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TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP MATCHES ON BTV

Group E : Italy vs Norway 02:00 (BST)

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Power plants

Ministry asked to negotiate with private sector

The Cabinet has directed the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry to expedite negotiations with the private sector concerns interested to set up power generation plants in the country, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in the Cabinet meeting held at the Bangabhaban yesterday with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

The Cabinet also approved, in principle, the draft of law relating to suppression of crimes against safety of aircraft.

**'Strengthen Press Council'**

By Staff Correspondent

The editors and senior journalists of various newspapers at a meeting yesterday stressed the need for strengthening the Press Council to enable it to deal with all the legal matters concerning newspapers.

Speakers at the meeting said since the journalists are engaged in a risky and responsible profession, they should be issued 'summons instead of warrant of arrest' for any legal matter relating to their discharge of duties.

Journalists should also be more responsible in performing their duties so that their reports do not hurt the sentiment of the people or go against the national interest, the meeting said.

The meeting organised by Bangladesh Federal Union of See Page 12 Col 2

**Star Editor surprised**

Staff Correspondent

In a letter written to Kazi Shahed Ahmed, President of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP), the Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, expressed his surprise at some press reports about his membership of the Shadhinata Birodi Shakti Protroddh Jatiya Committee which was formed in a meeting at the Jatiya Press Club on June 19, 1994.

The Star editor said in his letter that he was never consulted nor did he give his consent for his name to be used in such a committee.

## Supreme Court upholds HC verdict on Azam

By Staff Correspondent

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