## SAVE DHAKA

## Health care

## Unsafe blood transfusion

By Reaz Ahmad and Manirul Islam Khan

Scarcity of blood, its unsafe transfusion and trading have posed a serious threat to public health.

Hospitals and clinics in the city need some 50 to 60 thousand bags of blood a year. But voluntary donations meet only half of the require-

Taking advantage of this scarcity, 'professional blood sellers' are doing a lucrative business.

The sources of blood collection are voluntary blood donors, professional 'donors' and relatives, friends and well-wishers of a patient.

There are both local and national level organisations who organise blood donation programmes and people voluntarily donate blood for the cause of humanity.

Sandhani, Red Crescent, Lion, Rotary and Bandhan are some of the prominent organisations and clubs which motivate people to donate blood and collect, preserve and distribute it with assistance rendered by blood banks at different hospitals in the city.

Though it is illegal to sell blood, professional 'donors' sell it for money. Sometimes, these people sell blood more than once within a month, which expose their lives to risk and the blood they sell also lack the required haemoglobin. They, however, evade the eye of

law by selling blood, identifying themselves as relatives or well-wishers of the patients concerned. On an average, a professional

donor gets only Tk 90 per bag of blood. However, a patient has to pay Taka 220 for each bag. In case of rare blood groups, the amount even ranges from Taka 1,000 to 5,000. The danger of spread of diseases

like jaundice, syphilis, malaria, and AIDS is always there as blood 'donated' by the professionals are not tested properly. Prof Mobin Khan, head of the

Liver Department of the IPGMR, said "29 per cent of the patients are suffering from Hepatitis-B virus due to unscreened blood transfusion." "It is better to avoid unsafe

transfusion of blood if it endangers life", said Prof C H Kabir of the IPGMR. "Blood banks at different city

CHITTAGONG, July 10: "I will ter

never go to work abroad in future

even if I am beaten for that" said 19-

year old Kamal Uddin, when asked by

this correspondent this morning at

I went two years and two months ago

with valid documents, by spending

Taka one lakh 20 thousand including

plane fare" alleged Kamal adding," My

sponsor there again demanded 6,000

Saudi riyals for renewal of my Ekama

Bangladeshis deported from Saudi

Arabia who reached here this morning

in the second batch on board a

Panamanian flag carrying vessel "MV

village under Raozan thana of Chit-

tagong district, said that he was

picked up from Jeddah on June 3

Formerly, he worked at Chit-

He secured the NOC (no objec-

tion certificate) through his maternal

uncle Nurul Alam, a middle aged man,

who also returned today. Alam was

standing beside while Kamal was

talking to this correspondent. Both

"I never saw my sponsor there

Both of them made allegations,

like many other deportees, against

the ship's management and crew for

supplying meagre quantity of food

Golapganj of Sylhet district, is an-

other deportee. He said that he had

gone seven months back by obtain-

ing 'Umrah' visa at a cost of Taka

55,000, lured by a local travel agency.

while sleeping inside a house at night

and then we were in jail for one month

seven days" Hannan said adding "but

we suffered more on board the ship

abroad, he was a small farmer. "I

could not understand that such a bad

thing would happen to my lot as we

were misled by travel agents".

never go outside".

50,000, one year ago.

land that he possessed.

He said that before going

Replying to a question, he said

Muslim Ali 60 from Sylhet, faced a

Muslim said that he had managed

"But I was picked up while look-

"again I will start farming and I will

similar fate. He also went by obtain-

ing 'Umrah' visa at a cost of Taka

the cost of visa by selling a piece of

ing for a job on the road" said Mus-

lim, father of six sons and one daugh-

than in jail.

"I was caught along with 11 others

Hannan Meah (26), who hails from

hail from the same village.

though I worked and earned".

and misbehaviour on board.

while selling fruit in a small shop.

Kamal, who hailed from Noapara

Kamal is among the 1870

"Injustice was done to me though

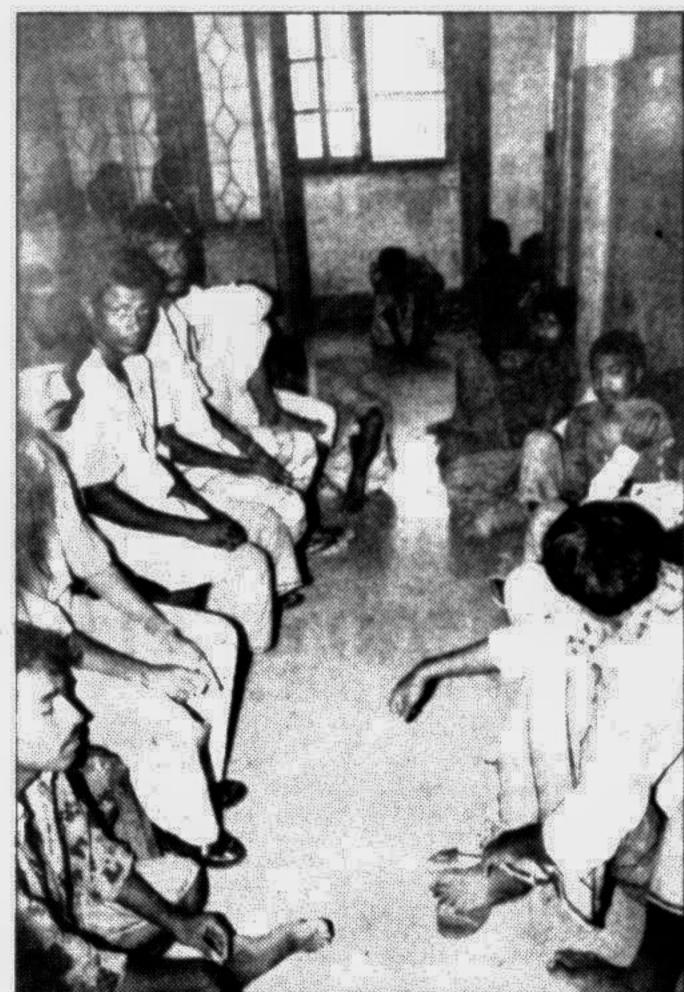
Chittagong Port Jetty No. 1.

(work permit)".

Mecca-1".

tagong Steel Mills.

hospitals transfuse, cross-match and preserve blood in a sub-standard manner. Facilities of blood screening is available only at the PG hospital.



Professional blood 'donors' wait for 'customers' at a - Star photo city hospital

However, there are screening facilities at some private clinics," a source concerned said.

"Transfusion of blood without screening is a crime," said Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury.

Prof Nurul Islam of Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital told The Daily Star that safe blood transfusion is an important factor as far as healthy life is concerned.

The number of professional blood donors is on the decrease while many conscious citizens now come forward to donate blood voluntarily, Dr Islam

Director General of the Health Directorate Prof A K Shamsuddin Siddique said at a seminar recently

1870 arrive at Chittagong

I never saw my sponsor,

says a deportee

From Nurul Alam

that the government would equip seven hospitals, two of those in Dhaka, with blood screening facilities by April next year. Any healthy person of 18 to 55

years can donate blood three times a year with an interval of 120 days. The problem of blood transfusion

multiplied due to non-availability of adequate blood bags. The Institute of Public Health (IPH) produces bags with the assistance of the ICDDR,B. But at present the number of bags produced by the IPH is not enough to meet the requirements.

However, the World Health Organization (WHO) has taken up a plan to help increase the production of blood bags by November this year.

## Heavy attack on Tiger bases in Jaffna

COLOMBO, July 10: Warplanes, navy gunboats and long-range artillery opened fire on rebel positions again today as ground troops moved forward on the second day of their largest offensive against Tamil separatist guerillas in months, reports AP.

Rebel radio claimed today that more than 150 civilians have been killed, including 65 who died when six artillery shells hit St Peter's Church in Navaly, a town close to Jaffna city. It also said that 250 civilians have been injured in the offensive.

A military spokesman, Col Piyal Abeyasekeraf, denied the report, describing it as propaganda. He said the rebels often report civilian fatalities when guerillas have been killed.

Abevasekeraf said two soldiers and 11 guerrillas have died and 51 soldiers have been wounded in the offensive, which began at dawn Sunday. But military sources say that at

100 hurt in Ctg

benches of the centre. They also

damaged the vehicle of the Circle ASP

of Satkania and lobbed cocktails

into the residence of the TNO, police

the mob who also pelted stones and

aminees were expelled for adopting

unfair means, police and witnesses

One student was arrested

exploded cocktails.

air means.

Police used batons to disperse

The violence started when 30 ex-

In Sitakundu also the HSC exami-

The unruly students damaged

nees started lawlessness when eight of

them were expelled for adopting un-

some vehicles and put up a barricade

on the Chittagong-Dhaka highway

disrupting traffic movement for one

**Madan Mohan College** 

About 20 persons including 12 police

men were injured in a clash between

students and police in the Madan

Mohan College and adjoining areas

yesterday. Police fired tear gas shells

to disperse the students and arrested

13 persons including 9 HSC exami-

Cabinet okays

2 draft bills

The Cabinet yesterday approved

The bill on "Ansar-VDP Unnayan

draft bill seeking to establish

"Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank", reports

Bank Act 1995" was approved at the

regular weekly Cabinet meeting held

at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister

Book Centre Act-1995" was also en-

charge of different ministries and di-

retary to the Prime Minister and sec-

retaries concerned were present, said

Reaction

Party yesterday said release of

Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi was

lighted to know the much accepted

release of Suu Kyi after six years of

confinement by military junta".

Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, giving

also the success of the human right

vesterday warmly welcomed the

He said the release of Suu Kyi was

Meanwhile. Asian countries

"We welcome the release of Suu

Kvi as a major step forward in the

democratisation of the country and

an improvement (in its record on)

human rights," Japanese Foreign Min-

ister Yohei Kono said in a statement.

tuation in the country and call on the

government to take further measures

to democratise the country and im-

of Suu Kyi and said that her release

'heralds' an era of national reconcilia-

tion, freedom and democracy for the

her courage and commitment to val-

ues espoused by great leaders like

Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal

Pakistan

of Suu Kyi, said today it would help

democratisation and reconciliation

velopment, particularly if the release

is unconditional, as it seems to be," a

spokesman of the Pakistani Foreign

ministry hailed the initial reports of

Lankan human rights campaigner

hailed today's developments in Yan-

gon, and hoped it would be the first

steps towards democracy in the

national (SI) today welcomed the re-

The Council of the Socialist Inter-

Aung San Suu Kvi's release.

Pakistan, welcoming the release

"We certainly welcome this de-

In Jakarta, the Indonesian foreign

In Colombo, a prominent Sri

people of Myanmar.

Nehru."

in Myanmar.

Ministry said.

Buddhist nation.

India today welcomed the release

"We felicitated Suu Kyi and laud

prove human rights," Kono said.

"We will continue to follow the si-

Acting Chairman of the Jatiya

"We are extremely glad and de-

From Page 1

visions attended the meeting.

Another draft bill on "National

Ministers and state ministers in

Cabinet Secretary, Principal Sec-

Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

dorsed by the Cabinet.

an official handout.

a victory of democracy.

his instant reaction said.

activists.

release of Suu Kyi.

Our Sylhet correspondent adds:

least 10 Tamil civilians also have died and 75 have been wounded.

More than 10,000 troops are involved in the operation, which the military has planned since the rebels walked out of peace talks on April 19 and ended a three-month cease-fire.

More than 100,000 of the 800,000 civilians in rebel-held Jaffna Peninsula in northern Sri Lanka have fled their homes, the rebels said on Monday in a statement from their London office. "Planes engaged in indiscriminate

bombing over parts of the peninsula, with artillery fire from army camps. In Colombo, Lt Col S Weerasek

"Troops moved forward again on two fronts Monday. Tamil rebels have been fighting for a homeland in north and east Sri

Lanka since 1983, seeing that as the only way of ending widespread dis-

crimination against the island's Tamil minority by the Sinhalese majority. which controls the government and military. The civil war has killed more than 35,000 people.

The offensive that began Sunday was launched from Palali, one of the two bases the military operates in laffna Peninsula.

One column of soldiers backed by tanks, aircraft, warships and artillery fire advanced seven kilometers to the southwest and took control of a bridge leading to an isolated government naval base off Jaffna Peninsula, the military said. Another formation moved five kilometers south.

The military intends to expand era, a military spokesman, said: the territory in the peninsula that Palali controls, not to capture the town of Jaffna, the rebel stronghold where hundreds of thousands of Tamil civilians live, military sources have said on condition of anonymity.

ernment to establish the voting rights

Chhatra League president Enamul

Huq Shamim, was attended, among

others, by Fuzlul Huq BSC, Dr

Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Prof Fazlul

Chandpur College, including Vice

President Faruk Mohammad Bhuiyan,

GS Golam Rashed Rubel and AGS Mo-

hammad Nurul Haidar were present at

day expressed deep concern at the

deterioration of flood situation in

different parts of the country, includ-

ing Gaibandha, Kurigram, Sirajgani

Pabna, Sylhet, Bogra and Jamalpur.

From Page

Nobel Peace prize in 1991 and has

become a symbol of pro-democracy

in the rain outside her Yangon house

after the news of her release spread,

witnesses said. The gates to her com-

pound were closed, but many cars

Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the

small groups of people gathered

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina vester-

Newly elected student leaders of

The meeting, presided over by

## One party ruling country: Hasina

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina vesterday said the governdestruction by taking recourse to ment inoperative, reports UNB.

The BNP has crippled the coun try and turned the employees of the republic into party activists," she alleged while addressing newly elected leaders of the Chandpur Government College Students Union, who met her at the AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

"They are running a one-party Par-

Referring to the remark of the Prime Minister that even a thief can change into a good man in the com pany of good people, Hasina said the PM had inducted the 'thief of Bagdad in her party because birds of the same feather flock together."

had institutionalised corruption and terrorism and started oppressing and suppression on the people following the footsteps of the past autocrats.

failed to fulfil its commitments given "The BNP has introduced the pol-

power," said Hasina. "There is no security of the life of

voters under the rule of the BNP gov-

### were parked outside the house. Suu Kyi neither appeared in pub-

lic nor made any official announcements, but a military official said she would be holding a news conference on Tuesday.

## ernment. So we have started the agi tation for a neutral caretaker gov

of the people," she said.

Huq and Abdul Matin Khan.

the meeting.

ment is pushing the country towards one-party rule and making Parlia-

liament ... But they cannot meet the quorum. Even the Prime Minister does not attend the sessions," she

The AL chief alleged that the BNP

She said the people have lost their confidence in the ruling party as it

to the people. ities of capturing seats in the by-elections through rigging and muscle

#### basis. What would happen beyond that period is guess work."

The Padma at different points is comparison with the 1988 flood, Deputy Director of Flood Forecasting

Rahman said the Brahmaputra is flowing 86 cm above the danger mark at Bahadurabad point, but still 26 cm below the 1988 level. Hopefully, he said, water of the Brahmaputra will decrease at Kurigram, Chilmari and Bahadurabad in upstream and will increase at Aricha, Goalanda and Bhagyakul in downstream by the next

"Flood situation will worsen if heavy rainfall continues in the upper catchment over next 2/3 weeks," water expert Dr Ainun Nishat told

He, however, said: "We shall have models by which we can predict

Dr Nishat, a professor of the

Referring to simultaneous heav rainfall in Assam-Meghalaya and in the country, he said 92 per cent water comes from India and this is one of the main causes of flood.

prevent flood, he suggested improvement of preparedness measures, including steps for "flood fighting" and protecting the existing embankments from breaches.

length of the embankment should be carried out and drainage congestion solved, he said.

the cause of catchment run-off.

months," he said adding that normal recurring flood usually inundates 30 per cent of land. The flood situation may worsen further, he said.

water level up to 48 hours with

confidence and up to 72 hours on trial

Engineering University, said severe flood does not only depend on synchroinisation of the peak flow of the three major rivers.

Explaining various methods to

Regular monitoring of the entire

Hamiduzzaman Khan Chowdhury Director of Meteorologica

Department, told UNB that inland rain contributes only 10 to 15 per cent to the flooding and rest occurs due to "Rain will continue in the next 3/4



President Jiang Zemin yesterday after the welcome ceremony in front of the parliament building in Hungary. Jiang is now on a two-day official visit to - AFP photo Hungary.

## The Midnight Kile

### **Progress in Chechen talks**

GROZNY (Russia), July 10: Chechen and Russian peace negotiators reported a breakthrough today on the key issues of the republic's future status and other political issues. A final solution was not reached, but the two sides said in a joint communique that they had agreed "on the approach to the key problems, including the status of Chechnya," reports

## Writ against Rouf

## Judgement July 19

A sitting judge cannot be appointed as Chief Election Commissioner because of in-built limitation in the Constitution, the High Court was told yesterday, reports UNB.

Making his submission on a writ petition against Justice Md Abdur Rouf, petitioner's lawyer M I Faroogi told the court that Justice Rouf took oath as CEC in violation of this limitation and therefore, he relinquished his office as a judge. "A judge cannot be appointed in

two permanent posts. There is a bar in appointing the judges as CEC," he said as the hearing on the writ challenging under what authority Justice Rouf is holding two constitutional posts simultaneously continued for the 11th day.

As the hearing concluded vesterday the High Court Division bench comprising Justice Habibur Rahman Khan and justice M M Ruhul Amin set July 19 for the judgement. The writ was filed by Advocate M Saleem Ul-

Earlier, the HC bench of Justice Ismailuddin Sarkar and Justice Hamidul Hug issued rule on July 11, 1994, on Justice Rouf, the Law Secretary, the Registrar of the Supreme Court and the Election Commission. The case was later transferred to the present bench.

"The moment Justice Rouf took the oath as CEC, he remains no more a judge," Faroogi said adding the Constitution does not say that a judge should perform the duty of CEC or Election Commissioner. A condition in a constitutional

amendment cannot override the Constitutional provisions, he said referring to defence lawyers' argument that justice Rouf's simultaneous holding of two posts had been covered by the 11th Amendment to the Constitution.

He further submitted that ratification by 11th Amendment has not covered the term of his (Rouf) appointment including his coming back to the office of a judge in the High Court Division as it is covered in the case of Chief Justice Shahabuddin

Putting his submission on behalf of the government, Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Khandaker said Justice Rouf was a judge when he was appointed as CEC. The Constitution does not prescribe any qualification for appointing CEC and there is no bar for a judge to be appointed as a CEC, he argued.

While Justice Rouf was appointed as CEC he was a judge of the High Court Division and acting presi dent Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed appointed him as CEC with a condition to return to the court and, therefore, the appointment as CEC was not a permanent appointment.

There is no illegality in Justice Rouf's being a CEC. There is nothing in the Constitution that bars a judge from taking a second oath, he sub-

The 11th Amendment has a unique feature because this amend ment was passed unanimously, he added.

Refuting Farooqi's submission that the President's act/order which is not covered by any law can be challenged, Khandaker said, "It is an absurd proposition to say that one part of the order was saved by the ratification while the other was not."

#### Fresh areas From Page 1

flow 142 cm above the danger mark.

With the rise of water level of river Choto Jamuna, the Padma and the lamuna, the flood situation in Naogaon, Bogra and Pabna further worsened. Our Jamalpur correspondent re-

ports: The flood situation in Dewanganj, Islampur, Melandaha, Madarganj and Sarishabari thanas of the district took a serious turn as 80 per cent houses in these thanas were inundated. Lakhs of people were marooned

in the flood-hit districts, while thousands took shelter in educational institutions and on the flood protection embankments, our correspondents report. Meanwhile, the Buriganga and the

Turag rivers, which flow by the city, registered a steep rise yesterday and may continue to swell during the coming two or three days, according to a bulletin issued by the Flood Information Centre.

Yesterday, the Buriganga at Dhaka marked a rise by 12 cm and was flowing only 32 cm below the danger level while the Turag rose by 11 em at Tongi, 22 km off the capital

The rivers around Dhaka are likely to rise further which may result in inundation of parts of the city within two or three days, the bulletin predicted. The Buriganga may further rise by 17 cm.

The rivers in the Meghna and south-eastern hill basins, however, recorded both rise and fall during the last 24 hours and Karotoa at Panchagarh and Surma in the Meghna basin recorded further fall, the bulletin said. The rivers Halda, Sangu and

Muhuri in the south-eastern hill basin registered fall at all points and were flowing well below their respective danger levels.

As per Article 142 of the Constitution, the government counsel said. the amendments have become part of the Constitution and cannot be challenged. It only can be challenged if it hits the basic character and destrovs the basic structure of the Con-

Making submission on behalf of the Election Commission senior Additional Attorney General Abdu Wadud Bhuiyan said terms of appointment of Justice Rouf are covered by Article 118 (5) of the Consti-

A judge cannot hold an office of profit, but there is no bar in holding an office without profit. The office of the CEC is not an office of profit, he argued.

Appointment of Justice Rouf was doubly covered under Article 118 (5) of the Constitution and under the 11th Amendment, Bhuiyan said. Justice Rouf did not attain the

age of 65 years and as such he may come back whenever he wishes and this is covered by the order of the President, he submitted. Since Article % of the Constitution has given guarantee for a judge to hold office up to the age of 65 years, so Justice Rouf cannot be ousted at the age of 62, he Referring to the rule issued by the

High Court bench on the writ, the senior Additional Attorney General said rule can be issued if it is found that a judge is holding "public office", but the office of a judge is a constitutional office. The Constitution only defines the meaning of "public officer" but not

"public office", he said. Justice Rouf is not performing any function in the "public office" the lawyer submitted defining Article 102 of the Constitu-

#### PM: Flood From Page 1

Talukdar, Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Agriculture and Food Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Information and Commerce Minister M Shamsu Islam and State Minister for Relief and Disaster Management Harun al Rashid were present at the meeting.

The Prime Minister visited the flood and relief operation control cell, set up at the secretariat, Sunday night and had instructed to further gear up relief activities in the affected districts.

She is constantly monitoring the latest flood situation of different areas of the country.

## Coal deposit

From Page 1 A coal filed was first discovered at Jamalganj in greater Bogra district during the sixties at a depth of 2800 feet with an estimated reserve of 1036 million tonnes covering an area of 11.66 square kilometre.

The second coal field was discov-

ered at Barapukuria in Dinajpur in 1985 at a shallow depth of 422 feet with an estimated reserve of 303 million tonnes over an area of 5.25 sq Another coal field was found at a

depth of 935 feet at Khalaspir under Pirganj thana of Rangpur in 1989. The reserve of this coal field has been calculated to be about 400 million tonnes covering an area of 5.75 sq

## Population Day

From Page 1 Besides, three Union Parishad chairmen from each division will be awarded for their contribution to the implementation of family planning programme.

### Acid thrown on stepmother

By DMCH Correspondent A young man, Babul, threw acid

on his stepmother and two-monthold stepsister seriously injuring both at Tipu Sultan Road in the old part of the city yesterday. Fahmina Khatun, 32, and her

baby, Ayesha, were under treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, hospital sources said. The incident followed a prolonged family feud that had begun

after Babul's father Chan Miah, a rickshaw garage owner, married Fahmina about five years ago, sources said. Babul used to stay with his father.

#### Govt-MQM talks From Page 1

which has not been made the target

An MQM leader said the party

would continue to stage regular weekend strikes to back demands for the release of detainees and punishment of those behind and alleged gang-rape of an activist's sister and killing of an MQM leader. This month's death toll now stands at 96. More than 1,000 people

sectarian and political violence in Karachi, home to 12 million people. The MQM, led by Altaf Hussain

have been killed this year in ethnic.

from self-exile in London, demands more rights for Karachi's majority Mohajirs, Muslim Urdu-speakers who moved from India after partition in

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### Speaker urged to prorogue session due to flood

By Staff Reporter Ruling party Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday urged the Speaker to adjourn the House for several days to allow the

used to do farming on others' Shahjahan Siraj, who recently lands," he added. joined the ruling party also urged the Ataul Hoque Asrafi of Noakhali Speaker to consult the Prime Minister went at a cost of Taka 1,20,000 with a service visa. He came back today for requesting the President to as a deportee, wearing a hingi and a prorogue the session immediately panjabi. When asked, he said "I was picked up when I came out from a

mosque after offering prayers". Anwar Hossain (24), who hails from Nabinagar of Brahmanbaria district fell prey to a broker and travelcum-recruiting agency, located at

"Because of poverty I went

abroad to change my lot. Before that

Fakirapool in Dhaka. Hossain said he had bought a contract service visa, as a cleaner, at a cost of Taka 75,000, through a broker. The broker promised a pay of 800 riyals per month under a com-

But on the day of leaving the country, he along with others was forced by the travel-cum-recruiting agency at Fakirapool to sign a contract for 300 rivals per month as pay while the broker fled the scene in ad-The ship carrying the deportees

arrived at 9 am and anchored at Jetty No-1. Some deportees brought TV sets VCR and other costly goods. Those were given by their relatives before getting on board the ship, they said. Customs officials seized 90 dozens of prayer-beads from one Moniruddin who went one year ago by obtaining 'Umrah' visa. Customs officials also seized a TV and two VCRs from two other deportees and all these will be given back to them after payment duties. A large contingent of police was deployed there to maintain law and order. But the role of the relevant authorities seemed confusing as only a few deportees

were given conveyance to reach their destinations. When asked, the manpower officials said, "We are selective in this case. Only those deportees, who have nothing to reach their homes in farflung areas of the country, will be provided with taka one hundred or

#### more as conveyance". The first batch of deportees numbering 1963 arrived here March 17 by the same ship.

RU provost From Page 1 could not enter as the hall gate was locked but allegedly assaulted the

Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (east-zone) Aftabuzzaman however refuted the allegation.

## MPs stand by the flood-hit people of their constituencies.

due to the deteriorating flood situation.

Speaker, Sheikh Razzak Ali, however, did not say anything. The requests came while commencement of yesterday's session was being delayed for lack of

The Speaker entered the House at 5.30 pm, 30 minutes behind schedule and found no quorum. The Chief Whip informed the Speaker that most of the MPs from areas now affected by flood were

activities. He said members of the House felt that the session be adjourned for several days to allow the MPs go to their areas.

staying at their respective

constituencies to supervise relief

#### The day's session however began later with fulfilment of the quorum. 1881 expelled

From Page 1 centre, police said. The agitated students also

attacked the office of the Assistant Commissioner (land) office and damaged the residence of the TNO. Violent incidents were also reported from Burichang centre in

Comilla and Manikchhari centre in

Khagrachhari.

Dhaka Board sources said 664 candidates were expelled yesterday. The expulsion include 19 expelled from the city centres, 2 from Dhaka district, 13 from Narayangani, 34 from Narsingdi, 24 from Munshigani, 86 from Manikganj, 81 from Tangail. 115 from Mymensingh, 37 from Jamalpur, 94 from Netrokona, 23 from Sherpur, 12 from Shariatpur, 24 from Faridpur, 6 from Rajbari, 56

Kishoregani Rajshahi Board sources said the examination was held peacefully in different centres under the board, but as many as 881 candidates were

from Madaripur and 21 from

Sixty-four of them were from Rajshahi, 71 from Chapainawabgani, 38 from Natore, 34 from Naogaon, 33 from Pabna, 75 from Bogra, 112 from Rangpur, 38 from Gaibandha, 87 from Kurigram, 43 from Nilphamari, 14 from Lalmonirhat, 201 from Dinajpur, 55 from Thakurgaon and 16 from Panchagarh. Some 104 students were expelled

under Jessore Board. Of them, 5 from

Magura, 40 from Narail, 18 from lease of Suu Kyi. Jessore, 2 from Patuakhali, 4 from Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Barguna, 11 from Barisal, 4 from Harlem Brundtland told the council, Bhola, 2 from Jhalakati, 2 from which began a two-day meeting in Cape Town Monday, that the release was a "happy event." from Meherpur.

# Floods like '88 unlikely

The flood situation in the country may worsen further, but not like the havoc in 1988 when three major rivers Padma, Meghna and Brahmaputra

 swelled simultaneously, experts said vesterday. still flowing below the danger level while the Brahmaputra and the Meghna are flowing above their danger marks, but far below in

Centre Saidur Rahman told UNB.

24 hours.



A schoolgirl presenting a bouquet to Chinese