A musical soiree at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium

in the city yesterday organised by the Rabindra Sangeet

At least 1300 more families have been rendered homeless in Sirajganj and Barisal districts due to erosion by the rivers Jamuna and the Sandhya, report agencies.

Some 4,000 people of 800 families in two thanas of Sirajganj district were ren dered homeless due to erosion by the river Jamuna in last 24 hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Officials said three villages - Baghbari, Khashdoel and Amanmehar — in Kazipara thana went into gorge of the river leaving 2,500 people of 500 families homeless during the period.

They said about 1,000 people of 200 families lost their shelters after 800 feet areas of the flood protection embankment in Bangla Bazar were eroded away by the

In Barisal about 500 families were rendered homeless

and about one thousand acres cultivable land were eroded in Swarupkathi thana by erosion of the river Sandhya during the current

Besides, three river ports - Kaurikhara, Jalabari and Rajbari - have been threat ened by the river.

About 250 dwelling houses and shops located in one kilometre area in Kaurikhara town were eroded earlier. On other hand, three dwelling houses and one shop went in the river on July 17. Fifty more houses may be eroded by the Sandhya any time.

About 200 shops in Jalabari town went into wa-

Meanwhile, the Brahmaputra recorded rise at upstream points while the Ganges continued to fall at all points during the last 24 hours till 9 am yesterday.

Political uncertainty

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Besides the problems of outdated structures, Fowler said, the thinking and orientation in the civil service created problems of delay, redtape and corruption.

And, it also further helped deprive the country and people of the level of basic services which they need and which could be provided even given Bangladesh's levels of poverty and lack of resources, he observed.

The High Commissioner appreciated Bangladesh's export performance, reserve and domestic growth, sound macro-economic position in terms of low inflation, steady and increasingly convertible currency and revenue buoy-

"It is certainly starting to show results in trade and investment between Britain and Bangladesh." Fowler remarked.

He termed the Euromoney Conference and the visit of UK trade mission to Bangladesh last November as successful and informed that another trade seminar is being planned in November despite the uncertainties posed by the possibility of general elections.

"And we have an unprecedented level of interests amongst British Chambers of Commerce in mounting possible trade and investment missions to Bangladesh in 1996," the High Commissioner said.

He informed that the Commonwealth Development Corporation, already a significant investor in Bangladesh's private sector, will open an office in Dhaka shortly.

The Export Credit Guaran tee Department has already resumed offering credit guarantees to British exporters to the market in Bangladesh, he added.

President of Chittagong Chamber Sarwar Jamal Nizam requested the High Commissioner to take special interest in encouraging his compatriots to invest in Bangladesh.

He also urged the British High Commission to open a consular office in the port city and expand the activities of the British Council.

US Congress

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each chamber, the White House is hoping loyal Democrats will change their votes in a second round.

Clinton and his top foreign policy advisers met for an hour with house speaker Newt Gingrich and minority leader Richard Gephardt.

The passage of a resolution in the House demanding a unilateral lifting of the arms embargo was assured of passage but White House officials had said their efforts were aimed at sustaining a presidential veto.

JB SSC merit list

By Staff Correspondent

Following is the combined merit list of the General Science group students in Anjan. Jhenidah Cadet the Jessore Board SSC Examination of 1995, with the names of the students. their schools and total number: 1.Md Waliullah Khan Nomani. Barisal Cadet College, 900; 2. Abu Sayeed Muhammad Saifullah, Barisal Cadet College, 897; 3. Hasan Ahmed Sagor, Barisal Cadet College, 891; 4. Md Golam Murshed, Barisal Cadet College, 887; 5. AM Helali Mortuza Bhuiyan. Barisal Cadet College, 885; 6. MHM Mahmudul Hassan, Barisal Cadet College, 884; 7. Kazi Md Razib Hasan, Khulna Zilla School. 883 and Ramakrishna Das, Sagar Dari Michael Madhusudan Secondary School, 883; 8. Abdullah Al-Amin, Bagerhat Govt Secondary School, 882; Md Hafizur Rahman, Muslim Academy, 882 and Md Ziaur Rahman Talukder, Barisal Cadet College, 882: 9. Mainul Hossain. Barisal. Cadet College, 880 and Hasan Shahriar Md Nuruzzaman, Barisal Cadet College, 880; 10. Md Shafiul Alam, Jhenidah Cadet College, 878; 11. Selina Pervin Lipi, Police Line Secondary School, 877 and Mohammad Aziz Hasan, Jhenidah Cadet College, 877; 12. Md Ahaduzzaman Munna.

Jhenidalı Cadet College, 876 and Md Ashraful Hassan College, 876; 13. Kazi Arif Hossain, Khulna Zilla School, 874 and Galib Bin Hamid, Bagerhat Govt Secondary School, 874: 14. Hossain Md Mahamudul Ahasan, Kushtia Zilla School, 873, Tawfique Hasan, Jhenidah Cadet College, 873 and Md Aminul Islam. Barisal Cadet College, 873; 15. Mohiuddin Mohammad Hafiz. Daud Public School, 872: 16. Md Munirul Haque, Jhenidah Cadet College, 871, SM Rummanul Haque, Barisal Cadet College, 871 and Md Hasan Reza Talukder, Barisal Cadet College, 871; Md Faijul Amin, Barisal Cadet College, 871; 17. Md Nasif Ahsan, Khulna Zilla School, 870, KM Reaz Morshed, Jhenidah Cadet College, 870 and Md Faisal Abedin Khan, Udayan Secondary School, 870; 18. Ajmat Iqbal. Khulna Zilla School, 869 and Khan Md Omar Hosen. Bagerhat Govt Secondary School, 869; 19. Mohammad Faroque Eastiak, Daud Public School, 868 and

Rojli Mahmud Rajon, Jhenidah Cadet College, 868: 20. Fahim Tanvir Azad, Kushtia Zilla School, 867 and Farzana Rashid, Chuadanga Govt Girls' High School, 867.

Thanks

Shilpi Sangstha on the occasion of the death anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Fair share of waters From Page 1 agement and of the displaced people, rehabilitation dam safety and seismic monitoring and assessment of inland water transportation poten-

> tial in the GBM region. "The issues which have cross-country linkages must be solved on equitable basis because national solutions may be sub-optimal, may infact damage long term prospects. On the other hand, regional solutions can be positive and will ensure 'win-win' situation for each party", said Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman of BUP at a press conference. It was also attended by Dr BB Thapa, former Nepalese minister, Ramswamy R Iyer, former Indian secretary, BG

> He underscored the need for "political decisions" at the highest level. "We urged upon the governments to take that decision and forge ahead with cooperation. Experts' efforts in the past did not been any fruit because of lack of political support." The process of cooperation should begin with sharing of waters of common rivers such as the Ganges,

Verghese, and Amjad Hossain

Ahmad said. Earlier, foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan, taking part in the discussion in the concluding session, said many rounds of discussions were

Top three

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is his hobby. He wants to be an army officer. Abu Syed Md Saifullah (of

science group) from the same college stood 2nd in the combined merit list securing 897 marks. He also got 7 letters. His father Abdul Jabbar

master at Baherchar. His hobby is travelling. He wants to be an army officer. Hasan Ahmed Sagar also of the Barisal Cadet College

Mallick is high school head-

stood third in the combined merit list securing 891 marks. He also got 7 letters. His father AM Nasir Uddin is now working as Deputy

Production Manager in Opsonin Pharmaceutical Industry Ltd of Barisal.

Hasan is the youngest sonof his parents. His hobby is reading. He also wants to be an army officer.

Diarrhoea spreading

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lying on specially made beds in make-shift canopies outof the main building.

or Abdus Salam. Chief cian at the ICDDR.B. "he Daily Star, "the in thest number of diarrhoeal patients we treated on a single day was 724 in 1993. After that, this week, we are facing an influx of patients."

He said the flow of admission of patients to the hospital had just doubled in the post-flood period result

6 get life term for killing AL

FARIDPUR, Aug 2: Six people have been awarded life term for killing a local leader of the Awami League in 1992, court sources said, reports UNB.

for one year more.

Raju. 30. Publicity Secretary of the district Awami League was killed at his residence in the town on the night of Eid-Ul-Azha in 1992.

PM: Formula

To cover up the lapses in the formula, it was suggested that by-polls to all the vacant seats could be held at the same, with 11 or so consensus candidates. It was felt that the consensus candidates, after getting elected, would form an interim government following the prime minister's resignation 30 days ahead of the general elections and the President then would dissolve Parliament, the sources said.

Some of BNP leaders.

The meeting also discussed the current political developments and the questions of by-elections or fresh elections.

Begum Zia, decided to hear the members of the party's National Executive Committee on the issue on August 5 and finalise the party position at a standing committee meeting soon afterwards.

hospital's staff, supplies and

There were 433 diarrhoea patients in the hospital on Tuesday midnight. Of them. 187 stayed for more than 12 hours while 246 left the hospital within 12 hours of get-

ting admitted, he added. An attending nurse, who was seen maintaining a register, told this correspondent that 229 patients were admitted from Tuesday midnight to Wednesday noon.

A total of 10.311 diarrhoea patients were treated at the hospital in July.

The Chief Physician said hospital authorities set up make shift canopy last week and another yesterday to accommodate the increasing number of patients, most whom come from city suburbs. Manikganj, Narayanganj and Savar areas.

When asked, the chief Physician said that a diar rhoea patient should immediately be taken to a healthcare centre when symptoms like blood dysentery, fever, blood with cough, breathing problems and less discharge of urine developed.

Dr Salam said the number of diarrhoea patients also increased at the ICDDR. B Hospital at Motlab during the last couple of days. He, however, could not give the number of patients.

Housewife dies at DMCH after blood transfusion

By DMCH Correspondent

A housewife died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday after severe convulsions allegedly caused by blood transfusion.

Husband of the deceased, Razia Begum. filed a GD with Ramna thana.

Razia, admitted to the DMCH on July 22, had undergone an operation on July 31 for removal of a tumor in the uterus, sources at the DMCH said. The operation was successful.

The patient started severe convulsion and complained about neck and chest pain when blood bought from the DMCH blood bank was being transfused.

The doctor stopped the transfusion immediately, said Mamun, son of the deceased. Razia died at about 2:30 pm.

US to send full team to Beijing women's confce

WASHINGTON, Aug 2: The United States will send a full delegation to Beijing next month for a UN women's conference despite problems in relations with China, UN Ambassador Madeline Albright said today, reports AP.

Eliadah seeks clemency

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and at one stage he took her ticket and passport, and that she was later compiled to carry those packets.

She further added that had it been known to her that the goods contained in those packets were contraband, she would have never carried them on his behalf.

"In my life I never had any acquaintance with any heroin and drugs sinuggling anvwhere," she said.

Blankson also gave her hope that he would help her in persuing her education and on that assurance she agreed to carry the items. Eliadah said.

She added that the fictiious name of Robert Blankson is Tony and it is not his real-name and that she did not know the address and profession of Tony.

At the relevant time I did not know any law regarding intoxicating matter in Bangladesh and, as such, I did not know about the consequence of carrying of such goods according to the relevant laws of Bangladesh." Eliadah told the Court.

Eliadah was arrested from Zia International Airport on February 25, 1992 with 3.27 kilogram of heroin contained in packets and attached with her body with tape. The Dhaka District and Session Judge Court found her guilty of trafficking contraband drugs and sentenced her to life imprisonment.

Eliadah's statements were recorded at 10.30 am and the hearing of the rule started at 3.00 pm yesterday.

M Shamsul Alam, Deputy Attorney General, submitted in the hearing that as according to the statements made by her. Eliadah is above 18 years and, as such, the rule has become infractuous. Now she is not in deten-

tion under the Special Lowers Act, but she has been convicted to suffer imprisonment, the government counselor argued.

The Court, however. wanted to know whether the other convict, Robert Blankson Tony had preferred any appeal. Tony was also found guilty by the trial court and sentenced to imprison-

ment for life. The Court advised the government's attorney to look at all sides of the case and find out if Eliadah was involved in any drug trafficking either in America or Bangladesh. "Isn't it her first

crime?" the Court asked. After that, the Court instructed Advocate Obaidur Rahman Mustafa, counselor for Eliadah, to present the appeal. The hearing of the appeal remained part-heard and adjourned for August 8.

Nutrition

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eliminate malnutrition of mothers and children from this country and launch the BINP as a step towards fulillment of this commitment. Begum Zia observed that

malnutrition is a major obstacle to social and economic development, especially the development of human resources. She said mothers and children are generally the first victims of malnutri-The Prime Minister said

this day would remain a milestone in the march towards elimination of malnutrition in Bangladesh and thanked the World Bank and UNICEF for their assistance and support.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Deputy Health Minister Strajul Huq, acting Mission Chief of the World Bank in Dhaka Syed A Rana. UNICEF Representative in Bangladesh Rold C. Carrier and Health Secretary Syed Ahmed also spoke on the oc-

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, high officials, UN and UNICEF representatives and

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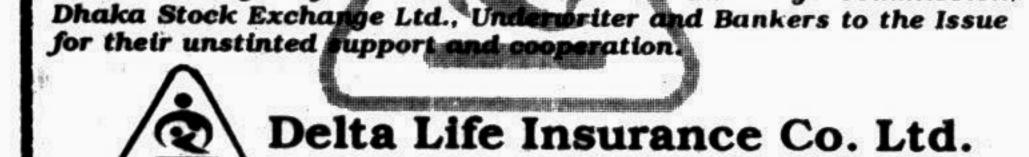
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ing in great stress on the

leader in Faridpur

District and Sessions Judge Golam Rasul, who delivered the judgement on Monday, also fined each of them Tk 5.000. in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment

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however, noted that the latest formula was nothing new and said similar ideas were also floated earlier.

The meeting, chaired by

Dr Kamal's formula From Page 1

- Star photo

held between the govern-

ments in the past decades for

regional cooperation for har-

nessing and development of

water resources. But nothing

be resolved. But the problems

count of the adverse impact

on the socio-economic condi-

tion and environmental

threat posed to Bangladesh

due to unilateral withdrawal

Quoting from the book

Converting Water into

Wealth', the Bangladesh for-

eign secretary said. "Let us

not talk of sharing only our

agonies. Let us share our

prosperity and bliss too."

Technical differences can

He also gave a brief ac-

was achieved.

are political, he said.

of water at Farakka.

of conduct for political parties would make the next election meaningful and protect the interest of democ-

Without missing the last chance and pushing the country towards unconstitutional path, we should proceed to parliamentary elections on the basis of an acceptable election framework for free and fair polls," Dr

Kamal told newsmen. The press conference was attended by Gano Forum leaders Ziaul Hug, Nurjahan Morshed, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Shamsuddoha MP. Zahirul Islam, Mofizul Islam Kamal, Mostafa Mohsin Mantu and Kamal Haider.

JB results

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cured seventh position getting 883 marks. Abdullah Al-Amin of Bagerhat Government Secondary School, Md Hafizur Rahman of Muslim Academy and Md Ziaur Rahman Talukder of Barisal Cadet College jointly stood eight with 882 marks, Mainul Hossain and Hasan Shahriar Md Nuruzzaman of Barisal Cadet College jointly stood ninth with 880 marks and Md Shafiul Alam of Jhenidah

Cadet College stood tenth with 878 marks. In the merit list (female only) Selina Pervin Lipi of Police Line Secondary School stood first with 887 marks and six letters. She was followed by Farzana Rashid of Chuadanga Government Girls High School who got 867

marks and seven letters.

Meher Afroze of Magura Government Girls High School secured first position with 859 marks in Government the combined merit list Male and Female) for Social Science group. Mahfuza Malik of Government Coronation Secondary Girls' School secured the second position with 957 marks.

The percentage of pass for boys and girls were 72.03 and 68.69 respectively. The number of regular candidates male and female was 79,715 and 49,975 respectively. The number of male and female private candidates was 7815 and 4862 respectively.

Of the regular candidates obtaining first division. 31,322 are boys and 16,332 girls while 27,423 boys and 18,512 girls got second division and 670 boys and 595 gir's secured third division.