

Inside Today

Article

A House of
Millionaires: Is this
the Kind of Parlia-
ment We Fought
for?

Column: On The Record
by Shah A M S Kibria
Page 4

International

PLO seeks urgent UN
meet to condemn
Hebron massacre



US-born doctor Baruch Goldstein who gunned down 58 Palestinians inside the mosque in Hebron, West Bank

DPRK to allow N-sites
inspections from
March 1.
Page 5

Business

WB director appreciates
economic reforms
IMF backs US demand
for tax cut in Japan
Pages 6, 7

Living

A Breathtaking Perfor-
mance with Spheres;
Make-it-Yourself Face
Masks; What an Engage-
ment Entails; Cookery;
China and Earthenware
Page 8

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



Winter's Mixed
Offers
Page 3

Sehri, Iftar timings

Rmdn	Feb	Sehri	Iftar
15	27	—	6:04 pm
16	28	5:02 am	6:04 pm
17	Mar 1	5:01 am	6:05 pm

\$8.5m interest-free project aid
**China reaffirms support for
economic development**

China will continue its support to Bangladesh's efforts for economic development, reports UNB.

The assurance came from the visiting Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, when he called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday afternoon.

Qian lauded the development programmes of the present government under the leadership of Begum Zia. "Bangladesh in the last three years has marked significant progress," he said.

The Chinese Vice Premier hoped that Bangladesh would continue its economic progress and attain stability under the able leadership of Begum Zia.

Pointing at the traditional

friendship between China and Bangladesh, he said efforts would continue to further consolidate the relationship.

"The two countries can supplement each other in investment and development of industrial sector," he added.

Attaching importance to the activities of SAARC, Qian recalled that the organisation was mooted by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman for poverty alleviation and economic emancipation of the people of the region.

Welcoming the Chinese leader, Begum Zia said the excellent and friendly relation between the two countries would be consolidated further.

Begum Zia lauded the present economic progress of China.

She thanked China for its

assistance to different development efforts of Bangladesh and said its cooperation in different sectors is appreciable.

The Prime Minister, however, pointed at the trade imbalance against Bangladesh and stressed the need for improving the situation.

Qian, who arrived here Thursday leading a 14-member delegation on a four-day visit, was accompanied by his wife Madame Zhou Hanqiong.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostaftor Rahman was also present.

Project aid

Bangladesh and China yesterday signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement under which China will

See Page 12 Col 6



The visiting Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday.

— PID photo

**Palestinians defy curfew to
mourn dead: 3 more killed**

HEBRON, West Bank, Feb 26: The people of Hebron defied curfew to mourn their dead today and reacted stoically to news Israeli soldiers had killed three more Arabs in protests against the mosque massacre, reports Reuter.

Every neighbourhood in this town of 110,000 was dotted with rows of plastic stools for mourners, who passed from house to house to offer condolences to 49 families who lost relatives in Friday's slaughter at the cave of the patriarchs and its aftermath.

Soldiers and armed Jewish settlers patrolled the narrow streets to enforce a curfew but they did not break up the Palestinian wakes.

The settlers were supposed

to be confined by the army to their five settlements in the Hebron area but they walked with Uzi sub-machineguns alongside soldiers.

Protests against the killings continued in the occupied territories and spread to the Arab towns of Jaffa and Nazareth inside Israel on Saturday.

The imam, unable to lead prayers in his mosque, joined mourners at Wakes within sight of the imposing Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba home to Goldstein the killer.

Mourners, including local PLO leader Mohammad Hourani, said the peace hoped to negotiate would never come until such settle-

ments were cleared. "The killing has shown that the way we are negotiating with the Israelis cannot go on," Hourani said, his remarks twice punctuated by the popping of Israeli tear gas canisters fired at stonethrowers. "We have agreed to an interim phase in which the settlers can stay ... that means they can go on killing us and the peace."

"This is the peace we are having with Israel?" asked Sharban Natsche, who lost a brother and two other relatives in the mosque.

Meanwhile, the Arab League will hold an emergency meeting on Sunday to discuss the Hebron Mosque massacre at the request of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Local fishermen told reporters Myanmar's border guards in two modern trawlers attacked the fishermen at Peradun area at about 3 pm while they were fishing in the Bay.

In a statement the Prime Minister expressed concern that the barbarous carnage of the Palestinians by the Jewish settlers could make the Middle East peace process more complex.

See Page 12 Col 6

**State honour for all
FFs demanded**

By Staff Correspondent

The contributions of the late freedom fighter Abdul Kuddus Makhan to the liberation of the country were recalled with gratitude at a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday afternoon.

One of the organisers of the independence movement Makhan died of viral hepatitis at a US hospital on February 10.

The Abdul Kuddus Makhan Shock Palon Jatiya Committee organised the meeting.

Former student leaders

See Page 12 Col 8

OBITUARY



With deep sorrow we inform that our beloved founder Chairman Hamidur Rahman Sinha (84) breathed his last on Friday 25 February 1994 at 8.30 P.M. at his Utara residence. (Inna lillahi....rajeun). His namaj-e-janaza will be held today Sunday at 10 A. M. at Abahani ground, Dhanmondi and his body will be buried at the family graveyard of his village home Dohuri, Kalma, Lauhajang, P.S., Munshiganj following Janaza after Zohar prayer at local Eidgah. His Kul Khawani will be held on Monday 28 February 1994 at the company's head office at 46 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. May Allah rest his soul in eternal peace.

All members of ACME family.



The ACME Laboratories Ltd.

\$8.5m interest-free project aid

**China reaffirms support for
economic development**

**A laudable
precedent**

By Staff Correspondent
Visiting Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen meets Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at 9:30 am today.

Qian will call on the Leader of the Opposition at her Sangsab Bhaban office. Top ranking leaders of the Awami League will also be present at the meeting.

AL sources said. Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad, general secretary Zillur Rahman, member of the Advisory Council A H M S Kibria and the party's international affairs secretary Abul Hasan Chowdhury MP will be present at the meeting with Qian Qichen.

The Chinese Foreign Minister is virtually meeting the core of the Awami League shadow cabinet," a senior AL leader pointed out.

See Page 12 Col 8

Body to look into 'anomalies'

**Order upgrading pay
scales withheld**

The government has decided to withhold effect to the Finance Ministry order issued on January 8 upgrading pay scales of some cadre and equivalent non-cadre posts, reports UNB.

A Press Note from the Establishment Ministry yesterday said the government had circulated an order upgrading pay scales of 9 cadres and some equivalent non-cadre posts on January 8. Later, officers of other BCS cadres and organisations of non-cadre officers also appealed for their upgradation.

Even those cadre and non-cadre scale holders who had earlier been upgraded also said their grievances were not fully redressed.

"Keeping this in view," the Press Note said, "it is necessary to find an equitable and

comprehensive solution to the so-called anomalies among all the cadre and non-cadre scales through a thorough review."

For review of the matters a high-power committee has been formed, which will submit its recommendations to the government within three months.

The government hoped that all concerned would show maximum restraint and patience for ensuring justice to all and in greater interest of the country and make their valuable contribution in smooth running of the government's administrative machinery.

The government had announced upgradation of pay scales of 9 cadre and non-cadre posts in the face of

See Page 12 Col 8

Accord on aid
for JMB, jute
sector signed

WASHINGTON, Feb 26: Bangladesh will get an assistance of 447 million US dollar (equivalent to Taka 1,780 crore) from the International Development Association (IDA) for construction of the Jamuna Bridge and restructuring of the jute manufacturing industry, reports BSS.

Two agreements were signed here yesterday between the government of Bangladesh and the IDA in this regard.

IDA, which is an affiliate of the World Bank, lends on concessional terms to selected developing countries.

H M Ejazul Huq, Economic Minister of Bangladesh, was in Washington, and Govind T Nankani, Acting Vice President, South Asia region, World Bank, signed the agreements on behalf of their respective sides.

IDA will provide 200 million US dollar for the proposed

See Page 12 Col 7

Corruptions
Speaker's ruling
today

By Staff Correspondent

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali is likely to give a ruling in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) today on the opposition demand for a discussion on the reported corruptions of cabinet ministers.

A long-pending Bill seeking the setting up of a separate secretariat for the Jatiya Sangsad is also most likely to be moved in the House today. Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah, who is now in charge of the Parliamentary Affairs Ministry, would move the bill.

Three opposition MPs, including Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim of the Awami League (AL) and Suranjit Sengupta of the Ganatantri Party (GP) had submitted notices last week seeking adjournment of the normal proceedings of the

See Page 12 Col 7

**Repolling in
three city
centres
on Mar 3**

Re-election for the posts of mayor and commissioners will be held on March 3 in three centres of Ward No 57 of Dhaka City Corporation, according to an Election Commission press release here yesterday.

The re-election in the three centres was postponed due to a court injunction.

Election Commission yesterday directed the Returning Officer and Deputy Election Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Dhaka to hold re-election in the three centres. The centres are: 479-University Laboratory School and College, 480-University Laboratory School Annex Building, Dhaka University, the press release added.

"If the mayors and commissioners elect of the four city corporations are to take their oaths simultaneously, then the swearing in of the elected mayors and commissioners of the country's four cities is most likely to take place a couple of days before the Eid-ul-Fitr, according to Election Commission (EC) sources.

The oath-taking is being delayed as the results of the Dhaka City Corporation polls have not been announced officially.

The Election Commission wants to conduct the oath-taking of the public representatives of the four cities simultaneously to maintain a uniform tenure, the sources said with this end in view, the EC is now waiting for official results of the DCC polls.

"If the mayors and commissioners elect of the four city corporations are to take their

See Page 12 Col 1

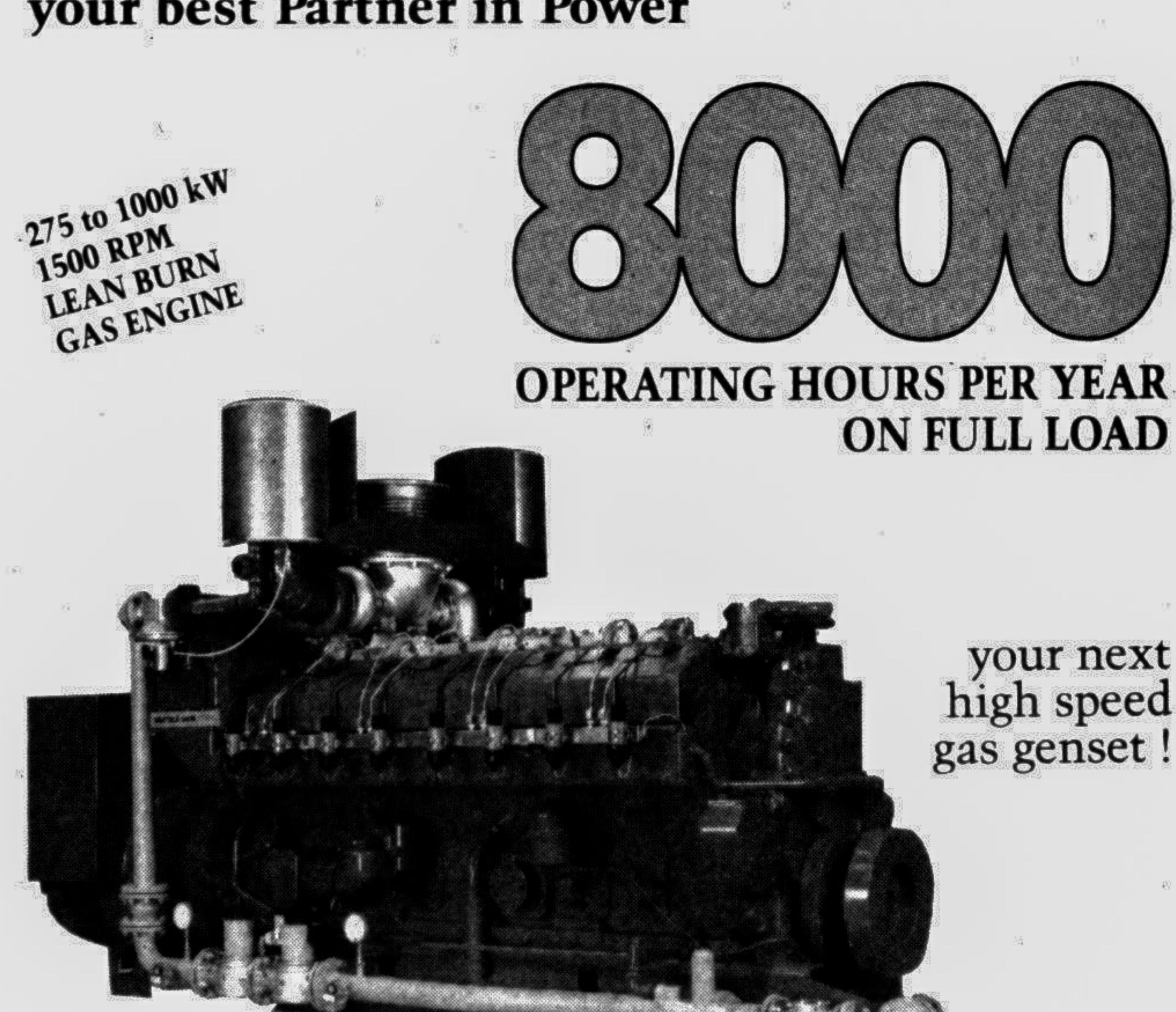
operating added.

The official declaration of the DCC polls is likely to take another 10 to 12 days.

The schedule for repolling in three DCC centres, where voting was cancelled earlier

See Page 12 Col 7

**WÄRTSILÄ SACM DIESEL
your best Partner in Power**



LOW INVESTMENT COSTS

EASY INSTALLATION

LOW OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE COSTS

DISTRIBUTOR IN BANGLADESH

HASSAF ASSOCIATES LTD.

A MEMBER OF MOHAMMAD GROUP

93 MOTIJHEEL COMMERCIAL AREA, 2ND FLOOR, DHAKA 1000, BANGLADESH

PHONE 231180, 862687, 246452, TELEX 64258 MAL B, FAX 880 2 863631