Jet trainers

Terry Bates of the US Office

of the Under Secretary of the

Air Force is heading a team which will carry out the trans-

fer, supported by members of

the US Pacific Air Forces

Merrill said: "The United

States is pleased to be able to

help Bangladesh meet its need

for a new entry level jet trainer

with technology appropriate

and cost effective for

US Defence Attache, termed

this "the most significant

transfer of military equipment

ever from the US to

DU girl students

call strike Feb 19

By DU Correspondent

dents of the Dhaka University

have called a day-long strike

on the campus February 19 to

press home their four-point

. The demands include

keeping the hostel gates open

in the evenings in line with

the timings of the central li-

brary and withdrawal of the

system of monitoring atten-

dance (roll call) at the ladies'

demand waiving of such re-

strictions as requiring permis-

ston of the local guardian and

application for reporting late

students from three residen-

tial halls of the university, at a

press conference yesterday

afternoon, also announced

They will exchange views

with the student leaders today

and with different forums of

the university like the teach-

ers' and officers' associations.

the teachers' representatives

to the Senate and Syndicate

and the provosts of different

3 new MPs

Minister Rafigul Islam Miah

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hostels tomorrow.

their next course of action.

Representatives of female

at the hostels at night.

The female students also

charter of demand.

dormitories.

The resident female stu-

Lt Colonel James Dunn, the

US Ambassador David N

Headquarters in Hawaii.

Bangladesh.'

Bangladesh."

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BRAC to help remove poverty in Vietnam

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Hunger Eradication and Poverty Alleviation (HEPA) Commission of Vietnam yesterday to work jointly on different programmes.

The BRAC would provide staff assistance, consultancy and training support for HEPA and the two organisations would work jointly to mobilise funds to implement the poverty alleviation project undertaken by the Vietnamese organisation,

The leader of the visiting delegation of HEPA Vice Pressident Nguyen Chi Nam and the Director. Programmes of BRAC, Dr Salehuddin Ahmed signed the MOU in the city.

The Vietnamese delegation. now on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, will visit the BRAC's programmes. The team will also discuss the project, submitted by BRAC last year to HEPA, for eradication of hunger and poverty of one lakh families in Ho Chi Minh city of Vietnam.

Head-on collision of trains averted in Rangpur

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR, Feb 9: A head-on collision between two passenger trains at Rangpur Railway Station was averted this afternoon as passengers screamed for help.

train which was running towards another waiting at the Rangpur station, screeched to a halt, the distance between the two was only about one hundred yards.

At least 30 passengers were, however, slightly injured as they jumped out of the running train to escape a possible accident.

All staff of the Rangpur station, including the station master fled soon after the incident and police took control of the station after an unsuccessful gherao bid by the angry passengers.

The passengers alleged that due to wrong signalling by the station staff, a train coming from Ramna, Kurigram, took the wrong track, where a Teestamukh-bound train was standing.

Transport strike in southern region today

JESSORE, Feb 9: A 24-hour transport strike will be enforced tomorrow in 12 routes of the southern region of the

country, reports UNB. The strike has been called by the owners and workers associations of the region in protest against the damaging of a number of vehicles near

the Islamic University campus. They also threatened a 48hour strike from February 16 if the authorities fail to take any action against the students involved in the outrages.

Transport owners also demanded compensations for the damaged vehicles and urged the authorities to ensure security for the transport workers as well as passengers.

Agitated students damaged five buses when an admission seeker was crushed under the wheels of a speeding bus near the varsity last week

Fulbright dead

WASHINGTON, Feb 9: Form-er Senator William Fulbright, a key figure in US foreign policy for three decades died here today of a stroke at the age of 89, his wife said. reports AFP.

Fulbright served in the US senate from 1945 to 1974. representing the southern state of Arkansas. His views on world affairs influenced a generation of American leaders including another Arkansas.

President Bill Clinton. From 1959 to 1974 the Democrat headed the senate foreign relations committee. and became a voice of moderation during the height of the cold war

Moudud

From Page 1 Col 4 be "unrealistic and meaningless." the JP leader said adding "We have nothing to say if anyone files a case on his own initiative."

Moudud, however, said that returning to the post of the Chief Justice after assuming the political post of President was a 'wrong decision' by Jus-

tice Shahabuddin. He said, his party had given a 'note of dissent' on the issue when Parliament took the move to pass the 11th amendment to the Constitu-

The JP leader alleged that Justice Shahabuddin did not maintain his neutrality as the head of the government as he played a discriminatory role with the Jatiya Party and its leaders, including former president H M Ershad.



A T-37-B primary jet trainer which will be transferred to the BAF under the US excess defence articles transfer - ISPR photo programme.

Five projects involving Tk 1126 cr okayed

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved a Tk 625 crose road construction project to build 1.330 kilometres of regional highways and feeder roads, reports UNB.

The ECNEC also approved the Tk 358 crose Coastal Embankment Rehabilitation Project (phase 2) for construction of embankment along the 700 km coastal line from Teknaf to the Sundarbans at a meeting with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair. The road project includes

construction of four regional highways and 35 feeder roads, and 116 metre bridges across the country: The regional highways will be 18 feet wide and the feeder roads 12 feet.

The government will bear all expenditure of the project from its own resources.

Major roads included in the project are: 78 km Rajapur-When a local passenger Kathalia-Bamna-Patharghata road, 63 km Charkhali-Tush khali-Mathbaria-Patharghata road, 61 km Pirojpur-Nazirpur-Matibhanga-Patgati-Gopalgani road. 72 km Rajbari Pangsha-Kushtia road, 65 km Betgram-Tala-Paikgachha-Koira road, 51 km Naogaon-Atrai-Natore road, 54 km Lakshmipur-Ramgati road, 54 km Jamalpur-Dhama-Kamalpur-Roumani road, 56 km Kishoreganj-Katiadi-Bhairab Bazar road, 42 km Jinjira Keraniganj Dohar road, and 45 kin Sirajganj-Belkuchi-Enayet pur-Shahjadpur-road.

The coastal embankment rehabilitation project (phase 2) is aimed at construction of embankments along the 700 km coastal line from . Teknaf to Sundarban.

Out of the Tk 358 crore project cost. Tk 268 crore will be available from the World Bank and the European Com-

tute of Kidney Disease and Urology in Dhaka at a cost of

land with 30 dialysis units facilities will also be available.

The ECNEC approved an other project aimed at reducing iodine deficiency through iodine mixed salt crushing programme at a cost of Tk 47 crore of which Tk 34 crore will be provided by UNICEF and the World Bank.

The ECNEC also approved a coastal drinking water supply project at a cost of Tk 38 crore, aiming at installation of 9,000 tubewells, including 7.050 deep tubewells, in the coastal areas.

cent cost of the project which, when completed, will enable 27 lakh people in the country's coastal area to have access to

Nadir Naam Madhumati

Appeal against censor board decision rejected

By Staff Correspondent The high-level government

film censor appeal committee has rejected the appeal against the decision of the Censor Board on the "Nadir Naam Madhumati".

The Censor Board had raised objections to ten scenes and dialogue sequences of the film, based on the War of Liberation. Its director. Tanvir Mokammel, appealed against these objections on October

After three months on February 6, the appeal board informed Mokammel that o the ten objectionable scenes and dialogues, the appeal board considered nine of those should be censored. Otherwise, the Censor Board would not approve the film for public

However, Tanvir Mokammel refuses to censor these sequences.

Heroin worth Tk 1 cr seized From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Feb 9: The Chittagong Sea Customs recovered one kg heroin worth Tk one crore from a Pakistani flag carrier vessel, "Ocean Envoy", today and arrested two persons in this connection.

Acting on a tip-off, Customs officials raided the ship at jetty number 11 this evening and recovered the heroin from the engine room.

They also recovered contraband medicine worth Tk one

Captain of the ship Md Tarek Tabassum and chief officer Rashid Mohammad were arrested and handed over to the Port police.

Taslima's case: Next hearing Mar 11

·By Court Correspondent The hearing of the case against controversial writer Taslima Nasrin has been adjourned till March 11 upon a

The Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka, A.K. M Kamaluddin passed the order yesterday.

prayer from the prosecution.

Taslima was represented in the ACMMs court by Advocate Idrisur Rahman She faces charges of hurting the religious feelings of the Muslims of the country in an interview published in an Indian daily. Earlier, on January 10, the

High Court had rejected a prayer for quashment of the case against Taslima. But it ob-'served that the trial court should have the sanction of the government under Section 188 of the Criminal Procedure Code to proceed with the case.

mission as project aids. The ECNEC meeting also approved a project aimed at establishing a National Insti-

Tk 58 crore. Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is likely to finance Tk 40 crore for the proposed project which will have a 100-bed hospital over three acres of where kidney transplantation

The IDB will finance 97 per

pure drinking water.

From Page 1 Col 7 tion and food for education

Besides, she said, special importance has been given on woman's education and stipend and free education for girls introduced in the rural

been expanded to spread education through establishment of private universities. Government is encouraging the role of the private sector, she

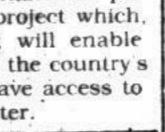
programme

The function was also ad dressed by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and Edu cation Secretary Irshadul Hug.

She said opportunity has

PM: Edn week

vesterday.

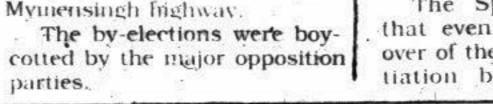


Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain, State Minister for Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman Patal and Whip Abdul Karim were present on the occasion. Another BNP MP-elect Shahjahan Mia. who won the

by-election in Brahmanbaria-6 constituency, did not take oath The four seats fell vacant following the deaths of Walie

Ashraf (BNP) from B'baria-6. Sirajul Hug (BNP) from Sherpur-3, Principal Eunus Khan (BNP) Bakerganj-6 and Abu Baker (Jamaat) Natore-3. The newly-elected inde-

pendent MP Mahmudul Huq is the son of late Strajul Hug. who died late last year in a car accident on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. The by-elections were boy-





Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali administered the oaths of office to three newly-elected members of -.PID photo Parliament at a ceremony at his Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Jute, textile sector strike to be tackled

From Page 1 Col 3 allow the workers to create "chaos" on the streets, causing suffering to the people.

Asked whether the government would take action to tackle the barricade programme, the Jute Minister only said. "why not."

The minister, however, said, "My doors are open anybody can use my good offices to find out an amicable solution through talks between the workers and the private mills owners. Hannan Shah said that he

along with the Textile Minister, earlier, held a meeting with the CBA leaders of the public sector jute mills. They said they would not join the barricade programme since

most of their demands had already been met, he added. "We have met almost all demands of the workers of public sector mills and the government is actively considering giving the workers 10

'per cent dearness allowance,"

said the Jute Minister.

He also said he visited the Nishat Jute Mills at Tongi in the city suburb yesterday afternoon where the workers told him they would not participate in the barricade

programme. During the meeting with private sector CBA (collective bargaining agents) leaders Labour and Manpower Minister Mir Shawkat Ali said the government was committed to improving the lot of the masses, including the workers of mills and factories.

The CBA leaders stressed the need for implementation of wages commission award in their mills. They alleged that mill owners were not willing to enhance their facilities despite satisfactory production in the mills and their capability to increase the same. The minister said the en-

Rashid, workers leaders Nurul

poration -

duction is ensured when amicable relation and close coop-

eration exist between the

workers and the management. He urged the CBA leaders to postpone their planned 96hour strike and the barricade programme in view of the Ramadan and proper solution of their problems.

In a separate meeting with

State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan yesterday, leader of the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Sutakal Sramik Dal said that they would not join the barricade programme. The Sramik Dal leaders were assured of providing necessary capital for the en-

terprises controlled by the

Bangladesh Textile Mills Cor-

The meeting was attended, among others, by Textiles Secretary Mohammad Abdur

hancement of financial benefits Islam Bhuiyan, Abdur Razzak, of the workers is related with Salauddin Sarker and Abdur the increase of production in Rahman Pradhan. the mills and increase of pro-

Italian actress Sophia Loren and actor Marcello Mastroianni embrace each other after receiving the "Golden Camera" award of the German magazine "Hoer Zu" for lifetime achievements in cinema in Berlin — AFP photo Wednesday.

Writs in High Court

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Mustafizur Rahman, did not tally with the specimen signatures kept in the Parliament Secretariat. Both the resignation letters did not bear any date either, the affidavit said.

Akhtaruzzaman has been absconding and Mustafizur Rahman informed the Speaker that he did not submit any resignation while Maj Gen (retd) Mahmudul Hasan of the JP said that he had decided not to resign although his resignation letter was found in the folder.

Such discrepancies and the failure of the members to appear before him made it imperative to verify the genuineness of the letters, the Speaker maintained Further explaining the

cause of delay, the Speaker

said he tell sick and was hospitalised on December 31. Almost all the resignation letters assigned similar reason - the alleged failure of the ruling party to amend the Constitution to hold the next elections under a neutral, ca-

The Speaker maintained that even after the handing over of the three folders, negotiation between the ruling

retaker government - which,

he said, is contrary to the

provisions of the Constitution

and Rules of Procedure.

party and the opposition par ties continued as part of an endeavour to resolve the constitutional crisis bound to follow such resignations.

· Barrister K S Nabi, the lawyer for Sheikh Hasina, and Barrister Abdur Razzaque, counsel for Matiur Rahman Nizami, objected to the filing of the affidavit-in-opposition, saying it was submitted after the hearing of arguments on the maintainability of the writ. Meanwhile, as the hearing

Rahman Nizami's counsel argued that the court should not involve itself in matters of political and social disputes., Supporting the submissions of K'S Nabi and Moudud Ahmed, he said the petitioner

on the writ resumed vesterday

Jamaat leader Moulana Matiur

did not qualify as an aggrieved party in his writ petition. Barrister Razzaque further argued that the petitioner did neither file nor enclose any copy of the resignation letters submitted by 147 opposition members of Parliament.

He pleaded for rejection of the writ. The court resumes hearing

From Page 1 Col 3

were using SIP. The study fur-

ther found that production of

iodized salt was only 4670.02

metric tonnes (MT) or in

other words only 19.45 per

cent of the total salt produc-

the 265 salt mills in the coun-

try 234 have already been

of the rest 31 mills, very soon,

six other mills have been in-

spected and visiting the other

on August 31,1993. Installation

cost of one SIP is 30,000 US

dollars. Bangladesh University

of Engineering and Technology

(BUET) designed the SIP hav-

ing a capacity of eight MT per

hour. Two Bangladeshi compa-

nies are manufacturing these

machine and installing at the

salt crushing and refining fac-

According to the UNICEF

survey none of the salt mills

was found to be utilising their

full capacity for salt iodination.

Most of the iodized salt were

produced by only 10 factories

located at Narayanganj, Dhaka

wholesale prices of medium

quality non-iodized and iodized

salt per kg at factory level

were reported to be Taka 7.00

and 8.00 respectively in Sep-

tember last year. The prices

have now shot up to Taka 8.50

Iodized Salt to Eradicate Io-

dine Deficiency Problem' pre-

pared by the UNICEF made

some suggestions for making

the government's Universal

These suggestions are:

More promotional materials

such as leaflets, brochure, sti-

ckers need to be supplied,

more bill boards need to be

fixed at different public places

to create awareness, market

committee members should be

Salt Iodination (USI) progra-

A paper titled Promotion of

and 10.00 respectively.

mme a success

The survey said average

and Khulna.

The first SIP was installed

16 began on February 4.

provided with SIP.

UNICEF sources said out of

SIP would be set up at eight

on Sunday.

propaganda machine.

BELA sources said. They said taht the legal nocontinued partisan exploitation of the BTV, which had created

The notice was served upon the Secretary, Ministry of Information. Chairman of the National Broadcasting Author-

line of 10 am Sunday, Febru ary 12; for compliance. BELA sources said.

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Feb 9: A schoolboy, abducted from village Rathinampur under Sadar Thana 12 days ago, was founddead in an abandoned well in

The body of Kamol, 12, a student of class VI and son of one Shurendranath of the village was recovered last night.

Family sources said, the Kidnappers had demanded Taka 60,000 as ransom and threatened to kill him if their demand was not met by Febru-

against those who are selling

non-iodized salt though though

these are marked as iodized on

the serious public health

problems in Bangladesh. This

problem was first identified in

1962-64 during the first nu-

trition survey in Bangladesh

conducted by the University of

· The results of the Bangla-

desh IDD Survey-1993 show

that the current prevalence

rate of goitre in Bangladesh is

47.1 per cent which means

about 50 million people have

visible or palpable goitre. But,

in real terms 68.9 per cent or

80 million people are bio-

To attain the goal of USI

aimed at iodizing all edible salt

by the mid-decade, Bangladesh

government has already set up

a National Salt Committee

comprising representatives

from as many as eight min-

istries with major involvement

of Ministry of Health and

Ministry of Industries.

chemically iodine deficient.

lodine deficiency is one of

High price of salt

the packet.

Dhaka.

BEA urges govt From Page 1 Col 4 they will try to impose it on

the entire private sector. . The association suggested that the workers should sulp mit any charter of demands the management, which would then be settled through bilateral and tripartite consulta-

Earlier yesterday, the BEA held a meeting with representatives of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association, the Bangladesh Jute Spinners' Association and the Bangladesh Textile Mills' Association.

Time-scale From Page 1 Col 8

ers and employees from Tk 100' to Tk 150 with effect from July 1. 1994 and increased teachers' subvention from 70 per cent to 80 per cent with effect from January

The matter of giving retiring benefit to the non-government teachers and employees is under active consideration of the government, the handout added.

in case of over-subscription. successful applicants for minimum lot shall be determined by lottery, and applicants for lots in excess of minimum lot shall be allotted securities proportionately, the source

পত্রিকা এজেন্টদের প্রতি নোটিশ

মাসের বিল এবং এর পূর্বের বকেয়া টাকা পরিশোধ করেন নাই, তাদেরকে সম্পূর্ণ বকেয়া টাকা ২৫শে ফেব্রুয়ারী, ১৯৯৫–এর মধ্যে পরিশোধ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে। অন্যথায় ব্যর্থ এজেন্টদের এজেঙ্গীতে পত্রিকা সরবরাহ বন্ধ এবং বকেয়া টাকা আদায়ের জন্য

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The Midnight Kile 2 Christians to die in

Pakistan for blasphemy LAHORE (Pakistan), Feb 9: A Pakistani court here today handed down the death penalty to two Christians, including a teenager, for blaspheming the Prophet Mohammad (SM). court officials said. Salamat Masih, 14. and Rehmat Masih. 44. were convicted by Judge Mujahid Hussain after a trial lasting more than a year in this predominantly Muslim country. reports AFP

Pakistan instals seismic station

ISLAMABAD. Feb 9: Pakistan said today it had installed a seismic station that could monitor nuclear tests in neighbouring countries, including arch-foe India. But a foreign ministry spokesman told reporters the station, set up recently at Chakwal in central Punjab province under an international seismic monitoring network, was not aimed against any country, reports Reuter.

Four killed

in road

mishaps

From Our Correspondent

Four persons were killed and

three others injured in road

accidents in the Gazaria and

Bandar thana areas on the

Dhaka-Chittagong highway to-

shaw passengers were killed

and three others injured when

a Dhaka-bound minibus col-

lided head-on with the au-

torickshaw at around 7 am.

The three-wheeler was head-

The deceased were identi-

The driver of the autorick-

shaw was sent to the Dhaka

Medical College Hospital in a

serious condition while two

other unidentified persons

were admitted to the Munshi-

ganj Bhaberchar health com-

with his vehicle.

the bus.

The minibus driver escaped

A ten-year-old girl, Shahi-

noor, was run over by a bus

while crossing the road in

Kewdala under Bandar thana at

about 1 pm. Shahinoor was

carrying cauliflowers to sell in

a nearby market. Police seized

the Gazaria and Bandar thanas.

brought to the Narayanganj

General Hospital for autopsy

Two cases were lodged with

The dead bodies were

fied as Kabir Ahmed, 25, Abdus

Samad, 42, and Abdul Baten,

of Gazaria, Munshigani.

ing towards Daudkandi

In Gazaria, three autorick

NARAYANGANJ, Feb 9

Legal notice against partisan use of BTV

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Television (BTV) and the Ministry of Information are to be sued by a group of lawyers who seek to see the state controlled electronic medium, cease asa

The Bangladesh Environemtnal Lawvers Association (BELA) yesterday issued a legal notice upon the government. asking it to ensure that BTV was not used, bythe govern ment, the ruling party and their allies without giving due coverage to the opposition.

tice followed allegations of a negative impact and utter mistrust inthe minds of the viewers.

ity and the Director General of The notice also set a dead-

Abducted schoolboy found dead in Rangpur

the village yesterday.

1; 1995.

SEC guidelines

From Page 1 Col 7 account along with name of the bank and branch shall have to be indicated in the securities application form.

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প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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Editor: Mahfuz Anam Printed & Published by A. S. Mahmud, Managing Director, on

oriented on Iodine Deficiency behalf of Mediaworld Ltd, 52, Mottiheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, from City Disorders (IDD), local BSCIC offices should be involved more in monitoring iodized salt sold in the market, government should take action