restore the fundamental rights of the people."

Barisal medical

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The feuding groups fired at least 10 rounds of gun shots and hurled about 20 hand bombs.

Besides, nine rooms of the college hostel were ransacked. A large number of police personnel were deployed. A tense situation was prevailing on the campus.

Four injured persons were admitted to the Medical College Hospital.

Rangpur Polytechnic

Our Correspondent from Rangpur adds, the Rangpur Polytechnic Institute has been closed sine die from today following violence of a group of students.

The authorities have asked the students to vacate the hostels by this evening. A group of unruly students

went on a rampage protesting the overall poor results of the fifth semester examination. They broke window panes and manhandled teachers and

staff of the institute yesterday. The angry students also pelted stones and hurled hand-

A strong police force have been posted and the situation is now under control.

The Midnight File

Algerian judge killed

ALGIERS, Dec 6: Three armed men killed a senior Algerian judge this morning, the official news agency APS said, quoting a Justice Ministry statement. Rouaz Lakhdar, 49, was killed as he left his home to go to work. He was the sixth judge to have been killed in Algeria since May. Lakhdar had worked in the Justice system for 13 years, becoming president of the Oran court earlier this year, reports Reuter.

Serbs shell Sarajevo: 4 die

SARAJEVO, Dec 6: Serb gunners slammed shells into central Sarajevo today, killing four people and wounding 19, doctors said at the besieged city's main hospital. One shell hit a market near the Olympic Stadium, killing four people, and another, which Sarajevo radio said was a tank round, hit near Bosnian army headquarters, reports Reuter.

20 hurt as oil lorry catches fire in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Dec 6: At least 20 persons were reportedly injured, 11 of them critically, when an oil lorry caught fire this afternoon at Bansbaria on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway in Sitakundu thana, 30 miles from the city, police and witnesses said.

The seriously injured persons were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Among them, Md Jasim 25. and Mitun Kanti Dey are fighting with death, hospital sources said

The fire also devastated six tea stalls and 12 labour sheds. police and Fire Brigade sources said

Coal import

From Page 1 Col 8 reputed surveyor should be obtained for importing coal and hard coke, which would certify that 'the declared quantity, measurement and qualita tive standard of the commod ity is accurate.

Since the 'qualitative standard' of coal was not specified in the policy, huge quantity of coal containing high level of sulphur was imported into Bangladesh from Meghalaya, India during the past several years.

The Meghalaya coal contains sulphur ranging two to ten per cent which is very harmful to the environment. According to experts a maximum of one per cent sulphur in coal is permissible under the internationally accepted standard

A special report in this regard was published Sunday on the front page of The Daily

When contacted the CCI & E told this correspondent that all concerned have been informed about the notification and were asked to act accord-

Crimes in Nov

From Page 1 Col 7 near the Airport Railway Station in the city's Kormitola area on November 4. Two. Ansars responsible for the killings were suspended and sent to jail.

Two Dhaka University students were murdered last month. Jannatul Islam Jinnah. a central leader of the ruling BNP's student wing- the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was shot dead on November I on the DU campus as a result of a rivalry between two factions of the JCD. The main accused in the murder case-Sohrab - was arrested and sent to jail. But no arrest was made for the murder of Alok a DU student - who was killed on the BUET campus.

A film actress, Tania Rahman, was arrested for killing her house servant Nayan. Parveen Akhter was murdered reportedly by her husband at Lalbagh, No headway was made in the Parveenmurder case lodged with the Lalbagh police.

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Mostafiz goes to Seoul tomorrow

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman will leave here for Seoul Wednesday to pay a three-day official visit there at the invitation of Foreign Minister of the Republic of Korea. reports UNB. During his stay in Seoul, the

Foreign Minister will call on President of the Republic of Korea Kim Young Sam and hold talks with his counterpart on bilateral, regional and international issues.

He will also co-chair the third meeting of the Joint Commission between Bangladesh and South Korea.

Mostafiz will also visit an industrial complex at Suwon.

Democracy Day

From Page 1 Col 6 presidency following a sustained anti-autocracy move-

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami observed the day through various programmes. The Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami held public railies yesterday marking the fall of autocracy. The BNP will hold its scheduled public meeting this afternoon at the Democracy Square in Gulistan.

Naniarchar incident Probe body starts functioning

By Staff Correspondent

The inquiry commission to investigate into killings at Naniarchar on November 17 has started interviewing the eyewitnesses of the incident.

Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman who heads the commission visited the spot on Saturday for the purpose, says a press release.

2.5 times up

From Page 1 Col 6 liamentary Conference on Population. Poverty and Life Style' yesterday. Dr Barkat-e-Khuda said, the number of crimes reached its peak twice

- in 1974 and again in 1990. The year 1974 coincided with the famine and 1990 with the face of autocracy,' he said.

Dr Khuda concluded by saying that, the incidence of crime was associated with the increasing size of the population, poverty, famine, starvation and disequilibrium in the social and political system.

Barapukuria

From Page 1 Col 7 ject can be started during this dry season', the source added.

When contacted, the Chairman of Petrobangla however, expressed the hope that the implementation process will be initiated before the next mon-

The geologists of Bangladesh discovered the coal reserve of about 303 million tonnes at Barapukuria in Dinajpur district in 1985. Of this reserve, 102 million tennes are recoverable while the production in the mine has been estimated at one million tonnes per year.

এজেন্দের প্রতি বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দি ডেইলী ষ্টার পত্রিকার সম্মানিত এজেন্ট, যাহারা নবেম্বর '১৩ মাসের বিল এবং বকেয়া টাকা পরিশোধ করেন নাই, তাদেরকে চলতি মাসের ১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে নবেম্বর ১৯৩ মাসের বিল ও বক্রো সম্পূর্ণভাবে পরিশোধ করিতে বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে। উল্লেখ্য যে সমস্ত এজেন্ট নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে বিল ও পূর্বের বকেয়া পরিশোধ করিতে ব্যর্থ হইবেন তাদের এজেন্সিতে পত্রিকার স্বাভাবিক সরবরাহ আমাদের একান্ত অনিচ্ছা সত্ত্বেণ্ড বিঘ্লিত হইতে পারে। আপনাদের ব্যবসায়িক সহযোগিতা আমাদের একান্ত কাম্য এখন হইতে সার্কুলেশনের যাবতীয় ব্যাপারে নিম্নসাক্ষরকারীর

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House at ten pm to resume said that the visit would have to vesterday (Sunday) covered on for the whole nation, he reagain at six this evening. be worked out. average the Prime Minister for Industrial lending far behind target

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The Finance Ministry figures also show that Sonali Bank sanctioned Tk 113 crore upto November against Tk 400 crore earmarked for the industrial

credit scheme for 1993-94. During the same period, Janata Bank sanctioned Tk 100 crore out of an annual target of Tk 350 crore, Rupali Bank approved Tk 101 crore against a Tk 200 crore loan portfolio and Agrani Bank sanctioned Tk 98 crore out of Tk 350 crore set

aside for industrial lending. In addition, Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) sanctioned Tk 23 crore against an annual target of Tk 125 crore and Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) approved Tk 8.9 crore as industrial credit upto last month out of Tk 35 crore.

All the banks and financial institutions operating in the country disbarsed Tk 707.31 crore out of a total of Tk 1061.43 crore sanctioned for industrial credit during the previous fiscal year.

The government has expressed concern at the low disbursement level of industrial credit by the banks, which has resulted in a poor rate of investment in the country.

Finance Minister M Saifur

Rahman, on various occasions, has chided the bankers for their inadequate industrial lending programmes and urged them to gear up the investment lending

schemes. Referring to the state-owned banks and financial institutions, the Finance Minister, in a press briefing last week, said: 'I am thoroughly dissatisfied with the (industrial lending) performance of the NCBs. They still have a lot of defects (in their investment lending programmes) and they should improve it, but they also have to be cautions in

selecting investment proposals." Saifur Rahman was also sharply critical of the private sector banks, while noting that they only set aside Tk 125 crore for investment lending during the current fiscal year. They (the private banks) also have a lot of money... the public's de posit has to be invested for productive purposes, he stressed.

In 1992-93, the state-owned banks disbursed Tk 558.26 crore out of Tk 798.65 crore sanctioned as industrial loans: Sonali Bank disbursed Tk 88.63 crore out of Tk 169.84 crore, Janata Bank Tk 114.13 crore against Tk 155.81 crore, Rupali Bank Tk 81.94 crore out of Tk 102.67 crore and Agrani Bank disbursed Tk 164.56 crore out

of Tk 284.27 crore sanctioned as industrial loans. The private sector banks and

financial institutions lent Tk 101.76 crore against a sanction of Tk 203.57 crore as new industrial loans while only three of the six foreign banks disbursed Tk 47.67 crore out of Tk 59.01 crore sanctioned. ANZ Grindlays Bank lent Tk 26.43 crore, Banque Indosuez disbursed Tk 18 crore and Habib Bank disbursed Tk 3.24 crore as industrial credit during the

previous fiscal year. In addition, all banks and financial institutions also disbursed Tk 4805.02 crore as working capital loans last year. The government banks lent Tk 3719.61 crore while those in the private sector disbursed Tk 802.99 crore and the foreign banks lent Tk 353.60 crore as working capital loans.

The reason for the poor industrial lending by the banks is being attributed by banking experts to the huge bad-debt portfolio of the banks and also to the recent steps taken to streamline the lending and accounting procedures under the her. Financial Sector Reform Project. They also added that the

NCBs are comparatively new-

field and, as such, are inexperi-

comers in the industrial lending

enced and continue to remain 'over-cautious.' However, a top executive of a leading NCB was optimistic of achieving this year's target for disbursing industrial loans. We are new in the industrial lending business, but we are learning fast and we hope to achieve this year's target,' he added.

Hasina starts 5-day tour today .

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka this morning on a five-day tour, reports UNB. She will attend the founding anniversary function of

Awami League chief and

lege at Tungipara tomorrow as chief guest. Journalist Rahat Khan, Education and Cultural Affairs Secretary of the party Obaidul Kader, film actress Kabori Sarwar and drama artist

Tarana Halim will accompany

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Col-

she will address a public meeting at Khalishpur in Khulna, to be organised by the local Awami League.

On December 10 (Friday).

forces of autocracy.

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Dec 6: Police arrested 12 activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir last night from a mess.at Shaplabag area of the town and recovered

some lethal weapons. ramdaos, 4 cocktails and a bayonet. The arrested persons

The party wants to win the next polls by using the admin-If voted to power, she said her party would take necessary steps to eradicate illiteracy. Jamaat poverty, and hunger, ensure the availability of agricultural

resolve all problems relating to industries, and educational institutions. Zillur Rahman in his speech told the meeting that Sheikh Hasina would explain at a meeting at Panthapath soon how power would be trans-

inputs at the reduced rate and

fair price of agri-products and

ferred to a care-taker govern-SAMS Kibria criticised the government's foreign policy saying inept handling of bilateral issues resulted in no solution to those. "We cannot devote ourselves to the nationbuilding activities keeping the

bilateral problems unresolved, he said. Bangladesh candidate's getting of only two votes in the FAO DG election was a shame

dia in the same way the autocrats did. On TV's coverage of news, the Opposition leader mentioned, 'Each of the TV news bulletins of 8 and 10 O'clock of