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DHAKA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1995

RAMADAN 20, 1415 HIJRI

A High Court division bench

yesterday struck down a re-

cent government order pro-

moting three junior district

judges to the posts of joint

secretary in the Law Ministry

as illegal and given without

Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and

Justice Ruhul Amin, also ruled

the promotions to be ultra

vires to the Constitution and

prayer from the government

The High Court, upon a

made the rule absolute.

The bench, comprising

lawful authority.

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802.05 (+0.24%)

Market capitalisation Tk 38.73-billion Turnover in volume Turnover in value Tk

15.72 million

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Holiday

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of Ama Ekushey. Therefore, there, will be no issue of the paper

NEWS BRIEFS

PM attends sectt office

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday carried out official work from her office at the Bangladesh Secretariat. A number of ministers called at the PM's Secretariat office to apprise Begum Zia of developments under their respective ministries and also sought her advice, reports UNB.

Boi Mela till Feb 25

Bangla Academy Ekushey Bot Mela, which was scheduled to be concluded tomorrow will continue till February 25. The authorities of the academy extended the date in view of demand by the publishers and the book sellers, officials said yesterday. reports UNB.

1027 Rohingyas return home

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Feb 20: About 1027 Rohingya refugees of 178 families were repatriated to Myanmar teday. So far: 1,63,557 refugees returned to their homeland across the river Naf. More 87,327 refugees living in 12 camps in Cox's Bazar are now waiting for their turn to go back home. Another team of 700 Rohingyas will return to Myanmar tomorrow.

Sehri, Iftar Timings Ram Feb Sehri Iftar 6:01 5:07 6:01 5:07 6:01

Ekushey returns to inspire nation

FALGUN 9, 1401 BS,

By Staff Correspondent

housed in the Jagannath Hall prémises, to register their protest.

The nation observes the

Amar Ekushey today to pay

homage to the heroes of the

1952 Language Movement and

to pledge afresh to translate

the martyrs' ideals into reality.

Rafiq. Barkat, Jabbar and many

other brave sons of the soil

sacrificed their lives to realise

the demand for making Bangla

the state language of the then

Pakistan and foil the rulers' bid

to impose Urdu as the sole

historic day were in a proces-

sion marching towards the

Those martyred on that

minute past midnight last night.

Khaleda Zia vesterday said the

Ekushey February' is a glori

ous instance of the nation's

uncompromising struggle for

"Bangladeshi people's na-

establishing legitimate and ba-

tional identity has been reaf-

firmed through the Language

Movement which at the cost of

many sacrifices culminated

Bangladesh," she said while

distributing the Ekushey Padak

1994 at a function at the

Eight distinguished per

sonaliues of the country were

Ekushey Padak '95

announced

vesterday the names of eight

recipients of the Ekushey

Literature. Mostafa Zaman

Abbasi and Rathindranath Roy

for Music. Begum Roushan

Jamil for Dance. Prof Yazuddin

Ahmed and Dr Abdul Karim for

Education, and Shaheed

Nizamuddin (posthumous) and

Shaikh Siraj for Journalism.

They are Ahmed Rafiq for

Padak 1995, reports UNB.

The government announced

sovereign

into establishment of an inde-

sic rights, reports UNB.

pendent and

Osmani Memorial Hall

PM distributes Padak '94

Ekushey a glorious

instance of struggle

Prime Minister Begum honoured with the award.

state language.

On this day in 1952, Salam,

Years later, their sacrifice proved to be the rallying cry in the quest for independence and subsequent struggles against dictatorships and mis-

Editorial on Page-4

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, in a message on the occasion, said the great Ekushev inspires us to uphold our independent entity as well as culture and tradition.

He hoped the spirit of the then provincial assembly. Language Movement would

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia laying a wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar at a

commemorating the martyr-

dom of Language Movement

heroes who laid down their

lives on February 21, 1952 for

establishing Bangla as a state

Ekushey Award for respective

contribution in national life are

Sardar Joinuddin (posth-

umous) and Humayun Ahmed

for literature. All Mansur for

drama Abu Taher for fine

arts. Neena Hamid for vocal

music. Shahadat Hossain Khan

for instrumental music, Prof.

Mohammad Noman for

education and Hasanuzzaman

The award carries an 18

Joinuddin's widow Rabeva

carat gold medal, Tk 20 thou-

Khatoon received the award on

behalf of her husband while

Neena Hamid's brother M A

Khan received that of his sister

dressing the function called

upon all to use their respective

pen, brush and instrument for

upholding national life. "Let

the message of truth, beauty

and greatness originate in your

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The Prime Minister ad

Khan for journalism.

sand and a certificate.

who is abroad

Recipients of last year's

language of the then Pakistan.

continue to inspire the people to uphold democratic values and principles and build up a self-reliant Bangladesh.

He urged all to work unitedly irrespective of their party affiliations for achieving progress and prosperity in all spheres of national life.

In a message. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said the sacrifice of the martyrs would be meaningful if development could be achieved in all spheres of national life.

Begum Zia said the Larrguage Movement had not only given Bangla the dignity of a See Page 12 Col 3

Three unnatural deaths in city

By DMCH Correspondent A teenage housemaid died

at'the Dhaka Medical College Hospital 'Sunday night while a timber trader at Jatrabari in the city was found dead. In another incident, a shopkeeper was beaten to death at Keranigani vesterday., Mina, 13, a maid at a house

in the city's Gopibagh area, was brought to the DMCH in an unconscious condition late Sunday night, medical sources The cause of her death

could not be known immedi-Mina: daughter of one

Hatem Hawlader, came from Bara Gauldi in Patuakhali dis-

A timber trader, Abdur Razzak. 40. was found lying in an unconscious state at Shahid Faruk Road in Jatrabari early vesterday. He was declared dead when brought to the

* South es said that on bount day evening, a business partner of Razzak took him out of his house. Since then Razzak did not return home, sources

- Star photo

Shaheed Minar

at zero hrs

By Staff Correspondent

As the Amar Ekushev pro-

gramme began at zero hours

today, national leaders paid

glowing tributes to the martyrs

of the historic Language

Movement at the decorated

Central Shaheed Minar in the

At the stroke of midnight,

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Zia was the first to place

wreaths at the pedestal of the

A bare footed prime minis-

ter wearing black sari and

scarf was accompanied by her

cabinet colleagues and the

central leaders of the ruling

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2 get Bangla

Academy Award

By Staff Correspondent

Shikder Aminul Haq have been

awarded the Bangla Academy

Literary Award for the year

1994, an Academy press re-

General Prof Mohammad

Harun-ur-Rashid announced

handed over to the two writers

at a function at 3 pm tomor-

row, the press release added.

Bangla Academy's Director

The award will be formally

lease said.

this vesterday.

Dr Waqil Ahmad and

capital amid tight security.

In Keraniganj, two extortionists assaulted a shopkeeper, Zainal Abedin, when he refused them credit.

Doctors in the Mitford Hospital declared Zainal dead when he was brought to the hospital in a critical condition vesterday.

· The alleged extortionists Shibu and Munna - were also admitted to the DMCH with serious injuries inflicted by the local people angered by the attack on the shopkeeper.

A case has been filed with Keraniganj thana in this connection.

Shocking indeed!

NEW DELHI, Feb 20: A former Indian minister stood against an emergency exit and urinated in the aisle during a flight from Calcutta to Bombay on Sunday, the country's commercial capital, shocking fellow passengers, reports

"The incident did take place. The former minister is highly respected and old, and it was beyond his control. We don't want to give the name of the minister." a spokesman of the state-owned Indian Airlines told Reuters today.

· The Times of India news paper said the former minister went to the toilet on the early morning Indian Airlines flight See Page 12 Col 8

Cabinet okays promotion guidelines

The Cabinet yesterday approved guidelines for promotion to Deputy Secretary and above in the secretariat and to the posts in national scales Three. Two and One outside the secretariat, reports UNB.

It also endorsed the proposal for amending the Supreme Court Judges (Remuneration and Privileges) Ordinance 1978 to raise the pay of Supreme Court judges by 10 per cent.

The approval came at the regular weekly Cabinet meeting held at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

Ministers and State Ministers in charge of different ministries and divisions attended the meeting.

Law. Justice and Parliamentary side, however, issued grant of leave certificate and a one-Affairs on July 31 last year. After hearing the petition month stay order, for appeal to for three days, the court acthe Appellate Division of the

Hearing of writs ends letters after two writs were

MPs' resignation

The, hearing of the writ challenging the withholding of resignation letters of 147 opposition members from Parliament by Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali concluded this morning, reports BSS. The hearing on the other

en masse resignation by the opposition members was completed on February 15. A three-member larger bench of the High Court

writ challenging the validity of

Division yesterday started delivering judgement on the writ challenging the validity of resignation of 147 members. The special bench of the

High Court Division was constituted by the Chief Justice upon prayers by opposition leaders - Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami following rule nist issued by a division bench upon the speaker and the opposition leaders regarding resignation filed by two advocates. The first writ was filed by

Court declares promotion

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammad Aftabuddin, di-

visional special judge of Chit-

tagong and a senior district

judge on selection grade, filed

a writ petition against the Law

Secretary, Establishment Sec-

retary and the Registrar of the

Supreme Court, challenging

the promotion of the three ju-

District judges Aminullah,

Khandaker Mohammad Abu

Bakar and Hasan Amin were

on promotion appointed joint

secretaries in the Ministry of

nior district judges.

Supreme Court.

advocate Toufique Hossain challenging the validity of en masse resignation letters of the opposition MPs and the second writ was filed by advocate Alauddin Khalid challenging the withholding of the resignation letters by the speaker.

The 147 opposition members submitted their resignation letters on December 28, 1994. The high court rules were issued on January 18 this vear. The larger bench heard both sides of the two writ petitions for fourteen days.

Earlier concluding his argument on behalf of his client. advocate A B M Nurul Islam submitted that the first writ filed by advocate Toufique Hossain was absolutely contradictory to the writ filed by his client advocate Alauddin Kha-. He claimed that the writ

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Housing project for two lakh plots under study

By Masud Hasan Khan

The authorities are working on an ambitious project that would provide more than two lakh housing plots to the citizens to ease the mounting demand for housing in the capital.

The proposed project plans to earth-fill the vast expanse of marsh lands on both sides of the Dhaka-Savar road, off Aminbazar area, Minister for Housing and Public Works M Rafigul Islam Mia told The Daily Star.

He said some 40,000 acres of land will be developed by earth-filling the marsh lands with muds dredged from

"It will be the biggest hous-

ing project ever taken up by the government", he said. Chief Town Planner of the

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (RAJUK) Zakir Hossain said that the project - a virtual mini-city about 20 km from the Zero Point in the city would also provide for commercial centres, open space, parks, lakes and recreation facilities.

of which would soon be announced. the minister said. He said cropping in this low-lying area from Aminbazar

Studies were underway for developing the lands, results

stretching up to Savar produces low economic return and most of the time is under water. During winter, the area is dotted with innumerable brick kilns, he pointed out.

When implemented, the project will greatly meet the growing demand for housing in the city, Rafiq added.

With the current rate of urbanisation, experts say, the population of the capital will double in the next 25 years and 90 per cent of them will not own any house. Dhaka will accommodate

between 40,000 and 50,000 people in every square-kilometer during that period, they A study on the availability of

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of three judges illegal cepted the petitioner's submission that the issue raised here related to the independence of the judiciary, which

was one of the fundamental

pillars of the Constitution and

that Article 116 provides valu-

able constitutional safeguard in this regard. The writ challenged the constitutionality of the government promotion order to the three junior district judges, who are junior to the petitioner and had not been even granted senior scale, was issued without any consultation with the Supreme Court as re-

quired by the Constitution. See Page 12 Col 6

Agitation to continue, Hasina says on return

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina who returned home vesterday ending her 3-week tour to the USA and the UK said the expatriate Bangladeshis have a massive support for the current democratic movement in Bangladesh, reports UNB. "Our agitation will continue until the demand for vote un-

der a neutral caretaker government is realised," she told reporters at Zia International Airport yesterday afternoon. The Awami League presi-

dent left Dhaka on January 31 for the United States to attend the Prayer Breakfast in Washington. On her way back, she spent two days in London.

During her stay in Washington, she met with politicians, diplomats, economists and expatriate Bangladeshis and exchanged views with them on socio-economic and political

situation in Bangladesh. See Page 12 Col 7

Indo-Pak unofficial peace meet this week

NEW DELHI, Feb 20: Some 200 prominent Indians and Pakistanis will meet this week in an attempt to promote peace between their two countries which have fought three wars since gaining independence in 1947, organisers said today, reports Reuter.

"We will try to build public opinion and bring sustained pressure on our respective governments to improve relations," Nirmal Mukherjee, cochairperson of the Indian side said.

Mukherjee said the two-day meeting was part of the firstever non-governmental, people-to-people interaction to discuss critical bilateral issues like Kashmir, religious intolerance and minority rights.

"Pakistan-India, the people's forum for peace and See Page 12 Col 2

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে,

আগামী ১৩ই ফাল্পন, ১৪০১ বাংলা মোতাবেক ২৫শে ফেব্রুয়ারী '৯৫ইং তারিখ হইতে নতুন বিড়ি ব্যান্ডারোল বিড়ি শিল্পের ব্যবহারের জন্য বাজারে ছাড়া হইবে। নতুনতাবে মুদ্রিত বেগুনী (Violet) এবং নীল (Turkish Blue) রং–এর ব্যান্ডারোলের দৈর্ঘ্য ১৫০ মিঃমিঃ ও প্রস্থ ১৫ মিঃমিঃ। ইহাতে নিরাপতামূলক ব্যবস্থা হিসাবে বর্তমানের ন্যায় চোরাকালি (Fugitive Colour) এবং ওভাল পারফরেশন (Oval perforation) অন্তর্ভুক্ত আছে। নত্ন ব্যান্ডারোলের পাশাপাশি বর্তমানে চালু ব্যান্ডারোলও বৈধভাবে বাজারে চালু থাকিবে। বর্তমান ব্যবস্থানুযায়ী দেশের বিভিন্ন ডাকঘরের মাধ্যমেই নতুন ব্যান্ডারোল विक्रम अवग्रह्ण थाकिरव। विष्, व्याखारतालात সরবরাহকারী/বিক্রয়কারী ও ব্যবহারকারী সকল কর্তৃপক্ষকে এতদবিষয়ে প্রয়োজনীয় ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো হইল।

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মোঃ জন্মল হক প্রথম সচিব (মৃসক)

An unidentified commander of the Afghan religious movement Taliban stands beside a BM12 107mm multi-barrel rocket launcher at Charasyab, 25km from Kabul yesterday. The Taliban movement vows that the UN peace plan for Afghanistan would fail unless they controlled Kabul, where new clashes between other rival factions resumed. - AFP photo

UN envoy fails to convince Taliban It now appears that the first KABUL, Feb 20: A UN offi-

cial was unable to convince the surging Taliban movement today to join a proposed multiparty governing council seen as the best hope for ending the 3-year-old civil war, reports Mahmood Mestiri, the UN

special envoy to Afghanistan, travelled to the southern outskirts of Kabul to meet the leaders of the Taliban, an organisation of militant religious students that has become the most powerful force in the country's civil war. Neither side announced any

breakthroughs following the two-hour meeting. Mestiri seeks to set up a

commission that would assume power from nominal President Burhanuddin Rabbani. Mestiri had hoped to have the council in place as early as Monday.

council meeting is still days away, and the formal transfer of power even more distant. Mestiri has been shuttling between government and opposition groups to try to nail down unresolved issues. Rabbani's term expired in December and he says he is

willing to step down. But first he wants the Taliban to join the commission. The Taliban have marched to the southern fringes of

Kabul and Rabbani feels the group could reignite an all-out battle for the capital if it isn't part of the commission. The Taliban have issued

several demands. They say all council members must be "good Muslims" - an ill-defined term that has been used to justify continued fighting by See Page 12 Col 8