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Holiday Notice

The offices of *The Daily Star*
will remain closed today on
the occasion of holy Ashura.
Therefore, there will be no
issue of the newspaper
tomorrow.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hasina goes to
Tangail tomorrow

Leader of the Opposition
and Awami League President
Sheikh Hasina will address a
public meeting at Tangail to-
morrow. District Awami League
has organised the meeting to
press home the demand for a
non-partisan neutral govern-
ment, reports UNB.

Savar municipal
polls June 27

SAVAR: June 20: Election
to Savar Municipality will be
held on June 27, the Election
Commission announced today.
The decision was taken follow-
ing discharge of a case in the
Higher Court against delimita-
tion of ward which had forced
postponement of the election
for six times. The election in
the municipality was due in
1992, reports UNB.

Blast kills 70 inside Iranian mosque

NICOSIA (Cyprus), June 20:
Seventy Muslim worshippers
were killed and 114 wounded
Monday when a bomb exploded
in a crowded mausoleum in
Mashhad in northeast Iran, reports AP.

The official Islamic Republic
News Agency, monitored in
Nicosia, said the Iranians had
gathered in the prayer hall of the
mausoleum of the Imam Reza, one of
the saints of the Shi'ite branch of
Islam to observe the Islamic
mourning day of Ashura.

That is the anniversary of
the 7th century martyrdom of
the sect's most revered saint,
Imam Hussein (RA), grandson
of the Prophet Mohammed (SA), Islam's founder.

IRNA said 70 people were
killed and 114 rushed to hos-
pitals in the city, 450 miles

east of Tehran.

It was the worst known ter-
rorist attack in the country
since the 1988 ending of the
eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

A resident of Mashhad who
visited the scene told Reuters
that the bomb seemed to go off
in the women's section of the
mausoleum and that ambu-
lances were still rushing to the
scene almost four hours after
the blast.

Iranian television, which
said the bomb had five kg ex-
plosives, showed workers
in tears, clearing broken
glass from a blood-splattered
green marble floor.

One wall and the prayer
hall's dome had caved in and
scores of crystal chandeliers
were shattered.

Iranian security sources
told IRNA that clues they found

on the scene pointed to the
involvement of the Mujah-
edeen Khalq, the largest
Iranian dissident group.

The agency also said it re-
ceived a call from a man who
identified himself as spokes-
man for the Mujahedeen and
claimed responsibility for the
bombing.

But in a statement issued
from its office in France, a
Mujahedeen spokesman 'strongly
condemned the bombing.
Such criminal actions, which
inflict casualties on innocent
people, only serve the inter-
ests of the mullahs' regime,'
the spokesman said.

Several small bombs have
exploded in Tehran in recent
months and authorities have
blamed Iraq, its enemy in the
1980-88 war, and the Muja-
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Opposition to announce 'common bill' on caretaker govt June 27

By Staff Correspondent

The Opposition parties in
Parliament are now drafting a
'common bill' outlining the
formula for a caretaker govern-
ment and will announce it on
June 27, Opposition leaders
said yesterday.

The Opposition will also
announce its agitation pro-
grammes after its June 26
'deadline' is over, they said in a
press briefing at the Parliament
building.

Tofael Ahmed of Awami
League, Moudud Ahmed of
Jatiya Party and Latifur
Rahman of the Jamaat-e-Islami
spoke on behalf of their
respective parties at the briefing
which was held following a
closed-door meeting chaired
by Sheikh Hasina.

Tofael said that the
Opposition leaders examined
different aspects of the
Constitution in relations to
their demand for a caretaker
government to finalise the
'common bill'.

Moudud Ahmed alleged
that the ruling party is holding
Parliament session without any
quorum and the national budget
is likely to be passed in

Replying to a question,
Tofael said the Opposition
parties have more or less
arrived at a consensus on the
modality of a caretaker govern-
ment. The sub-committee
concerned will make a de-
tailed scrutiny of the modality
before its final announcement
on June 27, he added.

About the agitation pro-
gramme, he said the
Opposition parties will sit sepa-
rately to discuss the possible
programmes which will also be
announced simultaneously.

Reacting to the government
move to pass the national bud-
get without the Opposition,
Tofael said this is completely
undemocratic. He described
the government as inefficient
and non-responsive to the
socio-economic and political
problems.

Appropriation Bill adopted

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yester-
day adopted the Appropriation
(Supplementary) Bill, 1994,
granting the government an additional
amount of Taka 4566 crore, 98 lakh and
42 thousand from the
Consolidated Fund to meet the
estimated expenditures of
different ministries for the
current fiscal ending on June
30.

Finance Minister M Saifur
Rahman moved the Appropriation
Bill to give legal effect to
the supplementary budget.

The opposition parties have
been continuing their boycott.
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Bangladesh Bank services declared essential

The government has de-
clared the services of all category
officers and employees of the
Bangladesh Bank essential,
according to an official hand-
out in Dhaka yesterday, reports
BSS.

The government considers
that all categories of services
of the Bangladesh Bank are
essential for continuation of
the functioning of the bank
necessary for leading normal
life of the people.

News Analysis

DSE passing thru' testing times

By S Y Bakht

gent registration regulations
for all stock market operators.

The Finance Minister an-
nounced a number of moves to
boost the country's capital
market. He proposed reduction
of income tax of publicly
traded companies from 40 per
cent to 37.5 per cent. He also
proposed to withdraw the 15
per cent investment tax credit
incentive from the govern-
ment-issued savings certificate
purchased after June 30.
to divert individual in-
vestors to the share market.

Strongly resented by the
share market operators, the
SEC published newspaper ad-
vertisements on June 11 re-
quiring all stock dealers, bro-
kers and sub-brokers to regis-
ter with the commission within
the next two weeks.

Gazetted earlier this month,
the regulation bars anyone who
is also a director of a listed
company, from registering as a

stock dealer or broker and lays
down detailed book-keeping
guidelines for all share market
operators.

Currently operating under a
very loose set of guidelines
with little safeguards to pro-
tect the rights of individual
shareholders, the DSE mem-
bers reacted sharply against
the above mandatory provi-
sions.

Market observers noted
that the members have reasons
to be concerned as a number
of the existing 195 or so
members of the DSE are also
directors of listed companies
and a system of keeping de-
tailed records of transactions
are yet to be developed.
However, DSE rules prohibit
members from dealing in
shares of companies in which
they are also directors.

"We do need the rules and
regulations but if it is made

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Swedish defender Roger Ljung leaps to nod the ball home for his side's first goal during the Scandinavians' World Cup Group B opener against Cameroon at the Rose Bowl Stadium, Los Angeles on Sunday. The ding-dong affair ended 2-2.
— AFP photo

'African lions' relive sensation

PASADENA, Calif., June 20:
Sweden and Cameroon fought
out a see-saw World Cup 2-2
Sunday. Thomas Dahlin
firing a 75th minute equalizer
for the Swedes to capture a
point, reports AP.

Defender Roger Ljung
headed the Swedes in front
after seven minutes but goals
by David Ember (31st minute)
and Francois Omam-Biyick
(47th) turned the game around
at the Rose Bowl.

Some calamitous defending
by Cameroon set up Ljung's
early goal.

Jonas Thern looped over a
free kick from the left and
Cameroon goalie Joseph-
Antoine Bell was totally
deceived by the flight. He left
his line and no one picked up
two Swedish players at the
back. Thomas Dahlin didn't get
to the ball but Ljung did and he
headed in from three metres
(yards).

Cameroon may have been
weak at the back but looked
good going forward.

Omam-Biyick went close
with a long-range lob and Louis
Paul Mfede shot just wide of
the post.

The first equalizer came
when Swedish defender
Patrick Andersson had a
clearance charged down by
Marc Vivien Foe on the edge
of the penalty area.

Toab Khan granted ad-interim bail

Advisory Editor of the Ben-
gal daily *Janakantha* Toab
Khan was granted *ad-interim*
bail yesterday by the High
Court Division of the Supreme
Court comprising Justice D M
Ansaruddin Ahmed and Justice
Nurul Islam, reports BSS.

Khan was arrested on June
8 on charge of having pub-
lished an article in his paper
allegedly hurting the religious
sentiment of the people.

The Chief Metropolitan
Magistrate, Dhaka had earlier
rejected a bail prayer moved
on behalf of Khan.

UNB adds: The District and
Sessions Judge's Court yester-
day rejected the *ad-interim*
bail prayer of assistant editor
of the *Janakantha*, ATM
Shamsuddin.

Judge Abdus Salam fixed
June 25 for hearing the bail
prayer.

The Chief Metropolitan
Magistrate had rejected
a bail petition on June 18 when
he surrendered to the court
and sent him to jail.

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Move to amend Printing Presses Act 1973

The government is con-
templating amending the ex-
isting law providing for mini-
mum 15 years' experience as
working journalist for editor of
a newspaper or news agency.

Senior official sources told
UNB yesterday that a draft bill
seeking amendment to the
Printing Presses and Publica-
tions (Declaration and Regis-
tration) Act of 1973 is awaiting
approval of the cabinet before
taken to Parliament.

The sources said the step is
being taken in view of persist-
ent demand of the journalists
community to maintain dignity
of the editorial institution and
the profession of journalism
more effective in sustaining
democracy.

The draft bill proposed that
an editor of a newspaper or
news agency must have rea-
sonable qualifications and

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TONIGHTS WORLD CUP
MATCHES ON BTV

Group D Argentina vs Greece 22:30 (BST)
Group C Germany vs Spain 02:00 (BST)
Group D Nigeria vs Bulgaria 05:30 (BST)

Ashura
today

By Staff Correspondent
The holy Ashura, the 10th
of Muharram in the Islamic
calendar, will be observed to-
day by the Muslims all over the
country with due homage.

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The Muslim world observes
the day commemorating the
supreme sacrifices made by
Imam Hossain (RA) and his fol-
lowers in the desert of Karbala
for establishing truth and jus-
tice and upholding the cause
of Islam.

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Judgement in
Golam Azam
case tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The Appellate Division of
the Supreme Court is sched-
uled to announce at 9 am to-
morrow the judgement on the
government appeal against the
High Court Division's order
restoring the citizenship of
Jamaat-e-Islami leader Golam
Azam.

Led by Justice M H

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