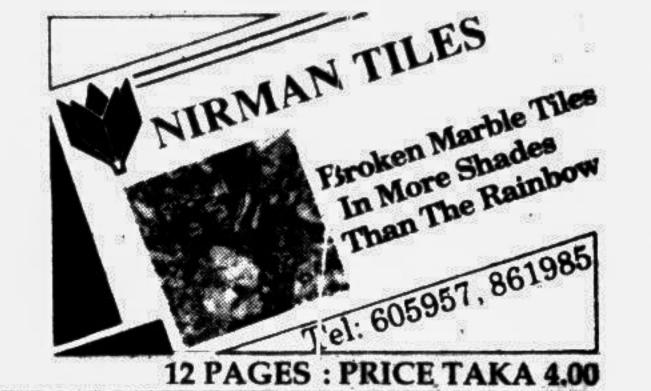
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NEWS BRIEFS

Biswas visits Barisal today

· President Abdur Rahman Biswas will pay a visit to Barisal today. He will attend the reunion ceremony of the Barisal Cadet College there. He is expected to return to the capital in the afternoon, today, re ports BSS.

Hasina returns this morning

Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina will return home this morning after attending the National Breakfast Prayer in the United States, reports UNB.

BNPPP meets today

A meeting of the BNP Parliamentary Party will be held today at 3 pm at Room No 932 in the west block of the Sangsad Bhaban Prime Minis * ter Begum Khaleda Zia will preside over the meeting which is expected to discuss the present political situation of the country and matters re lating to the current session of Parliament reports UNB

No meatless day during Ramadan

There will be no meatless day during the month of Ramadan, a press release of the Dhaka City Corporation said here vesterday. The decision was taken at a meeting between the corporation au thorities and meat traders of Dhaka Saturday. The meeting also fixed the maximum retail price of beef at Taka 60, buffalo meat at Taka 50 and mutton at Taka 95 for the month of Ramadan, reports BSS.

Extortionist killed

MAGURA. Feb 6: Angry

Impasse over appointment of judges may end today

MAGH 25, 1400 BS,

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Meanwhile, hectic parleys continued throughout the day Biswas, in consultation with yesterday as the government the Chief Justice, is likely to interisified its efforts to find sign a revised order today apan amicable solution to the ispointing new judges in the High Court division of the

Supreme Court, according to

The move is expected to

well-placed sources yesterday.

resolve the impasse over the

appointment of nine High

Court judges, against which

the Supreme Court Bar

Association Saturday passed a

resolution urging the Chief

Justice not to conduct their

oaths since the appointments

were made without consulta-

Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, yesterday sought an

audience with the President

and is expected to meet him

The process of repatriation

of the Rohingya refugees, has

slowed down during the last

few months because of inade-

quate logistic support and lack

of coordination among the

agencies concerned, according

of 1,98,335 staying at the

refugee camps in Cox's Bazar

are now waiting to return to

going home from time to time

is very insignificant and if the

slow pace of repatriates con-

tinues, the condition of the

According to sources, the

refugees will worsen further.

But the number of refugees

About 10,000 refugees out

this afternoon.

to sources.

their homeland.

The sources added that

tion with the Supreme Court.

A 14-member delegation of the SC Bar Association called on the President yesterday and presented a memorandum containing the resolutions against the appointments. Led by Dr Kamal Hossain,

vice-chairman of the Bar Council, members of the delegation included Barrister Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed, S R Pal, Kazi Golam Mahboob, President of the SC Bar, Barrister KS Nabi and Sudhansu Shekhar Halder.

The meeting was held in a very frank and cordial atmosphere and the delegation requested the President to use his good offices to resolve the

Lack of logistic support slows

down Rohingya repatriation

By Sohel Manzur

last batch of only 107 refugees

returned to Myanmar on

January 31 this year while the

group repatriated in late

December comprised only 20

Nations High Commissioner

for Refugees (UNHCR), said.

the commission has been try-

ing to develop a mechanism

for quick repatriation of the

Rohingya refugees and their

reintegration in their home-

straints hindering the repatri-

ation of the refugees had been

*removed with the signing of

the memorandum of under-

He said, the major con-

An official of the United

refugees

impasse, said Barrister Ishtiaque Ahmed. We came back with the feeling that the President would use his good offices to resolve the issue.

The lawyers delegation also met the judges at the Supreme Court and apprised them about the resolutions of both the association and the Bar Council regarding the appointments.

Meanwhile, a Full Court meeting was held yesterday. presided by the Chief Justice to discuss the issue. The delegation also called on Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali.

We conveyed our views and (the Speaker) assured us of his personal initiative regarding the issue, Barrister Ahmed

The bar association also sought a meeting with Prime See Page 12 Col 3

standing (MOU) with the

Myanmar government in

November last year. The rea-

sons delaying the repatriation

are inadequate logistic support

for the returnees, lack of co-

ordination among the UNHCR

Myanmar and Bangladesh and

in some cases, the refusal of

the refugees to return to their

number of things needed to be

coordinated while organising

the repatriation of refugees.

The UNHCR official said, a

First, the refugees them-

selves are to decide that they

would return. Then the

Bangladesh officials send the

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homeland.

SAARC chamber meet begins today

The inaugural ceremony of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, an association of apex chambers of seven SAARC countries, organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) will be held today at 9:30 am at the Sonargaon Hotel, reports

SAARC Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will attend the function as the chief guest.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, SAARC Secretary General Yadav Kant Silwal and President of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) S M Inam will also address the inaugural session.

FBCCI President Mahbubur Rahman, who is also a Vice President of the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman of the See Page 12 Col 5

\$38m needed for resettlement

YANGON, Feb 6: A voluntary repatriation programme for more than 250,000 Myanmar Muslims is "likely to become a reality," but needs an estimated 38 million US dollars to get off the ground, a UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) official said Saturday.

But Werner Blatter, UNHCR Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, told AFP the funds to resettle Muslims who fled to Bangladesh in late 1991 would only cover returning the refugees.

An additional 16.2 million dollars would be needed to cover the care and maintenance costs of the refugees while in Bangladesh.

More than 50,000 Myanmar Muslims, known as Rohingyas, were repatriated to the end of See Page 12 Col 2



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who is also the Chancellor of the University of Chittagong, addressing the first convocation of the University yesterday. - PID photo

PM tells CU convocation

Evolve education system suiting needs of nation

bodies underway

By Special Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 6: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said the country today needs an education system sulting the needs of an independent nation, reports UNB.

The existing system should be freed from the influence of colonialism, she said.

She was addressing the first-ever convocation in 27 years of history of the Chittagong University today conferring graduate, post-graduate and doctorate degrees on more than 72,865 students.

Chancellor of universities Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, attired in a blue gown, led the Chancellor procession on the campus marking the

The formulation of a new

law to streamline the registra-

tion procedure and monitoring

the activities of voluntary or-

ganisations of the country is

According to well-placed

sources, a working group

headed by a high government

officials is now giving final

touches to the draft of an Act

prepared for the purpose on

which a report will be submit-

ted to the higher authorities

all the four existing laws re-

lated to the voluntary organisa-

tions while the new law will be

implemented through one

The new Act will replace

now under process.

The programme began with

recitation from the Holy Quran followed by observance of oneminute silence to pay respect to the martyrs of the Liberation War and the democratic movement.

Announcing the convocation ceremony open, the Chancellor conferred graduate, postgraduate and doctorate degrees on the students of arts, science, commerce, social science, law and medicine faculties of different sessions between 1968 and 1982.

Begum Zia said her government had given importance to primary education, women's See Page 12 Col 8.

agency, said the source.

The government has taken

the move to enact the new Act

since, the authorities believe

that the activities of the volun-

tary organisations should be

controlled by a single agency

under a consolidated law to

suit present-day requirement.

the voluntary organisations are:

The Societies' Registration Act

1860. The Voluntary Social

Welfare Agencies (Registration

and Control) Ordinance 1961.

The Foreign Donation (Volun-

tary Activities) Regulation

Ordinance 1978, and The

Foreign Ponation (Voluntary

Sec Page 12 Col 6

The existing four laws about

Six expelled Mir Nasiruddin convener of BNP Ctg city unit

Mír Nasiruddin Ahmed has been made convener of Chittagong Metropolitan Committee of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), a party press release said here last night, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the National Standing Committee of the BNP held here Saturday. As per an earlier decision of the Standing Committee, the Chittagong Metropolitan Committee of the BNP was dissolved.

In another resolution, the press release said, the Standing Committee expelled Advocate Badrul Anwar, Ekramul Karim, Mohammad Nazim Uddin, Rafiqui Islam Khokan, A H Baker Hashem and Jasim Uddin (Madarbari) from the

Their party memberships have also been cancelled.

DCC repolling: No enthusiasm among voters

By Staff Correspondent

Repolling in 28 centres of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) elections is apparently failing to create enthusiasm among the voters of the respective areas. . Apart from the Awami

League, no other party or individual seem to be serious in canvassing in the city areas. where repolling would be held on February 9. The Election Commission

had postponed voting in 25 centres and cancelled the results of three other centres under 10 wards following acts of violence in those polling centres during the January 30 DCC elections.

Since Saturday, the AL leaders and workers had been See Page 12 Col 1

New law for voluntary Dhaka condemns Sarajevo carnage Bangladesh yesterday ex-

pressed its shock at the news of the unprovoked killing of unarmed men, women and children in a shell fire on an open market in Sarajevo Saturday, reports BSS. Bangladesh strongly con-

demns this inhuman and barbaric attack and calls upon the international community to bring this carnage and savagery in Bosnia-Herzegovina to an end without further loss of

The people of Bangladesh are appalled by the lack of convincing response of the global community to the massive and systematic violation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Policies (UN-JCGP) at the International Conference Centre (ICC) in Dhaka yesterday. UN-JCGP meet highlights

and perspectives of the ecocountry were highlighted yes on Policies (UN-JCGP) now being held here, reports BSS.

Fawzi H al-Sultan

Members of Parliament, po-, weeklies, representatives of

State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan addressed the session as the co-chairper-

ing development issues were made at the session by Planning Secretary Dr Harunur Rashid, member of the Planning Commission M Mokammel Huq. ERD Sec. retary Mohammad Lutfullahil Majid and Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Kamaluddin

human rights and the arms

build-up by India and Pakistan

as the causes of heightening

tions and culture deeply

rooted in the region. Prof.

Shelton U. Kodikara, Director,

Regional Centre for Strategic

Studies (olombo told the

steps to eradicate hunger

powerty and illiteracy from the

right by resolving conflicts

ter A S M Mostafizur Rahman

inaugurated the seminar with a

Bangladesh Foreign Minis

The participants called for

"It is a conflict of civilisa

tension in South Asia

seminar

Siddiquee.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presiding over the high level meeting of the United Nations Joint Consultative Group on

Dr Harun-ur-Rashid made a presentation on "An overview of and priorities in economic and social development including poverty reduction and employment.

presentation on "An overview of an priorities in sustainable human development: Children women, population, health education and environment" Lutfullahil Majid's presenta

tion was on "Lessons of evolving relationship with aid donors" while Dr Kamaluddin Siddiquee made a presentation of Disaster mitigation and management.

In his opening statement Saifur Rahman welcomed the See Page 12 Col 3

call to strengthen cooperation

at both bilateral and regional

levels for better and effective

can function as a catalyst in

sustainable development in

South Asia and create confi-

dence among the nations in

scope of mutual benefit from

the exchange of ideas and ex-

periences of reforms particu-

larly economic reforms, being

experimented by the countries

But he said tensions in in

ter state relations continue to

He said there was enormous

this region. Mostafiz said

"I have no doubt the SAARC

inter state relations.

of the region

Gunmen snatch Tk 10 lakh in Ctg

The driver of the car and another inmate were injured following gunshots made by the snatchers to stop the vehicle which was carrying the money from a business house for depositing with a nearby bank, police and witnesses

ately admitted to the Chitta gong Medical College Hospital According to police the gunmen after snatching the money fled by a motor cycle.

Police seize goods from Aziz's shop

By Staff Correspondent Police yesterday raided the

shop owned by the main suspect of the post-poll carnage at Lalbagh in the city and confiscated the property. At around 2:30 yesterday.

the police carried out the raid at Begumbazar and seized a huge number of polythene bags worth Tk 75,000, chocolates and telephone sets. The shop reportedly belonged to Abdul Aziz, a defeated commissioner candidate who is alleged to have led the armed attack that resulted in the death of six persons on January 31.

Earlier, police confiscated the property of 16 other accused following the order of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Dhaka The main accused Abdul Aziz is still at

Meanwhile, police arrested See Page 12 Col 8

60 houses gutted in city slum

By Staff Correspondent

A fire broke out in a low-ly ing slum area in the city early Sunday morning leaving some 60 houses gutted and 20 persons injured.

Fire Service sources said. the fire originated from a burning mosquito coil in a katcha house at South Begunbari near the Tongi Diversion control by 2:45 am.

The cause and extent of damage in the fire could not be instantly ascertained.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সরকারী, স্বায়ন্তশাসিত এবং অর্ধ-স্বায়ন্তশাসিত সংস্থার কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীপণ কর্তৃক আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল প্রসংগে। জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের পরিপত্র নং-২ ।৮। ৮৯/আইটি ।৪।/৭৩

তারিখঃ ১৫/১/৭৪ইং এর সহিত পঠিত পরিপত্র নং-৫ (আয়কর)/৯৩ ভারিখ - ২৩-৯-৯৩ইং অনুযায়ী সরকারী কর্মকর্তা/ কর্মচারীদিগের বেতনের আয়ের উপর প্রদেয় আয়কর সরকার কর্তক পরিশোধিত বলিয়া বিবেচিত হইবে। ইহা ছাড়া বিভিন্ন সায়ন্তশাসিত এবং অর্ধ-স্বায়ন্তশাসিত সংস্থার কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীর বেতনের উপর প্রদেয় আয়কর নিয়োগকারী কর্তক প্রদন্ত হইয়া থাকে। কিন্তু ইহার অর্থ এই নহে যে, সরকারী/স্বায়ন্তশাসিত/ অর্থ-সায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদিশের বেতনের আয় করমুক্ত অথবা তাহাদিগকে আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করিতে হইবে না। অথচ লক্ষ্য করা গিয়াছে যে, অনেক সরকারী, স্বায়ন্তশাসিত এবং অর্থ-সায়ন্তশাসিত সংস্থাব কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারী তাহাদেব বেতনের সায় করযোগ্য সীমার উধে থাক। সত্তেও আয়কব বিটার্ন দাখিল করেন না যাহা স্পষ্টতঃই আয়কর আইনের পরিপত্তী। প্রকৃতপক্ষে সরকারী/স্বায়**তশাসিত/** অর্ধ-স্বায়ন্ত্রশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের যে স্বকল কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীর মোট আয় কর্যোগা সীমার উংধর্ম হইবে।বর্তমান কর বর্ষের জন্য এই সীমা টাঃ ৫০,০০০/=। আয়কর আইন অনুযায়ী সাইকর বিটার্ন দাখিল করা তাঁহাদের সকলের জনা বাধাতামূলক। অনুরূপ কোন কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারী যদি আয়ক্ব বিটার্ন দাখিল কবিতে বার্থ হন তাহা হইলে আয়ক্র আইন অনুযায়ী ভাঁহাব উপৰ জবিমানা আরোপের বিধানও প্রয়োজা হইবে।

এমতাবস্থায়, স্বকাবী / সায্তশাসিত / মধ্- সায্তশাসিত সংস্থার সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল কৰ্মকৰ্তা/কৰ্মচাবীকে এই মাৰ্ম অনুৰোধ কৰা যাই তেছে যে, তহিদেব মোট আয় যদি কৰ যোগা সীমাৱ উংধ্ব হয় তাহা হইলে ভহিারা যেন যথাসময়ে আংকব বিটান দাখিল করেন।

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড DFP (G) 2109 1/2 G-208

people of Srikundi village in Sadar thana hacked to death a young man as he allegedly demanded toll from a rich man of the village today. Police said Muki Rahman, 30, of the village Parla of Sadar thana was attacked and hacked by the villagers when he went to the village for collecting toll, reports

priorities of economic uplift

Achievements, priorities nomic development of the terday at a presentation on the Development Issues of Bangladesh in connection with the high-level meeting of the UN-Joint Consultative Group

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presided over the session attended by the heads of the UN-JCGP group -Administrator of UNDP James G Speth. Executive Director of UNICEF James P Grant. Executive Director of UNFPA Dr Nafis Sadik, Executive Director of WFP Ms Catherine Beruni and President of IFAD

More than 50 political sci

entists, researchers and politi-

cians from South Asia began

deliberations in Dhaka yester

day to identify new areas of co-

operation and also the poten

tial conflicts that often heigh

international seminar on "Sou-

th Asia at the Crossroads

Conflict and Cooperation." the

participants identified Kash-

mir. communal riots in India

the separatist movement in

the Punjab the Muhajir issue

in Pakistan, the ethnic con-

flicts in Shri Lanka, the water

sharing issues, violation of

At the opening session of an

ten tension in the region.

litical leaders senior officials. economists, researchers, editors of the national dailies and NGOs and business leaders also attended the session, held at the International Conference Centre auditorium.

Four presentations of lead

By Staff Correspondent

Mokammel Huq made a

Chaired by Barrister A K M Morshed, chairman, Board of Governors Bangladesh Institute of international and Strategic Studies (BIISS), the inaugural session was also addressed by BIISS Director General Maj Gen Ghulam

impede the process of coop-

sented at the inaugural session. BIISS research director Dr. keynote paper

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From Staff Correspondent

- PID photo

CHITTAGONG, Feb & Three gunmen in a 'film-style' robbery this morning snatched Tk 10,80,000 after intercepting a running car in front of the Chittagong Medical College

Hospital.

The injured were immediately chitta

Police rushed to the spot but none has been arrested so far A case was filed with Panchlaish thana

Experts identify roots of tension in S Asia

Quader Some six papers were pre-

Iftekharuzzaman presented the The other papers presented are "South Asia at the Cross

Road at Moghbazar at around 1:15 am. The fire brigade personnel rushed to the scene and brought the blaze under