The Widnight Bile

Peres unexpectedly attends

Rabin's memorial rally

Peres unexpectedly attended a Tel Aviv memorial rally for

Yitzhak Rabin today despite reports security chiefs had

urged him to stay away. Live television showed Peres

greeting the assassinated Prime Minister's widow Leah at

an enclosure for dignitaries at the square where Rabin was

killed on November 1, reports Reuter

opposition parties this year

The law enforcing agen-

cies rounded up at least 217

people on hartal days during

this period. Of them, over

100 were tokais istreet

Two political activists

were killed - one at Brah-

manbaria and the other at

Kushtia — on October 16. the

first day of the Opposition

dead in a clash between two

rival groups at Mirpur in

Dhaka on September 3, the

second day of a 32-hour har-

were passers-by and police

Govt prohibits

Among the injured, there

A rickshawpuller was shot

called four-day hartal.

also reported.

urchins)

TEL AVIV. Nov 12 Acting Prime Minister Shimon

Rebel Serbs in E Slavonia to rejoin Croatia

ERDUT, Croatia, Nov 12 Rebel Croatian Serbs in east Slavonia agreed today to re join Croatia, lifting the threat of fighting over the territory which could have wrecked peace hopes in the Balkans, tured two other rebel en reports Reuter

Stoltenberg said after Serb leaders signed a peace draft "I think we have experience the end of November. the start of the end of the war in ex-Yugoslavia.

Stoltenberg and US Ambassador Peter Galbraith presented the Serbs with a draft worked out at the Balkan summit in the United States by Croatian President Franjo Tudiman and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

The mediators later returned to Zagreb for the agreement of the Croatian news agency Tanjug reported

Troops capture underground LTTE base

COLOMBO, Nov 12: Sri Lankan troops attacking the northern Tamil rebel stronghold of Jaffna captured an underground base as police conducted a sweep of Colombo after suicide bombings, security sources said today, reports Reuter.

"With superior firepower. troops overcame attempts by terrorists to delay the ad vance, causing heavy casualties to the terrorists," an army statement said of the Jaffna fighting.

"Preparations and reconnaissance for further operations are in progress," it added.

Rebel underground complexes found by troops in Kopai were being cleared and småll arms, anti-tank mines and locally made mortar launchers were also captured, the statement said.

Rally against US bases in Japan

TOKYO, Nov 12: Hundreds of people staged a rally today in the southwestern Japanese port of Sasebo demanding the removal of US military bases there, Kyodo news service said, reports AFP.

Participants in the rally, called by citizens' groups and local labour unions, marched through streets and near a US naval base, the Japanese news agency said.

They adopted a resolution calling for a review of the US Japan security treaty and an accord on the status of US troops in Japan, Kyodo said.

The protest follows similar anti-US base demonstrations in Okinawa and elsewhere following the rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl by US servicemen in Okinawa in September.

Kashmiri shot dead by Indian troops

MUZAFFARABAD, Nov 12: Indian troops shot dead one **Kashm**iri civilian and wounded two today in firing across the ceasefire line dividing Kashmir, witnesses said, reports Reuter.

They named the dead man only as Rafiq, from the Athmugam sector of the Neelum Valley in Pakistani-controlled Kashmir. A bus driver and conductor were wounded in a separate incident.

Officials of the Azad Kashmir government said Indian mortar fire had damaged government offices, a mosque, a police station and a hospital in Athmuqam on Saturday.

That attack also killed a 25-year-old Kashmiri guerilla commander Abdul Ahad, whose vehicle was hit.

The witnesses said firing had intensified recently in the Leepa valley, about 50 kms east of Muzaffarabad, and in the Chakothi sector, 80 kms southeast of the city.

This had forced about 30 families to flee to Muzaffarabad, capital of the Pakistani-held part of the Himalayan territory.

RMG sector

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said. Bangladeshi garments exporters are doing well in the non-quota items, the sources added.

The garments product base has been widely diversified ranging from ordinary shirt, T-shirt, pant, pajama, ladies and children's wears to sophisticated costly items like branded jeans garments. jackets, sweaters, embroidered and fashion wear, the sources said.

There are more than 2200 garments factories in the country. Most of these cannot utilise their full production capacities due to quota system and weak competitiveness in the world market, the sources said. A garments institution should be set up for further diversification of products and improvement of quality, the BGMEA source suggested.

government to the terms ending a Serb rebellion which erupted in war when Croatia broke away from former Yugoslavia in 1991

The Croatian army recapclaves earlier this year and UN mediator Thorvald Tudiman threatened to use force in east Slavonia is the Serbs did not back down by

Zagreb alarmed the UN this week by openly reinforcing its troops in the region which borders Serbians-led rump Yugoslavia and was regarded as a potentially dangerous flashpoint for a renewed war between Croats and Serbs.

Full details of the agreement were not immediately disclosed but the Yugoslav it contained 14 points and apparently offered concessions to the Serbs.

Chief Serb negotiator Milan Milanovic said he agreed to a one-year period of transition to Croatian rule with the option of a further year if

Galbraith said the signing was "historic" and added: "for the first time in this conflict, an issue has been resolved peacefully by signatures and not by bullets."

The mediators said the agreement would preserve the multi-ethnic character of east Slavonia, allowing the return of almost 100,000 Croatian refugees driven out in 1991

It will also let east Slavonia's Serbs remain and avoid the fate of some 150,000 Serbs who fled their homes in west Slavonia and Knin Krajina when the Croatian army attacked this year.

Auranga

From Page 1 member of parliament belonging to the Awami League who was sentenced to life term in a murder case was given bail by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court last week.

The High Court bench comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haq and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman on a prayer from Hemayetuddin granted bail on November 9. Senior advocate Serajul Haq moved the bail petition, which was opposed by Assistant Attorney General Syed Abu Kaisar on behalf of the state.

Deputy Attorney Generals Al-Haj M Shamsul Alam and Amirul Kabir Chowdhury moved the stay prayer.

145 returnees

From Page 1 these people came on their own or they were deported. a high official of the Home Ministry said, "the matter is

being investigated." Meanwhile, the Pakistan High Commission here expressed "ignorance" about the alleged deportation of any

Bangladeshi from Pakistan. "The matter was checked from Pakistan where the authorities have shown their ignorance about any forced deportation," said a press release issued by the High Commission yesterday.

The Home Minister could not be contacted till 11:00 pm last night for comment.

The Pakistan High Commission claimed that, "about 150 Bangladeshi nationals who returned on Saturday by a Biman flight are holders of Bangladeshi passports."

They have travelled back on their own without any compulsion from any authority in Pakistan, the release added and advised all Bangladeshis who want to go to Pakistan for employment to obtain work permit and get registered there.

100 tolas gold

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also seized his baggage and recovered three wrist watches.

The Chief Purser was not arrested as no police case was filed an only a departmental case was registered by the Customs, the officials added.

When contacted, a Biman official expressed his ignorance about any such incidence.

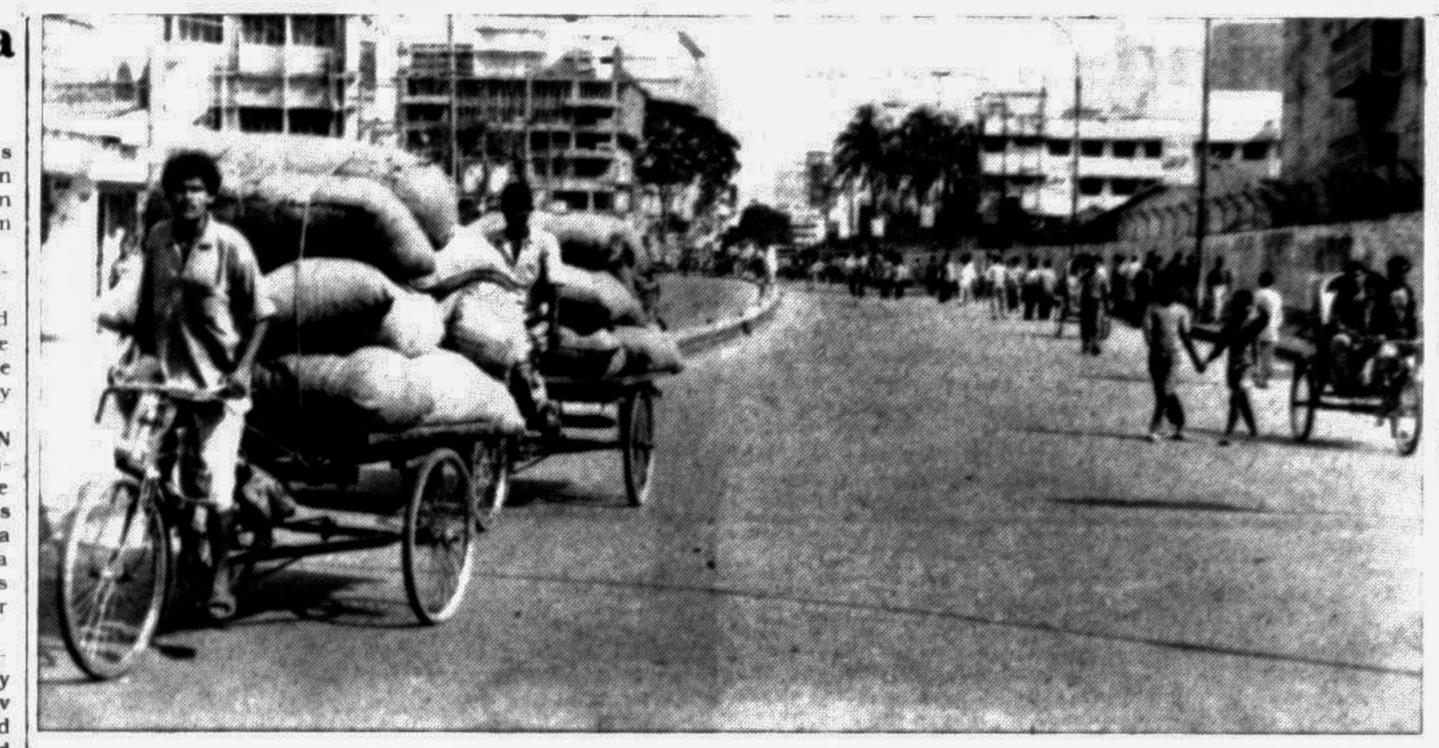
"If any such incidents occur, we will carry out our own investigation after taking up a departmental case," he

G-5: Hasina

From Page 1 I learnt that she is going to

receive a letter from the Prime Minister tonight. Let us see what happens next," said a member of the G-5. which is negotiating since October 9 for a dialogue between the top political lead-

Earlier, on Saturday, journalist Faiz Ahmed, a member of the group, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for certain clarification on the agenda for a political dia-



Topkhana road in the city during hartal hours yesterday

— Star photo

Hartal: Over 100 injured

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at the opponents and a gunfight erupted. Over 100 rounds of shots were fired and a large number of bombs were exploded during the fight

Police and BDR posted near the spot did not inter vene at the beginning, but at around 12:30 pm fired several rounds of rubber bullets and teargas shells, witnesses

At least 60 people were wounded in the clash - 14 of them by bullet hit. Many of them were admitted to different local hospitals and clinics. The condition of eight was stated to be critical. They included Kamrul Hasan of Jatiya Party, Shahmeem and Suman of Awami League, policemen Mohammad Sadeq and Jahangir Alam, and pedestrian Shahabuddin

Police Havilder Sadeq. who received injuries in the waist and leg, was being operated upon at Narayangani Hospital, while constable Jahangir, who was injured in his leg was also operated

The pro-hartal activists set up a human barricade on the rail track at Chashara at about 8 am, but they left the spot at the request of BDR personnel to allow a train to run from Narayanganj to Dhaka.

Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal adds: At least 20 people were injured in a clash between the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Bangladesh Chhatra League at

At least four people were

killed and 16 others injured

in separate road accidents

yesterday in Rangpur and

highway at Madaripur, two

persons were killed and 15'

others injured when a

minibus fell into a roadside

fied as Azim Uddin, 60, and

Hasanur, 8. All the injured

were admitted to the Rang-

pur Medical College Hospital.

were killed and another was

seriously injured in two road

accidents in the district to-

10 injured in

AL-BNP clash

least 10 people were injured

in a clash between activists of

the BNP and Awami League in

the town today, reports UNB.

began at about 7:00 pm when

an Awami League procession

came under attack of the

BNP activists at Old Press

Club area. The two groups

chased each other exploding

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talks with the party policy

planners in the past few days,

the minister quoted the PM

as saying, "I did not ask for

name/ names of a neutral

person/persons as head of

the Opposition-demanded

caretaker government. I

don't believe that there is a

neutral person in the country

or such a person, if there is

any, can run the affairs of the

tention on the issue, the

minister, also a member of

the BNP Standing Commit-

tee, said that Begum Zia's

remark to the group of five

eminent citizens was simply

misinterpreted. In fact, he

went on, the PM meant that

there was no neutral person

to head an interim govern-

ment and in a lighter vein

Elaborating the PM's con-

state."

home-made bombs.

Witnesses said the clash

RANGPUR, Nov 12: At

day, police said.

In Sirajganj, two people

The victims were identi-

ditch after hitting a cow.

On the Rangpur-Bogra

Sirajganj, report agencies.

Patharghata thana in Patuakhali district. Of the injured seven were admitted to Patuakhali Hospital in critical condition. They are Razzak. Jamal, Ripon, Ziaul, Inam, Tohin and Anwar.

In the city, police resorted to lathicharge and sprayed hot coloured water on the pickets as they tried to take back one of their associates whom police picked up on charge of damaging rickshaws in Farm Gate area at about 9 in the morning.

Awami League leader Matia Chowdhury was kept waiting for an hour at Farm Gate police box as she went there to register a protest against the action on her party workers, eyewitnesses said. Five people were injured there.

Police resorted to lathi charge on an AL procession near Malibagh intersection. Some 10 people including party leader Hashimuddin Haider Pahari were reportedly injured. AL alleged that their pro-

cessions came under attack from the BNP activists at Kachukhet and Ibrahimpur during hartal hours.

Two policemen — Mohammad Shah Alam and Mustafizur Rahman - were injured when unidentified youths hurled bombs at them at Rampura near the Television Bhaban at around noon Shah Alam was admitted to Police Hospital, while Mustafizur was released after first aid.

Separate processions were brought out and rallies were organised by the three par-

Saidur Rahman, 26, was

killed and Abdus Sattar, 26,

seriously wounded when a

tank lorry hit their rickshaw-

van from behind in the after-

noon on Bogra-Nagarbari

highway at Patbari in Ullapara

cident, critically injured

Saidur and Sattar, inhabitants

of Patbari village, were

rushed to district General

Hospital where Saidur suc-

In another accident, a

pedestrian died on the spot

when a Bogra-bound truck

from Nagarbari skidded off

the road in Shalamail area in

The victim was identified

Raiganj thana in the after-

as Abdul Quddus, 36, of

Beenshara village in Tarash

PM renews call

From Page 1

also be discussed in a joint

meeting of the AL with two

other opposition parties --

Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-

Hasina last wrote to Be-

Dialogue move yet to make headway

she wanted to know from the

By saying this, the BNP

group if they (the AL) could

leader explained, the PM did

not mean that she sought

name/names of neutral per-

son/persons from the Oppo-

the current practice of ex-

change of letters between the

two leaders (Begum Zia and

Sheikh Hasina) although we

understand it well that the

exercise would be a futile one

unless either side shifts from

its position," said another

senior leader of the BNP.

"We've gained politically

from the PM's noble initiative

to write to her political rival

and don't want to be blamed

said the party was discussing

Other sources in the BNP

for ending the process."

"We don't want to stop

sition.

name any neutral person.

e-Islami -- this evening.

gum Zia on November 4.

Besides, the issue would

cumbed to his injuries.

Immediately after the ac-

4 killed, 16 injured in

road accidents

ties in different parts of city. particularly in the Secretariat areas during the hartal pe-

AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman addressed a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club, Jatiya Party Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju addressed a rally at the west side of Manik Mia Avenue and Jamaat Secretary General Matiur Rahman Nizami spoke at a rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque.

A good number of rick shaws were seen plying in different parts of the city during hartal hour. Motorised vehicles, however, remained off the streets.

Long distance bus services remained suspended while train services were partially disrupted throughout the country. Six out of 12 intercity trains and most of the other trains operated normally, Railway sources said. Airport sources said, all

international flights operated as scheduled, but four out of 11 domestic flights of the Biman were cancelled due to hartal. An official handout said

production in different enterprises of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation was as usual during hartal period.

Our correspondents and news agencies reported peaceful observance of hartal and disruption of normal life in different areas of the

Shahbaz Sharif

remanded for

6 more days

Islamabad court today re-

manded in custody Shahbaz

Sharif, younger brother of

main opposition Pakistan

Muslim League (PML) leader

Nawaz Sharif, for another six

Witnesses said Sharif was

brought to court under tight

security after the expiry of an

earlier seven-day remand

17 die in Nepal's

bldg collapse

Building collapses caused by

heavy rains in Nepal claimed

17 lives today, raising to 43

the number of avalanche-re-

lated deaths in the Himalayan

region in two days, officials

killed 26 people, including

cial digging equipment

rushed to a remote region

(29,028 feet) high Mount

Everest to look for the bodies

of the Japanese trekkers

buried in two metres (yards)

of deep snow, tourism offi-

two options in case the on-

going efforts to settle the po-

litical problems by November

22 failed, the deadline for.

announcing the schedule for

by-elections to the 147 va-

cated Opposition seats in

parliament. Elaborating, they

said, the Prime Minister

might request the President

to dissolve Parliament when

the November 22 deadline

approaches or the by-polls

Referring to the PM's re-

schedule may be announced.

cent call to the Opposition to

participate in the by-elec-

tions, they said she meant

that if the opposition parties

agreed to the five plus five

formula for an interim gov-

ernment with a BNP MP

be needed to have the oppo-

sition nominees in the pro-

posed interim cabinet.

On Saturday, an avalanche

Rescuers armed with spe-

8.848-metre

said, reports Reuter.

13 Japanese.

near the

cials said.

KATHMANDU, Nov. 12:

ordered on November 5.

days, court sources said, re-

ports Reuter.

ISLAMABAD, Nov 12: An

TSC area By DU Correspondent

Panic gripped the Dhaka University TSC area yesterday evening as some Chhatra League activists exploded handbombs indiscriminately. At least 50 bombs were exploded in half an hour, wit nesses said

The TSC area wore a desolate look as students and passers-by ran for safety.

brought out a procession on the campus demanding immediate release of their lead ers, arrested during the hartal yesterday and the day be-

One killed, 7 injured in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

One person was killed and

Mejbah Uddin (35), was killed and the puller, Mohammad Mujibur Rahman (30), was critically injured when a minibus knocked a rickshaw off the road at Mirpur yesterday.

morgue for autopsy

In another incident, a student of class ten received bullet injuries when some unidentified youth shot him near the Mohakhali kancha bazar area yesterday morning.

The victim identified as to the DMCH.

At least five persons were day afternoon.

They all received injuries from cocktail blasts.

Blasts rock

seven others injured in sepa rate incidents in the city yes-A rickshaw passenger

The body of Meibah Uddin was sent to the DMCH

Mohammad Rezaul Islam aged about 15, was admitted

injured when two groups of musclemen clashed at Kam rangirchar Koilaghat vester The victims Abdul Latif

(47) took first aid treatment from the DMCH while Mofakkar (35), Chunnu (30), Shefali (22) and Chadni (2) were admitted to the Mitford Hospital, hospital sources

The BCL activists earlier

strike at Rhone Poulenc Star Report The Ministry of Labour vesterday prohibited the wor-

kers strike at the transnational Rhone Poulenc Rorer (RPR) and referred the case to the Labour Court for adjudication, according to sources concerned. With this order, produc-

tion at the pharmaceutical company is expected to resume today after a long halt of 84 days. The labour union of RPR went on a strike from August

21 following a break down of

talks between the manage-

ment and the workers re-

garding wage increase, the sources said. The workers wanted a 35 per cent salary enhancement. while the management of-

fered 16 per cent. Both the workers and the management came to a consensus regarding the wage increase after a long drawn process of negotiation.

The workers wanted the agreement to be for two years, but the management wanted it to be for three years, the sources noted.

The ministry in its order of November 12 said "as the strike passed more than 30 days and it is likely to cause serious hardship to the community or is likely to be prejudicial to the national interest" the strike is prohibited and referred to the court.

3 killed, over 1000 hurt during hartals this yr

Star Report

At least three persons men besides activists of polit were killed and over 1,000 ical parties injured in various incidents Many were injured in enduring hartals called by the counters between pro-hartal

according to newspaper reclashes between rival political groups. Public stripping of one Political activists were inperson on a hartal day, was

jured in clashes between prohartal and anti-hartal groups. Vehicles including a few police vans, ambulances and transports of newspapers came under attack on most of the hartal days. On some occasions, train communication

was disrupted as pro-hartal

activists and police besides

activists put up barricades and removed fishplates. The major opposition pas ties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami have been agitating for general elections under a caretaker government. Their agitation programmes included hartals - both country-wide

Atlantis blasts off

and district level - ranging

from 6 hours to 96 hours.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida. Nov 12: Space shuttle Atlantis blasted off at 7:30 am (1230 GMT) today on a mission to dock with the Russian space station Mir. Atlantis is to link up with Mir on Wednesday for the second visit to the 10-year-old Russian space station by a US space craft this year, reports

PM's letter

From Page 1 won through the sacrifice of the shaheeds of the anti-autocracy movement. My letter clearly expresses our sincere and earnest interest in this

regard. "We consider a terrorfree, rigging-free, free, fair and peaceful election as a corner-stone of democracy. For this purpose, we have already taken several positive steps, including amending election related laws. In addition, we had proposed free discussion to further improve the laws and practices connected with holding of elec-

tions, and to come to accept-

able solutions in this regard. "I firmly believe that it is possible to solve any problem through discussions. Therefore, I propose, once again, that let us sit for a dialogue on the existing problems. With a view to solving the present crisis, you are free to raise any issue as a part of your agenda. But for the purpose of a fruitful dialogue, it will not be proper to

"Come, let us sit for a dialogue with an open mind. May Allah help us."

impose any pre-condition.

বিল পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ গ্রাহকদের সংযোগ তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে বিচ্যুতকরণের জন্য কর্তৃপক্ষ পরিচালিত বিশেষ অভিযানের কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে।

গ্রাহকবৃন্দকে পানি ও পয়ঃ অভিকরের সারচার্জ মওকুফের সুবিধা দেয়া হবে।

বকেয়া পানি ও পয়ঃ অভিকর আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে প্রধান রাজস্ব কর্মকর্তাকে অথরাইজড অফিসার হিসেবে নিয়োগ করা হয়েছে। অথরাইজড অফিসার খেলাপী গ্রাহকদের মালামাল ক্রোক করতঃ বকেয়া আদায়ের কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করছেন।

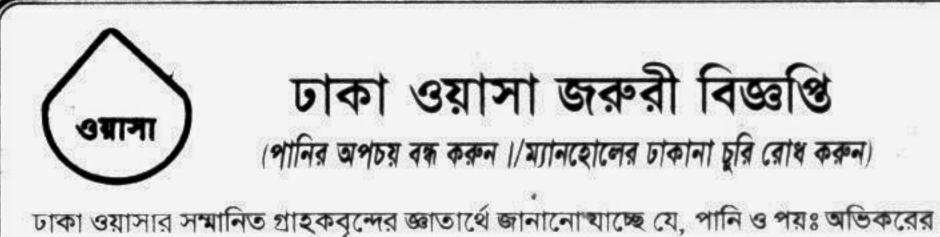
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প্রয়োজনে ঢাকা ওয়াসার সংশ্লিষ্ট রাজস্ব আঞ্চলিক অফিস বা প্রধান রাজস্ব কর্মকর্তা ও অথরাইজড অফিসার (ফোনঃ ৩২৫২৪০) অথবা বাণিজ্যিক ব্যবস্থাপক (ফোনঃ ৩২৭২৪৫) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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