

# 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 resume on July 21.  
 This was decided at a meeting of the 11-member refugee delegation and the parliamentary sub-committee on hill tract affairs, held at the Ramgarh Rest House today.  
 The refugee delegation which arrived this morning at Ramgarh from across the border was led by Upendra Lal Chakma, chairman of the Refugee Welfare Association.  
 The sub-committee members including Rashed Khan Menon, Kalpa Ranjan Chakma, Md Shahjahan and Shahjahan Chowdhury and some govern-

# 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 Mafnan 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 Sampradayaikata Birodhi Cha-

# Water contamination

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 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 network, 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 crossing 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 illegal connections, bypass, metre tampering and misuse of water.  
 The WASA officials say all these have caused the water shortage creating situations as in Meradia or Motijheel government staff quarters in the capital where acute water crisis is synonymous to the daily life.  
 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 landowners often yields half-grown 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 sector.  
 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



The otherwise busy Purana Paltan Crossing near the Bangladesh Secretariat during hartal hours yesterday. — Star photo

# Sporadic clashes mark hartal

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 main thoroughfare from the Motijheel 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 Jatrahari 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 Mukarram Mosque.  
 A reporter of the Daily Al Mujaddid was also seriously manhandled at Topkhana Road by hartal activists suspecting him to be from the 'enemy camp', after he failed to produce his identity card.  
 A pro-Jamaat procession was also attacked by students near the Curzon Hall area in the afternoon.  
 Both sides brought out several processions during the hartal hours and held rallies at the end of the day.  
 Copies of some newspapers were also burned in several places in the country.  
 Biman sources said that all of its domestic services were cancelled while the international flights were resched-

# Maradona out of World Cup

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 Both the 33-year-old player'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 Dallas.  
 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 Maradona's sample had been included on a list of the player's medications provided by the team doctor.  
 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 samples.  
 "Whatever way of taking it, it is forbidden under the doping regulations of FIFA."  
 FIFA president Joao Havelange, a Brazilian, closed the news conference by saying: "It is with great sadness that we have to say Maradona is 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 love 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."  
 FIFA named the five banned and related substances as: Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, Phenylpropanolamine, Pseudoephedrine, Non-Pseudo-Ephedrine, Methylephedrine.  
**AFA in defence**  
 Meanwhile, an AFP report said: Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona told an 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 stimulant.  
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 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 vent 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 raised hopes, and many prayers of a second victory in three finals.  
 "In the cafes and in the streets, Maradona monopolised public attention. Did he take the drug accidentally? Was a doctor at fault? Or is it simply that Maradona is an incorrigible drug-taker who can't play football without artificial help?"  
 Many commentators wonder why the national football association, the AFA, did not watch Maradona more closely. In Argentina, the witch-hunt is already under way.

# Moudud 'discloses' how BNP bagged JP support once

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday rebutted Prime Minister's remarks on his party as "attacking vindictive and devoid of farsightedness," reports UNB.  
 Digging the past and harping on autocracy will be a futile exercise for the ruling party in its bid to shirk the responsibility 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 House.  
 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 Mizarun Rahman Chowdhury, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Rezauddin Ahmed Bhoia 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 Anjad 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 passed.  
 "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 said.  
 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 accident."  
 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.

# 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 Sujanager 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 the period.

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 in the capital some people hurled cocktails at police at Firmgate, Bijoyagar and Paltan areas injuring 17 police officials and constables.  
 Five pickets were also injured, 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

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 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 Jahaggr, BSD central leader Moimuddin Khan Badal, JSD leader Mir Hossain Akhter. The president of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, Shahidullah Chowdhury presided over the rally.  
 Taslima Nasrin does not 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 Moimuddin Khan Badal.  
 The left leaders said the fundamentalists were misinterpreting and tarnishing the image of Islam.  
 They also accused the BNP 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."

# The Midnight File

**Rocket attack on Kabul: 16 killed, 100 injured**  
**ISLAMABAD, June 30:** At least 16 people were killed and 100 injured when a barrage of rockets fired by forces opposing 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 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 Tk 590 cr WB loan for road maintenance

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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 Beal Choudhury, the students' rally was addressed by Iqbalur Rahim of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League, Sajjad Zahir Chandon of the CPB-backed Chhatra Union, Ruhul Kuddus of the JSD (Inu)-supported Chhatra League and Moshrefa Mishu of Chhatra Oikya Forum.  
 AL leaders Abdus Razzak, K M Jahangir and Amir Hossain Amu, Kazi Aref Ahmed of JSD (Inu) and Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of the Nirmul Samannaya 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 anti-liberation forces were out to undo the outcome of the liberation war, the Chhatra Samaj leaders said.  
 They also announced their readiness to fight to the last to establish truth and justice and re-establish values that inspired the people to fight for the country's independence.  
 The student leaders reiterated 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.

# Bhattachariya

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 abroad.  
 "Debu Da", as he was popularly 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 Bhattachariya.  
 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 Jahannara Begum in a message of condolence expressed her deep shock at the demise of the noted musician.  
 The Bangladesh Sangeet Parishad, Bangladesh Geeteebahi Sangsad, Bangladesh Jatiyatatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha and lyricists — S M Hedayat and Hamidul Islam last night also condoled the death.

# Opposition

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 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 caretaker 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 succeeded 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.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বিল পরিশোধের সর্বশেষ সুযোগ

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