SAVE DHAKA



The capital is witnessing an increasing growth of slums or bustees wherever there are empty open spaces. These bustees lack the minimum of facilities like water, sanitation and electricity. Pictured here is a sprawling bustee in Maniknagar area. - Star photo

cal industrial sector, he added.

globally, but the absence of an

enabling business environment

The FBCCI President em-

phasised the immediate need

to improve infrastructural

facilities, including power, gas

and telecommunications, and

the law and order situation. He

also urged for increased gov-

ernment spending on human

. A total of 651 recommen-

dations - 200 on customs

duty, 163 regarding the Value

Added Tax (VAT) and 288 on

direct tax — came from various

chambers and trade bodies for

consideration by the revenue

proposals asking exemptions

and relief, particularly in the

area of income tax and VAT.

arguing that there have already

been adequate relaxations in

Dr Akbar Ali Khan

Chairman of NBR, critically

appraising a proposal for rais-

ing the income tax exemption

limit to Tk 100,000 from the

existing Tk 55,000, said the

income tax rate is already one

"Previous exemptions have

unfortunately failed to raise the

number of assessees and the

tax collection as well," Khan

said gainsaying the argument

of some chamber leaders that

easing tax would bring higher

NBR, however, assured of

All major chambers, includ-

considering continuation of tax

holiday system until 2000, and

further reductions in corpo-

ing the Foreign Chamber of

Commerce and Industry, asked

for extension of tax holiday

The revenue board also

agreed to most of the propos-

als regarding reduction in the

duty rates of industrial raw ma-

terials and of animal and poul-

ever, said no commitment

about budget could be made at

the consultative committee

New

message

next day.

The NBR Chairman, how-

after its expiry next June.

of the lowest in Asia.

revenue.

try feeds.

meeting.

वाश्लापम सन्ध्र भव प्रश्रहा

Do You Know?

(Health Message)

Common chronic causes of bleeding per rectum (blood in

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Law Department

Refixation of Date of opening of Tender for sale of

mortgaged assets and properties of M/s HOWLADER

PVC PIPE INDUSTRIES LIMITED, DHAMRAI, DHAKA.

sale of mortgaged assets and properties of the above mentioned

company were published in the "Dainik Ittefaq" and in the "Daily Star" on

12-04-1995 and 13-04-1995 respectively fixing the date for submission

and opening of tender on the 3rd May, 1995 (Wednesday). Due to

unavailable circumstances the date is now refixed on the 23rd May, 1995

02. The time of submission and opening of tender and other terms and

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conditions of the sale notice will, however, remain unchanged.

Assistant General Manager

Phone: 252006, 252016-7

Law Department

This is for information of all concerned that the tender notice for

different stages is available at your door step.

NBR rejected outright most

resource development.

authorities.

previous years.

is making us uncompetitive."

"We are being told to compete

Saifur: ODA to dry up

relief. Rahman brushed aside, benefit from the reform meaprivate sector proposals for sures as a level playing field further tax exemptions in the next budget, saying that ex emptions in Bangladesh are already 'far to high' and the personal income tax rate is one of the lowest in the region.

Organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) at a local hotel, the 16th annual day-long meeting of the NBR Consultative Committee reviewed the tax and duty proposals for the 1995-96 budget from various chambers and trade associa-

FBCCI President Salman F Rahman earlier noted that although the country's macroeconomic success is the 'talk of the region', but success in the micro sector is not forthcoming. "The next budget should consider getting better results," he said.

SAARC From Page 1

such regions."

"These factors underscore the imperative for faster pace, if not urgency, in strengthening regional cooperation among SAARC member states."

SAARC officials said a key objective of the group's meet ing, that includes India. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, was to kick-start a stalled trade pact. An Indian delegate said the

leaders would focus on making functional a South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement (SAPTA) they signed at their last Summit in 1993 in Dhaka It allows the member coun-

tries to import commodities from one another with tariffs that are 10 per cent lower than those imposed on merchandise imported from non-SAARC countries.

"As far as the SAPTA is concerned all the members are now on board and we are working out the list of commodities that will be available for preferential trade among member states," the Indian official said.

Bangladesh's difficulties with India include the issue of India's unilateral diversion of water of the Ganges river at the Farakka barrage.

The private sector is yet to

Khaleque, 21. Kawser Faruk, 22. Firoz, 20. Humayun Kabir, 21 and Ramzan Ali. 20. has not been created, affecting the competitiveness of the lo-

Meanwhile, a 'spontaneous' hartal was observed today at Shahibazar, Kalabagan, Nishchintapur. Novamati and Delpara areas of Pagla where vesterday's clashes took place. Shops and other business establishments remained closed and normal life was disrupted since the panicstricken villagers preferred to stay home.

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Malaria

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Dr Zakir, however, said that they had already made arrangements for new effective insecticide which can kill the vectors, but is not harmful to public health. Malaria is not fatal if detected at a primary stage, he pointed out.

Dr A Mannan, assistant di rector of malaria and parasite disease control (M&PDC), said not only Bangladesh is facing the problem, some 40 per cent of the world population live in risk area.

Over one million people are dying of malaria every year world-wide, he said, adding some 75 per cent people of South East Asia Region live in risk area.

In Bangladesh, 10 districts are considered high risk areas. These are Bandarban, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Sunamganj, Kishoreganj, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Netrakona Mymensingh and Narayanganj he said. Some 1,63,600 people

were affected by malaria in the country last year and 94.04 per cent of the cases were reported from the 10 districts.

Dr Mannan said the problems in facing the disease include selection of insecticide, lack of trained manpower, financial constraint, drug resistance and lack of institution linkage.

N P Maheswari, an entomologist, suggested use of curtains washed with insecticides like delta methrin and per methrin. These insecticides are not harmful to health, he

Dr M Kaiser Uddin, deputy director of M&PDC, said they had taken some emergency steps in the malaria-hit areas of Sylhet region.

Rajuk asked to hand over Baridhara plots concerned ministry

The third petition involved

discussion on alleged irregu-

larities and nepotism of the au-

chitecture and engineering

consultancy firm for a project

under the administrative juris-

diction of the Health Ministry.

ministry to submit a full-

fledged report on this to the

Prof A Q M Badruddoza

Chowdhury, Miah Mohammad

Monsur Ali and Begum Farida

Hassan attended the meeting.

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the national elections.

tensify its activities for facing

district and central level lead-

ers addressed the day-long

meet which was inaugurated by

the Prime Minister and the

BNP Chairperson, Begum

"destructive politics of the

Opposition parties" but urged

them to play a positive and

constructive role for the

greater interest of the nation

over the construction of dams

by neighbouring India as well

as its unilateral withdrawal of

water from the Ganges at

Farakka which is causing im-

mense socio-economic suffer-

ings to the people in lower ri

resolution, condemned racism.

colonialism and riots in dif-

Editorial on Page 4

ferent countries of the world

particularly oppression on

Muslims in Bosnia and Che-

conference expressed its firm

determination to maintain the

victory of nationalistic demo-

cratic politics through stren-

gthening organisational acti-

government step forming the

judicial inquiry committee to

probe the recent fertiliser

scandal and demanded stern

Azad narrates

Natore incident

to newsmen

Samad Azad vesterday said

there is no alternative to a

neutral caretaker government

to conduct next general elec-

understand the language of

logic... They want to drive the

country towards chaos," he

told a press briefing at the

Dhanmondi office of the

Awami League in the afternoon

to apprise newsmen of the re-

cent incidents at Lalpur in

Natore district which Azad vis-

ited Saturday to see how the

ruling party workers had al-

legedly tortured people and

damaged their property there.

said the government could

have created a pre-dialogue

atmosphere by appointing the

Commissioner (ECE) in con-

sultation with the Opposition

But they once again ignored

the Opposition suggestion.

Chief

Replying to a question. Azad

Election

The briefing was organised

"This government does not

tions, reports UNB.

Awami League leader Abdus

action against those responsi-

ble for it.

The conference lauded the

vities at the grassroots level.

In another resolution, the

The conference, by another

It expressed deep concern

The meeting criticised the

A total of 72 union, thana

BNP confce

committee.

Khaleda Zia.

and the country.

parian Bangladesh.

The committee ordered the

Members of the committee

thorities in appointing an ar

The Petition Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday ordered the Rajuk to hand over the plots in Baridhara J Block to the aggrieved allotlees immediately, reports

A meeting of the committee, chaired by Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, discussed the matters relating to the allotted plots and implementation of a decision reached earlier by the Petition Committee on Rajuk's failure to transfer those to their owners even after full payment of money...

After hearing Rajuk's opinion on implementation of the decision, the committee issued the order.

The second petition to the committee was on illegal forced retirement of a Superintending Engineer of Rural Electrification Board. The meeting was informed that the engineer was reinstated as per instruction on the issue and decision of the

Hasina

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tine state affairs. "The Prime Minister 4 resignation 90 days ahead of the election will not affect the Constitution," the Awami

League President, said. She demanded immediate dissolution of parliament for a fair general election under a

caretaker government. Presided over by the Chokoria thana AL President Kamal Hossain, the meeting was also addressed by Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser and Syed Nazibul Bashar Maijbhandari.

Earlier, addressing two separate rallies in Kutubdia and Maheskhali, Hasina accused the ruling party of creating fertiliser and food crises to

make money. The Awami League chief demanded construction of cross dams to protect salt

fields there.

She was also critical of the government for not completing the rehabilitation works in the cyclone-hit areas till now.

Trade wing From Page 1

the Export Promotion Bureau, the Board of Investment, the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA), and the foreign missions based in Bangladesh, on matters of trade and investment to facilitate rapid action. Stronger focus on economic

line will be the objective of the wing in keeping with the economic diplomacy of the government, the spokesman said. Syed Noor Hossain, a career

diplomat, has been appointed the Director General of the TIP wing, the spokesman said.

DU dean office ransacked

A group of master's degree examinees of the Dhaka University Science Faculty yes terday ransacked the faculty's dean office demanding shifting of their examinations' scheduled for May 21, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the students went rampage at about 2 pm as they came to know that the authorities was determined not to shift their examinations.

Manzur murder case: Hearing on May 2

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Apr 30: The

court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Chittagong. will hear Gen Manzur murder case on May 2. The three arrested retired

army officers including Gen Abdul Latif. Col Shamsur Rahman and Major Emdad are to be produced in the court on that date since production warrants were issued against them, court sources said. Gen Latif is now detained in

Dhaka Central Jail, Col Shamsur Rahman in Tangail jail and Major Emdad in Comilia jail respectively.

Chittagong, on April 17 issued army officers in the court.

rejected.

Biswas

visited Saudi Arabia as a state

The President will also attend a luncheon to be hosted by the Queen for the heads of state and government participating in the celebration. It is learnt that 50 countries have been invited to participate.

During his stay in London. the President will take the opcelebrations.

be attending several other programmes during his visit that will end on May 14. He is expected to meet the

Bangladeshi community in London and Birmingham.

Commission, reforms in the electoral laws and rules, control of the election expenses and barring the bank defaulters from contesting polls.

the politicians the fresh delimitation of parliament constituencies, voters' registration and preparation of their identity cards and a code of conduct for the participating parties. He assured the delegates of considering their suggestions with due importance. The LDF team comprised

Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Haq Inu, Nirmal Sen. Khalequzzaman. Mujahidul Islam Selim, A F M Mahbubul Haq and Noyeem Jahangir while Siddiqur Rahman represented the People's Party. The CEC was assisted by Election Commissioner Justice Addul Jalil, the EC secretary A Z M Shamsul Alam and additional secretary S M Zakaria.

The court of the CMM.

instruction to the Inspector General (prison) to ensure production of the three former Meanwhile, the bail peti-

tions submitted for Gen Latif and Col Shams will be heard in the Sessions Judge's Court here on May 3, court sources

The lawyers for Gen Latif and Col Shams submitted fresh petitions to the Sessions Judge's Court since the bail prayers made to the CMM's Court here on April 17 were

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October 1991. He. however

guest to perform Haij in 1993. President Biswas will attend the Victory in Europe (VE) ceremonies on May 6 and 7.

portunity of exchanging views with the leaders attending the President Biswas will also

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strengthening of the Election

During the meeting, Justice

Sadeque also discussed with

The Midnight File

Bullet-proof cars for election candidates in Kashmir

JAMMU, Apr 30: The Indian government has sent 250 bullet-proof cars to the troubled Jammu and Kashmir state to protect election candidates, officials said today. Jammu and Kashmir has been under direct federal rule since a Muslim rebellion broke out against New Delhi in 1990, reports

Lankan ruling coalition scraps May Day march

COLOMBO. Apr 30: Sri Lanka's governing People's Alliance (PA) today decided to scrap its international workers' day demonstrations in view of the deteriorating security situation, official sources here said. President Chandrika Kumaratunga's PA will not hold its street march tomorrow but will stage a public meeting to mark the May Day, officials said adding that the decision was taken following fears of Tamil rebel attacks, reports AFP.

New CJ to take oath

From Page 1 Dinajpur Zilla School in 1949. He completed B A in 1956 and obtained the LLB degree in 1960 from the University of Dhaka. He was enrolled as an advocate of the then East Pakistan High Court on November 17, 1960.

A T M Afzal was appointed Deputy Attorney General in 1974 and was elevated to bench as an additional judge of the High Court division April 15, 1977. He was confirmed as a judge of the High Court on April 2, 1979.

Justice Aizal was appointed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on December He has one son and a

daughter.

Farewell

Meanwhile, the outgoing chief justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman said his legal decisions during his tenure as a judge and subsequently as the chief justice had upheld the rule of law. He was replying to the

farewell addresses given by the Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association Justice T H Khan yesterday morning in the court room of the Chief Justice... Justice Rahman said that

his important legal decisions which have been printed in the law journal, would act as guide and precedent both to the bar as well as to the bench. Justice Mohammad Habibur

Rahman laid off his robes yesterday after he attaining the age of 65. Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan said

"With respect and reverence. we would always remember the contribution you have made, the role you had played as a judge and the chief justice of this country." Supreme Court Bar Association President Justice

T H Khan praised the qualities of head and heart of the outgoing chief justice and said Chief Justice Habibur Rahman might look back with satisfaction that he had the opportunity to serve both in the High Court and Appellate Divisions of the Supreme Court for about nineteen years, of which nine years were in the Appellate Division. T H Khan said Habibur

Rahman had acted as chief justice when Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, the then Chief

Justice, acted as the President of Bangladesh. During his long period in his high office he had endeared himself to the members of the Bar by his amiable disposition. Justice Rahman was ele-

vated as a judge of the High Court Division on May 8, 1976 and to the Appellate Division on December 26, 1985. He acted as the chief justice from December 6 1990 to October 1991. He assumed the office of Chief Justice on February I this year upon the retirement of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Khaleda From Page 1

the region, the Prime Minister

said her government was continuing discussion with the neighbouring country for solving the water issue. "It is not raining due to the adverse effect of Farakka," she said about the spell of drought. Addressing the meeting, lo-

cal leaders put forward various demands, including construction of roads, nationalisation of schools and colleges and modernisation of telecommunica-The Prime Minister assured

the people of looking into their problems and announced that a fire station would be set up at Mirpur, rural electrification network be expanded, telecom system modernised, thana health complex upgraded from 31 to 50-bed one, additional financial allocation given for educational and religious institutions and more roads be constructed.

May Day

while demonstrating for an

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eight-hour working day that violent confrontation between the protesters and the authorities later came to symbolise labours struggle for recognition of designated working hours across the globe. Since then, the day is observed internationally. On this occasion, President

Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia have issued separated messages paying respect to those workers who sacrificed their lives in Chicago 109 years ago. They also urged the working community to be imbued with the spirit of this international day. Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina issued a similar statement.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

(পানি ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন।। বাড়িতে নির্দিষ্ট মাপের জলাধার নির্মাণ করুন) 🔲 তাকা ওয়াসার খেলাপী গ্রাহকদের প্রতিটি হিসাবের হালনাগাদ বিলে বকেয়ার অংক

- উল্লেখপূর্বক পরিশোধের তাগিদপত্র ও পৃথক নোটিশ প্রদানসহ বকেয়া পরিশোধের নিমিত্ত জাতীয় পত্র-পত্রিকা, বাংলাদেশ টেলিভিশন এবং রেডিও বাংলাদেশের মাধ্যমে অনুরোধ জানানো সত্ত্তে বকেয়া পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ গ্রাহকদের সংযোগ তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে বিচ্যুতকরণের জন্য বিশেষ অভিযানের কার্যক্রম জোরদার করা হয়েছে।
- □□ वित्निय অভিযানকালে ম্যাজিস্টেটের স্থায়ী ও ভ্রাম্যমান আদালতের মাধ্যমে প্রচলিত আইনের আওতায় বকেয়া আদায় এবং অন্যান্য অবৈধ কার্যকলাপের বিরুদ্ধে শান্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে।
- 🗆 উল্লেখ্য যে, ৩১শে মে, '৯৫ইং পর্যন্ত হালনাগাদ বকেয়া পরিশোধকারীকে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বকেয়া পরিশোধের সুবিধা দেয়া হচ্ছে।
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- □□ ইতিমধ্যে মার্চ-এপ্রিল '৯৫ইং মাসের বিলও জারি করা হচ্ছে। সংযোগ বিচ্যুতি এড়ানোর জন্য বিল পরিশোধের নিমিত্ত প্রয়োজনে ঢাকা ওয়াসার সংশ্লিষ্ট রাজস্ব আঞ্চলিক অফিস বা প্রধান রাজস্ব কর্মকর্তা (ফোন ঃ ৩২৫২৪০) বা বাণিজ্যিক ব্যবস্থাপক (ফোন ঃ ৩২৭২৪৫) অথবা সদস্য (অর্থ) (ফোন ঃ ৮১৬৭৯৯)—এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে भारत । আপনাদের সেবায় নিয়োজিত

अग्रामा ঢাকা ওয়াসা

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Hartals losing public support Discussing the key findings

From Page 1 the respondents were selected from 48 areas of the capital and the key findings appeared convincing in terms of a broad representation of urban soci-

Political parties were increasingly becoming alienated from the people, the survey pointed out, because of their failure to uphold popular socioeconomic demands.

The survey also revealed

the people's belief that the

party in power today would call hartals when they sit in the opposition. Forty-one per cent of the respondents identified hartals as hindering economic eman-cipation. 32 per cent dubbed the method destructive while three per cent said it affected

class and the poor. Only four per cent wanted to see hartals as a built-in part of political campaigns.

the earnings of the working

When asked why people observed hartals when they did not support it, 56 per cent identified intimidation and fear of violence as the main As alternatives to hartal,

the respondents came up with suggestions like more dialogue between the government and the opposition, and strengthening of the parliamentary sys-Besides, they recommended that referenda on na-

tionally important issues, in-

creased public awareness and

token protests could be other

effective options.

of the survey report yesterday. speakers at a seminar at the Dhaka University suggested creating a "citizen's space" to gain adequate room between the feuding political forces.

They observed that the effectiveness of hartals - the last resort in peaceful political struggle - have eroded because of indiscriminate use. The International Relations

Student Seminar Forum organ-

ised the seminar, chaired by

Mahfuz Anam, Editor of The Daily Star. "It seems, we have begun to enjoy hartals lately, staying home and passing off the day, while the real objectives of a hartal, that is, registering protest, goes in vain," com-

mented Dr Ahmed Kamal, a

history teacher of the Dhaka

University.

Speaking on whether the political parties were aware of the people's growing dislike of hartals. Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman said such surveys helped contain potentially violent boiling situations. Rahman, a research fellow

of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). observed that passive warnings of the silent majority have surely reached the leaders. who have been forced to make changes in the styles of their Abdur Rab Khan of the

Many industries, schools, NGOs and other institutions were now working, even on the week-ends, to cover the losses caused by hartals on the weekdays, he pointed out. Dr Imtiaz Ahmed, a teacher

of DU's International Relations Department, recommended that the universities must adopt hour-centric activities so that academic schedules continue on time, off-setting the impact of hartals. A BIISS research fellow.

Zakir Ahmed, believed that access to state-owned electronic media could have had a cathartic effect on the Opposition, decreasing the prospects of hartals. Many speakers at the semi-

nar believed that the ruling

party had a share in the

Opposition-called hartals by long ignoring the rightful demands of the Opposition. DU Senate polls

held at 12 centres By Staff Correspondent The election of the 25 rep-

resentatives of registered graduates to the Dhaka University Senate was held yesterday at 12 centres outside Dhaka.

Elections will also be held Bangladesh Institute of at the Teacher-Student Centre of the Dhaka University on International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) said that peo-Wednesday and results will be ple have begun to live with announced on May 6.