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## Egypt-Sudan fresh row over Nile waters

CAIRO, July 2: Egypt warned Sudan today that tampering with the Nile River — the lifeline of both countries — would be dangerous, reports AP.  
 Earlier the Sudanese threat came from Sheik Hassan Turabi, the Islamic leader considered the power behind Sudan's government. He suggested that Sudan could tamper with the agreement that rations how much of the Nile's water is allocated to each country.  
 "Egypt's water supplies pass by this country and Egypt has no underground water, so if the Sudanese are goaded into intervening with the Nile waters, that could be a deadly matter," Turabi said

in remarks carried by the Egyptian news agency MENA.  
 The Nile, the world's longest river, winds through Sudan, then Egypt before emptying into the Mediterranean. The vast majority of Egypt's 59 million people live in its valley, and Egyptian officials consider the river and its flow a strategic concern.  
 "Sheik Turabi should stay away from issues and subjects that are much bigger than he is," Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa warned today. "I ask him not to play with fire, and at the same time not to play with the water."  
 The rhetoric came a day after Egypt sought to cool the dispute with its southern neighbour that began when

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak accused Sudan, of orchestrating the attempt on his life last Monday in Ethiopia.  
 Sudanese officials have denied the charge, instead blaming Islamic militants in Egypt who have waged a three-year insurgency against the Cairo government.  
 Meanwhile, in Khartoum, a Sudanese minister said today he had met ambassadors from four member nations of the UN Security Council and asked them to pressure Egypt to stop its 'aggressions' in a disputed border region.  
 Ghazi Salahuddin Atabani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told the state news See Page 12 Col 8



BOAT ON WHEELS: This country boat is being carried to a waterway by a push-cart in the city. — Star photo

## Direct road link between Ctg, Mongla ports planned

By Reaz Ahmad

A plan for direct road link between the two sea ports of the country is now under active consideration of the government, according to official sources here yesterday.  
 The proposed road link will shorten the distance between Chittagong and Mongla ports to about 250 kms from present 550 kms. The present route passes through several districts including the capital city.  
 The Ministry of Shipping has asked the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) to take necessary steps for ferry services between Laksmipur and Bhola

and between Bhola and Barisal in the planned road link. The Laksmipur-Bhola and Bhola-Barisal ferry routes will be 22 kms and 10 kms respectively, according to BIWTC sources. Recommendation has been made for building pontoons for 'ghats' in the ferry routes.  
 Construction of a 50 km road in Barisal, which will be part of the road-link is now underway.  
 The direct road link will greatly reduce congestion in port anchorage as transportation of cargo between the two ports will be speedy and less costly.  
 According to experts it will also save the country's hard-earned foreign currency,

now being spent for mooring chartered ships from one port to another for early disposal of perishable goods.  
 However, BIWTC, which has now 30 ferry vessels in its fleet is not in a position to introduce services in the two proposed routes and it has already explained its problems to the ministry concerned, sources said. "The government should either allocates funds for procuring more ferry vessels or wait for the construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB). Once the JMB is completed, some ferries from Aricha ghat can be relocated" said a BIWTC official.

## Accord with Iran on exchange of information

Bangladesh and Iran yesterday signed an agreement on cooperation in the field of information, reports UNB.  
 Information and Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam and the visiting President of Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Dr Ali Larijani initialled the accord at the State Guest House Meghna in the morning.  
 Under the agreement the two countries will exchange radio and TV programmes, press delegations and films with a view to further strengthening bilateral cultural cooperation.  
 The agreement shall become effective on the date of execution by both parties and shall remain in force for a period of three years.  
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## Degree exam results announced

By Staff Correspondent

The results of the Degree (Pass and Subsidiary) examinations of 1994 were announced by the National University yesterday.  
 The pass percentages are 47.43 in B.A., 55.35 in B.Com, 55.26 in B.S.S., 65.39 in B.Sc and 30.55 in B. Music examinations.  
 In B.A., 61379 students have come out successful out of 1,29,412 candidates who had appeared in the examinations held from November last year to February this year.  
 In B.Com (Pass) examinations, a total of 11,641, out of 21,032 have come out successful.  
 A total of 12,693 candidates had appeared in the

B.S.S (Pass) examinations, of whom 7,015 have passed.  
 In B.Sc (Pass), 11,641 have come out successful out of 21,032 examinees.  
 Eleven students out of 36 have passed in the B. Music (Pass) examination.  
 Of the successful students, 271 got First Division in B.Sc, 75 in B.A, and 10 in B.Com. None secured First Division in B.S.S or B. Music examinations.  
 A total of 27,065 got Second Division in BA, 2,849 in B.S.S, 4309 in B.Com, 3,659 in B.Sc and nine in B.Music examinations.  
 A total of 34,239 students got third division in B.A., 4,175 in B.S.S, 7322 in See Page 12 Col 7

## Partial strike in private jute, textile mills

By Staff Correspondent

A section of the workers of private sector jute and textile mills continued their strike for the second consecutive day yesterday.  
 Five workers' unions in the two sectors had earlier jointly called a five-day strike from Saturday to press their eight-point charter of demand including implementation of the Wages Commission Award in private sector mills.  
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## Jamuna Bridge Div constituted

The government has constituted a new division namely "Jamuna Bridge Division" under the Ministry of Communications, an official handout said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The order constituting the division will come into force with immediate effect.  
 This has been done in view of the importance of the Jamuna Bridge Project and to facilitate effective implementation of the project within the stipulated time.

## Depression over Bay likely this month

At least one depression is likely to be formed over the Bay of Bengal during the current month, a long-range Met Office forecast said yesterday, reports UNB.

The Brahmaputra and Meghna estuary may experience normal flooding during the middle of the month, the forecast added.

Forecasting rain for the current month, they predicted that Chittagong division See page 12 Col 4

## Businessman found dead in city hotel

By Staff Correspondent

A young businessman Razu, 35, was found dead at a third-floor room of a hotel at Nawabpur in the city yesterday, police said.  
 Razu and another person, Limu, 27, had reserved the room Saturday morning. They hailed from Gazipur, according to the hotel register.  
 Razu was found dead on the bed with a towel tied around his neck, police said. The door was locked from outside. The hotel management had called police when they became suspicious about the boarders.  
 The cause of the death could not be known immediately. Police sent the body to the Mitford Hospital for autopsy.

## New consumers' protection act uncertain

By Special Correspondent

The enactment of a comprehensive law to protect consumers' interests has become uncertain and its drafting has remained stalled for quite some time.  
 Formulation of the law titled 'Consumers' Protection Act', was initiated last year by the Ministry of Commerce and a committee was appointed to prepare a draft for it.  
 The committee, headed by a high official of the Commerce Ministry, was assigned to finalise the draft by May 31 last and submit it to the government for approval.  
 But, according to sources in the ministry, the drafting has remained stalled for over two months and the committee is virtually not functioning.  
 It is not certain whether the drafting will be completed

before the end of the year," said a source.  
 No satisfactory answer was available from the authorities concerned when asked about this delay.  
 The price hike of rice and other essentials and the fertiliser crisis early this year had prompted the authorities to enact a comprehensive law to safeguard consumers' interest. A time-limit was also fixed to expedite the process.  
 The sources, however mentioned that some amendments to two of the existing laws relating to consumers' interests, have also been proposed by the Commerce Ministry.  
 The two laws — Pure Food Act of 1959 and BSTI Ordinance of 1985 — will be updated through the proposed See Page 12 Col 8

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Applicants are requested to collect Refund Warrants and Allotment Letters in person as per above schedule by depositing the Bankers Acknowledgement of their respective application form(s).

Refund Warrants and Allotment Letters not collected as per above schedule will be mailed by registered post/courier on 5 July 1995 at the risk of the applicants.

**CU Shibir activist shot dead in Sylhet**  
 From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, July 2: A student of Chittagong University was allegedly shot by the activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) here this morning.  
 Abdur Rahim, an activist of the Islami Chhatra Shibir, was attacked while he was in a rickshaw in Zindabaha area of the town.  
 Meanwhile, the Sylhet unit of the Islami Chhatra Shibir at a press conference today accused the ICD of committing acts of terrorism in the educational institutions in Sylhet during the last few days.

**Wimbledon Result HIGHLIGHTS**  
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Men's singles (3rd round):  
 Alexander Mronz (Germany) def Jeff Tarango (USA).  
 Petr Korda (Czech Republic) def Brett Steven (New Zealand).  
 Andre Agassi (USA) def David Wheaton (USA).  
 Jacco Eltingh (Netherlands) def Mats Wilander (Sweden).  
 Women's singles (3rd round):  
 Jana Novotna (Czech Republic) def Judith Wiesner (Austria).  
 Steffi Graf (Germany) def Kristie Boogert (Netherlands).  
 Kimiko Date (Japan) def Tami Whitlinger-Jones (USA).

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