Dhaka on May 18.

A five-member Yangon

delegation headed by Minister

of Trade Lt General Tun Kyi

arrives in Chittagong today to

sign the protocol, the first of

its kind between Bangladesh

day stay in Chittagong, will ar-

rive in the capital to sign the

agreement and meet senior of-

capital, the delegation is likely

PARBATIPUR(Dinajpur).

May 11: Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia today underlined

the need for a strong armed

forces for consolidating the na-

tional independence and said

her government had laid im-

portance on protecting the

country's independence side

by side with its economic de-

Mahbub Cantonment at Par-

economic development, build-

ing of the infrastructure and a

strong armed force to consoli-

date the country's hard-earned

Jativa Sangsad yesterday

passed the Parliament Secre-

tariat Bill 1994, discussion on

which was deferred thrice in

the past to accommodate

other bills on the day by voice

Parliament were still boy-

cotting the current session to

early general election under a

the Parliament Secretariat Bill,

will have its own independent

press home the demand for an

The JS, with the passage of

The bill provides that a five-

member body, headed by the

Speaker, will decide the ways

The House also passed two

The Opposition parties in

Opposition views on it.'

caretaker government.

secretariat.

batipur here she said it needed

Inaugurating the Shaheed

velopment, reports BSS.

PM opens new cantt

at Parbatipur

The delegation, after a two-

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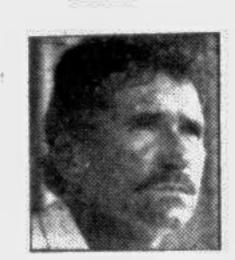
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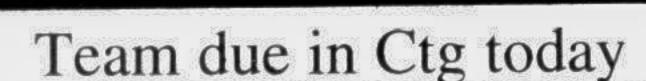
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PM becomes BAU Chancellor

The President has given the charge of the Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University to the Prime Minster as provided under the Section 3(2) of the Bangladesh Agricultural University Act, 1961, an official handout said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Sec 144 in Rangunia

CHITTAGONG, May 11; Authorities imposed the Section 144 for an indefinite period on the Raojarhat Club Maidan area in Rangunia thana as the Chhatra League (M-I) and Jamaate-Islami convened meetings there at the same time, reports UNB.



Border trade accord with Yangon May 18

By M Anwarul Haq

to meet the President, Prime Economic and trade links Minister, Foreign Minister and between Bangladesh and the ministers of industries. Myanmar will have a new dimension following the signing commerce and communicaof a border trade agreement in

The team will also call on Dr Yunus of the Grameen Bank and visit some of the bank's

The border trade agreement, to be signed by the Myanmar Minister of Trade and Bangladesh Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam, will initially be valid for one year but will be automatically renewed annually unless any side ficials. During its stay in the objects.

The agreement will primar-

The cantonment has been

named after Shaheed Captain

Mahbubur Rahman, Bir Uttam,

who died in a front-fight with

the occupation forces in Sylhet

during the war of indepen-

pressed her happiness for be-

ing able to attend the opening

respect to the martyred

heroes of the Liberation War

ceremony of the cantonment.

The Prime Minister ex-

Begum Zia paid her deep

ily allow the sale and purchase of goods between the two countries via the Teknaf border of Bangladesh and the Maungdaw region of Myanmar located in the Rakhaine state.

Trade will be carried by maritime transports across the Naaf River. Special ferry arrangements will be made for

According to officials, the agreement would generate employment opportunities for the people living in the border areas of the two countries.

After the agreement, trade between the respective zones See Page 12 Col 6

Technology-based pisciculture stressed

PARBATIPUR (Dinajpur) May 11: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today underlined the need for expanding modern technology-based pisciculture for exploiting the sector's potential for earning huge for-

Export earning from the sector was Tk 700 crore last year and it may run up to Tk 1.000 crore in the current year, the Prime Minister said while inaugurating here this afternoon an ambitious model fisheries project, the Northwestern Fisheries Extension

including Shaheed Mahbub. Besides safeguarding the See Page 12 Col 3

Parliament Sectt Bill passed

By Staff Correspondent

of running the secretariat. The

members of the body will be

one nominee each of the

Leader of the House and Lea-

der of the Opposition and two

representatives of the Ministry

of Finance and the Ministry of

Law, Justice and Parliamentary

the bill, rejected by voice vote

some amendments to the pro-

posed law moved earlier by

Abdur Rob Chowdhury of the

MPs withdrew their proposed

amendments while those of

three others were not consid-

ered because they were not

Discussion on the Parlia-

Four other treasury bench

treasury bench.

present at that time.

The House, before passing

eign exchange, reports UNB.

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ment Secretariat Bill had been

deferred three times since it

was introduced in the House

during the winter session of

Parhament last year.

in Dhaka yesterday. The cruise in the Tokyo Bay was arranged in honour of the See Page 12 Col 1 Use of SPA against

Hasina urges

Hata to

increase

investment

Japanese Prime Minister

Tsutomo Hata has assured

continued cooperation and as-

sistance to Bangladesh in its

development efforts, reports

Opposition leader Sheikh

Hasina had an exclusive meet-

ing with the Japanese Premier

during a river cruise in the

Tokyo Bay Tuesday night, ac-

cording to a message received

The assurance came when

By Staff Correspondent

The recent arrest of four senior officials of the country's biggest joint venture (lishing company, Sea Resources Ltd., under the Special Powers Act has shocked the business

Several leauting entrepreneurs of the country, on condition of anonymity, told The Daily Star that the normal law of the land should be applied in case of any company violating the country's legal

They said under no circumstances should a black law', which was the main instrument of oppression during See Page 12 Col 1

Irrigation Ministry

Tofael shows 'documents of corruption'

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed MP yesterday came up with what he claimed to be "documents of anomalies and corruption" in the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Development and alleged that the minister concerned is directly involved in the irregularities.

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina seen with Japanese Prime

Minister Tsutumo Hata at a dinner in Tokyo. Prime Minister Hata hosted the party in honour

of the foreign delegations to the Socialist International Conference.

"I have no other option but to hold this press conference as I failed to submit these documents to the Special Parliamentary Committee or to

the Speaker," Tofael said, flanked by Opposition Chief Whip

Mohammad Nasim.

Tofael alleged that the Dhaka Integrated Flood Protection Project was delayed by about a year as the minister wanted to appoint the second-ranking firm from among the bidders as the local consultant in violation of the decision of a 9 member committee empowered to select the consulting

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protest with New Delhi Dhaka has lodged protest with New Delhi against violation of Bangladesh's airspace by Indian jet fighter on Mon-A Foreign Office spokesman told UNB yesterday, the pro-

test note has been delivered to the Indian High Commission in Indian fighter planes made two sorties on Monday night, flying one kilometre into the

country's airspace over Burimari land port area, creating panic among the local people and construction workers of a Earlier, Indian Air Force planes violated the Bangladesh airspace over the loop channel

project undertaken to protest the land port from erosion by the Dharala river. India denied the charge.

Striking teachers stage sit-in countrywide

By Staff Correspondent

The striking teachers of non-government educational institutions in and around the capital yesterday staged an eight-hour sit-in the Central Shaheed Minar premises. The Central Liaison Com-

mittee of the striking teachers organised the sit-in as part of its on-going agitation to press home their demands including implementation of the national pay-scale for private schools and colleges. Liaison committee leader

Prof M A Rab Mia said, similar See Page 12 Col 3

Eid-ul-Azha May 22

The holy Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated throughout the country on May 22, an Islamic Foundation press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Nacional Moonsighting Committee held at the Islamic Foundation with the committee vice-president and acting Additional Secretary of the Religious Affairs Ministry in the chair.

The meeting, after detailed discussion on the reports received from various parts of

the country, decided that the new moon was not sighted yesterday in any part of the country. Accordingly, the month of Zilhaj will be counted from Friday next and Eid-ul-Azha will be celebrated on May 22, 23 and 24.

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Works Minister Rafiqui Islam Miah, who moved the bill on behalf of the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Micommunity nister and requested the Chair

to defer discussion on it three times to 'accommodate Opposition views on the issue' vesterday told the House, 'it would have been better to pass the bill with the Opposition present in the House.'

'But we are left with no option but to adopt the bill today since the Opposition did not return to the House after de-See Page 12 Col 7

company disturbs business circles

procedures.

Thai envoy casts doubts over future jt ventures By Staff Correspondent Chittagong involving Sea Re-

Thai Ambassador to Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyameth vesterday expressed serious concern about future investments in Bangladesh. The ambassador, during a

courtesy call on A Rob Chowdhury, President of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce & Industry at the latter's office, told the DCCI chief that "the Thai investors who had already invested their capital in Bangladesh in joint ventures are no longer interested to continue and stay back for such projects."

A DCCI press release yesterday said the ambassador pointed to a recent incident in

ture trawling company. The Sea Resources Limited is one of the country's biggest exporters of white-fish, earn-

sources Limited, a joint ven-

ing huge foreign exchange and doing business with a good reputation for long. News of the recent incident involving the company reported in the national newspapers, said that senior Directors of the company had been taken

into custody. The Thai Ambassador, during his discussions with the DCCI chief, mentioned that while legal procedures should

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Power policy for private sector suggested

Participants in the International forum on private investment in the power sector in Bangladesh yesterday stressed the need for immediate formulation and announcement of a power policy for the private sector.

They also suggested that the public sector power infrastructure should undergo reforms to compete with private power companies in terms of efficiency and performance in the future.

Two sessions of the forum vesterday were presided over by USAID Director in Bangladesh Richard M Brown and journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury.

Senior representative of a state electricity board of India SB Kulkarni presented a paper on "composition of task force by government of Maharastra to monitor progress of Dabhol project" and S Rajgopal. former cabinet secretary and power secretary of India, presented a paper on "private

By Staff Correspondent sector in power, the Indian

experience' at the first session. Acting executive vice president of national development finance corporation (NDFC) of Pakistan Mohammad Ali

"the experience of the NDFC" at the second session. Military Secretary to the President Major General Ghulam Mowla, DESA Chairman Amanul Islam Chowdhury and President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry Latifur Rahman and

Secretary General of BFUJ

Amanullah Kabir were discus-

Shaikh presented a paper on

Rajgopal said that India had to resort to private investment not only because of the donors' pressure but pressure from small investors and consumers

"India needs 6000" mw of power per year for the next 15 years and funding of it by the government alone is not possi-

ble." he added. On power See Page 12 Col 8



Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto (R) embraces Winnie Mandela as they met in Soweto yesterday. - AFP photo

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Property worth Tk 525 cr destroyed by cyclone By Masud Hasan Khan

Property and infrastructure worth Tk 525 crore were destroyed by the cyclone that mauled seven thanas and off-

shore islands in Cox's Bazar district on May 2. Cox's Bazar district control room officials yesterday released a report on the damage to different sectors by the May

2 cyclone. The officials reached over telephone from Dhaka said crops on 30.856 hectares of land were destroyed by the cyclone. The 'damage in terms of money was estimated at Tk

50 crore 84 lakh.

Roads under the local Roads

and Highways Department were also damaged. Total damage was estimated at Tk one crore and 34 lakh. Ninety kilometeres of road

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Forest resources worth Taka 200 crore were destroyed by the cyclone, the of ficials said. However, they could not say how many acres of forest land were damaged.

and 83 bridges and culverts under the district Local Government Engineering Department were damaged. putting the figure to Tk 1.34