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Ceasefire in CHT extended

The Parbattya Chattagram

Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) has agreed to extend the ceasefire in the hill districts till April 20, 1995, an official handout said yesterday, reports UNB.

Thai visa to be issued from Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Mar 30: Thai embassy officials will begin issuing visas to intending visitors to Bangkok from Chittagong from tomorrow. This was disclosed by newly elected president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sarwar Jamal Nizam while ad dressing general meeting of the chamber here today, reports BSS.

CJ leaves for Nepal

Chief Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, left Dhaka for Nepal yesterday to participate in chief justices conference of SAARC countries to be held at Kathmandu from March 31 to April 2, reports BSS.

97 massage parlour girl held, fined

By Court Correspondent Dhaka Metropolitan police arrested 97 young girls and their clients from the city's different massage parlours and produced them before the court yesterday. The court fined each of them Tk 200 and ordered them to shun such activities. The arrested persons were released after having paid the fines.

CHAITRA 17, 1401 BS,

CAG office reluctant, seeks clarification

By S Y Bakht

Despite clearance from the Parliament Secretariat and the Law Ministry, the Comptroller and Auditor General's office is the sources said. reluctant to release the remuneration package of the Opposition MPs who resigned en

masse last year, according to official sources. The resignations were subto the Opposition MPs. sequently rejected by the

communication noted that this decision also had the consent of the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry and the monetary entitlements of

Despite adequate stock in city's Badamtali market, the price of rice is yet to register a fall.

World Bank mission chief in

Dhaka Pierre Landell-Mills ves-

terday sharply criticised the

recent government interven-

tion in fertiliser distribution,

and said that such policy back-

turn proved "disastrous", re-

meeting of the Foreign Inves

tors' Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (FICCI), he

insisted that the job of

marketing fertiliser should be

left to the private traders

unencumbered and without

Jamil and leading members of

Landell-Mills noted with con-

cern that the pace of economic

reform, which yielded positive

results in past several years.

pace of reform is impercepti-

ble or is even going into re-

verse", the World Bank official

backgeared recently.

has either slowed down or

Indeed in some areas, the

the chamber were present.

FICCI President Mahbub

Talking about fertiliser.

Addressing a luncheon

ports UNB.

subsidy".

Fertiliser distribution

WB criticises govt

intervention

Landell-Mills was also criti-

He cautioned that ceiling on

cal of the recent checks im-

posed on foreign funds in the

sale of primary shares to for-

eign investors and lock-in on

their investments on the

Initial Public Offerings (IPOs)

will "undoubtedly" have a nega-

tive impact on the inflow of

tioned the rationale of shield-

ing the market from a Mexico-

type crash, being argued by the

government, for the restric-

ronment must be in line with

that of its competitors — the

other 25 Asian Emerging

Markets, and its policies sho-

uld be "consistent and pre-

down in reform, Landell-Mills

also referred to stagnating

privatisation of state-owned

enterprises, sloth in trade lib-

eralisation, and stalemate in

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Pointing at recent slow-

He said the regulatory envi-

The WB executive ques-

local capital market.

foreign capital.

tions.

the Opposition MPs.

The CAG, however, is yet to

the sources, a number of Opposition MPs have approached the Finance ministry seeking to find out the reason why their pay packages were being

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Nor'wester hits Pabna, B'baria

PABNA, Mar 30: A severe nor'wester lashed two villages in sadar thana of the district injuring more than 100 people today, reports UNB.

About 100 thatched houses were damaged and a large number of trees uprooted by the storm which swept over Ataikula and Saradanga at about 8:15 tonight.

The storm also damaged standing crops, but no estimate of the loss was immediately available.

Of the injured, three people - Mahtab, 25, Shahdat, 27 and Sohel, 30 -were admitted to Pabna Sadar Hospital.

Another report from Brahmanbaria adds: At least 10 people were injured and more than 300 families rendered homeless when a nor'wester swept over parts of Sadar thana today.

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Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga was seen off by Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman at the Zia International Airport yesterday at the end of her two-day official visit to Bangladesh. - PID photo

Visit very successful, says Chandrika

President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga yesterday described her visit to Bangladesh as 'very successful'. She was talking to UNB at

SAWAL 29, 1415 HIJRI

the VVIP lounge at the Zia International Airport prior to her departure for home in the morning, concluding her three-day state visit to Bangladesh.

Kumarantunga, responding to a question, said the relations between Dhaka and Colombo is 'excellent,' adding "it has been always very good."

Khaleda accepts invitation to visit Sri Lanka

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has accepted the invitation to visit Sri Lanka,

The invitation was extended to the Prime Minister during her official talks with Lankan President Chandrika Banda rnaike Kumaratunga who left for home yesterday morning concluding her three-day state visit to Bangladesh.

A seismic survey in search

of gas and oil in the Bay of

Bengal off the coast of Cox's

Bazar-Sandwip by two foreign

companies ended last week.

taken to Singapore for assimi-

lation and analysis. The com-

panies hope that within June

next they would be able to

Cairn Plc of Scotland and

Holland Sea Search of the

Netherlands, which are very

optimistic about finding hydro-

Carbon reserves, jointly began

survey in the Bay covering 881

so kms under exploration

Block No 16 from January 7

Although the companies

had planned to scan about

1200 km in straight measure-

ment, they eventually covered

some 1700 km 500 km more

ment between these compa-

nies and the Bangladesh gov

ernment Cairn Plc and Hol

According to the agree

than the initial plan.

identify the sites of hydro-car-

bon deposits in the Bay.

The survey data has been

official sources said

President Kumaratunga was given a hearty send-off at the air-port. She was seen off by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and Begum Rahman.

Two Bangladeshi children presented her bouquets. Bangladesh High Commi-

ssioner to Sri Lanka Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury, Sri Lankan High Commissioner SB Atugoda and senior officials were also present at the air-

Meanwhile, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in a joint statement yesterday said that the two countries have agreed to find ways to expand bilateral trading and economic cooperation.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga also reviewed the progress in the SAARC, specially with regard to operation of South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA).

The statement issued in Dhaka at the end of President Kumaratunga's visit here said that both sides agreed to de-See Page 12 Col 7

land Sea Search would begin

drilling of at least one well by

Initially, the two overseas

companies had hired a survey

ship — the "Ross Seal," —

which had to stop work in late

January following trouble with

some of its equipment. The

vessel had to leave Bangladesh

after surveying some 600 km

The companies later hired

another ship to complete the

in the Bay.

Oil exploration in Bay

to Singapore for study

By Sharier Khan

Fresh court order sought to visit Col Shams in jail

SC Bar polls:

T H Khan

leading

By Staff Correspondent

tions of the Supreme Court Bar

Association ended yesterday.

in the elections.

Alt Khan by 42 votes.

The two-day annual elec-

As many as 1209 out of

1418 eligible voters cast votes

According to latest report,

Mohammad Tofazzal Hossain

Khan (T H Khan) was leading

his nearest rival for the post of

president Barrister Shawkat

H Khan had polled 310 votes

against 268 for Shawkat Ali

Khan. The other presidential

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After count of 700 votes, T

By Staff Correspondent Younger brother of Lt Col (retd) Shamsur Rahman yesterday sought fresh court order to enable the relatives of the detained Colonel to visit him in jail, court sources said.

Mizanur Rahman Iqbal filed the petition in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka, saying that despite previous court order, Seismic survey data sent family members of Col Rahman were not allowed to see him in

> Our court correspondent says, the CMM said that since the case had been shifted to another court, it would not be possible for him to give any order. But as the previous order was given by him, th CMM directed the Additional

See Page 12 Col 2 DHAMECSU polls

JCD bags all 20 posts

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Rough weather restricts exploration in the Bay to the

months of November to Febru-Meanwhile, the production

sharing contract (PSC) for Block 15, submitted by the same companies jointly and initialled on November 14 last. has been awaiting clearance at the ministry-level since the See Page 12 Col 8

December this year. "But from " is enthusiasm we feel they i. ht drill more wells," a well-placed source in Petrobangla told The Daily

(JCD), the student wing of the ruling BNP, swept the Dhaka Medical College Students Union (DHAMECSU) elections bagging all 20 posts.

vesterday peacefully with three panels contesting. Some 7 voters out of 913 cast then

spectively. John secured 417 votes.

JP office case

named defence witnesses

Chowdhury, acting Chairman of the JP, and Shah Moazzem Hossain, a former minister and former secretary general of the JP, were submitted in the Special Judge's Court trying former president and two others in the Jatiya Party

Mostafa Jamal Haider and former works secretary M A Rouf are co-accused in this case which relates to spending about Taka 82 lakh government money in renovating and

Deportation call worries Muslims in Bombay BOMBAY, Mar 30: Muslims With Thackeray talking are living under a shadow of like this, things are likely to Thackeray and activists of

fear in Bombay after a Hindu leader, whose party rules the city, gave police a deadline to evict foreign Muslim immi grants from India's financial

heart, reports AFP. Many of the city s 1.8 million-odd Muslim residents feel the deportation call by Bal Thackeray would spark religious tension in this western city of about 12 million people, which has been rent by Hindu-

Muslim clashes in the past. "There is a lot of fear in Muslim areas People feel Thackeray is laying the ground for another round of riots, said journalist Farooque Ansari. recalling the wave of communal violence following the December 6. 1992 razing of the

Babri Mosque.

take a turn for the worse." Ansari said, adding that he had received anxious telephone calls from Muslims worried about their safety. Thackeray, chief of the Shiv

Sena, which stormed to power in the state of Maharashtra this month, gave police a 15-day deadline Wednesday to rid the city of "illegal" Muslims.

We have to uproot the poi son of anti-nationals from the country," the Sena leader said in "Samna," the party newspaper he edits from Maharashtra's capital, Bombay.

"The entire country has been infiltrated by illegal for eign immigrants and the police and Shiv Sena activists should jointly bust their dens it is their national duty." the the party he founded 28 years ago have been widely accused of inciting anti-Muslim pro-

grammes in Bombay in December 1992 and early 1993 after the 16th-century Babri Mosque was razed by Hindu zealots. An estimated 2,000 people died in the nationwide violence, which severely dented India's secular credentials.

Some 250,000 Muslims fled Bombay as their shops and businesses were looted and burnt and their brethren at tacked Wasim Ansari, another Muslim journalist, said Thackeray was brandishing the "alien" threat to rid the city of Mus-

Apr 10 hartal to affect Tongi Paura polls

- Star photo

By Staff Correspondent The Opposition-called country-wide hartal on April 10 poses a threat to the normal holding of model polls in Tongi Paurashabha, sources

concerned pointed out.

The model elections in Tongi are billed for April 10 and the campaign is getting momentum with the candidates of all major political par ties participating in it.

The Election Commission (EC) is still undecided over the fate of the elections, said a high official of the commission yesterday.

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AL's mass contact programme

By Staff Correspondent Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina will participate in a mass contact programme at Dattapara, Tongi this morning. Later, she will leave for Netrakona.

Hasina will also address a public meeting at Trishal in Mymensingh district at 4 pm

The AL chief will address a rally at Bancharampur in Brahmonbaria district on April 5 and another rally at Ghatail in Tangail district on April 8.

She will go to Tongi again on April 7 to campaign for her party candidate in the Tongi Pourashava elections, scheduled for April 10.

Mob blocks road in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Mar 30: Traffic on the Cox's Bazar Teknaf road remained suspended from 9 pm as angry people put barricade at Maricha Palong in Ukhia thana protesting the detention of two women by BDR men, officials and witnesses said, reports UNB. The trouble ensued after

the BDR personnel detained the wife of an ex-Upazila Chairman Mahmudul Haque Chowdury and the daughter of a retired naval officer Abdur Rouf following an altercation as See Page 12 Col 2

30 injured at AJM From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ. Mar 30: An

Of the injured. Yusuf. Mobarak, Joinal, Abul Kashem

AL-JP clash leaves

hour-long clash between the supporters of the Awami League and Jatiya Party at the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) left at least 30 workers injured yesterday.

An official of the AJM also died of heart attack during the clashes between two rival groups of workers. According to police. Sham

sul Haque, 40, Assistant Production Officer of the mills died of cardiac arrest at his of ficial residence in the mills compound where the clashing workers traded dozens of gun shots and exploded over 100 crackers for an hour from 10:45 pm.

and Hasan Sardar were admitted to different clinics here and in the capital According to mills sources, the clash occurred following a

dispute between the two groups over the appointment of shift workers of their respective party at the spinning department of mill No 1. Police fired gunshots,

lobbed teargas shells and used

battons to disperse the battling workers However none was arrested in this regard. Local AL, JP leaders were

negotiating a settlement till filing of this report at 10 pm to-

By DMCH Correspondent

The elections were held

Tawhidul Islam John and Nuruzzaman Khan Khasru of JCD were elected vice-president and general secretary re-

while his nearest rival Abdul See Page 12 Col 8

Mizan, Moazzem

Two former ministers including a prime minister were named as defence witnesses in a corruption case against former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad, reports BSS. Names of Mizanur Rahman

Office case. Former works minister

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Speaker.

In a written communication

to the Comptroller and Auditor

General (CAG) recently, the

Secretary of the Parliament

Secretariat pointed out that a

decision was taken to pay the

Hartal observed

at Melandah,

Jhalakathi

From Our Correspondent

day hartal was observed at Me-

landah thana today to protest

the killing of a farmer in police

"Kabir Hossain died when

police opened fire on a mob

At one stage, the unruly

The All-party Action Council

The victim was buried at his

crowd ransacked the chamber

called the six-hour hartal from

6 am which was observed

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Hasina condemns

'killing' of peasants

By Staff Correspondent

Hasina yesterday condemned

the 'killing of peasants' agitat

ing for fertiliser throughout

the country during the last few

she said the government failed

to ensure supply of fertiliser

during the last one month but

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In a statement yesterday

Awami League chief Sheikh

of the Thana Nirbahi Officer,

demanding fertiliser at Me-

landah vesterday

peacefully

JAMALPUR, Mar 30: A half-

Remuneration of Opposition MPs

regular monthly salary and allowances to the Opposition MPs as their resignations were not accepted by the Speaker, The letter was sent after

the Accounts Officer, deputed to the Parliament Secretariat from the AG office, sought a clarification on the payments

The Parliament Secretary's requested the CAG to release

The sources pointed out that the Finance Minister is also of the opinion that the payments should be made as per the Speaker's decision.

authorise the release of the money and is reportedly seeking clarifications from higher authorities, the sources added. Meanwhile, according to

Official sources said the