From Page One brother of Nazneen Huq. was present in the courtroom dur-

ing the hearing. Protesting the appeal, court inspector Shajahan said that the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) does not permit such visits. Moreover, the case is to be heard in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Chittagong and that the records and main files are lying with that court. Since the accused was arrested in Dhaka, he was sent to the nearest jail. Only the CMM's court in Chittagong can take any decision on the matter, the court inspector argued.

After hearing both sides the CMM passed an order allowing the petitioner to visit her husband in jail.

Our Chittagong Correspondent, quoting court sources. said that the hearing of the case would start in the court of the CMM once the investigators submit their report.

In that circumstance accused Kazi Emdad may be shifted to Chittagong to facilitate hearing of the case.

Meanwhile. CID officials continued with their investigations yesterday.

Senior CID officials are analysing the documents already gathered in connection with the case.

Police sources said that the statement Kazi Emdad made before a Magistrate in Dhaka last week under Section 164 of the CrPC differs with the one given before a military court in 1981.

General Manzur was killed on the night of June 1, 1981 two days after leading an abortive coup in which president Ziaur Rahman was slain.

Kazi Emdad, then a Captain, took custody of Manzur from senior police officials at Hathazari thana the

February 28. a copy of which was obtained by The Daily Star the complainant. Barrister Abul Mansur, elder brother of Gen Manzur, said: "I. Abul Mansur, son of late Md. Najibullah of 1/1501. Eastern Tower. 20. New Eskaton. Dhaka do hereby lodge this FIR to the effect that my younger brother Ex-Major General M A Manzur on 1-6-1981 was taken in Army custody headed by one Major Kazi Emdadul Huq from police custody headed by the then Superintendent of Police. Chittagong and that he imy brother Maj Gen Manzur) was then taken to Chittagong Cantonment and there he was shot in the head from point blank range and thus was killed. It was absolutely a cold blooded

I could not lodge FIR earher due to my inability to obtain copies of Post Mortem report and Death certificate which came to my possession very recently. This is the reason for the delay in lodging the

head and died immediately.

The CID sources said yes-

Plane carrying Akashi hit by guntire in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Mar 12: At least one bullet struck a plane carry-

ing the top UN official in the former Yugoslavia on Sunday. but no injuries were reported. UN officials said, reports AP. The bullet struck the rear right window of the plane car-

rying Yasushi Akashi, the special representative of the UN secretary-general, who was arriving in Sarajevo to try to jump-start the stalled peace process. UN spokesman Lt Col Garv

Coward said that Akashi's plane, a Jak-40, was hit "with at least one heavy machine gun round" from southeast of the airport.

"The plane was hit in the fuselage and the bullet passed by near the head of one of the passengers," Coward said.

He said that "just by a pure luck." there were no causali-

Because of the incident the airport was immediately put on those responsible. its highest security level - status red - and is closed. Coward said it is unlikely it will be reopened today.

PLO-Israel talks resume tomorrow

CAIRO, Mar 12: The PLO and Israel will met in Cairo on Tuesday to resume talks on Palestinian elections, sources from both sides said today, reports Reuter.

Palestinian ambassador to the Arab League Mohammed Sobeih said the talks would pick up a faster pace to conclude a deal.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday set July 1 as a target date for an agreement on expanding self-

Female employee assaults doctor

By SSMC Correspondent

A class four female employee of the Mitford Hospital in the city allegedly assaulted a male doctor of the hospital at his office yesterday.

She assaulted an emergency medical officer because he refused to prescribe medicine as desired by her. witnesses said.

to prescribe a costly medicine

As the doctor did not do that the woman left the place only to come back with a group of about 15 other fellow employees after half an hour. They entered the doctor's room and closed the door from inside. The woman then assaulted the doctor, witnesses said.

In protest against the incident, doctors of the hospital will observe two-hour strike everyday for three days. They would go for an indefinite strike if the authorities fail to take proper action against

thorities have formed a three member committee to investigate the incident.

Police camp gutted

day, reports UNB.

Police said, the fire engulfed the makeshift camp of about 1 pm which was lit for planting "ihum".

Two 303 rifle, two SMG, four grenade, one wireless set and 2013 bullet were gutted in

However, five ansars and six armed police on duty of the camp escaped unhurt.

Diesel & fertiliser crises toxic fertiliser had already From Page One been sold out while over 1600

godowns.

parts of the world.

ports of these fertilisers were marked with scandals," said an official of the BADC which earlier controlled the fertiliser distribution system.

In one instance, in January 1992, the BADC imported a consignment of 3150 tonnes of zinc oxysulphate, used when sulphur deficiency occurs in the soil.

Environment Protection Agency (EPA) - warned the Bangladesh government that the consignment of zinc oxysulphate fertiliser supplied by Striller Chemical Company might be contaminated. Following this, the BADC halted distribution of the fertiliser in the last week of April. 1992. But 1400 tonnes of this

same afternoon.

in the FIR filed on

It is requested that investigation may kindly be started in no time so that the offenders may be brought to book. Yours faithfully. Abul Man-

Meanwhile, the special team of investigators are trying to probe the authenticity of the autopsy report, found belat edly, which says Manzur was shot once in the back of his

According to the autopsy report, there was a big gaping hole with ragged margin on the right occipital region.

terday that no fresh arrests were made in connection with

She had asked the doctor

Meanwhile, the hospital au-

in Khagrachhari KHAGRACIIHARI, Mar 12: A

temporary police camp with huge ammunition was gutted in a devastating fire at Dhalia Chandrapara in sadar thana to-

the Armed Police Battalion at

tonnes remained stockpiled in

been singed between the two

sides recently for the return of

An agreement, however, has

cent of the domestic TSP requirement is met by the only mill in Chittagong. The remaining demands are met by importing it from different "In the recent years, im-

this toxic fertiliser. TSP fertiliser is now imported from India. But a fertiliser expert in the BADC said, "In the name of TSP, very lowgrade single super phosphate

(SSP) is flooding the market." Dr Ayubur Rahman, an agriculture specialist, in a TV programme on Saturday said measures have been taken to face the apprehended drought in A US-based organisation different parts of the country. particularly in the northern

"We have conducted a survey in 126 thanas under 36 districts which are most vulnerable to the drought, and taken measures to deep lift the government-owned tubewells." said Dr Rahman, who is also president of the Krishibid Institute.

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Heads of state and government from all over the world and host of the UN World Summit for Social Development, UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali (9R on front row), pose at the Bella Centre in Copenhagen, Denmark Saturday for the summit family photo. - AFP photo

6 lakh born into poverty during WSSD

COPENHAGEN. Mar 12 Some 600,000 children were born into poverty during the past 10 days, adding to the 1.3 billion people living in absolute poverty worldwide, a UN official said today, reports AFP.

James Gustave Speth, administrator of the UN Development Programme stopped this afternoon a demographic clock set in motion at the start of the alternative summit running alongside the official UN poverty summit on March 3 and said it showed that since he had set it going 598.072 children had been born into poverty-stricken families.

The "poverty clock" was set up at the global village encampment in Copenhagen bringing together hundreds of non-governmental organisa

"In a few minutes I wil turn off the poverty clock display, but the clock ticks on. Speth said, shortly before turning off the display. "Let there be no misunderstanding: turning off the clock is more than a symbolic gesture. It is the public expression of a commitment to spare to efforts to help end poverty. the added

shops gutted in Siddhirganj From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Mar 12: At least 13 shops were gutted in a devastating fire in the Sonamia market in Siddhirganj under Narayangani district last night. Some 30 people were also injured when fire brigade units were fighting to bring the

blaze under control. Of them, seriously injured Khaleq, 22, Kamal, 20, Salauddin, 15, Abu, 18, Jamal, 21 and Rubel, 30, were admitted to the Adamiee Hospital.

According to reports, the fire that broke out around mid night from a short circuit, gradually engulfed the whole

market. A general diary (GD) was registered with Siddirganj po-

lice station. US supports

From Page One China's huge economy and growing export potential meant it did not qualify as a developing nation.

US officials and Xinhua said negotiations on China's status would be based on the Uruguay Round international trade agreements that list criteria for developed and developing

After China's WTO bid fatled. Beijing stopped implementing a 1992 agreement to give US business more access

to the Chinese market. On Sunday, Xinhua said that because Kantor showed "posttive attitudes" over the WTO. China agreed to examine reimplementing the 1992 agreement before the end of March.

Ex-DSP shot dead

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Harun was identified by the Awami League as its activist. The Awami League at a press conference here blamed the activists of pro-BNP Chhatra Dal for the killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

Supporters of the Awami League and Chhatra League also staged demonstrations in different places of the city protesting the killing.

The Chhatra Dal denied the aflegation. Doublemooring police said, he was killed by his rivals because of enmity. None was arrested. A case was filed with Doublemooring thana.

Harun who had been living with his family at Ambagan for a long time hailed from Jhalakati district.

Dhaka proposes UN task force From Page One tries including Denmark. Bangladesh's experience and the rural areas by providing Telling the world leaders its programmes to rid itself of poverty. Begum Zia said Bangladesh gives top priority to accelerated and sustainable

Bangladesh's three specific proposals. Begum Zia said that with immediate effect the Group of Seven should invite the heads of state or government of some developing countries to their annual summit meeting in order to review with them the implementation of the Programme of Action adopted at Copenhagen.

Today, the Prime Minister said, we have gathered here to work out a social agenda for the nations of the world to make the journey through the Twenty-first Century much more fulfilling. Begum Zia said this agenda

should be based on three fun-

damental premises, That the essence of development is to place people first, the Prime Minister emphasised and said it calls for an enabling environment that encourages human creativity. embraces human dignity, human rights and tolerance and promotes pluralism, transparency and accountability, all of which democracy stands for

and the UN Charter upholds. She said the second premise is the reinforcement of mutual linkages between peace, development and social progress and this has been the missing link in the past.

The third premise, Begum Zia said, is to build commitment through consensus and enhance solidarity and partnership within and among nations for the benefit of mankind.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister, who is also the chairperson of the seven nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) said these three fundamental premises reflect the South Asian perspective.

CAIRO, Mar 12: The Arab

League and the Organisation of

the Islamic Conference (OIC)

said Saturday they reject any

contacts with Israel until the

Jewish state implements UN

resolutions and pulls out of

League and the OIC will always

be closed to Israel if it does

not apply Security Council

Jerusalem and territories oc-

cupied" in 1967, said Said

Kamal, deputy secretary gen-

tact, including indirect con-

tact, with the Israelis includ-

ing pacifists," added Abdel Aziz

1500 unions to

come under FEP

this yr: Saifur

Minister M Saifur Rahman has

said that this year some 1,500

unions of the country would be

brought under the Food for

Education programme of the

the Sylhet Sanskrit College on

Saturday, the minister called

the Food for Education Pro-

gramme an excellent educa-

tion expansion and poverty al-

leviation programme."The pro-

gramme has generated tre-

mendous enthusiasm in the

ing children in the rural areas

covered by the programme are

now attending their classes, he'

said, adding that the dropout

rate has also fallen to mere 10

speaking as chief guest at the

meeting organised by the Syl-

het Ayurvedic and Unani Col-

The Finance Minister was

per cent in those areas.

Eighty per cent school-go-

rural areas."

Addressing a meeting at

government, reports UNB.

SYLHET, Mar 12: Finance

"The OIC refuses any con-

resolutions concerning

"The doors of the Arab

Arab land, reports AFP.

eral of the League.

Telling the world leaders employment among women in social and economic development with focus on human resource development, integrat ing women in the mainstream of development, participatory planning and poverty allevia-

Begum Zia noted that despite limitations, her government has already been spending 28 per cent of national budget on social sectors, which far exceeds a developing country's commitment to the 20/20 formula The Prime Minister told

the summiteers that all our

programmes have been made possible by the combined ef forts of the government, NGOs and local communities. She said the excellent work being done by some of them in

especially in promoting self-MOU signed with Denmark for

the field of poverty alleviation

low-cost housing COPENHAGEN. Mar 12: Bangladesh and Denmark have signed a memorandum of understanding to create a village based on low cost houses in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

State Minister for Social

Welfare Fazlur Rahman and

Danish Minister for Social Alfairs Karen Jespersen signed the MOU on behalf of their respective governments. Earlier, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended a dinner hosted by Queen of

Denmark at the Chistiansborg Palace last night. The queen hosted the dinner in honour of the heads of state and government attend-

ing the WSSD summit.

Arab League, OIC reject

contacts with Israel Abu Ghosh, deputy OIC chief at a press conference.

"The city of Jerusalem is the key to peace as well as to war. Peace will not be achieved without returning Jerusalem to Palestinian sovereignty." Abu Ghosh said. The pair were speaking

ahead of a conference organ ised by the Arab League to begin Sunday on the theme of "Jerusalem: the city of peace." Israel occupied and annexed Arab east Jerusalem in

1967 when it was under Jordanian administration and has declared the holy city its"eternal and undivided" cap-

But the Palestinians have also laid claim to east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state of their own. *Under Israeli-PLO autonomy

accords the city's future is not due to be negotiated until May 1996, but the League called Saturday for talks to be begin "immediately."

US will raise aid From Page One

transform the relationship between donors and recipients to a relationship between partners," Gore added.

Gore did not say how much money would be affected by shifting more aid to independent groups, in the campaign dubbed "New Partnerships Initiative." He did not specify any groups. A separate statement by the

US Agency for International

power to local communities in

the developing world," the

agency said.

Development said the money would be directed to small itinerary of the tour was being businesses and to private aid groups from the United States and abroad. A new emphasis in spending will be placed on "the decentralization of political ternational issues.

credit without collateral has produced very useful results. The Prime Minister told

the world summit that her government is keenly responsive to the potentials of NGOs like Grameen Bank and private efforts and is fostering a healthy climate for the growth of such initiatives. The Bangladesh leader told

the summiteers that she has no hesitation in saying that even more important than the summit itself will be the follow-up actions. Rio, Cairo, Copenhagen and

later this year the World Conference on Women at Beijing provide us with a unique opportunity to be more responsive to addressing the most pressing needs of our times in the post cold-war era she added.

In order to facilitate this work. Begum Zia placed three specific proposals. She mentioned that at the

regional level in the Dhaka Declaration adopted in 1993 the heads of state or govern ment of the seven members of the SAARC have resolved to eradicate poverty in the region preferably by 2002. This summit, the Prime

some goals and to achieve these goals we must overcome our own limitations. The odds, she said, may seem insurmountable, but for the sake of our future genera-

tion we have to start and start

Minister said, will have set

now. The Bangladesh Prime Minister thanked Queen o Denmark Margrethe and the Government of Denmark for their gracious hospitality in this beautiful medieval city of Copenhagen, gateway to the Scandinavian countries and abode of exemplary social advancement.

Swedish, Nepalese PMs call on Begum Zia

COPENHAGEN, Mar 12: Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson and Nepalese Prime Minister Manmohan Adhikari today called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia separately at the Bella Centre here, reports BSS.

During their separate meetings they discussed bilateral and international issues.

They also underlined the need for strengthening bilateral ties between the coun-

During her talks with Adhikari Begum Zia once again mentioned that Nepal should be included in the negotiation process regarding the Ganges water sharing and harnessing of the water resources so that three countries — Bangladesh. India and Nepal - could jointly harness water-resources of the Ganges basin for the benefit of their people.

Supporting Begum Zia's view. Adhikari said he would pursue the matter with neighbouring India to start tripartite water sharing process.

During her talks with Swedish Prime Minister, the two leaders described the relations between the two countries as very good.

Begum Zia invited the Swedish premier to visit Bangladesh.

Chandrika From Page One

pected to discuss bilateral matters and regional and international issues of common concern. The official, however, said

worked out. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, being members of the SAARC. NAM and Commonwealth, have identical views on various in-

This will be the first trip of President Kumaratunga to Bangladesh.

The Midnight File

Suharto in Zagreb for talks with Croatian leaders

ZAGREB. Mar 12: Indonesian President Suharto arrived in Zagreb today for talks with Croatian leaders but a subsequent trip to the Bosnian capital Sarajevo was postponed because of a shooting incident there. Suharto had been scheduled to visit Sarajevo today but he put it off until Monday after a machinegun round pierced UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi's plane as it approached Sarajevo airport, reports Reuter.

NEW DELHI. Mar 12: Sixteen people were killed and 23 wounded today in violence in the Himalayan state of Kashmir. the Press Trust of India (PTI) said. It quoted an official spokesman as saying 13 of those killed were Muslim insurgents fighting Indian rule. PTI said four of the dead were armed Pakistani guerillas attempting to cross into India from Pakistan. Security forces retaliated when the guerrillas

First day of hartal

of pickets attacked passing rickshaws near the GPO, harassed both the rickshawpullers and the passengers and snatched away their wallets. witnesses said.

the country came to a virtual halt and attendance in most of the offices was thin. Train communication was disrupted in different areas and plying of mer transports from Dhaka and Narayanganj was irregular. Three domestic flights of the Biman were cancelled.

Although rickshaws were seen plying in most of the ar eas in the capital, no transports were seen in the old city areas in the morning.

Educational institutions. Rickshaws exempted

hartal programme after 1 pm An Awami League press re-

Hasina

From Page One League along with the Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami enforced a 48-hour hartal programme beginning yesterday demanding resignation of the government, dissolution of Parliament and early elections

Urging the people to make today's programme a success, the Awami League chief said the people's emancipation will not come about "unless this corrupt government is removed.

people, she alleged. Hasina condemned the

drastically She said prices of essen tials went up by about 50 per cent last week "due to unbri-

ing immediate release of her party activists arrested during the hartal.

people by shrimp firm owners alleged

By Staff Correspondent Owners of shrimp firms in

leged vesterday. The Illegal Shrimp Culture and Terrorism Resistance Committee made the allegation

The committee alleged that reign of terror let loose by the shrimp firm owners.

May people were injured and one Jaber was killed recently by the hooligans, but cases were filed against innocent villagers, it was alleged.

secretary. Maksudur Rahman has urged the authorities to take necessary steps to stop the hooliganism of the armed

against the culprits and release of the arrested villagers

16 more killed in Kashmir

opened fire. PTI said. reports Reuter.

shops and private commercial

pickets.

Chittagong reports: The hartal

was observed in the port city.

marked by stray violence amid

massive picketing and cocktail

police attempted to resist

them at Tigerpass, Bipani

Bitan Crossing, Agrabad, CRB

area and Moghaltoli, witnesses

pickets from different areas.

Police arrested around 30

Cocktails were exploded at

Cargo handling inside the

various points and a number of

rickshaws were damaged by

jetties and delivery of goods to

and from Chittagong Port re-

mained suspended due to the

a small number of rickshaws.

remained off the roads. Shops,

markets, private offices, mills

and factories either remained

closed or operated poorly.

Movement of trains to and

from Chittagong was ham-

dent reports: Pickets damaged

some 15 to 20 rickshaws on

the Dhaka-Narayanganj road

vesterday while a number of

cocktails were exploded in

The Adamjee Jute Mills,

Laxminarayan Cotton Mills and

Chittaranjan Cotton Mills oper-

ated. Other mills, factories and

private offices, however, re-

mained closed. River trans-

Jamalpur last night said that

train communication between

the northern and the eastern

zones was disrupted for nine

hours since pickets barricaded

or damaged rail tracks at.

Dinajpur-bound Teesta and

Dhaka bound Ekata Express

remained stranded at

Melandah and Bahadurabad

stations from 9 am to 6 pm.

The trains moved after Railway

technicians repaired the

Sirajganj, all shops, commer-

cial enterprises and educa-

tional institutions remained

closed and the hartal was ob-

was delayed by 10 hours due to

Congress

From Page One

win to quash the remnants of a

revolt which erupted in the

party after he led to it a

shocking rout in two key

Although Pawar said the re-

southern states in December.

sults were not a vote against

Rao or his free-market re-

forms, the BJP demanded a

snap parliamentary election.

saying the Congress had lost

the moral right to govern in-

party would face fresh internal

said the MP. "There is no ways

the PM can evade responsibil-

ity, it is clear he has failed."
Added Asiam Sher Khan, an

aide to former party strong-

man Arjun Singh who revolted

against Rao after the December

rout: "We need a thorough in-

trospection to mow what has

Singh, who was sacked by Rao

from the party last month.

would step up his campaign

verge of collapse," added BJP

spokesman M Vankiah Naidu.

"Rao has failed not only as

Prime Minister but even as

"He will come under pres

There was no word from

sure to step down," he said.

"Whether he succumbs to the

Rao, who returned late Satur-

pressure has to be see."

day from Copenhagen.

Congress sources said Arjun

"The Congress is on the

A Congress MP said the

"We are in for a crisis now."

A Sirajganj-bound mail train

served peacefully.

According to reports from

Seven trains including the

Reports received from

ports did not ply.

Islampur.

tracks.

the hartal.

trouble.

gone wrong."

against the premier.

party president.

different parts of the town.

Our Narayangani Correspon-

pered. Railway sources said.

All kinds of vehicles, except

hartal, port sources said.

Pickets pelted stones when

establishments remained closed. Government offices and banks remained open with poor attendance and less activities. Our Staff Correspondent in

Road communication across

after 1 pm By Staff Correspondent The Opposition has ex empted rickshaws from their

of hartal after 1 pm today.

lease said only rickshaws will

be exempted from the purview

under a caretaker government

The BNP has established a reign of terror and corruption in last four years and breached its electoral pledges to the

killing of a retired police offier, Harunur Rashid, in the port city of Chittagong during hartal hours yesterday and said there is no security of life in the country as the law and order situation deteriorated

dled corruption by the ruling The Awami League has been compelled to enforce hartals to protect the rights of the people through waging a constitutional agitation across the country, Hasina said demand-

Harassment of

Batiaghata thana of Khulna district have been harassing the inhabitants of three unions in

collusion with police, it was al-

in Dhaka. the young people of Bhandarcote, Baliadanga and Amirpur unions could not stay in their houses because of the

It said the armed bandits' of an influential group have been terrorising the villagers of these unions and they have also occupied agri-lands to culture shrimp there.

The committee's general

bandits. He demanded action

The imminent Congress defeat in Maharashtra, which in cludes India's financial capital exchange on Monday

Bombay, however panicked the industry, and analysts warned of a crash on the Bombay stock