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ANNOUNCEMENT

From today The Daily Star starts publishing on page 5 a new series-"In Search of a Way Out"-of interviews of legal experts on our present Constitutional crisis. To contribute towards a greater understanding by the general public of the Constitutional provisions and legal issues involved, we also publish today an elaborate backgrounder (Produced by Centre for Analysis and Choice) which includes relevant sections of our Constitution and references and case studies from Pakistan and

We hope that our readers will find the backgrounder and the interviews of great interest. We earnestly urge our readers to participate in the "Search for a solution" by sending us their views and suggestions on the Constitutional crisis.

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BMA appeal

Dr M A Majed and Dr Kazi Shahidul Alam, president and secretary general of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), in a statement here vesterday urged all its members to come forward in aid of the flood-affected people all over the country. They asked all its branches to render emergency medical services as well as relief in the flood-affected areas, reports BSS.

Truck strike in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET. July 14: The truck drivers here began a three-day strike today demanding punitive measures against the miscreants who beat up the president of the Truck Owners' Association. Abdullah, president of the organisation, was beaten up by some toll collectors and mastans in Sobhanighat area of the town Wednesday.

Attempt on poura

chairman MEHERPUR. July 14: Two youths were arrested today for their alleged involvement in an attempt on the life of Pourasabha Chairman Mohtasim Billa. They were identified as Shamim, 18, and Sayeed, 16. The details of their identities, however, could not be known immediately. Mohtasim Billa was seriously wounded when some unidentified armed youths shot at him in the town on Thursday. He is now undergoing treatment at a clinic in Dhaka, reports UNB.

French envoy hosts reception

By Staff Correspondent On the occasion of the National Day of France, the Ambassador of France and Mrs Jean-Michel Lacombe hosted a reception at their Gulshan residence in the city yesterday. Ministers, politicians, diplomats and elite of the city attended the recep-

'Don't rush to better ties with Yangon'

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Nothing has changed under junta: Suu Kyi

YANGON, July 14: Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi today urged countries not to rush to improve relations with Myanmar following her release because 'nothing else' has changed under military rule, report AP. AFP.

"All those who are interested in democratic development in Myanmar should wait and see," the Nobel Peace Prize laureate told reporters. "They should see what is going to happen before they decide to change their tactics.

We are nowhere near democracy vet," she said. "I have been released. that's all. There's nothing else. The situation has not changed in any other

In an interview with the New York Firmes today, Suu Kyi said she did not rule a transitional government in which Yangon's military shared political power with civilians.

Power-sharing was 'something we must look at," she said, adding she would discuss the proposal with her supporters in the democracy move-

"I'm aware that this is what they have done in South Africa, where they have agreed to a transitional period, Suu Kyi said referring to the power sharing arrangement reached between black and white South Africans prior to last year's elections.

"And I think it's been far more successful than some people had thought," she added.

Suu Kyi also said she saw a role for the military in a future Myanmar because every group had a right to be represented. But she said any role for the military must be acceptable to the people.

She denied talk that she had become more conciliatory towards the

were necessary. Suu Kvi was freed Monday from nearly six years of house arrest. She

military, but said talks with them

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had been arrested for leading prodemocracy rallies in 1988 that soldiers suppressed with hundreds of deaths. Suu Kvi's National League for Democracy easily won the 1990 general election, but the military refused to let it take power. Foreign governments have wel-

comed Suu Kyi's release, but some pressed for more democratic reform in Myanmar, which has been accused of widespread human rights violations. The United States, Japan and other governments have curtailed economic aid and diplomatic contacts with the Burmese government since the 1988 massacre.

In Tokyo, a top Foreign Ministry official said today that Japan will of ter some financial aid to Myanmar "to show how the international community welcomes" Suu Kyi's release, Japan's Kyodo News Service re-

But the Myanmar government would have to set a specific timetable for transferring power to civilians before a full resumption of Japanese aid can take place, said the official, who demanded anonymity.

In the United States, Sen Mitch McConnell said Wednesday he would go ahead with tough legislation he had planned before her release.

The bill would ban US trade with Myanmar unless all political prisoners are released, power is transferred to elected opposition leaders, and progress is made against drug trafficking. Sustained pressure is needed

against "the biggest pariah state in the world", said McConnell, who announced a hearing on Myanmar for July 25.

Suu Kyi today welcomed the "They are very tough sanctions

and I think they have shown that they are very interested in how the democracy movement progresses,' she said. "I am very grateful for it." Suu Kvi also said today she had

spoken to her family and that her husband, British academic Michael Aris, and their younger son Kim would be joining her in Yangon very soon. Her family had been allowed to visit her only a few times during her deten-



A flood-affected family of Bhuapur shifting to a nearby embankment for refuge.

- Star photo by Enamul Haq

Hasina visits

flood-hit

Bhuapur

TANGAIL, July 14: Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina, who visited

some flood affected areas today.

said plundering of relief has added to

the misery of the flood victims, re-

were given Tk 25 lakh each from the

"Ministers and MPs of the BNP

ports UNB.

N'ganj town partially submerged

Many areas in city go under water

The overall flood situation further deteriorated in Dhaka, Narayangani, Manikgani, Chandpur, Brahmanbaria, Ishwardi, Pabna, Madaripur and Mymensingh districts vesterday.

In greater Dhaka city more areas in Kamrangirchar, Merul Badda, Lal bagh, Bhuiyanpara, Mirpur, Katashur, Jatrabari and Rampura have gone under water. The flood situation around the capital may worsen.

Flood waters entered Godnail, Hadiganj, Sitalakkhya and Pikepara areas in Narayangani town yesterday. The Buriganga might cross the danger level today. The Turag was flowing 27cm above the danger mark at Mirpur yesterday, and may swell further today, according to flood Information Centre.

One rickshawpuller, Abdul Mannan, 35, drowned at Merul Badda yesterday when he tried to retrieve his belongings from the partially submerged house. In Gaibandha Sadar, Comilla and

Netrakona, the situation showed

By Staff Correspondent signs of improvement as flood waters

started receding, according to re ports reaching the capital yesterday. Our correspondent from

River position

The following rivers were flowing above danger levels at different points yesterday: -

Buriganga: touched danger level Turag: 27 cm at Mirpur point Kaliganga: 98 cm at Taraghat, Brahmaputra: 30 cm a

Bahadurabad point, 44 cm at Siraigani, 47 cm at Aricha Old Brahmaputra: 17 cm at

Jamalpur, 46 cm at Mymensingh Jamuna: 26 cm at Noagaon point Ganges: 65 cm at Goalondo

point, 84 cm at Bhaggyakul point Meghna: 43 cm at Bhairab Bazar

Source: Flood Information Centre of the Water Development Board.

Narayanganj, quoting BIWTA sources, said the Shitalakkha river was flowing 10cm above danger level vesterday. Flood waters entered four wards

of Narayanganj town yesterday after inundating 29 out of 47 unions of the district.

In Brahmanbaria district more ar eas in Banchharampur, Nasirnagar and sadar thanas have gone under water. Road links between Brahmanbaria sadar thana and other thana headquarters were snapped yesterday. Our correspondent reports from

Chandpur: Flood situation in the district has taken a serious turn as some fresh areas have been flooded due to the swelling of the river Meghna.

The river Meghna was flowing two feet above its danger mark near Chandpur town last evening, official sources here said.

The road communication be tween Chandpur and Faridganj was cut off yesterday as Puran Bazar ferry

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Tk 31 cr loss in market capitalisation of DSE

— AFP photo

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi

addressing supporters from the main gate of her family

compound in Yangon yesterday.

The stock market remained

market capitalisation of the Dhaka

The daily average number of trad-

ing of shares and debentures further

decreased last week by nearly 50,000

issues to 1.22 lakh from the previous

week s 1.71 takh. The average value of

trading decreased by over Tk 1 crore

to Ik 1.73 crore from the previous

close to the previous weeks', most

debentures were selling at prices

much below their Face Values (FVs).

Out of nine debentures, seven were

sold below their FVs. Beximco, hav-

ing a FV of Tk 1331, were sold at a

rock bottom price of Tk 455 at the

banks improved last week. In the

previous weeks three issues out of

total 13 were sold below FVs. Last

week, two such issues were sold be-

Share prices of different issues of

close of the week Thursday.

While most share prices remained

Stock Exchange (DSE).

week's 2.92 crore.

By Sharier Khan

Out of 12 jute issues, only four were sold above FV, one at FV and the somewhat static last week while the rest were either sold below FV or not all share price index fell by 5 points resulting in a loss of Tk 31 crore in

> All the " issues of different ICB funds and 13 issues of different insurance companies were enjoying profitable prices. The 23 pharmaceutical and chemical companies also enjoyed comfortable position. Only three of their issues were sold below FV and one at FV level.

> The five new issues of share and one debenture which entered the market two weeks ago have gener ated enthusiasm among traders. These issues entered the secondary market with reasonable prices," a market operator said.

In the past, an issue having Tk 100 FV used to enter the market at a price four to 10 times higher. Ultimately, those who purchased those shares. incurred huge loss as their prices declined sharply. The market operator noted that prices of the four new issues were 'realistic and down to earth" and these would benefit the investors in the long run.

The index stood at 761.72 points at the close of the week Thursday showing a decline by 0.65 per cent from 766.76 of the previous week. The index remained at 761 points Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday indicating a static market situation.

A total of 7,37,019 shares and debentures worth Tk 10,39,74,305 were traded last week against 8,59,469 shares and debentures worth Tk 14.61.8.384.35 in the previous

The market capitalisation declined to Tk +6.92 billion last week from Tk 47.23 billion in the previous

The number of total issues traded last week was 538 with 207 gainers and 229 losers against previous weeks 436 with 160 gainers and 211

The daily average issues marking gain increased to 34.5 from the previous week's 32, while those incurring loss decreased to 38.16 from previous week s +2,20.

The volume leader of the week See page 12 Col 8

One killed as BCL rivals clash in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, July 14: A fierce clash between two factions of the Chhatra League at the local Awami League office today left a BCL worker dead and 13 others injured, police and witnesses said, reports

They said Anwar Hossain Milton, a student of George Commercial College in the town, was shot dead during the 30-minute clash that erupted between the rival groups at about 6 pm over holding of meetings at the AL office.

Three BCL leaders — district unit president Sarwarul Alam Noman, VP of Alamgir Monsur Memorial (Minto) College Students Union A K M Sarwar and Liton — received stab injuries.

They were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) in critical condition. Ten other BCL activists were given first aid at the MMCH, hospital sources

During the clash, the two groups fired more than 20 round of shots and exploded home-made bombs, local residents said.

Police sources said Anwar died on the spot when a bullet hit his chest He hailed from Dilpara of Narundi See page 12 Col 7

The has taken shelter at the home

the Jamaat leader added. But Home Minister Abdul Matin

Shakhawat. Regarding the allegation he said

The minister said there was no confusion about his (Shakhawat) joining the BNP as he himself made a statement on Thursday clarifying his position and the situation created at his residence.

'Jamaat MP now a BNP man'

By Staff Correspondent

Maulana Shakhawat Hossain. Jamaat MP from Jessore, has shifted his allegiance to the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Jamaat-e-Islami and BNP sources said vester-

minister's residence and attended several programmes today (Friday) as a BNP man," a Jamaat leader said, requesting anonymity

Possibly he has made up his mind to remain with the ruling party,

Chowdhury, when contacted, told The Daily Star that he did not know the whereabouts of Maulana

"It is very usual that Jamaat will bring such allegation as their man deserted

Matin Chowdhury said that the

MP was confined in his home by a group of Jamaat leaders and workers who coerced his signature in a press

Maulana Hossain, who reportedly joined the BNP Wednesday, was not available at his residence for comment in this regard. No one received the phone at his residence vesterday.

The Jamaat MP was escorted by police from his residence for an undisclosed destination after a group of Jamaat leaders and workers led by Matiur Rahman Nizami met Maulana Hossain at this residence Wednesday, earlier reports said. Following the meeting Jamaat issued a press release claiming "Maulana Hossain is with the party and will continue to remain in Jamaat in fu-

In a related development, the central executive committee of lamaat held an emergency meeting vesterday to discuss the situation arising out of the defection of one of their MPs.

The meeting chaired by Maulana Abbas Ali Khan decided to contact See page 12 Col 8

Tk 170cr rural sanitation project awaits approval

crage now, the share of water sealed latrines is 13 per cent, for 18 lakh sets construction materials were supplied by the DPHE with financial assistance from the Unicef. The rest are home-made ones, resultant of social mobilisation drive.

out of the 35 per cent sanitation cov

According to the RSP concept paper, every set will be sold at the rate of Tk +05. The DPHE will produce and sup-

ply 18 lakh water seal slabs and rings through its \$60 mobile centres, one at each thana, it adds.

To involve the unemployed youth and the union parishad, it further says. 30 per cent of the total produced slabs and rings will be sold by them to the users.

"To accelerate the sale, 10 per cent commission will be provided to them," the concept paper adds.

Prime Minister's relief fund but they misappropriated the money ignoring the flood victims," she alleged while addressing a crowd at the Ibrahim Khan College ground at Bhuapur in the afternoon. Hasina, cancelling her trip to the

USA, visited the flooded areas of Bhuapur thana in Tangail district. By a speed boat, she visited the villages of Bhuapur, Nalchhiya, Nikrail, Gobindashi, Gabsar, Bahadipur and Purba Bhuapur.

A five-member medical team led by Dr A M Jamaluddin Chowdhury and See page 12 Col 4

Dhaka-Barisal STOL service now from July 17

By Staff Correspondent Commercial private air service between the capital and Barisal will start July 17.

The State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism will inaugurate the first ever STOL service, by the Aero Bengal, at Tajgaon old airport at noon tomorrow, its managing director BH Haroon said at a press conference at a city hotel vesterday. The inaugural flight will carry some VIP.

Haroon said Aero Bengal's two 17-seats Y-12 aircraft will operate three flights a day between Dhaka and Barisal initially. The number will be raised to four in this route and Dhaka-Shamshernagar flights will be-See page 12 Col 1

2 Bangladeshis die in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 14: Two Bangladeshis and an Indonesian worker were killed in separate incidents at construction sites today, police said, reports AP.

when a crane fell on them while they were installing a turbine and boiler at a power station in Johore Bahru, 300 kilometers (180 miles) south of Kuala An Indonesian man and two

Two Bangladeshis were killed

Malaysians were hospitalised for injuries suffered in the accident, police In a separate incident, a 35-year-

old Indonesian worker died after falling from the 18th floor of a 20story condominium block that is under construction in Kuala Lumpur. See page 12 Col 6

Govt-MQM talks adjourned till Sunday

ISLAMABAD, July 14: The Pakistani government and the ethnic based Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) ended their second round of talks late Thursday and agreed to meet again next week in strife-torn Karachi, the two sides said, reports

The talks here, aimed at restoring

peace to Karachi where around 2,000

people have died in violence over the past 18 months, were adjourned for three days and are due to resume in Pakistan's commercial hub on Sunday, a joint statement said. The five-hour session of talks,

held at the parliament building, saw a review of the MQM's 18-point list of demands, the statement said. Officials said the government delegation, led by Law Minister Nabi

Dad Khan, officially asked the MQM in writing to publicly renounce violence, stop calling for strikes, surrender its arms and hand over wanted criminals to the police.



a fresh allocation of Tk 117 crore for

approval soon.

menting agency of the RSP. The government is likely to make

We have already incorporated

the recommendations made by the

the RSP and the rest Tk 53 crore is to A Taka 170 crore government fi come from its revolving fund. Stating the rationale for the RSP.

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir

and sale of latrine materials through

own finance of the government for

nanced Rural Sanitation Project (RSP), aimed at expanding sanitation coverage from 35 per cent at present the project concept paper says, "Unicef has expressed its inability to to "0 per cent by the year 2000, is likely to be placed before the provide assistance in the production of latrine materials after 1995. Executive Committee of the National adding, "given the situation, it is re-Economic Council (ECNEC) for its quired to continue the construction

ensuring health for all by the year Implementation. Monitoring and Evaluation (IMED) wing of the Planning Commission regarding the Commenting on the government programme in this regard for fiscal expenditure side of the project and 1995-96, the World Bank in its last soon it will be tabled by the Local country economic memorandum said Government, Rural Development and that the programme for FY 95 was Cooperative Ministry before the very appropriate. ECNEC for its sanction," said a source in the Directorate of Public The Bank, however, noted "It is not clear whether direct subsidy is the Health Engineering (DPHE), imple

most appropriate and cost-effective means of achieving the objective." According to available statistics,