Major parties backing terrorists: Dr Kamal

By Staff Correspondent

President of Gano Forum Dr Kamal Hossain has said the steps for recovery of illegal arms have so far remained in dequate and alleged that arms supply to terrorists in different constituencies were still

"The people expect the non-party caretaker government to take stern and effec tive steps to recover illegal arms and eliminate terrorism" Dr Kamal said at a press conference at the Forum office in the city yesterday.

"But the major parties are backing terrorist groups. None of these parties has taken any step against their own terror ist cadres." he added.

"If any quarter tries to obstruct the arms recovery drive. the governemnt should expose that quarter before the people", he said

A code of conduct should be formulated for all parties par ticipating in the coming elections to control the activities of the candidates, ensure security prevent the use of black money and to check communal

activities The Gano Forum chief urged the caretaker govern ment to make radio and TV fully autonomous organisations so that he pointed out they could play the proper role in freeing the society from com munalism, terrorism and un healthy politics.

He noted that unelss the illegal arms were recovered. holding free and fair elections would not be possible.

Dr Kamal called for an united political platform consisting of all major political parties believing in secular Bangalee nationalism." spirit of the liberation war, progress and democracy

He said that such unity of the major politicial parties was a must to ensure 'arms-free' healthy politics in the country To prevent the use of black

money in the elections. Dr Kamal said, bank loan defaulters must be debarred from contesting polls, and the expenditure of the candidates on campaigns should be strictly monitored.

He alleged that some parties were polluting the political atmosphere by spreading communal hatred. Some other parties were harming the country's foreign policy by campaigning against certain countries for narrow interests.

The press conference was also attended by Kamal Haider. Zeaul Haq. Mostafa Mohsin Mantu. Zahi ul Islam, Pankaj Bhattacherjee and Saifuddin

A former secretary, M Maniruzzaman, and a lawyer of historic Agartala case, Vikharul Islam Chowdhury, announced their joining Gano Forum at the press conference.

Hasina: Next polls

suing central (party) leaders for nominations in the elections. Go to your areas, tell people we were in power for only three and a half years and remained outside power for the over last 20 years. Meet people in their homes and tell them to give Awami League a chance to serve for one more time." Hasina told some 1.500 party delegates gathered at yesterday's extended meeting

from across the country. After listening to the obser vations of over two hundred division, district and thana level leaders for hours together since mid-day yesterday, Sheikh Hasina made her half an hour summing up de-

liberation at 8:30 pm. She also warned them not to bring out victory procession within 48 hours of election results and not be over enthusi-

astic, even if the party wins. Turning to the issue of party nominations, Sheikh Hasina recalled the experience of the 1991 election saying, "at that time at least 30 to 40 people had sought AL nomina tions but we refused considering sacrifices of our leaders and workers, for whom we always feel proud, and later they got BNP's nominations and

She urged the grassroots level leaders to remain united in throwing support to the party nominees in the elections and said "Yes, of course we will evaluate your sacrifices. But, at the same time we have to care much about each and every

eventually came out success-

'You have to accept the selections of the parliamentary board regarding nominations. Mind it, Awami League must be victorious this time unless we want more repressions on us. said Hasina.

Hasina revealed that she herself sent special teams to every nook and corner of the country to survey time and again since 1991 the popularity positions of all prospective nomination seekers.

"It does not matter who gets the party nomination or who doesn't. You have to understand it clearly that our goal should be to win the max-

Absolute poor

From Page 1

strategy on poverty alleviation. The study recommended promotion of economic growth and employment opportunities in secondary and rural towns and villages to discourage rural-urban migration. Cooperation among the gov-

ernment, municipalities and NGOs was also suggested by the study to jointly address the urban poverty.

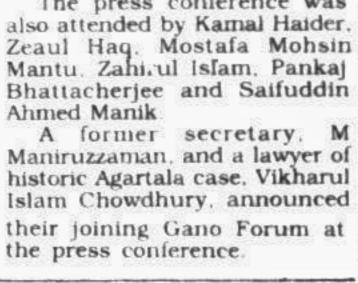
Addressing the workshop. ADB Resident Representative

Bhanuphol Horayangura said the Bank was now reconsidering to expand its assistance programmes to urban areas in view of worsening state of urban poverty.

He said the ADB was currently processing the Urban Poverty Reduction Project envisaging programmes including slum improvement and housing for the poor, urban primary health care and urban employment creation program-

Horayangura said the ADB had recently started preparing an Action Plan to institutionally strengthen the Pourashavas to help the urban local government to deliver services to the urban poor.

Planning Secretary Dr Shah Md Farid presided er the inaugural session. C als, academicians and representatives of different donor agencies attended the workshop.



imum number of seats so that

we can form the next govern ment. And once we go to power, the door of the leadership will be wide open before you as well will be in a position to accommodate as many as 4,000 party leaders in local government bodies at district

thana and union levels. Hasina, explained. The AL chief also instructed the partymen to try their best to enter the names of the left out voters in the voters' list and exclude the fake voters. "We will continue to keep our pressure on the caretaker government to prepare a flawless

voters' list by simplifying the voters registration form. She also instructed law secretaries of all thana units of the party to make arrange-

ment of training for party workers and polling agents. Later, she announced that a meeting of the party's Central Working Committee would be held at 5 pm today at AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue. She also sought doa from all before going to Makkah on

April 23 for performing Hajj. Earlier, making brief speeches, party delegates from across the country demanded a fair selection process of party nominees for the upcoming parliamentary elections and urged the party chief to hold another extended meeting after finalising the nomina-

JP grand rally in city Apr 23

A grand rally of the Jativa Party will be held at Manik Mia Avenue in the city on April 23 demanding release of its Chairman Ershad. A joint meeting of JP and its front organisations yesterday reviewed the preparatory activities of the rally with the party Acting Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury in the chair. Representatives from Dhaka. Gazipur, Munshigani, Narsingdi, Narayanganj, Jamalpur, Mymensingh. Tangail Kishoreganj. Netrakona, Brahmanbaria and Comilla attended the meeting, said a press release, reports UNB.

Taka devalued From Page 1

Taka 41,60.

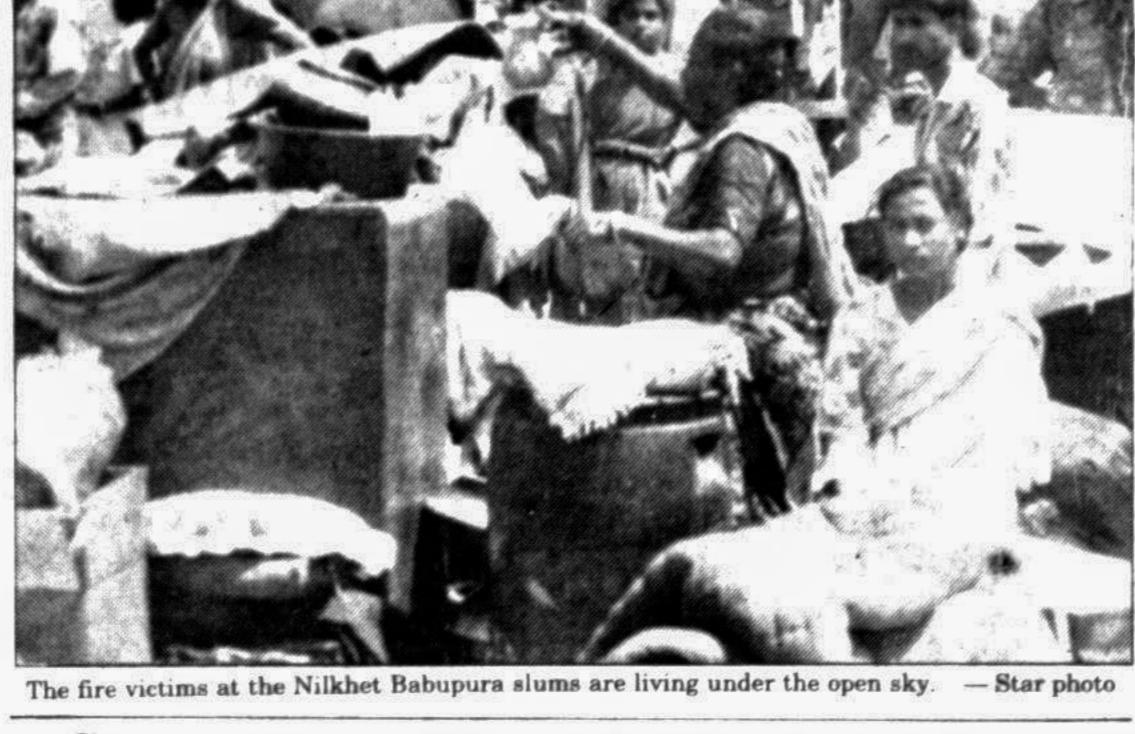
sixth in the current fiscal year der the caretaker government, a unit of greenback has become 0.60 per cent costlier against the Taka.

This downward revision was made to adjust with the changes in exchange rate rela-

the neighbouring country's currency was considered by the country's exporters as a major obstacle in maintaining competitive edge.

made on April, 8 1996, when the Taka was adjusted downward by 0.50 poisa. Following revaluation of the Taka by 15 poisa on March 7, 1995, it was devalued thrice earlier by 15 poisa against the dollar on September 12, 1995, 25 poisa on October, 1995 and 25 poisa on January 8, 1996.

During the last calendar year, the local currency was devalued by 1.61 per cent against the greenback compared to almost 14 per cent depreciation of the Indian Rupee and eight per cent devaluation of the Pakistani Rupee.



Gunmen kill 18 tourists in Cairo

CAIRO, Apr 18: Four attackers sprayed a crowd of tourists with gunfire at a hotel near the pyramids today slaughtering 18 and wounding 20 in the worst massacre of foreigners in four years of unrest in Egypt, reports AFP.

Three gunmen armed with Kalashnikovs and a woman with a revolver fired on the holidaymakers at point blank range outside the Europea Hotel on the road leading to the Giza pyramids on the outskirt of Cairo.

Most of the casualties in the carnage were Greek tourists on a visit to Middle East holy sites, the official news agency

MENA said.

15 hurt as JCD, BCL clash

By Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: At least 15 persons were injured in a clash between the supporters of the JCD and BCL in Mirersharai bazar area this

afternoon, police sources said. The injured were admitted to local health complex. Both the groups used firearms and exploded cocktails during the

clash, police said.

Police fired five blankshots and resorted to lathicharge to disperse the clashing groups who fought for an hour from 1

Both the JCD and BCI blamed each other for the

Water issue major hurdle in promoting ties with Dhaka, says Pranab

AGARTALA, Apr 18: The Indian External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee today said that sharing of Ganges water was the major hurdle in the improvement of the bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh, reports PTI.

Mukherjee told a press conference here today that the issue of rail communication through Bangladesh to link and locked Tripura was taken up by him in 1993. But Bangladesh had ruled out any discussion on any issue unless the Ganges water issue was re solved.

problem with Bangladesh could be solved by bilateral discussions, he said and added that if trade and commerce between the two countries could be improved it would benefit both the coun-

Two killed, 10 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least two persons died and ten others injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

An unknown male who was crushed under the wheels of a truck near Sutrapur bridge at 2 am yesterday, died in the morning at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Abul Hossen, 35, resident of

Bhasantek area was pronounced dead by DMCH doc tors when he was brought with serious injuries he received after falling from a tree.

Three persons were admitted to the DMCH with bullet wounds. They sustained injuries during a clash in Sutrapur Sweeper Colony area. They are Anwar Hossen, 25, Babu. 26, Mazharul Islam, 28.

One shot dead by muggers in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: One

person was shot dead and another injured by muggers while snatching money in Darogarhat area under Doublemooring thana this evening police and hospital sources The dead was identified as

Hasibur Rahman 2 4, and the injured was Sayeed Mohammad 20. Sayeed was admitted to the

Chittagong Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds. Doublemooring police could not give details till writing of this report at night.

One held with fake notes

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: A special team of the Criminal (CID) seized 50 fake notes of Taka 500 denomination each from one Fazal Ahmed from a city hotel here today, reports

According to a CID press release the team raided Cafe Madina Hotel and Restaurant at Bahadderhat and arrested Fazal Ahmed with counterfeit notes of Taka 25,000.

The arrested person confessed to the police that he is an active member of the gang of fake note traders.

He was handed over to the Chandgaon police. A case was filed in this connection and further investigation is on.

20. from Hasnabad area under Keranigani thana were admitted to the DMCH. They were injured in a clash between two groups of terrorists in the area Rubel, 18, was injured when terrorists threw a pow-

Shamim, 18, and Kausar

erful bomb at Dhania Bazar. Terrorists beat up Giasuddin, a shop owner of Peer Yameni Market, in afternoon in front of Baitul Mukarram Mosque

It was learnt that some mastans had claimed a big amount of money as toll and he had refused to pay.

Local mastans beat up Nazrul, 16, an employee of a grill shop in Jatrabari area. He was admitted to DMCH with serious injury

Haider Ali a guard of a gar ments factory located at the Tejgaon Industrial Area was seriously beaten up by a group of terrorists when he prevented them from entering the

DEOs asked to update voters' list in 5 days

has directed district election officers to make the voters' list uptodate through new enroll ment, correction and cancellation within the next five days a Commission press release said last night, reports BSS.

tion, the assistant registration officers have been asked to use the mass circulated media of their respective areas, and is necessary, by beating drums for updating the voters list. The assistant registration

officers have been advised to contact their respective district election officers for acinvestigation Department quisition of voters list and any other related matters. For expediting the process, the offices of the district election of ficers and the assistant registration officers shall remain open today (Friday).

said that due to shortage of time and in the interest of taking quick steps, the assistant registration officers would visit all unions and wards of their respective jurisdiction from Saturday to Tuesday to receive applications for fresh enrollment or correction or cancellation of names from the voters list on the basis of onthe-spot verifications.

The Election Commission

According to the instruc-

The Election Commission

AL draft polls manifesto

Hasina listened to problems

and prospects of the party's field-level units from the party leaders who came from districts and thanas. She gave them some tips to counter political opponents' propaganda against AL Earlier, a report on party

activities since the last extended meeting held on January 27 was presented by party General Secretary Zillur Rah-

The meeting began an hour behind the scheduled time of 10 am with recitations of verses from religious holy books and reading out of a list of obituary references by party's Joint Secretary Abdul Jalil. The participants in the meeting also kept standing and observed one minute's silence in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives during the "two-year movement for establishing peoples' rights.

The 21-point AL draft manitesto pledges to arrest 'deteriorating' law and order with a heavy hand and launch a 'war' against corruption at all levels of the administration. It also pledges providing subsidy to agriculture sector, setting up of agro-based industrial units with scope for large scale employment generation, separation of the judiciary from the executive, depoliticisation of the administration, autonomy to electronic media and privatisation of the Trust newspapers and the state-run news agency.

Besides, the AL manifesto stressed among other issues. decentralisation of the administration by establishing strong elected local bodies at district, thana and union levels, introduction of Kudrat-e-Khuda education commission report. setting up health complexes in every union, prioritisation of

female education, repeal of the Enemy Property Act, development of physical infrastructures, revival of the spirit of liberation war and 'Bangalee nationalism,' modernisation of the armed forces and pursuing a foreign policy on the basis of friendship to all and malice to

Elaborating the issue of independence of the judiciary, the AL president said that during her recent talks with the Resident Representative of the World Bank in Dhaka they had "already sought financial support from the Bank to meet the enormous cost of separating the judiciary from the executive.

Responding to queries from the delegates. Hasina said if voted to power, her party would realise the just share of the Ganges water from India and the country's dues from Pakistan. She sought suggestions in writing from the party rank and file which might be incorporated in the manifesto.

The AL chief told party leaders of grassroots level: "They (opponents) propagate that if people cast votes for AL, the country would be sold out to India. But, you must try to make people understand that they, not we, had compromised our sovereignty by making Bangladesh a market for Indian products. Khaleda (former prime minister) had signed a joint communique during her trip to India allowing it to push back Indians into Bangladesh."

"Just compare the trade balance of Bangladesh and India during our time and during BNP's period. Tell people that if they want Bangladesh to come out of India's influence. they can easily prefer to cast votes for AL:" "The party which brought

freedom for the nation can

never ever compromise the independence and sovereignty of the country," the AL chief emphasised.

On the much-debated issue of Treaty of Friendship with India, the AL president told the partymen, "Please, throw challenges to them who term this a treaty of slavery to find out any clause of the treaty which seems to be contrary to national interest. Moreover, have already announced it that there is no need to renew the treaty under the changing situation, particularly after the establishment of SAARC and SAPTA.

She also advised them to report about 'fake voters' in the voters' list and said. "I had talks with Barrister Ishtiag. adviser of the caretaker government, just a while ago and informed him of our concern for updating of the list." Turning to 'corrupt prac-

tises' by those in the 'fallen regime'. Hasina said the Chief Adviser was not allowing probe into those by repealing the 'black law' that barred the Bureau of Anti-Corruption from making such probe. She also demanded probe

into the 'political killings' over the last two years, gearing up of arms recovery drive and removal of all political appointees forthwith from government jobs. Hasina also drew a comparison between the situation in various sectors now and during Police said a gang of dacoit

the AL rule. The literacy rate was 26 per cent in 1975, which increased by only four per cent now; only 49 per cent people used to live under poverty line then as against 86 per cent now, the number of landless has increased from 37 per cent to 70 per cent now and that of jobless has increased to 50 per cent new from only 15 per cent during AL rule, she said.

Keeping of SC judges' posts vacant challenged

By SC Correspondent

A writ petition has been filed before the High Court Division challenging the withholding of appointments or keeping of the existing posi tions of judges of the Supreme Court vacant by the executive of the Republic

Dr Mohiuddin Farroque. Secretary General of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA). filed the writ yesterday against the Secretary. Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs representing the Government of Bangladesh.

The petition prayed for a rule nist calling upon the respondent to show cause as to why the withholding of and/or failure to appoint judges to all the vacant positions of both the Divisions of the Supreme Court shall not be declared ultra virus to the Constitution and law and, as such, the same is arbitrary, malafide and without any lawful authority.

The petitioner also sought for a direction to fill up all the vacancies to the positions of judges immediately.

The petition referred to the reports published in The Daily Star and the Sangbad on April 4 last, it was said that 13 judges positions out of 40 in the High Court Division and one out of five positions in the Appellate Division are lying vacant, whereas, about 72,000 cases in the High Court Division and around 2,000 cases in the Appellate Division remain pending.

Nari Samaj's memo to Chief Adviser

By Staff Correspondent

A delegation of the Sammilito Nari Samaj called on the head of the caretaker government at his office Wednesday says a press release. In a memorandum pre

sented to Chief Adviser Habibur Rahman during the meeting, the representatives of Nari Samaj urged him to expedite the trials of those involved in Yasmin's murder last year and the subsequent killings of civilians in Dinapur Besides, Nari Samaj requested the Chief Adviser to

bar war criminals and rapists

of the 1971 Liberation War

loan-defaulters, owners of bla

ck-money, religious fanatics

and oppressors of women from participating in the general The delegates further asked the Chief Adviser to ensure a congenial atmosphere for women voters, during the forthcoming polls so they may cast their votes freely and to cancel polls in areas where

exercising their franchise. Among other things, the memorandum also called for the withdrawal of charges of sedition against late Jahanara Imam and 24 others.

women are prevented from

The Chief Adviser discussed in details with the delegation their demands and assured them that he would take necessary steps to expedite the Yasmin murder trial, the press release said.

The Nari Samaj delegation comprised Salma Sobhan Shirin Akhter, Farida Akhter, Nayla Khan. Sultana Akhter Rubi, Fauzia Khondokar, Khaleda Khatun, Shima Das, Natasha Ahmed, Shaheen Anam, Afroza Ruby and Shahnaz Shu

Hearing of Ershad's appeals May 5

The two appeals filed by former president Hossain Mohammad Ershad against the judgements of the special division judge and special tribunal Dhaka, in the two corruption cases will come up for hearing before a division bench of the High Court division on May 5, reports BSS.

In one of the two corruption cases. Ershad was convicted and sentenced to three years simple imprisonment on February 3, 1992 under the Prevention of Corruption Act for amassing wealth amounting Tk. 1,90,81,565 beyond his known source of income. The judgement was passed by special division judge Mohammad Ali Khan.

In another corruption case known as Janata Tower Case Ershad, Begum Roushan Ershad and six others were convicted and sentenced to 7 years simple imprisonment by the Special Judge, Dhaka, on charges of corruption and abuse of power of June 7.

8 dacoits caught red handed in Comilla COMILLA, Apr 18: Eight da-

coits were caught red handed while they were preparing to commit a dacoity at Sheluri village of Chowddogram thana in the district in the early hours today, reports UNB.

numbering about 17 to 18

were planning to raid the resi

dence of Tajul Islam of the vil-Sensing the presence of the miscreants, villagers gheraoed ities which will destabilise the the dacoits and apprehended eight of them. They also recovered a pipe gun with three

bullets from their possession. Fifteen people, including eight dacoits, were injured the press briefing. during the melee.

Line-Vidnight-Wife Clinton in Russia for N-safety summit

ST PETERSBURG, Russia. Apr 18: US President Bill Clinton arrived in Russia today for a two-day nuclear safety summit in Moscow with other world leaders. Clinton's plane touchecl down at St Petersburg Airport at 10:25 pm (1825 Gmt), reports Reuter.

adviser

F-16s: Pakistan may take US to court

ISLAM. ABAD. Apr 18: Pakistan may take the United States to court to settle a dispute over a failed deal to sell F-16 fighter jets to Islamabad, the foreign secretary said today, report s AP.

There is a legal option

here and all ways of resolving

this are being considered.

Foreign Secretary Najmuddin Sheikh told reporters. Although Pakistan several years ago paid for dozens of US-built F-16s, the United States, which later halted the

sale, has yet to return the money or deliver the planes. Sheikh was responding to recent reports that Pakistan might file a case against the United States at the International Court of Justice at The

Hague over the F-16 deal. The US Congress in 1990 introduced legislation that blocked the sale of military hardware to Pakistan because of suspicions Islamabad was developing nuclear weapons.

A deal for 71 F-16 fighter jets was thwarted due to the punitive congressional mea-

"We either want to get the planes, or get the money for hem Sheikh said

Eight projects From Page 1

ings in Rajshahi Division, Taka 31 crore and 86 lakh for

establishing satellite schools Taka 139 crore and 55 lakh for rehabilitation of the exist ing gas turbine power station at Haripur and Taka 22 crore for maintenance and rehabilitation of silos in Dhaka Chittagong, Narayangani Ashugani and Santahar. Besides, Taka 170 crore

have been earmarked for University Grants Commission and development of universities. Taka 7 crore and 50 lakh for expansion of pisciculture at Thana levels and Taka 11 crore for rehabilitation of the railways. At the out set of the meet ing, the Chief Adviser under-

lined the importance of eco-

nomic discipline side by side

with maintenance of law and

order for a healthy and strong

economic condition in the country. He stressed for austerity and bringing dynamism in the economic activities of the country. Habibur Rahman said the main objective of the caretaker government was to hold a free and fair elections. "But we also

want to present a stable eco-

nomic system to the next

elected government," he ad-

Power crisis

From Page 1

less power against its capacity of 196 MW while the Haripur centre remains closed during the off-peak hours. It operates only in the peak hours.

According to the PDB, out

of the present generation capacity of 2229 MW, the total gas-based generation capacity is 1720 MW. "As the gas supply has fallen, naturally the power generation has been affected. said an official Two gas pipelines — the Ashuganj-Bakhrabab Gas

Pipeline and the Belabo-Nars-

ingdi Gas Transmission Line will augment gas supply to the power-generation system when they will be completed in mid-1997. Till then, said a senior official, the scarcity of gas will continue and some urgent interim measures should be

Train accident

taken to meet the present re-

quirement of power shortage

which is seriously affecting in-

dustry and irrigation.

know.

From Page 1 some 240 kms (150 miles) from Lucknow, the capital of the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, the news agency said PTI quoting officials said the Gorakhpur-Gonda passenger train was en route to Luc-

The victims included railway employees. The injured were rushed to a railway hospi tal and other hospitals in the district, the news agency said. Police and railway officials had reached the site of the ac-

cident, PTI said. It was the worst railway accident in India since last August, when 350 people were killed when one train crashed into another at Ferozabad in the same state, near the

tourist town of Agra.

Salam

From Page 1 The BNP leader said: "The

main task of the caretaker government is to run the country impartially during the interim period and hold a free and fair election. He requested the govern ment to refrain from any activ-

situation. BNP office secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, former mayor Mirza Abbas and former MP Afzai H Khan were present at

Transfer

From Page 1 Deputy Commissioner Md Abdul Hug in the Ministry of

Cultural Affairs as cultural

Besides, the government

has transferred Madaripur Deputy Commissioner Md Moslem to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. Rangamati Deputy Commissioner Md Kamaluddin to the Roads and Railways Division. Moulvibazar Deputy Commissioner Md. Abdul Matin to the Ministry of Industries, Khulna Deputy Commissioner Md. Mujibur Rahman to the office of the Chief Adviser, Jessore Deputy Commissioner Mohammad Ali Akhand to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Ministry of Industries Deputy Secretary Abu Zafar to the Ministry of Cabinet Division, OSD in the Establishment Ministry Md Shaheb Ali Mridha to the Ministry of Land and Natore Deputy Commissioner Azizuddin Ahmed as Director in the

Bank looted in Mirersharai

BCS (Administration) Academy

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: A group of gunmen attacked the branch of the Agrani Bank in Dargapur area under Mirersharai and looted a cash of Tk 1 76,000 after confining the staff into a room at noon today. Police said the gunmen

hurried with the cash. The gunmen also opened gun fire at the time of fleeing. police said.

reached there by a microbus

barged into the bank and fled

JCD leader

From Page Dal (JCD) unit. Police sources said Mizan

fied group on Tuesday night. Mizan, son of Zafar Ahmed Siddiqui of village Mirzanagar under Begumganj thana in Noakhali district, shared a room, with his friend Babu, on the first floor in the tin-shade

was murdered by an unidenti-

house of one Shahjahan. The room was locked since early Tuesday night. Yesterday morning, the neighbours informed Teigaon police after getting a bad smell from the house. Police entered the room breaking the lock and found Mizan lying dead on his

Babu remained absconding

since Tuesday night, police

Other than a mark of injury on his eyebrow, police could not trace any other wounds on the decomposed body of

Zakir Hossein, elder brother of Mizan, filed a case with Teigaon Thana in this regard. None was arrested so far. Meanwhile, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman and GS Khairul Kabir Khokan, JCD president Fazlul Haq Milan and

secretary Nazimuddin Alam in

separate statements last night

condemned the killing and al-

leged that a terrorist group backed by Chhatra League had killed Mizan, convenor of JCD Polytechnic Institute unit

They demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the persons responsible for the

ESCAP survey

From Page 1 About the performance of the economy in 1995, the ESCAP survey said GDP grew by five per cent in 1995 from 4.6 per cent in the previous year and remained below the target of seven per cent

growth which remained at 2.6 per cent against 1.8 per cent in 1994. Growth in the industrial sector of 8.2 per cent in 1995 was slightly less than the 8.5

needed for poverty alleviation.

drought hit the agricultural

Fertiliser crisis and the

Small-scale industries registered a strong growth of 13 per cent, but large-scale enterprises, like textiles and chemicals, were less dynamic.

per cent in 1994, the survey

Unesco office From Page

it added.

the main mission of the Unesco office in Dhaka would be to contribute towards sustainable human development in a culture of peace, tolerance, democracy and human rights, through programmes and projects in the organisation's fields of competence. Unesco Dhaka will work in

close collaboration with its

headquarters and field offices

and liaise with the Bangladesh

National Commission for

Unesco, the government and the relevant public and private institutions including NGOs. The main focus of activities through its Dhaka office in the near future will continue to be

on the promotion of education for all, sciences in the service of development, preservation of cultural heritage and sociocultural values, creativity. communication and free flow of information, the press release added.

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