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NEWS BRIEFS

PM inaugurates card phones

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday inaugurated the card phones, installed at Patuakhali from Dhaka talking with Religious Affairs Minister M Keramat Ali at the Patuakhali end, reports BSS.



Cle Kooiman (R) of the US dribbles past Switzerland's Alain Sutter during the first half of their match at the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit. The Americans and Swiss drew their Group A match 1-1 yesterday. — AFP photo

Hosts deservedly earn their first point

PONTIAC, Michigan, June 18: US forward Eric Wynalda scored a magnificent free-kick from 25 metres out to earn his side a fully deserved 1-1 draw with Switzerland in their World Cup group A match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

With just seconds left before halftime in the first World Cup match played indoors, Wynalda stepped up and hammered the ball over the wall and into the net via the underside of the crossbar.

Swiss goalkeeper Marco Pascolo shook his head in disbelief and stared up at the replay screen behind his goal for a second look at the shot from Wynalda, who plays for German Bundesliga side Bochum.

Switzerland wasted a glorious chance to win the game in the 83rd minute when midfielder Christophe Ohrel side-footed wide from eight metres out with the goal at his mercy.

The Swiss had taken the lead in the 39th minute with another superb free-kick, Georges Bregy curling the ball

over the wall and US goalkeeper Tony Meola from the edge of the area after Alain Sutter had been fouled.

The goal was due reward for the Swiss at that stage. But they faded in the second half as the heat and humidity in the Pontiac Silverdome took their toll.

The Swiss also badly missed forward Adrian Knup.

WORLD CUP RESULTS

Saturday:
Group C : Germany 1; Bolivia 0
Group C : Spain 2; S. Korea 2

Sunday:
Group A : Switzerland 1; USA 1

(** At the time of going to press)

ruled out before the start with an ankle injury.

Despite the loud backing from most of the 77,000 fans in the stadium, the US side started out nervously as befitted their position as underdogs.

They almost paid the price for their hesitation as early as the second minute when lone Swiss striker Stephane Chapuisat fired in a low 20 metre drive that just missed the post.

The Swiss went close again shortly afterwards when Meola could only palm a header from Dominique Herr over his head and defender Marcelo Balboa cleared from near the line.

In the 25th minute Meola did much better when he dived full-stretch to keep out a 20-metre drive from Ciriaco Sforza.

The host side made several dangerous breaks down the wings early on but seemed to run out of ideas on the edge of the box, giving the Swiss plenty of time to clear.

As the Swiss tired in the second half the Americans took over, with midfielder Tab Ramos playing particularly well, and could have won the game in the 64th minute when Thomas Dooley raced alone

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TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP MATCHES ON BTV

Group F : Belgium vs Morocco 22:30 (BST)
Group E : Norway vs Mexico 02:00 (BST)
Group B : Cameroon vs Sweden 05:30 (BST)

Dhaka, Bangkok to expand ties

Bangladesh and Thailand yesterday decided to further enlarge their areas of cooperation in different fields to the mutual benefits of the two friendly countries.

The fifth session of the joint commission for cooperation between the two countries held in Dhaka yesterday expressed satisfaction at the level of cooperation and agreed to expand cooperation to bolster the bilateral ties.

The two foreign ministers signed an agreed minute, on the outcome of joint commission meeting.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman led the Bangladesh side to the meeting while the Thailand delegation was headed by visiting Foreign Minister Squadron Leader Prasong Soontri.

All issues of common concern including political and economic situations came up for discussions, official source said.

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Hasina seeks people's support to oust govt

NETRAKONA, June 18: Sheikh Hasina today urged the people to lend support to her battle to oust the 'corrupt' government of the BNP to consecrate their right to vote through polls under a caretaker government, reports UNB.

"There is no guarantee of your legitimate rights to vote and food under the ruling BNP... We want to ensure your vote, work and meal by ending their misrule," the Awami League leader told a huge public meeting at Mokhtarpar ground in the afternoon.

Referring to the Opposition demand for a caretaker government to hold national polls Hasina reiterated her call to the ruling party for bringing a bill in Parliament on caretaker government and pave the way for the Opposition's return to the House.

The Leader of the Opposition criticised the BNP for what she called closing the

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PM launches Tk 626 cr scheme for girl students

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday launched a Tk 626 crore programme of stipend for girls at the secondary-level schools and madrassahs as part of a massive campaign to encourage female education in the country, reports UNB.

A total of 1,19,68,592 girls students including 874620 of madrassahs will be provided with this special stipend under the six-year programme effective from January this year.

Of the amount, Tk 254 crore will be provided by donor countries and agencies, the rest will come from internal resources.

Steps have been taken under four projects of the Education Ministry for implementing this education-incentive programme.

Begum Zia handed over the stipend pass books to 30 girl students at the launching ceremony at the International Conference Centre in the morning.

Inaugurating the 'novel' scheme, the Prime Minister said her government was also considering raising women's quota to 30 per cent from 10

per cent in employments given by the Public Service Commission to attract women community to secondary and higher education.

Arrangements have already been made for appointing female teachers to 60 per cent of the posts in primary schools, she told the function, attended by ministers, diplomats, representatives of donors and high officials.

Begum Zia said preference was also being given to women for employment in health, family planning, agricultural extension, private sector and in self-employment programmes.

Expecting far-reaching impact of the new programme, Begum Zia said its implementation would raise the rate of female education and ensure the entry of qualified women in employment.

Women community will be inspired and encouraged to come forward to self-employment activities. The growth rate of population will also come down, the Prime Minister hoped.

Besides, she said, the economy of the country will get fur-

ther impetus with the development of entire human resource and, above all, the socio-economic status of our women will be enhanced.

She said various development programmes undertaken by the government for the advancement of women, including the just-introduced stipend, would help remove backwardness of women and establish their social rights.

The Prime Minister noted with satisfaction that the attendance of girl students had increased manifold in primary schools following the introduction of universal and compulsory free primary education. "We have to maintain this trend and ensure their continued study at the secondary level."

To achieve the goal, she said, the nationwide stipend programme had been taken up to provide financial support to the girls students at the secondary level and hoped it would create a new awareness in favour of female education.

Begum Zia mentioned that the national level literacy rate in the country is 32 per cent. See Page 12 Col 6

Angry Bolivians storm Mexican embassy

LA PAZ, Bolivia, June 18: Hundreds of soccer fans angry at a call by a Mexican referee in the World Cup opener threw rocks and other objects at the Mexican embassy Friday night, smashing windows and some doors. No injuries were reported, police said, says AP.

Bolivia lost to Germany 1-0 Friday in a game in which its star player, Marco Antonio Etcheverry, was sent off in the second half for rough play, three minutes after entering.

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3 injured as rival groups clash at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Clashes between the members of two unions near the Hangar Complex at Zia International Airport left at least three persons injured yesterday.

Omar Ali, a Biman engineer, Shah Alam, an air mechanic and Alamgir, an air cleaner, received injuries during the clashes. They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later released after treatment.

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Hanif suggests 3 venues for public meetings

By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka city Mayor Mohammad Hanif has suggested that the Suhrawardy Uddyan, the Osmany Uddyan and the Ramna Park be used for holding public meetings to avoid traffic jam.

Talking to the journalists after announcing the DCC budget for the 1994-95 fiscal at a city community centre, the Mayor said he would request

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No increase in holding tax

Tk 367.29 cr DCC budget

By Staff Correspondent

A Taka 367.29 crore budget including a development expenditure of Tk 247.86 crore of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) for fiscal 1994-95 was announced yesterday.

Mayor of the DCC Mohammad Hanif announced the new budget as well as the revised budget of Tk 227.51 crore for the outgoing fiscal 1993-94 at a crowded press conference at a city community centre. The original budget for the current fiscal was Tk 257.51 crore.

Prepared by a 10-member commissioners' committee on the basis of draft proposals by the DCC's accounts section, the new budget was approved at the second general meeting of the commissioners on Thursday.

Describing the salient features of the next budget, the mayor said it has not increased the holding tax and has curtailed revenue expenditure on the maintenance and operational heads by Tk 2.41 crore.

The first-ever directly elected mayor of the capital told the news conference, also

attended by the commissioners and officials of the DCC, that Tk 59 crore had been earmarked in the new budget for 803 projects including 100 special projects in development, maintenance and construction of roads and drains and improvement of lighting sectors. Tk 42 crore was spent for these during the outgoing fiscal.

The 1994-95 budget has allocated Tk 56 crore for the construction and development of roads, drains and footpaths. Tk 10 crore for building community centres, Tk one crore for the construction of an open drama stage, Tk 5 crore for resolving housing problems of the low-income people, Tk 5.15 crore for mosquito control, Tk 2 crore for building and developing the slaughter houses and Tk 3 crore for developing the bus terminals.

Other major sectoral allocations in the new budget include Tk 3 crore for dumping garbage in the low-lying areas and developing those, Tk 3

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PUBLIC ISSUE OF SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF BEXIMCO FISHERIES LIMITED

We are pleased to announce that the lottery for allotment of Shares and Debentures amongst the applicants was held on June 13, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in the presence of the representatives of Securities & Exchange Commission, Dhaka Stock Exchange, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology and Pragati Insurance Limited. A copy of the successful applicants is available for public inspection at the Registered Office of the company, Securities & Exchange Commission, Dhaka Stock Exchange, Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.

The company has started the process of distribution of Refund Warrant/Allotment Letters. Applicants are hereby requested to submit the Bankers Acknowledgment of their respective application form to the Registered Office of the Company.

Refund Warrants not collected on or before 22nd June, 1994 will be mailed to the respective recipients by the registered post/courier.

The Management once again takes the opportunity to thank the general public for their support and confidence reposed on the company.

Sd/
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