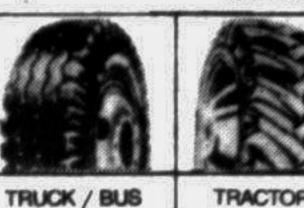


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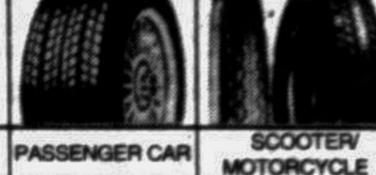




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Koreas agree on summit

SEOUL, June 18: South Korean President Kim Young-Sam today accepted a proposal from his North Korean counterpart Kim II-Sung for a historic inter-Korean summit to discuss unification and the nuclear crisis, reports AFP.

"President Kim Young-Sam readily accepted the proposai and expressed his wish to meet with North Korean President Kim II-Sung at any place at any time." a presidential spokesman said.

The meeting - in the midst of the nuclear standoff - would be the first ever between presidents of the two hostile Koreas. Which have been locked in a tense truce since the 1950-53 Korean War.

With the two Koreas agreeing on the summit, moves at the United Nations to impose sanctions on the North over its nuclear standoff were now ex-

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Bayer Leverkusen player chose

to chip over Pascolo and the

Swiss goalkeeper saved com-

soon afterwards, denying

Thomas Bickel with his legs

from close range in the 72nd

vindicate the choice of their

14 unruly WC

fans held on

opening day

teen people were arrested for

unruly behaviour at the World

Cup's opening game between

Germany and Bolivia, police

said on Saturday, reports

same number of arrests usually

made at a game involving the

Chicago Bears of the National

watched Friday's match at

Soldier Field Stadium, won 1-0

treated for heat exhaustion

during the game, which was

played in sweltering condi-

Football League (NFL).

by champions Germany.

They said this was about the

More than 63,000 people

Forty-five people were

CHICAGO, June 18: Four-

AP adds: Under pressure to

fortably.

minute.

Reuter.

But instead of shooting the

Meola was in action again

into the left side of the area.

pected to be suspended, analysts here said.

The Kim II-Sung proposal was conveyed by former US President Jimmy Carter, who crossed from North Korea back into the South earlier today after a four-day visit aimed at defusing the crisis over the North's nuclear programme.

"I want to meet with president Kim Young-Sam at an early date, at any place, without any conditions," the North Korean President said in the message, the spokesman said.

The South Korean President responded, "I readily accept President Kim Il-Sung's proposal. The sooner, the bet-

Kim Young-Sam said he was ready to discuss the nuclear and all other pending issues. including reconciliation and trade, Kim Young-Sam's spokesman said.

country for the world's most

popular sports event, the US

team was vastly improved over

the squad that lost its 1990

opener against Czechoslovakia

For the United States, it

was the first point in World

Cup finals since 1950; for

Switzerland, it was the first

since they hosted the 1954

It was also a first for World

Cup soccer: the two teams

played indoors at the Pontiac

Silverdome stadium in swel-

tering 34-degree Celsius (93

Switzerland-Dominique

Herr (28): Nestor Subiat (88):

TEAMS

Paul Caligiuri, Alexi Lalas,

Marcelo Balboa, Cle Kooiman,

Tab Ramos, John Harkes

Thomas Dooley, Mike Sorber,

Eric Wynalda (Roy Wegeerle

57), Ernie Stewart (Cobi Jones

Dominique Herr, Alain Geiger

Marc Hottiger, Yvan, Quentin,

Christophe Ohrel, Georges

Bregy, Thomas Bickel (Nestor

Subiat 72), Alain Sutter, Ciria-

Switzerland: Marco Pascolo.

United States: Tony Meola,

United States-John Harkes

Referee: Francisco Oscar

championship.

Fahrenheit).

Lamolina (Argentina)

Yellow cards:

Hosts hold Swiss

"As President Kim Young-Sam accepted the proposal there will be working level talks for the inter-Korean summit talks," presidential spokesman Choo Don-Shik said.

At a press conference later today, Carter quoted Kim II-Sung as saving that resolution of the nucleat issue could "open a new opportunity for rapid progress between North

and South Korea."
He would like to pursue this idea and wanted me to relate to President Kim Young-Sam his hope that, without further delay, this direct meeting between the two leaders could be arranged without extensive delays caused by arguments among subordinate officials." Carter said.

Since the war, the two Koreas have been virtually cut off from each other, without maintaining even mail exchanges or telephone links.

Angry Bolivians



stipend for girls at secondary schools and madrassahs in the country at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. - PID photo

Soonsiri tells Khaleda •

Thailand keen to boost economic cooperation

Thai Foreign Minister Squa dron Leader Prasong Soonsiri called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia vesterday and apprised her that his country intended to boost economic cooperation with Bangladesh through joint venture investment and trade. reports UNB.

Soonsiri, who arrived Dhaka Friday to attend the 5th session of Thai-Bangladesh Joint Commission of Cooperation, appreciated the development that has been taking place in recent years in various-socioeconomic sectors of Bangla-

He hoped that trade and economic relations between the two countries would further expand soon. The Thai minister apprised

Begum Zia that during the meeting of the commission that began in Dhaka vesterday they would discuss the possibility of establishing industries under joint venture in Bangla-

Referring to trade imbalance which is against Dhaka. the Thai Foreign Minister said the Joint Commission would consider ways of bridging the gap. "We are discussing the welfare of our both countries in the meeting," he told Be-

He said it was his first visit to Bangladesh, and was looking forward to talks with his counterpart A S M Mostafizur Rahman. He hoped that the discussion at the joint commission would be very success-Prime Minister Begum Zia

welcomed the Thai Foreign Minister to Bangladesh and termed the friendly relations between the two countries as age-old and good. She said Bangladesh gov-

ernment had been providing huge incentives and cooperation to foreign investors for establishing industries here and called upon the Thai in vestors to invest in Bangla-Begum Zia hoped that the

joint commission meeting would help further develop the Thai-Bangladesh relationship on a permanent footing.

She recalled her visit to Thailand with slain president Ziaur Rahman in 1979.

Foreign Minister A S Mostafizur Rahman, Foreign Secretary Osmany, Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand Major General (retd) M A Monnaf and Thai Ambassador in Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyameth were present during the meeting at PM's office.

ent universities, eminent educationists, top government officials and bankers were pre-Janakantha

PM: Stipend

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and out of it, the rate of liter-

acy of women to only 24 per

She said the government

ensured free education of girls

outside the municipal areas

upto Class X from this year

Earlier, girls were provided

free'schooling upto Class VIII

The government has further

taken measures to achieve the

goal of 'Education for All by the

Begum Zia referred to the

'dropout' problem in primary

schools and also said the rate

of dropout among the girl stu-

dents at the secondary level is

Minister Jamiruddin Sircar

the function was also ad-

dressed by Finance Minister M

Saifur Rahman, State Minister

for Education Principal Mo-

hammad Eunus Khan, State

Minister for Planning Dr Abdul

Moveen Khan, State Minister

for Women and Children's Affa-

irs Sarwari Rahman, Education

Secretary Irshadul Hug and

Additional Secretary Khodeza

representatives of donor agen-

cies, vice chancellors of differ-

Ministers. MPs. diplomats.

Presided over by Education

Year 2000.

alarming.

assistant editor sent to jail The Chief Metropolitan Ma-

gistrate yesterday rejected a bail prayer of Shamsuddin Ahmed, assistant editor of the daily Janakantha, and sent him to central jail after he surrendered to the court, reports UNB.

Atiqullah Khan Masud, editor of the daily, was also present in the dock. The court allowed Masud to go on bail as granted by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for two weeks.

On June 8. Nurul Alam. Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel thana, filed a case under Section 295 A of the Penal Code for publishing an objectionable article in the daily on May 12.

The CMM had issued warrant of arrest against the newspaper's editor Atiqullah Khan Masud, advisory editor A Toab Khan, executive editor Borhan Ahmed and assistant editor Shamsuddin Ahmed.

Among the four, the Session Judge Dhaka allowed the bail prayer of Borhan Ahmed on June 15.

Court Inspector Monowara

strongly opposed the bail prayer and said that the article had misinterpreted the verse of the Holy Quran and thus hurt the religious sentiment of the majority community of the country.

The Midnight File

France will intervene to halt slaughter in Rwanda

PARIS, June 18: Despite a lukewarm response from potential partners. France prepared Saturday for imminent intervention to halt the slaughter of civilians in Rwanda. "Every hour counts," declared President Francois Mitterrand, who said France would act without waiting for a UN peacekeeping force to be assembled, reports AP.

N. Yemeni troops pound Aden

ADEN. Yemen, June 18: Northern Yemeni troops today pounded Aden-on the third day of a siege that has killed at least 54 people, as Egypt announced the failure of UN efforts to start peace talks in Cairo. Shelling killed three civilians and wounded 26 more in the Aden area on Saturday, hospital sources said after reporting a total of 51 civilians killed and 135 wounded Thursday and Friday, reports AFP.

Tk 367.29 cr DCC budget

crore for construction of offices and library for the commissioners. Tk. 3 crore for development of play ground and physical training centres. Tk. 2 crore for construction of fly overs. Tk 1.5 crore for fountain construction. Tk. one crore for development of city parks. Tk. one crore for expansion of grave-yard and Tk. 30 lakh for the development of cremation ground. In the new budget. Tk 27 crore was allocated for building new markets and developing the old ones and Tk. one crore for setting up a mother and child care centre from the donors' funds

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The new budget estimated that Tk 40 crore would be earned from the DCC markets Tk 95 crore from holding taxes. Tk 40 crore from advances of the markets. Tk 10 crore from trade licences. Tk 8 crore from rents of markets and the Nagar Bhaban.

In the budget, the govern ment contribution has been shown at Tk 70 crore and Tk 10 crore from the sale of nonusable assets.

The mayor said the amount allocated in the new budget was too insufficient for providing various essential services and other civic amenities to the city-dwellers and appealed to the Prime Minister for additional government allocation for the DCC. In this regard, he

thanked the Prime Minister for her assurance of more financial assistance.

Hanif mentioned that various government, semi-government and autonomous bodies owed the DCC Tk 17 crore and the general taxpayers Tk 25 crore in taxes. He urged those bodies and individuals to clear these dues for the sake of continuing the development activities of the DCC and increasing civic amenities.

In his budget speech, the mayor said he along with the elected commissioners had identified the problems facing the city-dwellers in each of the 90 wards of the DCC. Replying to a question, he said a 20member in committee in each ward headed by the commissioners were being formed to 'identify the terrorists' and sought the cooperation of the Home Ministry in bringing the terrorists to book.

The ward commissioners need some legal powers to deal with the terrorists," he

Replying to another question. Hanif said he would meet the chiefs of those political parties which are occupying the DCC lands illegally, and ask them to vacate those.

The DCC would not evict the hawkers from the footpaths unless alternative arrangements were made for them, he said in response to a

question.

Hasina From Page 1 Col 8

doors for the Opposition to go back to Parliament and not allowing them to discuss various problems of the farmers and the people. Hasina was critical that

when non-government teachers were observing hunger strike, the Prime Minister hosted an expensive dinner and set up her new office at Hare Road. This was a sheer wastage of people's money, she added. She alleged that the Prime

Minister, during her visit to India, had sold out the country's interest by signing an agreement with Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao. She even did not discuss the crucial issue of sharing water of the Ganges river, Hasina said.

Recalling BNP's campaign against Awami League, which they branded as pro-Indian, Hasina said the people have now realised who was selling the country's interest to India.

On the 25-year Friendship Treaty with India, Hasina said if it comes to power, the Awami League will not renew the accord in view of the changed global and regional situation.

"Although the Awami League cleared its position on the treaty, BNP that once used to criticise it as a bond of slavery now remained mum about the treaty," she said.

The Awami League chief also criticised Begum Zia, the leader of the third largest Muslim country, for her failure to meet the Saudi King during the Haji this year.

Presided over by Netrakona Awami League leader Fazlur Rahman Khan, the meeting was addressed by Zillur Rahman, Zubed Ali MP, Samsul Haq MP. Adv Mosharraf Hossain MP, Altaf Hossain Golondaz MP, Principal Matiur Rahman and Jalaluddin Talukdar.

On her way to Netrakona, Hasina had earlier addressed a wayside rally at Bhaluka.

Ctg-Cox's Bazar road link restored

COX'S BAZAR, June 18: Road communication between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar was restored today following the repair of Khurulia diversion bridge. The communication snapped Friday as the bridge was damaged by flood waters caused by torrential rains. Water of Bakkhali and Matamuhuri rivers are flowing above danger level, reports UNB.

One killed in Hathazari clash

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, June 18:

One person was killed in an exchange of fire between police and an armed gang in Hathazari thana this morning. The gang attempted to

snatch away an accused, Md Shahnawaz, who was arrested in connection with 'several criminal cases from Dalai village of Hathazari thana.

Police said as the armed elements opened fire on them. police returned the fire.

The victim, identified as Md Jasim (30), was killed in the crossfire, sources said.

Later, the armed gang also

gheraoed a nearby police camp but escaped when police went into action.

ZIA clash

From Page 1 Col 5 According to sources, some

members of the Bangladesh Biman Sramik Union (BBSU) and the Air Workshop Technical Workers Union started clash around 6.30 pm yesterday. They pelted stones and wielded sticks. The incident was a sequel

to tension between members of the two unions over the arrest of the former President of Air Workshop Technical Workers on June 17.

Cantonment police said they had arrested K. Khasru following a written complaint by one Solaimon on June 16. Police said they were not asked to intervene when the clashes occurred yesterday.

The Airport authorities confirmed the incident but declined to give details.

Speaker

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virtually be a caretaker government as demanded by the Opposition and it will have no scope to influence the electoral process," said the BNP leader.

Meanwhile, the Opposition,

which has given an ultimatum to the government to bring a bill regarding caretaker government by June 26, is now preparing to wage a movement to realise the demand. The opposition parties have been discussing the possible agitation programmes to be announced after the expiry of the 'deadline'.

Stephane Chapuisat. Demand for caretaker govt undemocratic: Huda

SATKHIRA, June 18: Information Minister Nazmul Huda today said that the demand for caretaker government amounted to no-confidence in the electorate, when an elected democratic government was in power, reports BSS.

The Information Minister was addressing as chief guest the Satkhira Zila conference of the Chhatra Dal and a public meeting at Kolaroa. He said a government

elected by the people was the best caretaker government. No other government can be greater than the government which is directly elected by the people, he held. He said a caretaker gov-

ernment could not be formed ignoring the basic pillars of the Constitution. The scope of changing the basic character of the constitution by amendment is very limited unless it is backed by the people's verdict, he asserted. The functions were also ad-

dressed by Farida Rahman MP, Ashraf Hossain, Whip, DU-CSU Vice President Amanullah Aman, MP, DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam, senior vice president of Chhatra Dal central committee Habibul Islam Habib, president zila BNP Shamsul floq, general secretary Kamrul Islam Faroog.

Huda said non-attendance of the parliament session by opposition parties could not be welcomed when the people gave them mandate to discuss in the session the welfare of the people and give a sense of direction to national economic policy by evaluating different aspects of national budget.

They do not care for the people's welfare, he said questioning: Which government is greater, the elected government or the caretaker government.

The Information Minister said the political party which co Sforza (Thomas Wyss 77).

had the experience of vote da-

coity knew it well that if there

was a free and fair election,

the BNP would be the victori-

were demanding a weak and

nominated government like

the caretaker government so

that they could rig the elec-

tions. "We have seen the re-

ports of vote dacoity in news-

out that, they had accused

each other of vote dacoity. He

posed a question as to how

they could talk about the spirit

of Liberation War when they

were boycotting Parliament

along with the anti-indepen-

cratic when they have joined

theirs hands with the auto-

Flash flood

in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

Flash flood has gripped the

city and its surrounding areas

following continuous downpour

Chittagong Met Office

Meanwhile, the road link

recorded 150 mm rainfall here

in 24 hours ending 6 pm to-

between Chittagong and Cox's

Bazar remained snapped from

last night as some portions of

the road at Kurulia under

Ramu thana had gone under

In the city here traffic mo-

vement was hampered at Agra-

bad, Kapasgola, Bakalia and

lying areas of the port city

faced waterlogging due to silta-

tion of the drains. In Chitta-

gong port cargo handling was

also disrupted due to the

Besides, most of the low-

Chaktai areas

rainfall.

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for the last three days.

CHITTAGONG, June 18:

cratic forces, he asked.

How they could be demo-

dence forces.

At that time, Huda pointed

papers in 1986," he said.

That was why, he said, they

group of musclemen.

Street and Malitola areas. are Jamal alias Zaman, 25 Aslam, 30, Shahdat, 30, Musa,

Meeting venues

From Page 1 Col 5 the authorities to allow public meetings in the places so that the DCC could ban rallies on the streets.

Admitting that holding of public rallies would result in damages to the three spots. Hanif said, "We will have to accept the losses for ending traffic jam being caused by freestyle arrangements of public functions on the city streets".

the DCC for action. These rickno new one would be given registration, he added.

Hanif estimated the number of rickshaws running in the city at about 2.5 lakh and said, of these only 78,000 are regis-

immediately, he said.

From Page 1 Col 5 he game.

Many Bolivians believed Germany's goal by Jurgen Klinsmann after 61 minutes came from an offside position. Mexican referee Arturo Brizio and the linesman allowed the play to continue.

Bolivia came close to scoring several times and pressed the highly favoured German team after Klinsman's goal.

Once the game was over, thousands of fans took to the streets in La Paz to cheer their team's play and after a few minutes headed toward the Mexican embassy

National Police Commander. General Luis Rocha, said many of the building's windows and some doors were smashed, but that no one was injured. Police dispersed the crowd peacefully.

Six arrested in Jaj Mian murder

By Staff Correspondent

Six persons were arrested by police late Saturday night wanted in connection with the murder of a street hawker Jai Miah on June 16.

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Jaj was brutally murdered in broad day light in front of a shoe store in Gulistan area by a

Motifheel police arrested the six persons from Folder

Those taken into custody 32. Abdul Malek, 32 and Kabir,

The Mayor also told the journalists that unregistered rickshaws plying on the city streets were being detected by shaws would be legalised but

The Mayor quoting from a survey of the DCC said, about 75 per cent shops in wards had no trade licence. The commissioners were now working to identify such shopowners to bring them to book

Bangla-Thai JEC

From Page 1 Col 8 ces told BSS and added that

the meeting went off very well: Two sides discussed the political issues and agreed to cooperate with each other in lessening global tensions and promote peace and stability.

· Both sides had a broad overview of the global political and economic situations and agreed to work in concert for the benefits of the developing countries.

Foreign Minister Rahman was assisted in the talks by Foreign Secretary Mufleh R Osmany, director general in the Foreign ministry Kazi Anwarul Masud and Bangladesh ambassador to Thailand Major General (retd) MA Mannaf.

The Thai Foreign Minister was aided by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Foreign ministry Saro Chavanaviraj and ambassador in Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyemeth. In the economic field,

Bangladesh stressed the need for reducing the trade imbalance which is in favour of Thailand. Thailand assured Bangladesh of efforts to increase import from this coun-

Thailand imports fertiliser.

newsprint, paper, tea, leather etc. and exports mineral products, chemicals, plastic materials, textile machinery etc.

Bangladesh has urged Thailand to invest in this country since the investment climate has greatly improved after several decisions taken by the government.

The Thai Foreign Minister conveyed his country's deep appreciation to Bangladesh to the treatment and care given to the Thai fishermen in the wake of recent cyclone in the coastal areas of Bangladesh. Two sides underlined that

such gesture is reflective of

the close ties that bind the two

countries. Bangladesh side among other issues took up the visa matter and pointed out that certain limitations imposed recently on Bangladesh travellers had a negative impact on the business of both Bangladesh Biman and Thai Airlines. The Thai Foreign Mi-

Dhaka proposed an early meeting of the joint committee on trade and the Thai side said it will follow it up.

nister said they will consider

Soonsiri leaves Dhaka today.

this problem on due course.



The fifth session of the Bangladesh-Thailand Joint Commission held at the state guest house Meghna in the city - PID photo yesterday.