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The process of preparing

and distributing ID cards for

some 5 crore 60 lakh voters

begins on October 8 after the

publication of the final voters

the country would be pro-

All registered voters in

This was disclosed by

Over 86,000 camps would

Secretary of the Election

Commission Secretariat M

Irshadul Bari at a press con-

be opened to cover every

'voters locality' within the

10-week period from

October 8 to December 16

list tomorrow.

December 16.

ference yesterday.

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The Bangladesh Bank has

According to official

once again increased the

bank rate by 0.25 per cent

sources, the decision was ap-

proved in a meeting yester-

day and the commercial

banks have already been in-

increase in the bank rate in

less than a month and is be-

ing seen as a pre-emptive

move to curb inflation and to

further slow down credit ex-

cision, the bank rate has

been increased from 5.75 per

cent to six per cent.

According to the new de-

This is the second such

effective from Saturday.

formed about it.

pansion.



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Savings and fixed deposit

rates were also increased by

pects that with higher rates,

private sector lending, which

had grown rapidly over the

last few months, would come

down to contain inflationary

hovering around one per

cent, had increased to 5.22

per cent by the end of fiscal

1994-95 and is now around

with the expected increase of

food prices because of the

recent floods and also due to

increased government

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Flood situation

in Rajshahi

deteriorates

By Staff Correspondent

remained unchanged in the

districts of Naogaon and

Gaibandha while it deterio-

rated further in Rajshahi yes-

terday, reports received in

drowned while four died of

and Puthia of Rajshahi were

inundated in the last 24

hours, raising the number of

flood -affected unions to 54

and thanas to seven in the

been reported from various

flood-it areas of Rangpur. In

Pirganj and Badarganj 50

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Outbreak of diarrohea has

In Naogaon six persons

Two more thanas, Bagmar

the capital said.

diarrhoea.

district.

The overall flood situation

Inflation may rise further

six per cent, sources said.

The inflation rate, once

The government now ex-

0.50 per cent.

pressures.

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Uncertain

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Taiwan to modernise weaponry to meet Chinese threat

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Sultan's Republic; A Man Ahead of His Teens & Twenties;

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Bangladesh delegation

EC to distribute ID cards from Oct 8

By Staff Correspondent tributing the ID cards, he

On an average, one camp would deliver cards to 647 voters. Their photographs would be taken at the camps and they would be provided with laminated ID cards after vided with identity cards by they deposit the folios of the registration form.

Voters of every locality would be informed about the opening of camps through the media and accordingly they have to turn at the camps, Irshadul Haq said at the briefing held at the conference room of the Election Commission Secretariat.

A bill passed in parliaand these would remain open ment last year made if for three days from 8am to mandatory for all eligible vot-8pm for preparing and dis- ers to have ID cards to exercise their franchise.

About the cost involved. the EC Secretary said, "We succeeded in curtailing down the voters ID card project cost to as low as Tk 115 crore from the projected Tk 300 crore."

Per voter printing cost and preparation and distribution cost of ID card are Tk 3.18 and Tk. 15.41 respectively, he added.

Replying to a question, he said that the EC had not yet abandoned the idea of preparing a voters' database. Possibility is still there that a voters database can be prepared, he added.

He said, 51 vendors were awarded with the works of See Page 8 Col 7

32-hr hartal in 5 div HQs from tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The major opposition parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamat-e-Islami will go for a 32-hour hartal from 6 am tomorrow at five divisional headquarters to drum up support for holding general elections under a caretaker government, as demanded by them.

The hartal is scheduled to be observed at Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet.

The three parties had earlier announced that there would be no hartal at Rajshahi because of the flood situation in the northern region.

Meanwhile, the City Awami League organised a rally and brought out a torch procession yesterday to mobilise public support for the See Page 8 Col 3

DCC clearing off bldg materials from roads

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation, in collaboration with the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), continued its drive to remove construction materials from public places yesterday.

About 60 riot policemen with two officers from the local thana moved into the Dhanmondi area in the presence of a magistrate and a DCC official equipped with a huge mechanised earth-remover.

The team moved in the area stopping at every construction site which illegally used the pavement and the road to keep their materials such as sand, gravel, bricks and iron rods and swept it up with the help of the ma-See Page 8 Col 8

Iran to help set up oil refinery

adverse, says DCCI

By Staff Correspondent

At the same time, the moved up to 5.75 from 5.50.

Oil-rich Iran will provide financial and technical assistance to Bangladesh to set up the country's second capitalintensive oil refinery to meet the growing demand of petroleum products, reports

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain told newsmen here yesterday that Iran would receive goods from Bangladesh in exchange of financial assistance for the refinery.

The agreement was reached in official talks between the Energy Minister and Iranian Petroleum Minister Golam Reza Aqazadeh during the former's visit to Iran. Mosharraf, leading a three member delegation, visited Iran from

The Dhaka Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

(DCCI) President R Maksud

Khan appealed to all political

parties to refrain from the

Addressing a press con-

unproductive issues."

September 30 to October.

Bank rate up by another

.25pc within a month

By Inam Ahmed and R M Titumir

floor rate on deposits has

been increased from five per

cent to 5.25 per cent on sav-

ings accounts while it has

been raised from 5.50 per

cent to 5.75 per cent on

fixed deposits, the sources

discourage the banks from

borrowing from the central

bank," a senior finance min-

istry source said when asked

to clarify the rate increase.

"The banks are already taking

recourse to borrowing from

the central bank as the liq-

uidity is shrinking in the

September 9 saw bank rate

The last increase on

money market."

"Our strategy is now to

The Bangladesh Energy Minister also met with Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and Reconstruction Minister Golam Reza Forouzesh and discussed with them bilateral matters.

Mosharraf said country's lone state-owned Eastern Refinery produced 1.2 million tons of petroleum products and another 1.2 million tons were imported in the last fiscal year to meet the demand.

Use of petroleum products has increased by 30 per cent in the current fiscal year over that of the last fiscal year, he

The Energy Minister said iran has also agreed in prin-See Page 8 Col 7

Irish poet Heaney Hartal's impact on economy wins Nobel Literature Prize

Seamus Heaney of Ireland, whose lyrical works portray the pain of sectarian strife and the joy of growing up in a Roman Catholic farming family, won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature on Thursday, re-

The Swedish Academy that awards the prize lauded

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ident said, "on our return we politics of confrontation saying "the wheels of the econfound that trade and business omy must not be subjected to is one the verge of closure any confrontation by other due to continued hartals and unrest on the one hand and

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ference on the outcome o

the recent visit of the DCCI

trade and investment delega-

tion to the European Union

countries, the chamber pres-

STOCKHOLM, Oct 5: Poet

ports AP.

Heaney for poems "of lyrical beauty and ethical depth,

The gang of four men carrying firearms, handbombs and machete intercepted the microbus on its way from the bank at about 10:30am and snatched at gun-point the cash from accounts officials

of Comtrade Apparels Ltd. a garments unit of the Beximco

city yesterday morning.

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka City Corporation started removing construction materials dumped on the

Tk 16 lakh robbed by stopping

microbus in front of bank

roads and pavements in Dhanmondi area yesterday.

A rickshawpuller, Sukur In a daring heist, armed robbers snatched Tk 16.2 Ali, 35, was seriously injured lakh by stopping a microbus as the gang hurled at least coming out of the Dhartmondi three crackers while debranch of IFIC Bank in the camping by an autorickshaw witnesses said. He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical

College Hospital. Officials of the bank said that they went out of the building on hearing bomb blasts near the gate. "There was a man lying on the road near a rickshaw and some people were running away towards Road No-3. The

windshield and windows of the white microbus of the Beximco group were seen damaged," said an official.

Witnesses said that the robbers hurled hand bombs when the microbus came out of the bank premises, broke the windshield and windows and snatched the cash from two officials of the garments unit at gun-point.

After the robbery, the gang jumped into a waiting auto rickshaw and fled. Some See Page 8 Col 8



Armed robbers damaged this microbus and snatched a huge amount of money from those inside, near a city bank yesterday. - Star photo

Confusion over tax exemption

Exploration equipment stuck up at Ctg port

By Sharier Khan

Drilling and survey equipment worth millions of dollars, imported by three foreign exploration companies, have been stuck up at the Chittagong port since Monday last as they are denied the previously agreed tax exemption, official sources said.

The Cairn Plc of Scotland. Holland Sea Search of the Netherlands and Occidental **Energy Ventures Corporation** of the US have imported the costly equipment for oil and gas exploration. The exploration was scheduled to begin this week

These companies were offered total tax exemption for temporary import of equipment under Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) No

22. But the Customs authorities, acting on an Administrative Order, fixed a tax of over 1.8 lakh US dollars on the equipment imported by Occidental which is supposed to do seismic survey in the Sylhet region. an authoritative source in Petrobangla said

The value of the equipment, which are supposed to be tax free, is estimated at around 50 million US dollars.

"There is some contradiction between this SRO and the Customs Administrative Order," the source said. "But these confusions will be removed within 10 to 15 days with the introduction of a new SRO which will replace SRO 22.

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Triple murder pre-planned, says police

By Staff Correspondent Police alleged that the three murders in Kotwali

was pre-planned. None was arrested in this connection till last night Detective Branch police was investigating the incident.

thana area Wednesday night

Police identified the persons killed as Mamun, 25. son of Subeder Major (retd) Abu Taleb Akand of 64, Damal Court, Din Mohammad Colony, Cantonment area; Noor Hossain, 30, son of Abul Kashem of 60, KP Ghosh Street,

Sarbahara men kill FF commander, 2 others in Satkhira

See Page 8 Col 2

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Oct 5: Three

persons, including the thana Moktijoddha Commander and a primary school teacher, were allegedly killed by the outlawed Sarbahara Party activists in Tala thana last

The dead were identified as Tala Thana Muktijoddha Commander Nurul Islam Nuru. 48. Tetulia Govt Primary School teacher Alauddin Mahmud, 47, and Gauhar Ali, 65, of village Khesra. Nurul Islam and Alauddin were slaughtered while Gauhar was shot dead, police said.

The killers left brief letters beside the bodies saying they were the enemy of the people and collaborators of police. The bodies were recov-

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Teenaged girl rescued from Tanbazar From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 5:

Sadar thana police today rescued a teenaged girl named Amina Begum, 14, from in Tanbazar red light area. Police raided the quarter

of Feroz Mia and rescued Amina from Sardarni Khusi following a case by her mother at Sabujbagh thana in Dhaka. Amina had been missing for two-month. Her mother accused Ratan - a relative of Amina - who reportedly kidnapped and sold her out to Khusi at Tanbazar.

Police, however, did not arrest Khusi or Feroz.

খেলাপি ঋণ বনাম আসন্ন সংসদ নিৰ্বাচন

বাংলাদেশ বিশ্বের অন্যতম দরিদ্র দেশ। এ দেশে শিল্প স্থাপনে ও পরিচালনার জন্য সংগত কারনেই শিল্প উদ্যোজাগণ বা শিল্প মালিককে ব্যাংকের সহায়তা নিতে হয়। বিগত কয়েকদিন ধরে দৈনিক সংবাদপত্রে ঋণ খেলাপিদের আসত্র সংসদ নির্বাচনে অংশগ্রহন সম্পর্কিত বিষয়ে বিধি নিষেধ আরোপের জন্য মহল বিশেষের প্রস্তাব দেশবাসীর দৃষ্টি আকর্ষন করেছে। নির্বাচনে ভোটদান ও নির্বাচনে প্রার্থী হিসাবে অংশ গ্রহন প্রত্যেকটি নাগরিকের নাগরিক অধিকার। কোন নতুন আইন করে এই নাগরিক অধিকারে হন্তক্ষেপ করা সংসদীয় গণতদ্বের স্বাভাবিক মান বা আদর্শের সাথে সংগতিপূর্ণ নয়। বিশেষ ভাবে উল্লেখ্য যে পৃথিবীতে যে সব দেশে সংসদীয় গণতন্ত্র প্রচলিত আছে সেসৰ দেশে ঋণ খেলাপিখণ সংসদ নিৰ্বাচনে অংশ গ্ৰহন করতে পারবে না বিবেচনায় কোন অইন প্রচলিত নেই। কোন আইন করা সহজ্ঞ কিন্তু সেই আইন যদি গণতঞ্জের সাথে সংগতিপূর্ণ না হয় তবে তার বিরুদ্ধে জনমত পড়ে উঠতে বাধ্য। উদাহরন সত্রপ ইনডেমনিটি আইন, বিশেষ ক্ষমতা আইন, শক্র সম্পত্তি আইন ও আখুনালুঙ সম্ভাসদমন অটিন

ৰূপ ৰেলাপি তারাই যারা সুদ সহ ৰূপ নির্ধারিত সময় পরিশোধ করতে ব্যর্থ হন। সে ক্ষেত্রে এ দেশের প্রতিষ্ঠিত শিল্প উদ্যোক্তাদের অনেকেই ঋণ খেলাপির আওতাত্ত হবেন, এটাই ৰাভাবিক। ব্যবসায়িক ঋণের ধরন এমনী যে কৰু নেওয়া ও পরিপোধ করা একটি অবিন্ধির ধারাবাহিক পছটে। এ পছটি বাধাপ্রাপ্ত হয় কেবলমাত্র ব্যবসায়ী ও শিল্প উদ্যোজাদের কারনেই নয়। দেশের রাজনৈতিক এবং অন্যান্য অনেক কারণই এর জন্য দায়ী। হরতাল ধর্মঘট, অবরোধ, প্রমিক অসপ্তোব, বন্যা, বিদ্যুতের সম্ভা, সরকারী অফিসের নানা রক্ষের দীর্ঘ সৃত্রিতা, উচ্চ সুদের হার, তক্ষহারের পুনঃ পুনঃ পরিবর্তন ইত্যাদি কারনগুলোর কোনটাই ব্যবসায়ীদের নিয়ন্ত্রনে নয়। এ সর কারণ যে কতটা ভয়াবহ তা প্রমাণিত হবে যদি খণ খেলাপিদের বর্তমান খণের পরিমান এবং সরকার চালিত সেইর কর্পোরেশনের কাছে পাওনা ক্পের পরিমানের তুলনামূলক বিশ্লেষন করা হয়। তবে ঋণ খেলাপিদের ঋণের টাকা বিলম্বিত হলেও ফেরং পাওয়া যাচ্ছে, কিন্তু সরকারের সুদক্ষ লোক দ্বারা চালিত সেইর কর্পোরেশনের ক্ষেত্রে শ্বণ ক্ষেত্ৰত পাওয়া তো দূরে থাক এর পরিমান জ্যামিতিক হারে বেড়েই যান্ছে। এই দৃষ্টিকোন থেকে বিবেচনা করলে প্রতিয়মান হবে যে সেইর কর্পোরেশনগুলো হচ্ছে সবচেয়ে বড় খণ খেলাপি। অতএব শান্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা নিতে হলে সেইর কর্পোরেশনের অর্থাৎ এওলো পরিচালনায় প্রত্যক্ষ ও পরোক্ষ ভাবে যারা জড়িত তাদের ক্ষেত্রে কি ব্যবস্থা নেওয়া যায় তাও বিবেচনায় আনা উচিত। এখানে একটি কথা উল্লেখ করা যায় যে এ সব ঋণ খেলাপির সিহে ভাগের ক্ষেত্রেই দেখা যাবে যে তারা মূল খনের টাকার সমপরিমানের টাকা বা তারও বেশী পরিপোধ করেছে धवर धवन या वाकि का ७५ तुम ७ मक तुम धवर धाँगे छात्रा भतिरमाथ करत यारू । धवारन खारता फेरसचरयाना रव বিগত বছরগুলোতে শিল্প মালিকপৰ ব্যাংক খণ পরিলোধে যথেষ্ট উদ্যোগী হয়েছেন। প্রমানস্করণ বিগত অর্থ বছরে শিল্প খণ সন্তো, শিল্প ব্যাংক সহ সকল ব্যাংক কর্ত্তক প্রথমবারের মত সর্বোচ্চ খণ আদায়।

আমাদের স্বার্ট মনে রাখা উচিত যে দেশের অধীনৈতিক কর্মকাও সচল রাখার জন্য ব্যবসায়ী ও শিল্প মালিকরা একটা মুখ্য ভূমিকা রেখে আসছেন। বিগত কয়েক বছর বাবং সরকারী পর্যায়ে কর্মসস্থোন ছিল অত্যন্ত সীমিত এবং এদশের ব্যবসায়ী ও শিল্প মালিকরাই কর্মসংস্থানের ব্যবস্থা করে যাচ্ছেন। তাছাড়া জাতীয় আয়ে তাদের অবদানও ছোঁট করে দেখার কোন অবকাশ নেই। এতসৰ অবদান থাকার পরও যদি নির্বারিত সময় ঋণ পরিশোধে বার্থ হবার কারনে এদেরকে নির্বাচনে অংশ গ্রহন করার মত একটি নাগরিক অধিকার থেকে বঞ্চিত করা হয় তাহলে তা रूरव पृश्चकनक

ৰূপ ৰেলাপিদের কাছ থেকে ৰূপ আদায় করার পর্যাপ্ত আইন দেশে রয়েছে। প্রয়োজন বোধে সে আইনকে আরও গতিশীল করা যায়। বরং প্রস্তাবিত আইন প্রনয়নের ফলে ব্যাংক কর্তৃক খণ আদায় সম্পর্কিত প্রচলিত আইনে ক্ষটিশতা সৃষ্টি হতে পারে, ফলে খণ আদায় বাধাগ্রন্থ হবে। নতুন করে আইন প্রণয়ন করে নাগরিক অধিকার খেকে কোন নাগরিককে বঞ্চিত করার একতরকা অধিকার আমাদের আছে কি? খণ খেলাপিদেরকে আইন করে সংসদ প্রার্থীতা থেকে বঞ্চিত করা হলে অচিরেই এ দাবীও উঠবে যে ১৯৭১ সনে যারা এ দেশের স্বাধীনতার বিরোধিতা করেছেন এবং অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারী ও সামরিক কর্মচারীদের অবসর গ্রহনের পাঁচ বছর অ্তিক্রাপ্ত না হলে তাদেরকেও নির্বাচনে অংশ গ্রহন করা থেকে বিরত রাখা হোক । এ ছাড়া যারা কোন আয়কর দেয়না অর্থাৎ আয়কর দেবার জন্যে নৃন্যতম যে আয়ের প্রয়োজন তা আয় করতে সক্ষম নয় তাদের পক্ষে সংসদ সদস্য হিসেবে দেশের জন্য আইন প্রনয়নে কোন ভূমিকা থাকা উচিত কিনা সে সম্পর্কেও প্রপ্ন উঠতে পারে । তাই যে কোন আইন প্রনয়নের পূর্বে বর্তমানে ও ভবিষ্যতে এ আইনের প্রভাব কি হবে বা হতে পারে তা বিশ্রেষন করা জরুরী।

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desh Parliamentary delegation left Dhaka yesterday for Colombo to attend the 41st Commonwealth Parliamen tary Conference (CPC). Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga will inaugurate the week-long conference today. L K Siddiqui. MP. is leading the

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Dhaka Subject: Submission of Income Tax Return for the Assessment Year 1995-96.

National Board of Revenue

On Special consideration, the Government has fixed the last date for filing income tax returns both for normal and self assessments on 15th October 1995. Apart from existing assessees, all persons having a total income exceeding Tk 55,000 for the assessment year 1995-96, are required to file their returns of income and pay taxes on the basis of such returns by the 15th of October, 1995.

Income tax return forms are available in Head Post offices of all districts. Return forms for self assessment purpose are "GREEN" and for normal assessment purpose are "WHITE" in colour. Assessees can file returns under self assessment

scheme in "GREEN" return forms in accordance with the provisions of Rule 38 of the Income Tax Rules. Apart from that, the filing of normal returns in "WHITE" return forms, are open for all assessees

Assessees filing their returns are requested to obtain acknowledgement slips in prescribed forms from the concerned tax offices. All assessees who are required to file returns are

expected to submit their income tax returns

disclosing their correct income within the stipulated time, failing which they will be liable to penal action as per Income Tax Law. The Government expects that assessees will extend their wholehearted co-operation towards national revenue.

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