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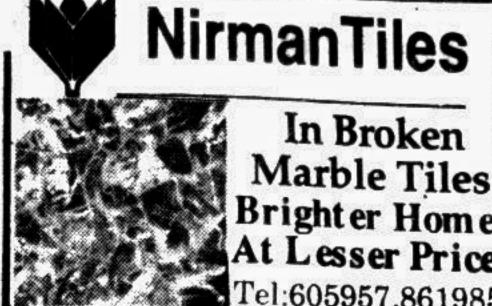
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### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Lightning kills one in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, May 26: One person was killed and another three were injured seriously by lightning in village Halidani under sadar thana this afternoon. Four day labourers took shelter in a shallow machine shade when heavy rains started there. A lightning struck them and a day labourer died on the spot. Three others received serious injuries. they were rushed to Halidhani health complex.

#### VCs, Sircar talk campus situation

Vice Chancellors of the universities held a meeting with Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar in the chair today (Thursday). The matters relating to academic atmosphere on the campuses came up for discussion in the meeting. Education Secretary Irshadul Huq and Chairman of the University Grants Commission Prof M Shamsul Hug were present, reports AP.

#### 32 die in S African road mishap

JOHANNESBURG, May 26: A bus carrying farm workers overturned into a dam in eastern South Africa Thursday, killing 32 people, police said. Eight passengers were injured and 28 others escaped unhurt. Police believed the driver lost control before the bus left the road and plunged into a farm dam in Lothair, about 200 kilometers (120 miles) east of Johannesburg. The bus landed on its roof and was submerged up to its wheels, reports AP.

#### Tremors hit Iran

NICOSIA. May 26: Two tremors joited iran's southern province of Fars and northern city of Roudbar today, the offictal Iranian news agency Irna reported. It said an earthquake measuring 4.4 degrees shook the city of Firouzabad in Fars. Another one measuring 3.2 hit Roudbar. "There is no report yet available on possible damage or casualties," it said.

## Inside Today | Two cooperation accords with Hanoi signed

Bangladesh and Vietnam yesterday signed two agreements on expanding cooperation in bilateral matters and international affairs, reports

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and his visiting Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Manh Cam initialled the accords following official talks between the two sides at state guest house Meghna in the morning.

The two foreign ministers led their respective sides at the talks which lasted for about one and half-an-hour.

At the talks, Cam was assisted by Vietnamese Ambassador to Dhaka Tran Viet Tan and Director (SA) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Tran Van Trung. Mostafiz was aided, among others, by Foreign Secretary MR Osmany, ERD Secretary Lutfullahil Majid and Additional Foreign Secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed.

An agreement on economic, scientific and technological. cooperation identified some areas of bilateral collaboration in a number of fields like commerce, fishing, irrigation, agriculture and health care.

The other accord provides that the two countries will have regular consultations on international affairs and will work together for promoting international peace and stabil-

The two foreign ministers

had wide ranging talks; covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations, and regional and international issues of common concern. Officials briefing newsmen

political, economic and trade relations figured prominently at the meeting held in a cordial atmosphere.

after the talks said bilateral

While exchanging views on international and regional issues, they also discussed the

progress of SAARC and focussed on the explosive situation prevailing in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Besides, issues like PLO-Israeli accord, disarmament and non-proliferation came up at the talks.

Mostafiz took the opportunity to brief his Vietnamese counterpart on the political developments in Bangladesh, its relation with neighbouring countries and policies of the government.

The visiting minister was also briefed on the adverse effect of the Farakka barrage on Bangladesh's economy and the problem of Myanmar refugees. The Vietnamese Foreign

Minister invited his Bangladesh counterpart for an official visit to Vietnam and the invitation was gladly accepted. Dates of the visit will be fixed later.

Later Foreign Minister 'Mostafizur Rahman hosted a See Page 12 Col 7

#### Search for missing Bangladeshi Hajis continues

No further news of death of Bangladeshi Hajis could be confirmed after thorough scrutiny, Foreign Office here said quoting information received from Bangladesh Mission in Saudi Arabia, reports

The Embassy of Bangladesh in Rivadh, meanwhile, continued search for the names and particulars of Bangladeshi Hajis who might have been affected by the tragic accident in Mina.

The embassy source told Bangladesh Foreign Office that after completion of Hajj rituals, many have gone to holy Madinah-al-Munawara and some are heading for Jeddah for the return journey home. This situation has made the availability of credible information complicated, Bangladesh Embassy source observed.

The Bangladesh Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is personally supervising the search operation, Foreign Office source said adding: All official and unofficial channels are being explored

Vietnamese FM

lauds reform

programmes

Minister Nguyen Manh Cam

has said Bangladesh is eco-

nomically developing under

the leadership of Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia,

Cam also lauded the eco-

nomic reform programmes of

Bangladesh and said that peo-

ple of this country would be

implemented properly.

benefitted if the reforms were

leading a six-member delega-

tion, made the remarks when

he called on the Prime Minis-

ter Begum Khaleda Zia at her

He observed that ties be-

Cam said Vietnam will apply

Teachers' liaison

body discusses

preparations

for June 11 sit-in

By Staff Correspondent

mittee of the striking teach

ers at an emergency meeting

yesterday discussed prepara-

tions for the non-government

school and college teachers'

planned grand sit-in in the

Amanullah in the chair

thanked the striking teachers

for observing the on-going

programmes, announced by the liaison committee on May

14 and reiterated that the

teachers and employees of the

private educational institutions

would continue their agitation

until their demands, including

implementation of the national

payscale for them, were ac-

See Page 12 Col 8

The meeting with Sheikh

capital on June 11.

The Central Liaison Com-

tween the two countries were

being beistered under Beguns

See Page 12 Col 7

office yesterday afternoon.

The Vietnamese FM, who is

reports UNB.

Visiting Vietnamese Foreign

## PM's goodwill gesture

By Nurul Kabir

mad Nasim to explore ways to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday sent some gifts to Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina.

The gifts included a 'jainamaz', (prayermat) a 'tabbih' (rosary) and a bottle of 'Zamzam' water which she brought, from Saudi Arabia where she performed Hajj earlier this week. ment, The ruling party has so far refused to entertain the

Sources in the ruling party said Begum Zia sent her Private Secretary Dr Kamal Siddigi to hand over the gifts directly to Sheikh Hasina.

But Hasina, who had suffered a sprained leg earlier last. week could not come down the stairs of her Minto Road residence to receive the presents personally, Awami League sources said.

One of her staff received the gifts on her behalf.

Earlier in the day, ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Secretary General and LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder telephoned the Opposition Chief Whip Mohamresolve the present stand-off. The impasse has been created due to the Opposition's boycott of Parliament and an implied threat to stay away from the upcoming budget session as well unless the ruling party moves a bill in the House providing for elections under a care-taker govern-

Mohammad Nasim, admitting his telephonic conversation with the LGRD Minister. told this correspondent late last night that he had suggested that Talukder should convince the premier to talk to the Opposition leader · Nasim, however, did not go into the details of the discus-

When asked, Talukder declined to make any comment on his conversation with Nasim, but told The Daily Star that he was optimistic about a speedy resolution of the present crisis.

#### The Paily Star PUBLIC DEBATE



Today, on Page 4. Moudud Ahmed, MP and leader of the Jatiya Party's parliamentary wing, presents his arguments why the next general elections should be held under a caretaker government.

Readers' views on the subject are welcome.

#### AL leader rebuts Huda's claims

Awami League Information Secretary Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday made a counter-attack on the ruling party rebutting Information Minister Nazmul Huda's claim that the BNP came to power with people's mandate, reports UNB. "The BNP had assumed

power with the formal support of and seat-sharing with the Jamaat-e-Islami," the AL leader said responding sharply to Huda's interview with official BSS news agency, published yesterday.

Before elections, the BNP shared seats with 'killer' Golam Azam, but it failed to gain the requisite majority, After the elections, Begum Zia met Golam Azam, got his support and shared women's seats with the Jamaat which enabled the BNP to form government, Prof Sayeed observed.

"Today, the BNP is in

The AL leader said the tone

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Medical board

for SM Sultan

specialist physicians has been

formed by the Director Gen-

eral of Health Directorate at

the directive of Prime Minister

Begum Khaleda Zia for the

treatment of noted artist of

Bangladesh, SM Sultan, reports

Chest and Infectious Disease

Institute and Hospital AKM

Professor and Director of

A medical board comprising

power not because of popular. support hut Galam Ayam's He did not preclude the support," he said. ~~

See Page 12 Col 8 and language Huda used in the interview were nothing but

## Rafiq on political stalemate

### Two sides should sit to overcome crisis

Forces committed to protection, preservation and sustenance of democratic values in the country must devise ways and means of leading the nation out of the present political deadlock. Making this observation

Rafigul Islam Mia, the Works Minister and a member of the Standing Committee of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), further stated that the democratic forces, whether they belong to the party-in-power or the Opposition, must map but course of action through mutual discussions to overcome the current

crisis looming large on our

The Minister was talking to

the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) at his Secretariat chamber yesterday. Asked if discussions be-

hard-earned democratic sys-

tween the ruling party and the Opposition on the present political stalemate had started he admitted that piecemeal talks at various levels had already begun.

"For instance, I have talked to Mohammad Nasim of the Awami League today (Thursday), Rafig stated.

possibility of full-dress discus-

## Prokrichi preparing for a three-day strike

By Staff Correspondent

An estimated 70 thousand professionals in the country are preparing to observe a three-day strike from June 14. sources concerned said yes-

Leaders of the Prokrichi-BCS Central Action Council which had earlier called the strike, indicated that they would announce the plan for a greater movement on June 16 to press home their 17-point

Doctors, engineers, agriculturists and members of the 26 non-administrative BCS cadres, belonging to the Prokrichi, have long been agitating for a complete overhauling of the existing bureaucracy The other demands, of

their 17-point charter included separation of the judiciary from the administration, handing over of executive powers of bureaucrats in the ministries to the ministers

of business. Declining to give details of

the next phase of their agitation, Prokrichi leaders said that the plan would be finalised at a meeting of the Prokrichi district representatives in Dhaka on May 15. Talking to The Daily Star. Convenor of the Prokrichi-BCS

and as formulation of the rules

Central Action Council Dr M A Majed said that the authorities had shown no interest in resuming talks with them Some of the Prokrichi lead-

ers, however, indicated that negotiations might start with political activities in the coun-See Page 12 Col 2

Moslehuddin had been appointed chairman of the board. Other members of the board are: Professor of Medicine of Dhaka Sir Salimullah Medical College, Prof Tofael Ahmed and Associate Professor of National Heart Disease Institute and Hospital Dr Md Nazrul Is-The physicians will leave for

Narail immediately for better treatment of the artist and will take necessary steps.

## 3 killed, 50 injured in road accidents

Begum Khaleda Zia at her office in the city yesterday.

Three persons were killed and nearly 50 others injured in road accidents in Dhaka and Chittagong yesterday, report

Two persons critically wounded in Wednesday's road mishap on the Dhaka-Sherpur highway also succumbed to their injuries.

UNB says: Two people were killed and 40 others injured. nine seriously, when two mini buses collided on Dhaka-Aricha highway in Dhamrai thana yes-

The two buses collided head on as one driver lost control over steering in front of the Bata Shoe Factory at about

7:30 am, witnesses said. They said Awal, 25, and another unidentified youngman died on way to hospital.

Critically injured driver Delwar, 25, Abdur Rouf, 26, Motnal Hague, 20, Nasiruddin, 18. Reazuddin, 40. Nazrul Islam, 50, Liakat Ali, 12, Shah naj. 34. Afazuddin, 50 were rushed to Dhamrai Health

The visiting Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam called on Prime Minister

Complex. Ten injured were admitted to the Ganashasthya Kendra for emergency treatment.

Police seized the buses. One driver, however, managed to

According to BSS one person was killed and six others were injured when a speeding truck hit with a passenger tempo at Rahaterpool on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road yes-

According to Chandgaon police, the accident occurred See Page 12 Col 2

### NAM FMs' confce in Cairo May 31

- PID photo

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman will lead the Bangladesh delegation at the 11th Non-Aligned Movement Foreign Ministers' Conference beginning in Cairo May

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will inaugurate the four-day conference to be chaired by Foreign Minister Amre Moussa of Egypt, officials in Dhaka said yesterday.

Foreign Ministers from 110 countries are expected to attend the conference, rated as a vital link between the 10th and 11th NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) summits.

The Cairo Conference will review the international situation after the 10th NAM summit held in Jakarta in 1992.

It will consider the issues relating to Palestine and the Middle East, South Africa, See Page 12 Col 6



London but his two co-pilots steered it to a flawless landing at Tokyo's Narita Airport Thursday - and without the passengers even knowing about the misfortune, reports The captain, David Robertson, a 52-year-old Briton, died

of a heart attack while napping during a regular break when the Boeing 747-400 was flying over Russia, some seven hours after take off, a BA spokeswoman in Tokyo said The death was not made

public in flight but the crew

did make an appeal for a doc-

tor among the 331 people on board, passengers said. The passengers were also told to wait before disembarking while a medical team

"There was an announcement in English that someone was taken ill but it did not specify who it was," a young Japanese male passenger told a Tokyo television network.

brought out Robertsons body.

The BA spokeswoman,

"There is an operational See Page 12 Col 6

discovered

WASHINGTON, May 26: A huge black hole was discovered in a galaxy 50 million light years from earth, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced Wednesday, reports

black hole in the giant elliptical galaxy M87 supports the existence of the collapsed stars which were predicted 80 years ago by Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity, a NASA statement said.

"If it's not a black hole, it must be something even harder to understand without present theories of astrophysics," said researcher Richard Harms

the Hubble telescope sent back images of a disk of hot gas swirling around a central object that is extremely massive but extraordinarily compact-

jects so tense that nothing, not even light, can escape their gravitational pull, have been considered mathematical curiosities rather than real astronomical objects. "Now it all knits together."

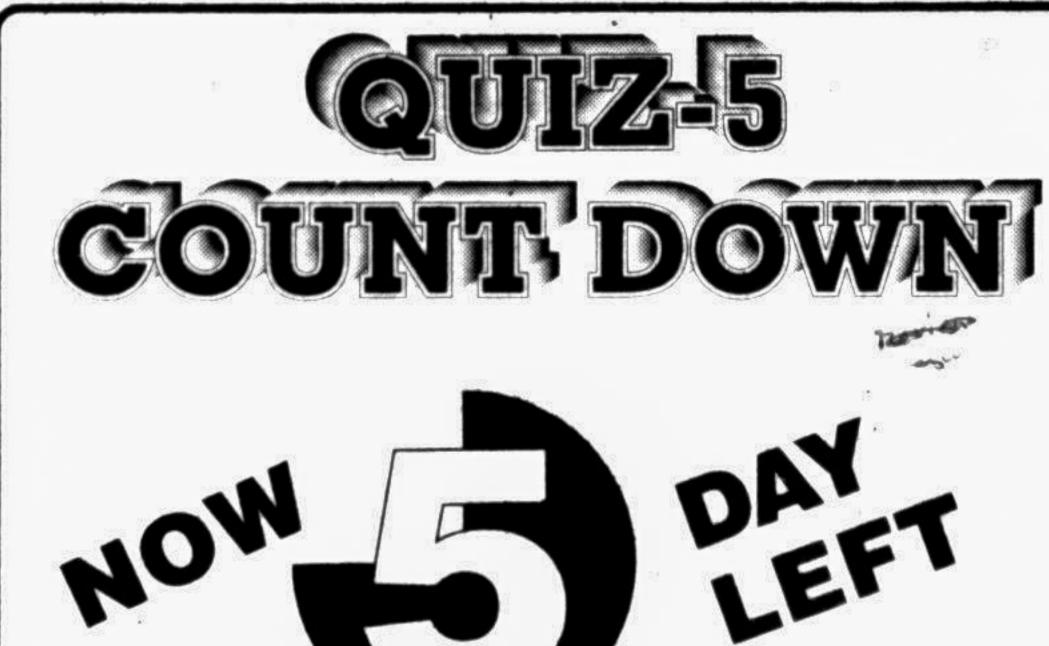
said astronomer Holland Ford. We see a disk-like structure that appears to have spiral structure, and it is rotating."

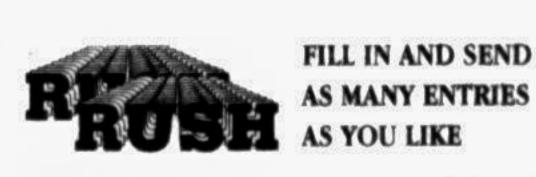
# Huge black hole

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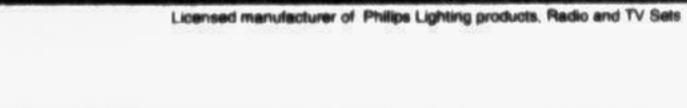
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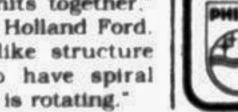


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Misao Suzuki, said that a British doctor among the 312 passengers checked Robertson and attributed his death to myocardial trouble a postmortem was being conducted by Japanese police, she said. A British Airways jumbo jet carrying 331 people arrives safely at the Tokyo's Narita Airport yesterday after its manual under civil aviation law captain died of heart attack during the flight. - AFP photo