Chakma repatriation resumes July 21

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG June 30 The next phase of repatriation of Chakma refugees from the Tripura state of India, will re-

sume on July 21 This was decided at a mee ting between the 11-member refugee delegation and the parliamentary sub-committee on hill tract affairs, held at the Ramgarh Rest House today.

The refugee delegation whi ch arrived this morning at Ramgarh from across the border was led by Upendra Lal Chakma, chairman of the Refugee Welfare Association.

The sub-committee mem bers including Rashed Khan Menon, Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, Md Shahjahan and Shahjahan Chowdhury and some government officials attended the talks which continued from

12 15 pm to 3.30 pm today Meanwhile, the Chakma refugee leaders in today's meeting placed some fresh de mands. The Bangladesh side said, it would consider the demands.

The demands are: En hancement of financial pack age from Taka 10,000 to Taka 15,000, distribution of milch cows to those refugees who have no cultivable lands, spe cial prevision for holding SSC examination for the wards of refugees who are SSC candidates and extension of the general amnesty which expired today

Nirmul questions govt neutrality

By Staff Correspondent

The Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Jatiya Samannaya Committee has accused the government of taking sides during yesterday's day-long hartal in the city and across the country.

Addressing newsmen at the National Press Club after the hartal yesterday evening member-secretary of the Nirmul Committee Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury said the government deserved a 'yellow card' as in soccer, for abandoning its neutral role of a 'referee' in favour of that of a player during the hartal called by rival organisations.

Chowdhury also alleged that agents of the killers and collaborators of 1971 had assaulted journalists and leaders and workers of the pro-Liberation political organisations during the hartal.

He claimed that the nationwide hartal called by the Sampradayikata Birodhi Chhatra Samaj against the 'war criminals,' collaborators, fatwabaz, religion-peddlers, communal and fascist forces was observed throughout the country. The Nirmul Committee backed the hartal.

"We are proud of the success of the student bodies, af filiated with the Nirmul Committee." Prof Chowdhury said.

He told the journalists that they were determined to carry forward the agitation based on the programmes left by the late leader of the Committee, Jahanara Imam.

Speaking on the occasion, committee leader Abdur Razzak. MP. called for unitedly resisting the collaborators of 1971 and communal forces and supported the student bodies' fresh programmes.

Kazi Aref Ahmed, Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury Maya and others were also present.

From Page 1 Col 4 creatures swimming in the water. "That's why I now use a piece of clean cloth over the pitcher while collecting water," she says.

The 1294-kilometre-long water distribution channel of WASA is a complicated net work, something similar to a cobweb spun by a spider with misplaced overviews.

"A headache," as dubbed by some WASA engineers, the water supply mains, some installed as early as the birth of the WASA itself, run through the utility grape-vine of gas.

power, telephone. "This is one main reason for water contamination, says a spokesman for WASA. "Think about the utility supply lines running like Siamese sisters always overlapping and cross-

ing the other." Engineers point out that water gets contaminated from seepage and leakage from the parallel lines like water supply

and sewer lines. Besides, some 51 per cent of water supplied is lost due to various reasons - from "technical systems loss" to il-

legal connections, bypass, me-

tre tampering and misuse of

The WASA officials say all these have caused the water shortage creating situations as in Meradia or Motifheel government staff quarters in the capital where acute water crisis is synonymous to the daily

The people of Dhaka city daily need an estimated 140 crore litres of water half of which is now supplied by the 179 deep tubewells dotting the city and a 120-year-old surface water treatment plant in Chandni Ghat area in Lalbagh. Running three shifts a day, the plant supplies 40 lakh litres of water, mainly to the people living in the old part of the city.

"Look at the habit we have grown in our daily water use," comments a senior WASA engineer, "we keep running water while brushing our teeth or water flows from a faulty faucet all day long." A picture of the old Dhaka is incomplete without water running from an open line.

The household water reservoirs are yet another reason behind water contamination in Dhaka. Rare cleaning of the subterranean reservoirs by the landlords often yields halfgrown banyan trees, algae, and colony of cockroaches.

The engineer, who preferred anonymity, says that the people's habit in their use of water has to be changed. "We are now using water as if it is free of charge."

The popular notion in water use is that water should be free of charge because it is abundant in riverine Bangladesh. However, people hardly think about the total investment made in the water supply sec-

A WASA official says that the money for almost 60 per cent of water supplied to the old Dhaka never reach the national exchequer. The money goes to the pockets of a section of WASA's revenue department

officials under some

"arrangements" According to an estimate. about 26 per cent of the water supplied in the city is lost due to 'administrative system loss' a term loosely used to mean the "arrangements" between a section of WASA officials for non-payment of bills or putting up low bills.

Dhaka WASA has registered some 1.38 lakh connections for its bonafide clients. No one knows the number of illegal connections or those who have more than one supply link.

The monthly revenue income from the water supply sector is Taka six crore six lakh and 33 thousand (Tk 6,06,33,000).

"The water supply crisis has something to do with the problem of an integrated town planning," says M Ruhul Amin, a resident of the city's Arambagh area.

The almost incurable absence of coordination among the utility services like the WASA, Dhaka City Corporation, Unnavan Raidhani Kartripakkha (RAJUK) and the Titas Gas, is admitted by the officials of all the agencies concerned.

"It's an absolute disparity in the supply system where the multistoried buildings draw all the water from the mains and deprive their one-storey neighbours," Ruhul Amin comments, "water price has doubled or trebled over the last three decades and supply situation has worsened."

LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder admitted the city's acute water supply shortage.

Replying to questions in the Jativa Sangsad on June 16, he said that the continued growth of population in Dhaka was making the supply situation more complicated.

The present urban growth rate of Bangladesh is 5.8 per cent — a statistics enough to horrify the city managers struggling hard to provide basic services such as water, sanitation and garbage disposal to the fast-growing capital.

The minister also pointed out that ground water table in Dhaka was falling due to indiscriminate water extraction by deep tubewells. The extraction may even result into landslides in future, he said.

Salam Talukder informed the House that the government has planned both short and long term programmes to increase water supply in the cap-

The short term programmes include installation of 20 more deep tubewells and rehabilitation of another 10.

The long term programmes include renovation of the Chandni Ghat plant and setting up of a surface water treatment plant in Sayeedabad area.

When the renovation would be completed by June 1998. Chandni Ghat water works plant is expected to treat another 2.5 crore litres of water. the minister said.

The proposed Sayeedabad project, when completed in 1998, is likely to supply about 90 crore litres of water a day.



The otherwise busy Purana Paltan (mossing near the Bangladesh Secretariat during hartal - Star photo hours vesterday.

Sporadic clashes mark hartal

From Page 1 Col 7 main thoroughfare from the Motifheel Commercial Area to the Jatiya Press Club. Both sides took position across the Purana Paltan intersection with police providing a comfortable buffer by erecting barbed-wire barricades.

The Jamaat forces were lodged on the eastern side of the intersection while the western side was a stronghold of the anti-communal forces.

Pickets on both sides of the divide were seen carrying bamboo and wooden sticks openly in front of police despite a government ban imposed on Tuesday Numerous cracker blasts were also heard throughout the day. At around 11:30 am, a

Jamaat procession attempted to break the police barricade at the Purana Paltan crossing. Police resisted the move and tried to bring the situation under control by resorting to lathicharge and lobbing teargas shells. But the pickets, in turn, threw brickbats at police when the hot-water cannons were used from a riot van parked in the middle of the intersection.

About 35 people, including four policemen, were injured in the incident

Another 30 people were injured two of them stabbed. when the rival groups clashed at Janrabari late in the morning. Besides, 15 people were injured in a series of clashes in the old town area.

Several people were also manhandled by rival mobs during the hartal hours. An assistant director of Bangladesh Bank was severely beaten near the north gate of Baitul Mukarmım Mosque.

A reporter of the Daily Al Mujaddid was also seriously manhandled at Topkhana Road by hartal activists suspecting him bo be from the enemy camp', after he failed to produce his identity card.

A pro-Jamaat procession was also attacked by students near tine Curzon Hall area in the afternoon. Both sides brought out sev-

eral processions during the hartal hours and held rallies at the end of the day. Comes of some newspapers were also burned in several

places im the country. Biman sources said that all of its domestic services were cancelled while the international flights were resched-

Movement of trains was also disrupted in some areas. Railway sources said. Although all scheduled trains left Kamalapur station in the early hours of the day, their movement was intercepted at various points by the pickets.

The inter-district including BRTC buses remained off the roads. City bus services also remained inoperative during the hartal period.

Launch and steamer services in all river routes to and from Sadarghat terminal in the city, however, remained normal

Reports of clashes and casualties, as well as attacks on the offices of some political parties, NGOs and newspapers were also received from the districts.

In some places, rival supporters of the dawn-to-dusk hartal burnt copies of the Janakantha and Ingilab newspapers. Several policemen were also injured in skir mishes. At some places, police had to resort to baton-charge teargassing and even firing blanks to disperse violent

Maradona out of World Cup From Page 1 Col 4 dona's sample had been inclu-

Both the 33-year-old pla yer's samples showed positive after analysis at the UCLA doping laboratory in California.

Michel D'Hooghe, a medical doctor who is a member of FIFA's executive committee. said analysis showed no one tablet contained all the five substances.

"Maradona must have taken a cocktail of drugs because the five identified substances are not found in one medicine. he said.

"It is true that some of these medications, especially non-ephedrine, are often used in weight-reduction medicines," he added.

"It would seem possible that Maradona may have taken these drugs in a bid to reduce weight leading up to the World Cup. He has said he has lost a considerable amount in recent months."

AFA President Julio Grondona told the news conference Maradona was still with his teammates in Dallas.

, Canedo said the random test was taken after Argentina beat Nigeria 2-1 in Foxboro near Boston last Saturday.

Argentina play Bulgaria at 2335 GMT on Thursday in

Bulgarian Football Association general secretary Hristo Yossifov told Reuters: "This is a tragedy for football and for the World Cup.

"This shouldn't happen to a player as great as Maradona. All our players are upset about this. This has been the best World Cup since 1982."

AFA vice president David Pintado told reporters at the Argentine team hotel in Dallas the decision to withdraw Maradona had been taken on Thursday morning once the result of the second test came through.

"Now we hope to calm the waters, talk to FIFA and see what can be done to help the player," he said. "The main thing is how to act to protect the player's reputation.'

FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter alluded to this at the news conference at FIFA's World Cup headquarters in the sumptuous Four Seasons Hotel complex. "Not only is it a matter of

doping in this case, it's also a matter of personality. It is like a moral, and it will be good for FIFA and the AFA to deal with this after the World Cup." Canedo said the tests would

have no bearing on the result of Argentina's match against Nigeria. Argentina have already qualified for the next round of the tournament

But Blatter said: "If two players had been found guilty. FIFA probably would have changed the result."

Blatter said none of the substances detected in Mara-

ded on a list of the player's & medications provided by the team idoctor. D'hooghe confirmed this

and added: "It is absolutely scientifically proved that these products have a positive action on the central nervous system, increasing the player's ability and physical action. That is absolutely certain."

He said no single product on the market — nasal spray or medicine - contained all the five products found in the

"Whatever way of taking it, it is furbidden under the dop-

ing regulations of FIFA." FIFM president Joao Havelange, a Brazilian, closed the news conference by saying: "It is with great sadness that we have no say Maradona suspended from the team and will not be able to play. After I heard last night. I was always praying with hope that the result would be different.

"I lume all these players as if they were my children or grandchildren.

"We cannot lie and the medical facts don't lie, and we have to accept the truth."

FIFM named the five banned and related substances as: Ephedring. Pheny propanolamine, Pseudo-Ephedrine, Non-Pseudo-Ep-

hedrine. Methylephedrine.

AFA in defence

Meanwhile, an AFP report said: Airgentine Football Association president Julio Grondona told am Argentine radio in a report broadcast in Buenos Aires the level of ephedrine in Maradona's urine sample was not high enough to prove he had taken the drug as a stimu-

Argentines torn

From Page 1 Col 4 really was "On The Ropes" or whether he could make

another miraculous comeback. Radio programmes have been bombarded by callers, some of them in tears, desperate to went their feelings of shame, anger and bitterness.

Many believe the whole affair is simply a plot, designed to destabilise the national team after their successful start to the tournament. A start which had taised hopes, and many prayers of a second victory in three finals. 'In the cases and in the

streets. Maradona monopolised public attention. Did he take the drug accidentally? Was a dioctor at fault? Or is it simply that Maradona is an incorrigible drug-taker who cannot piew lootball without artificial lenp?

association, the AFA, did not

watch Maradona more closely.

In Argentina, the witch-hunt is

already under way

image of Islam. They also accused the BNP Many commentators wonder why the national football

He said Maradona was devastated because he had not taken the drug with any inten tion of cheating. Grondona said the player's

personal trainer Daniel Cerrini

had given Maradona the medicine unknown to the team doctor Ernesto Ugalde. The Argentine FA had argued Maradona took the decongestant ephedrine "by ac-

cident." But the AFA rallied to Maradona's defence on Thursday, saying he took the drug without knowing what the decongestant contained, or what

its effects would be. "We will defend the player and we will insist that Maradona did not try to improve his performance by taking the drug," an Argentine FA official said.

Matin

From Page 1 Col 8 in the capital some people hurled cocktails at police at Firmgate, Bijoynagar and Paltan areas injuring 17 police officials and constables.

Five pickets were also in-

jured, he added. The minister said although

there was disruption in normal traffic in the city during hartal hours the train services from Kamalapur and launch services from Sadarghat functioned normally.

Attendance in government offices and production in mills and factories were also normal, the minister added.

Left leaders From Page 1 Col 8

resist fundamentalism which they said, was a threat to the development of the country.

The rally was addressed by BSD leader Subhrangsu Chakrabarty, Oikya Prokria leader Nayeem Jahangir, BSD central leader Moinuddin Khan Badal, JSD leader Mir Hossain Akhter. The president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh. Shahidullah Chowdhury presided over the rally.

belong to any left party nor does she campaign for our ideology. Yet we recognise her right to speak and we support that right," said Moinuddin Khan Badal.

"Taslima Nasrin does not

The Left leaders said the fundamentalists were misinterpreting and tarnishing the

government of backing the Jamaat and the fundamentalists and said. "Now the BNP government's alliance with them has gone to such an extent that the existence of the nation is being threatened

Moudud 'discloses' The Midnight File how BNP bagged

JP support once Jatiya Party leader Moudud

Ahmed yesterday rebutted Prime Minister's remarks on his party as "attacking, vindic tive and devoid of farsighted ness," reports UNB.

"Digging the past and harping on autocracy will be a futile exercise for the ruling party in its bid to shirk the responsibiltty of finding a solution to the present crisis," he told a press briefing at the JP parliament office last night. Referring to Begum Zia's

remarks made in Parliament on Wednesday about the passage of the 12th Amendment and parliamentary democracy Moudud claimed that the ruling party had tried its best to bag support of JP when it faced a crisis at the time of introduction of the Parliamentary Democracy Bill in the

Moudud said, the BNP government even went to the extent of arranging a confidential meeting of four JP stalwarts with former president Ershad in his prison cell at Dhaka Central Jail in the last week of July 1991.

Defying the existing law, the main gate of Dhaka Central Jail was opened at 9 pm at the instruction of the BNP government to allow the top Jatiya Party leaders to have a parley with chairman Ershad at his cell," he told journalists.

Moudud said Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Shah Moa zzem Hossain, Reazuddin Ahmed Bhola Mia and he himself were the four leaders to talk to Ershad. After the meeting, Ershad agreed to give support to the 12th Amendment Bill and parliamentary form of government in the greater national interest, he added.

BNP's senior ministers many of them "Barrister-ministers," had negotiated this arrangement, said a smiling Ahmed.

As follow up of that meeting, arrangements were made to bring Kazi Zafar Ahmed Shah Moazzem Hossain and Sarder Amiad Hossain out of Dhaka Central Jail into Parliament to enable them to vote for the 12th Amendment on August 6, 1991, the day the 12th Amendment Bill was

 "But for mysterious reasons, the three JP leaders were taken to PG Hospital changing the route from the central jail to Parliament." Despite this "betrayal" by BNP, Jatiya Party had voted for the 12th Amendment and passed the historic bill unanimously, he

Flash flood in Pabna

PABNA, June 30: Flash flood due to excessive rain and rise in the water level of the Jamuna river inundated low-lying areas of Bera and Sujanagar thanas in last 24 hours, official sources said today, reports UNB.

The Jamuna was flowing 12 cm below the danger mark. Some 5,000 people of 15 villages in the two thanas were

marooned by the flood that also damaged standing crops on 4,000 acres of land. About 200 kutcha houses were partially damaged. Besides, some 200 people

of 50 families were rendered

homeless in Bera thana due to

erosion by the Jamuna during

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the period.

ing Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani hit the war-torn Afghan capital today. Radio Kabul said. More than 15 houses were destroyed in the rocket attack, said the broadcast monitored here, reports AFP US may impose trade

Rocket attack on Kabul:

16 killed, 100 injured

100 injured when a barrage of rockets fired by forces oppos-

ISLAMABAD June 30: At least 16 people were killed and

ban against China WASHINGTON, June 30; The United States may impose trade sanctions against China under the so-called "Super 301" law for alleged intellectual trade violations. US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor announced today. Kantor said

an inquiry will immediately begin to determine whether

China failed to properly protect US patents and copyrights

that American businesses say costs them 800 million dollars

in sales annually, reports AFP. Students alliance

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Deputy Commissioners' offices at the district headquarters on July 16 and a march towards the Prime Minister's Secretariat on August 2. Chaired by Belal Choudhury

the students' rally was addressed by Igbalur Rahim of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League, Satjad Zahir Chandan of the CPB-backed Chhatra Union, Ruhul Kuddus of the JSD (Inu)-supported Chhatra League and Moshrefa Mishu of Chhatra Otkya Forum.

AL leaders Abdus Razzak, K M Jahangir and Amir Hossain Amu, Kazi Aref Ahmed of JSD (Inu) and Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury of the Nirmul Samannya Committee were present at the rally.

Addressing the rally, the student leaders urged the leaders of pro-liberation democratic and progressive political parties to forge unity and guide the students in the struggle against the anti-liberation and communal forces. The national leaders must spell out what the students should do at this critical juncture of national life when antiliberation forces were out to undo the outcome of the liber ation war, the Chhatra Samai leaders said.

They also announced their readiness to fight to the last to establish truth, and justice and re-establish values that in spired the people to fight for the country's independence.

The student leaders reiter ated their demand for the formation of a special tribunal to try Jamaat chief Golam Azam as a war criminal, ban on religion-based politics and trial of those who attacked newspaper offices.

Opposition

From Page 1 Col 7 The Leader of the Opposition is ready to have a dialogue with the Prime Minister but it must be on the basis of a bill seeking provisions for a care-

taker administration', he said. Referring to the Prime Minister's call to the Awami League for distancing itself from the "autocratic forces' Nasim said that the government was trying to divide the Opposition.

But it would not be succeed this time, he added.

Replying to a question, he said that staging walkout and boycotting Parliament session were constitutional right of the Opposition. He did not mention any article of the Constitution in this regard.

Tk 590 cr WB loan for road maintenance

Bangladesh will get 146.8 million US dollar, equivalent to Tk 590 crore, from the World Bank for road rehabilitation and maintenance in the northwestern part of the coun-

try, reports UNB. The money will come under a soft-term loan agreement signed by Bangladesh and World Bank on Wednesday at the Bank's headquarters in Washington, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

The loan is the single largest chunk of financial assistance by the WB to Bangladesh after that for the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project where the bank is providing 200 million US dollar.

Bhattachariya

Debu Da', as he was popu-

From Page 1 Col 5 abroad.

larly known among the artistes of Bangladesh as well as Pakistan, made a significant contribution to Pakistan's movies. He was honoured with Nigar award in Pakistan and adjudged best music director in 1975 in Bangladesh.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas last night expressed his sorrow at the sad demise of Debu Bhattachariya.

In a condolence message President Biswas recalled contribution of late Bhattachariya to the arena of music and said his death is a great loss to the

cultural field. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia expressed her shock at the death of the country's leading musician

Debu Bhattachartya.

In her message, she recalled the contribution of the late musician in the field of music and said Debu Bhattachariya had enriched music of the country. The Prime Minister said

the death of Debu Bhattachariya is an irreparable loss for the country's musical arena. She prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul. State Minister for Cultural

Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum in

a message of condolence ex-

pressed her deep shock at the demise of the noted musician. The Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad, Bangladesh Geetekabi Sangsad, Bangladesh Jativatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha and lyricists - S M Hedayet and Hamidul Islam last night also condoled the

death.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিল পরিশোধের সর্বশেষ সুযোগ

বিভিন্ন অসুবিধার কারণে সময়মত বিল পরিশোধ করতে না পারায় সন্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের বিশেষ অনুরোধে সাকল্য বকেয়া এককালীন পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের সময়সীমা সর্বশেষ ১৫ই জুলাই '৯৪ ইং পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হল।

বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য যে, তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন করাসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার ভ্রাম্যমান আদালত পিডিআর এ্যাক্টের অধীনে খেলাপী গ্রাহকদের বিরুদ্ধে যথায়থ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করছে।

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