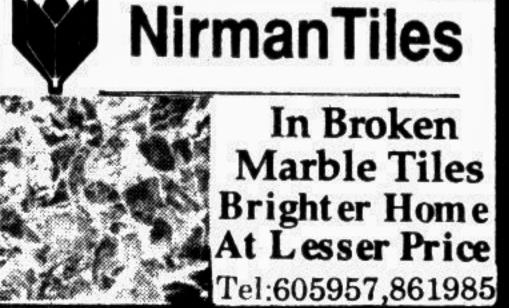
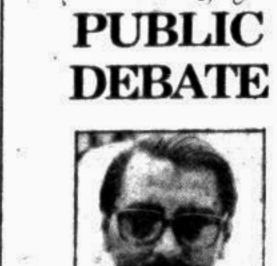
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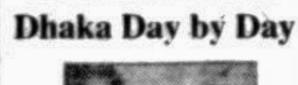
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# NEWS BRIEFS AL advisory body,

A meeting of the advisory council of Bangladesh Awami League will be held at 10:00 am on June 1 at 29 Minto Road in the city. AL President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina

will preside over the meeting

Another meeting of the Awami

League Presidium will be held

at 10:00 am on June 2 at 29

### Minto Road, reports BSS. Hanif returns

Dhaka City Corporation
Mayor Mohammad Hanif returned home last night after
attending an international seminar on "natural disaster
reduction" in Japan. Hanif was
received at the Zia International Airport by high officials
of the Japanese Embassy in
Dhaka, ward commissioners,
leaders and workers of the city
unit of the Awami League, BSS.

## Over 8 lakh girl students to get stipend

# No alternative to edn for development: PM

More than eight lakh girl students of secondary schools and madrassahs will be given stipend this year as part of government steps to enhance women's participation in education and the country's development, the Prime Minister announced yesterday, reports UNB.

"It will be difficult to bring changes in the social and economic fields unless the participation of women in secondary, technical and higher education can be enhanced. This is why we have taken steps to spark a social revolution within the shortest time by providing stipends to girl students at the secondary level," she said.

She was inaugurating a twoday workshop on the "Role of Secondary, Technical and Higher Education in Human Resource Development and Poverty Alleviation" organised by the Education Ministry at the International Conference Centre in the city

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said there is no alternative to education for transforming the huge population into a resource and making the poverty alleviation programmes successful.

She hoped the country would be able to become self-

sufficient in the education sector very soon and the huge population transformed into a resource as a result of the programmes taken by her gov-

The Prime Minister said primary education is the foundation of human resource development and secondary, technical and higher education are the tools for such development.

Begum Zia told the inaugural session of the workshop that her government had undertaken various programmes for the development of secondary, technical and higher education. "The main object of our government is to improve the quality of education to make it purposeful and to use it as a tool for poverty alleviation and economic development", she said.

Many think that the education system of the country has become aimless, the number of unemployed educated people and unrest on campuses are increasing and the lack of values is deepening.

But, the Prime Minister noted with satisfaction, "We have been able to reverse the trend in the last three years. The various programmes adopted for the development

proved bills and securities

against which they get some

interest. In the absence of gov-

ernment instruments in the

market, the banks have been

meeting their SLR require-

ment in cash, for which they

do not get any interest. This

whole system is a safety mea-

sure for the banks to guard

against any sudden heavy with-

drawal from any particular

current situation has arisen

because some banks and de-

velopment financing institu-

tions (DFIs) have gone for a

policy of holding their bonds.

The philosophy behind floating

of these transferable bonds was

that the banks were to sell

these to other banks whenever

in need of cash for investment.

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and Biman rules, Ahmed Mon-

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the PIA authorities in Karachi

confirmed that Monwarul

Haque could not pass the writ

ten examination for F-27 air-

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Indian military build up threatens

war in the region, says Leghari

Pakistan was prepared to con-

tinue dialogue with India on

the Kashmir issue. But added

that this dialogue could hardly

succeed while the killing con-

tinues in Kashmir. The Presi-

dent said India had spurned

various specific proposals

which could pave the way for

meaningful dialogue leading to

resolution of outstanding dis-

pute, on top being Kashmir is-

steps are indispensable like

the release of jailed Kashmiri

leaders, the removal of the

President Leghari said some

Sardar Farooq Leghari said

The petitioner also said that

tioner alleged.

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According to sources, the

of education have been yielding

She said women, who constitute half the population, should be involved in secondary, technical and higher education to generate dynamism in the country's socioeconomic uplift. "In the developed world, the ratio of female teachers in the secondary level is 55 per cent, but in our country, this ratio is only 10

Stressing the need for teachers' training, Begum Zia said it is impossible to bring changes in the education sector unless the teachers are prepared for training.

per cent."

Presided over by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, the inaugural function was also addressed by State Minister for Planning Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Eunus Khan, Education Secretary Irshadul Huq and Additional Secretary Begum Khodeza Azam.

The working sessions of the workshop are being participated by senior government officials, policymakers, educationists and representatives of the development partners (donors).



Brothers Union defender Moon (C) and custodian Ponir make a dual attempt to thwart a Mohammedan attack while the diminutive striker of the black and whites, Asaduzzaman (R) keeps his eyes on the ball in the first semifinal of the DMFA Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Brothers Union won the match 5-4 in the tie-breaker after the 120-minute showdown ended goalless.

— Star photo

### Banks may get interest on SLR shortfall cash

By Inam Ahmed

Biman engr sues two

colleagues for forgery

By Asiuzzaman

The government may consider providing interest on the commercial banks additional funds kept in the current account for shortfall in the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR), according to highly placed official sources.

However, the non-interestbearing cash reserve ratio (CRR) will remain as it is.

This new line of thinking has emerged mainly because of an acute shortage of government approved treasury bills and bonds in the market. This situation has forced most banks to deposit cash to the Bangladesh Bank instead of buying bills and bonds.

buying bills and bonds.

The banks are forced to keep five per cent of their liabilities in cash with the central bank and another 15 per cent in different government ap-

The Chief Engineer and the

Deputy Chief Engineer of Bi-

man Bangladesh Airlines have

been sued for getting promo-

tions by submitting forged

certificates to the authorities.

A principal engineer of Bi-

man filed the case with the

court of the Second Assistant

Judge, Dhaka accusing Ahmed

Monwarul Haque, Chief Engi-

neer and Abdur Rahman.

Deputy Chief Engineer (Acting)

Plaintiff A K M Khairul

SAN FRANCISCO (Cali-

fornia), May 28: Pakistan

President Sardar Fareog

Ahmed Khan Leghari Friday

said Indian military build up

had created a dangerous situa-

tion for its neighbours and a

war remains a possibility, re-

"Almost all of India's mili-

tary assets are deployed

against Pakistan, Leghari ob-

served while addressing a se-

leet gathering sponsored by

the Commonwealth Club of

California and the Pakistan

American Association of San

ports AFP.

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of forgery in getting promo-

Biman sources said.

#### Khaleda holds closed-door meet with party leaders

Prime Minister and Chairperson of the BNP Begum
Khaleda held a closed door
meeting with two of her party
leaders yesterday afternoon to
discuss the ways and means to
bring back the Opposition to
Parliament, party sources said.

Party Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukder and Chief Whip Delwar Hossain discussed with party chief the options left to them, to win over the Opposition, the sources said.

They said that so far the Opposition parties ignored the proposal for a dialogue and stuck to their demand that the government bring a bill seeking a care-taker government for holding general elections.

# JP won't take part in polls under BNP govt

RANGPUR, May 28: Acting Chairman of the Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury today called on the people to step up the movement for elections under caretaker government, reports UNB.

Chowdhury told a public meeting at Shapla Chattar in the town this afternoon that his party would not participate in any election under the BNP government. "Free and fair polls cannot be expected under this government," he added.

He said the present government is in no way a democratic one although it was elected democratically.

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Hazratbal Mosque, permission

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organisations and the media to

visit India-held Kashmir freely

the withdrawal of some Indian

troops from Kashmir, and the

lifting of the infamous emer-

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take a moral position on the

human rights abuse in occu-

pied Kashmir and go beyond

partisan or national considera-

tions. He said the United

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He urged the Americans to

# Hasina demands writing off of agri loans

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for implementing the Prime Minister's announcement to the effect that agricultural loans up to Tk. 5,000 borrowed by cooperative farmers would be exempted, reports UNB.

Talking to a delegation of the National Cooperative Action Council at 29 Minto Road in the afternoon, she criticised the government for not keeping the Prime Minister's promise to the cooperative farmers.

She alleged that the BNP has bluffed the whole nation by making false promises to the people. The ruling party leaders made false commitments at different places for gaining cheap popularity. The nation will have to be saved from desceepage 12 Col 3

# Star reporter barred from covering PM's function

By Staff Correspondent

A Daily Star reporter was prevented by the security menfrom covering yesterday's workshop on the role of secondary, technical and higher education in human resources development and poverty alleviation on the ground that only editors were invited to the function, not the reporters.

Our reporter, carrying valid identity and invitation cards, tried to convince the securitymen that invitation cards for the newspaper offices are normally addressed to the editors or the news editors and chief reporters. They assign the reporters for coverage.

The securitymen on the other hand argued that the invitation cards are not transferable. But no such instruction was written anywhere on the invitation card.

The securitymen also pre-

talking to any official of the Education Ministry, which organised the workshop.

This is not for the first time that a reporter carrying valid

that a reporter carrying valid identity and invitation cards has been prevented from covering a function.

Such non-cooperation with

newsmen in the name of security measures creates obstacles to the performance of professional duties by journalists.

# Brothers in DMFA Cup final at MSC's cost

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union sent Mohammedan Sporting Club's hattrick ambition in smoke when the underdogs of the first semifinal of the third DMFA Cup emerged winners in a marathon match culminating in the tie breakers at the Dhaka Stadium yes-terday.

The Gopibagh outfit, who had earlier shared the first DMFA Cup with Mohammedans, sufficiently atoned for their poor finishing to carve a 5-4 victory after a gruelling 120-minute battle marked with eye-soring sterility.

Kaisar Hamid, Mohammedan's veteran defender and a regular member of the national team, relived a personal nightmare since his infamous failure to convert a penalty against the Maldives in the Sixth SAF Games last De-

cember when he feebly hit his team's first of the five stipulated spot kicks to the right of Ponir, allowing the Brothers custodian pull off a decisive save.

After the four shooters from

each team — Shahzada, Uttam, Biplab and Bakhtiar of Brothers and Riaz, Shabbir, Roxy and Asad of Mohammedans — found the net with relative ease, skipper Satyajit Das Rupu fittingly sent the ball home with a clever left-footer to spark off a spell of delirious delight, in the orange camp.

The second half, however,

saw Mohammedans launch an allout assault in the first quarter with the Brothers defence seemingly surviving in an oxygen tent. Andrey Kazakov, Mohammedan's Russian forward, See Page 12 Col 4

## DOE's prescription for Dhanmondi lake

By Masud Hasan Khan
The Department of Envi-

ronment (DOE) has recommended that the Dhaka City Corporation close all sewage lines and drains connected with Dhanmondi lake to protect its bio-diversity.

A recent report of the DOE on the water quality of the 150-bigha lake cautioned that all fish and other aquatic life would be at stake if immediate steps were not taken to seal the 44 drains and four storm sewer lines belonging to the residents of Dhanmondi, WASA and the city corporation.

Besides, the lake would be-

Besides, the lake would be-

come unfit for recreational activities like angling because of too much contamination of its

Quoting results of the water quality tests, the DOE report said that at several points of the Dhanmondi lake the rate of dissolved oxygen in the water was found much below the danger line.

At 'one point near Mirpur Road, the rate of dissolved oxygen was estimated at zero, it said.

For survival of fish and

other aquatic animals and See Page 12 Col 1

## Bodo tribesmen kill 22 in Assam

NEW DELHI. May 28: Indian army with orders to shoot rioters on sight took positions today after a burst of ethnic violence left at least 22 people dead and many injured in the northeastern frontier state of Assam, reports AFP.

The army joined police and paramilitary reinforcements in the riot-hit district of Kokrajhar, where fighting between Bodo tribes men and Assamese natives broke out late Friday the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Chief Minister Hiteswar

Saikia told reporters in Guwa-

hati, Assam's main city, that the security forces had been armed with shoot-on-sight orders to deter troublemakers.

The riots engulfed 10 villages in the Kokrajhar countryside as Bodos — among whom a militant group is fighting for a tribal homeland to be carved out of Assam — went on the rampage setting non-Bodo homes and property on fire.

"Some of the villages were burning throughout the night and smoke is still billowing out," PTI quoted official sources in Guwahati as saying.

#### Sixty missing as launch sinks in Sandwip channel

CHITTAGONG, May 28: At least sixty passengers, including two women, are reportedly missing when an overcrowded passenger launch capsized at Muradpur point of Sandwip channel under Sitakunda thana this morning. The district police officials here confirmed the incident. The Chittagong-bound launch from Sandwip was carrying over 300 passengers.

The rest of the passengers swam ashore, police claimed. Sitakunda police started a search operation in the channel after the mishap but no one was rescued so far.

Most of the passengers were returning to the port city after Eid holidays. Meanwhile many people including the relatives of victims are thronging the Sitakunda ghat to enquire about the passengers.

### 31 Bangladeshi Hajis died, 18 still missing

At least 31 Bangladeshi Hajis died and 18 other have still
remained untraced, Foreign
Ministry sources said here
yesterday, reports BSS.

Of the deaths, 17 were

killed in the Meena stampede and other incidents while the rest 14 either died of diseases or faced natural death, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the three in-

quiry teams formed with members from the Bangladesh Hajj Mission, Hajj welfare delegation and Bangladesh Consulate under the supervision of Bangladesh Ambassador in Saudi Arabia so far identified bodies of 12 persons who died in the stampede and other mishaps. They are: Abdul Majid Miah, son of Mohammad Manu, son of Ibrahim, Mujibur Rahman — holder of passport No "K 81897, Mohammad Anwar Ali Chowdhury, Imam of Jamaica Masjid of New York. Sveda Khatoon, wife of Yusuf Ali, Shamsul Alam, son of Nur Ali, Akil Mia, son of M Mozammel. Sved Mohammad Mahmud, son of Abdul Jabbar, Israfil Khan (father unknown), Shafigur Rahman, son of Ranju Mia. Mohammad Nurul Huda, son of Eunus Pariduddin and Mansur Ahmed, son of Amin.

The teams also provisionally identified five bodies as those of Bangladeshis although it would take some more time to gather their detailed identities. The teams presume that See Page 12 Col 1

#### GP Sylhet unit faces split By Staff Correspondent

The Sylhet district unit of the Gonotantri Party (GP) faced a split yesterday on the question whether the party should marge with the mainstream opposition Awami League or continue to work

with its independent identity.

Sources in the GP say, the division in the Sylhet district unit was a prelude to the division of the party throughout the country.

However, Abdul Odud, president of the Sylhet district unit of the party, and his local supporters felt during the annual conference of the unit yesterday that the Gonotantri Party should join the AL. See Page 12 Col 7

# Britain expels Iranian diplomat

LONDON, May 28: Britain has ordered the expulsion of an Iranian diplomat, a London newspaper said Saturday, one month after Britain alleged Iranian intelligence was in secret contact with the IRA, reports AP

The expulsion order is the latest in a series of rows between the two countries.

Iranian charge d'affaires
Gholamreza Ansari was told of
the decision to expel one of
his high ranking assistants on
Thursday when he was summoned to see Foreign Minister
Douglas Hurd, the Guardian
reported. The diplomat was
not identified.



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