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Chittagong port and 850 kilo-

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last night said that the cy-

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sify further and move in a

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Sea will remain very rough.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and

Mongla have been advised to

keep hoisted local cautionary

trawlers over north Bay have

been advised to keep close to

the coast so as to take shelter

Khaleda urges newsmen

Remain alert to

prevent recurrence

of June 16 event

Khaleda Zia yesterday called

upon the people, particularly

the journalists and newspa-

permen, to remain alert to

prevent recurrence of the

event of June 16, 1975, re-

said, the then one-party BKSAL government banned all but four

newspapers through an ordi-

nance to "conceal its repres-

sive policy, terrorism, misrule

and acts of snatching people's

gling people's right to express

opinion in such a heinous way

"We don't know of stran-

democratic rights."

On this day in 1975, she

BNP Chairperson Begum

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### **Sec** 144 in Shailkupa

From Our Correspondent JESSORE, June 15: Section 144 was imposed in Shailkupa thana today following a series of clashes between rival politi cal activists. The TNO of Shailkupa said Section 144 was imposed to restore nor malcy. At least 25 persons were injured in clashes in the past few days.

### 2 bodies recovered in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET June 15: Two bod ies were recovered in Gowainghat thana vesterday Police recovered the body of an unidentified man from the Tikka char of Dakshin Protappur under Bashchim Jafflong union. Tough the identity of the victim could not yet be ascertained. Police and some local people suspect that the body might be of a businessman from Sunamgani who had been missing for the last few days.

### **UN arms inspectors** leave Iraq today

BAGHDAD, June 15: UN arms inspectors lifted their five-day vigil outside three Iraqi weapons sites they had been barred from entering and will leave Iraq Sunday, a UN official said today, reports AFP.

### 16 killed in Pak bus accident

ISLAMABAD, June 15: A broken axle sent a packed commuter bus skidding off a busy highway in northern Pakistan, killing 16 passengers and leaving more than a dozen others injured, state-run media reported today. The driver lost control of the bus when its front axle broke and the vehicle's nose slammed into the road, the official Associated Press of Pakistan reported, says AP.

# President tells Western diplomats

# New govt to be installed as soon as process completed

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday told foreign diplomats that he would not spare a single moment to install the people's representatives in government in accordance with the constitutional provisions as soon as the process is completed, reports

President Biswas was talking to the Ambassadors of various countries who called on him at Bangabhaban. US Ambassador to Bangladesh David N Merrill led the delegation.

The other members of the team were Peter J Fowler. British High Commissioner. Raffaele Miniero, Ambassador of Italy, Kenneth William Aspinal, Australian High Commissioner. Robert A Vornis. Ambassador of the Netherlands, Bjorn Sternby, Ambassador of Sweden, and Michael

MANCHESTER, June 15: A

car exploded in central Man-

chester Saturday morning.

injuring at least 206 people. The blast followed a coded

telephone warning, and Prime Minister John Major said it

appeared to be the work of the

Police set off a second ex-

plosion at about 1 pm (1200

GMT) to neutralise a suspect

package, but it proved not to

squad officers were respond

ing to an alert, police said

They did not confirm reports

that the warning included an

Irish Republican Army code

is the heart of the city shop-

ping area, the whole side, the

gable end, has jüst been blown

away." said Gary O'Neil of the

also, the tower block, the glass

has been scattered over a large

area. It's a strange scene at the

moment." O'Neil told Sky

Television. He said the brigade

was dealing with several small

the work of the IRA," Major

natics and, as (Irish Prime

Minister John Bruton has al-

said in London.

"This explosion looks like

"It is the work of a few fa-

Empowerment of women

specially in the various tiers of

administration and local gov-

ernment bodies at village,

thana and district levels was

identified as a priority concern

of women's movements in

sion on "State of Women's

Movement in SAARC

Daily Star at a city hotel yes-

terday. The seminar was par-

ticipated by women members

of the SAARC non-governmen-

tal election observer delega-

tion and a select group of

women activists and NGO rep-

resentatives from Bangladesh.

and was moderated by The

Daily Star editor Mahfuz Anam.

stressed the need for network-

ing amongst the women ac-

tivists and organisations in

South Asia to exchange ideas.

share information and capitu-

late progress made in their re-

Although constitutions of

most of countries in the region

guarantee equal rights for

women and the countries are

signatories to the UN

spective countries

The participants also

Countries" organised by The

SAARC countries.

"Several buildings around

Manchester Fire Brigade.

The Arndale Centre, which

The car exploded as bomb

RA. report Agencies.

be a bomb

Drury, Amba ssador and head of delegation of the European

Commission. President Biswas told the envoys "you all are our very good friends, you all have been our proven friends in need and our valuable development

# Repolling schiedule

Repolling in 122 centres of 27 constituencies in 13 districts where votings on June 12 were marred by untoward incidents will be held on June 19, reports UNB.

Polling wild start at 8 am and continue till 4 pm without break, the Election Commission said announcing the repolling schedule yesterday.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday.

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206 hurt in Manchester

car bomb explosion

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does here," Major said.

lute revulsion in Ireland as it

Sinn Fein, was barred from

Northern Ireland peace talks

that began this week because

the IRA has refused to restore

the cease fire it ended in

Indian EC ready

to hold mid-term

polls any time

India's polls panel chief said

today that he was ready to hold

early elections to the national

parliament "any time", the

Press Trust of India (PTI) re-

Commissioner TN Seshan, who

is due to retire in November.

was quoted as telling reporters

in Calcutta city. "The Election

was not clear if the govern

ment or any political party 'nad

urged him to consider organis-

ing another round of general

elections, with a whopping

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Seshan's remarks came

mid-term polls any time.

600 million voters.

Commission is ready to hold

He did not elaborate, and it

Election

ported, says AFP.

Chief

NEW DELHI, June 15

The IRA's political wing.

A delegation of the ambassadors of Western countries led by US Ambassador in Bangladesh David N Merrill called on

partners. Observers from your countries already have seen massive participation in the elections.

He noted with satisfaction that the June 12 election was highly participated by the people of all walks of life with enthusiasm. "The results of the election should be accepted in good grace," said the Presi-

Biswas said he would be delighted to see that a new government is formed in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and there will be no delay in completing the process towards that end.

The members of the delegation appreciated President Biswas for playing a key role in resolving the political crisis through the holding of general election in a free, fair and impartial manner.

"Sinn Fein have been clam-

oring to attend the Northern

Ireland peace talks which be-

gan last week. If they are really

serious about wanting peace

they must condemn this act

and demand an unequivocal

IRA cease fire now." Major

railway stations were closed,

and the city centre was closed

them suffering from glass

wounds, were taken to Manch-

ester Royal Infirmary, said

tion, including a pregnant

woman, and 10 had serious

treating 21 people, including

injuries, the hospital said.

two with major injuries.

many and Russia

rush hour.

Four were in critical condi-

Another hospital said it was

Hundreds of soccer fans are

Manchester, 180 miles

in Manchester for Sunday's

Euro '96 championship tour

nament match between Ger

northwest of London, was the

target of Irish Republican

Army bombing on December 3

1992. More than 60 people

were injured by flying glass

and debris when two bombs

exploded during a weekday

spokesman Richard Emmett.

off following the blast.

Manchester's two main

Sixty-nine people, most of

# AL candidate in B'baria-1 declared elected

Awami League candidate M Sayedul Haque was yesterday declared unofficially elected from Brahmanbaria-1 constituency, further raising the AL strength, reports UNB.
The Election Commission

yesterday announced that the AL nominee secured 33,364 votes against 28.280 polled by his nearest rival M Ahsanul Hague of the Jatiya Party in the June 12 general election.

Results of the votings for the JS seat were withheld for "legal complexity."

With this the Election Commission so far has announced the unofficial results of 273 constituencies. The latest party positions are as fol-

- PID photo

Invite AL to

form govt, JP

urges President

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Party (JP) in a

written statement last night

urged the President to extend

invitation to Awami League

(AL) chief Sheikh Hasina to

The statement also men-

It was issued in the names

The statement said For

tioned that a copy of it was be-

ing forwarded to the Presi-

of acting Chairman of JP Miza

nur Rahman Chowdhury and

Secretary General Anwar Hos-

stable democratic, social and

political order we shall extend

support to the party obtaining

the highest number of seats in

In the interest of democ-

release of party

Senior presid

racy and rule of law JP de-

Chairman HM Ershad who has

been elected from five seats.

Meanwhile , a Presidium

meeting of the JP was held last

night. The meeting that began

at 9:30 at the residence of

Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury

was attended by Begum Rou-

shan Ershad, Moudud Ahmed

Kazi Zafar Ahmed. Shah Moaz

zem Hussain and Anwar Hos

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Awami League Jatiya Party Jamaat-e-Islami JSD (Rab) Islami Oikva Jote Independent

# AL to consult all parties in forming govt: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina said yesterday although her party emerged as the largest party in the June 12 elections it would form the country's next government taking all other parties into confidence.

"Even if Awami League gains absolute majority when the results of re-polling in 27 constituencies billed for June 19 are announced, we will consult all in forming the government". Hasina said at a meeting with journalists at the Jatiya Press Club last night.

Terming the June 19 reelections in certain centres in 27 Jatiya Sangsad Constituencies very crucial, Hasina expressed the hope that her party, which already bagged 134 seats out of 273 results of which were announced till yesterday, would gain absolute majority.

In reply to a question she said. We are ready to talk with

any party whether it is Jamaat or BNP or Jatiya Party, because our aim is to do good to the people." See Page 12 Col 1



Sheikh Hasina

# army officers dismissed, four others retired

Seven army officers have been dismissed and four others compulsorily retired on charge of their links with the May 20 trouble in the Bangladesh Army, reports UNB.

taken against the officers, including former Army Chief Lt Gen ASM Nasim. on the basis of the recommendations of the Court of Enquiry constituted to probe the May 20 incidents, according to Defence Ministry notifications issued yesterday.

"Considering the participa-tion and role of the accused ofing the netifications.

Those dismissed are Lt Gen ASM Nasim, Bir Bikram, PSC, Maj Gen Muhammad Ainuddin. Bir Protik, PSC, Maj Gen Gholam Helal Morshed Khan, Bir Bikram, PSC. Brig KM Abu Bakr, Bir Protik, PSC, Brig Fazlur Rahman, PSC, Brig Mohammad Zillur Rahman, PSC and Brig Shafi Mohammad Mehbub, PSC.

Maj Gen Syed Muhammad Ibrahim, Bir Protik, AWC, PSC.

The measures have been

ficers in the War of Liberation. this minimum penalty under the proviso of the Army Act was awarded," said ISPR quot-

Brig Mohammad Azizul Haque PSC. Lt Col Anisul Haque Mridha and Major Syed Mah-mud Hasan, PSC, have been sent into forced retirement. The dismissal and retire-

# ment took effect since June 14, 1996. Suu Kyi defies ban

YANGON, June 15: Pro-

She criticised the ban as

was the second weekend

The military has not moved

The one-hour meeting today was peaceful, and there was no intervention by au

blue jacket, with a garland of flowers in her hair. Suu Kyi told a cheering crowd of some 4,500 that while her party agreed with the law in theory it could be misinterpreted and misused.

"For the emergence of a

# for second time multi-party democratic system there should be less restric-

democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi defied the military government's ban on her ral lies for the second time today. addressing a crowd of several thousand supporters outside her home, reports AP.

detrimental to the emergence of a multiparty democracy and to the peaceful transfer of power from the military to the

gathering at her home since the announcement June 7 of a sweeping law that allows the military to hand out jail terms of up to 20 years and confis cate property of anyone threatening the stability of the

to suppress the now regular weekend meetings. In turn, Suu Kyi, 1991 winner of the Nobel Prize, has softened her attacks against the ruling generals who recently arrested 262 of her supporters.

Dressed in a traditional

tions and people should be allowed to take part in political activities freely," she said. Suu Kyi said that her

National League for Democracy has never done anything to "endanger law and order, peace and tranquility or ma tional reconsolidation. The law bans public meet

ings, demonstrations and expressions aimed at undermining law and order. It also prohibits the writing of a state constitution and any attempts to derail work of the ongoing National Convention.

#### Airbus A-310 plane joins Biman fleet An Airbus joined the fleet of

Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday under the national flag-carrier's modernisation programme, reports UNB. Syed Manzur Elahi, Adviser

for Civil Aviation and Tourism. formally received the airbus A310-300 as it flew in the Zia international Airport yesterday morning. Adviser for Finance and

Planning Dr Wahiduddin Mahmood and Managing Director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Omar Farooque, among others, were present on the occasion. Biman will get another Air

bus of this type by August next The wide-body twin-engine See Page 12 col 8

### in any civilised society," she See Page 12 col 7 Import orders decline

Import orders during the first ten months of the current fiscal year marked a decline over the corresponding period of last year, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Bank said yesterday import LCs (letters of credit) worth about Tk 22,191 crore were opened by authorised dealer banks during July '95-April '96 period, registering a 0.14 per cent drop from

last year's mark. The decline in import LCs is apparently a fallout of central bank's recent verbal advice to commercial banks, given amidst drop in foreign exchange reserve, to tighten control on the import of non-

essentials Value of LCs opened during the period for import of fabrics and accessories for the readymade garment sector was Tk 5,350 crore.

LCs opened for foodgrain import were worth Tk 2.050 crore while that for the import of capital machinery totalled Tk 1.864 crore.

# Voting starts in Russia

MOSCOW, June 15: Voting started in Russia's presidential elections late tonight (Sunday local time) as the first polling stations opened in the far east of the country, reports AFP. Polling started at 8:00 am

Sunday (1900 GMT Saturday). Western leaders have made little secret of their desire for president Boris Yeltsin's reelection and their fear of instability on the world stage if communists regain control of a country which still has a large arsenal of nuclear arms. Campaigning was banned on

Saturday so the contenders pulled out all the stops on Friday buying television time and using free air slots in their final appeals to an unpredictable electorate. Folk groups danced and

sang for liberal economist Grigory Yavliinsky while law and order General Alexander Leband and nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky stressed they had nothing in common with either the communists or the currents ruling elite.

# Property worth Tk 50 lakh gutted at Tongi Bazar

TONGI , June 15: Property worth about Tk 50 lakh were burnt in a devastating fire at Tongi Bazar Hawker's Market here early today, reports UNB. Police and Fire Brigade

sources said 44 shops of the market were gutted in the fire at about 2:55 am. The affected shops include grocery, readymade garments, shoes, book and cosmetics, shops. Firemen from headquarters

and Tongi rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire at about 5 in the morning after a two-hour frantic fight The cause of the fire and

ascertained immediately. Shopowners and hawkerleaders claimed that different kinds of goods, including a

extent of damage could not be

huge quantity of clothes, were looted by miscreants during

the fire.

# Daily Star discussion meetings with members of the SAARC polls observer team

# Women's representation at Increased flow of information all levels emphasised can foster greater cooperation

By Staff Corre spondent

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), there are still laws which discriminate women. The participants also pointed out that where there were laws against discrimination of women. This came out in a discus- those were rarely imple-

> They also highlighted the enactment of uniform family

> Pramila Dan Jawati, a member of Indian Farliament, said that women activists in India had to create constant pressure so that the political parties kept their election pledge of amending the constitution to provide 33 per cent of reserve seats for women in the Parliament.

> "Women seeking public office need to be trained properly as in most cases where the wives are elected, it is the husband who ruled by proxy. she added

Nirmala Buch, a former provincial secretary of India said that the constitutional amendment in her country in 1992 ensured one third of seats of the local self govern-

ment bodies for women members. Till the 80s, the percentage of women members of the local bodies never crossed the double digit, she added. Amrita Banhkota of Nepal

said that only five per cent of the seats of the Upper House of the Parliament was reserved for women, but nothing at the The constitution of Nepal guarantees equal rights and

clauses discriminatory against women," she added. Suprabha Ghimire, a Nepalese university professor said that since democracy was restored in her country in 1990, most of the last six years was spent in consolidating democracy and little time was

uniform civil codes with 23

left to discuss women's issues. The Nepalese Supreme Court gave a verdict to bring about new laws to ensure equitable property rights. A heated debate is going on in the country," she added. She also advocated for aboli-

tion of men's "automatic right

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Kamala Pant, a member of

to inherit property in Nepal.

A number of journalists from India, Pakistan and Nepal and local editors have expressed the view that introduction of new electronic media like internet and e-mail has opened up a new horizon in exchange of information among the members of the

They also observed that the SAARC was not making the desired progress because of various internalities and said that a people to people relationship based on a realistic globalised pattern of relationship could foster meaningful cooperation in the region. The journalists met in a

Daily Star discussion on "Problems of SAARC and Prospects of Journalism in South Asia" at a local hotel. Editor of The Daily Star. Mahfuz Anam moderated the

discussion meeting. Nikhil Chakravarty, an Indian columnist, said the main problem with the SAARC is that it has been given a status, but no power and as such it never discusses points of disputes among member states

By Staff Correspondent

He said because India is the biggest country in the region. any initiative taken by India attracts other states' suspicion which acts as a major problem On the other hand, when other states take any initiative. India becomés suspicious.

He said there has been restrictions imposed on SAARC journalists by the governments concerned and added that if journalists meet more frequently, there can be a common understanding of the problems and these can be solved.

He said journalists should go on exchange programmes among the member states and get attached to newspapers guests I A Rahman of Pakistan said the media is being used as a

tool of acrimony among the

states. "We are obsessed with the doings of the governments and ignoring the directives of change in the societies," he

He pointed out that newspapers in the SAARC countries cover more in distant lands that their neighbours. He suggested exchange

programmes of journalists, introduction of SAARC pages in newspapers and syndicated column services to promote exchanges of information beween the countries: Rahman also proposed

holding an annual meeting of SAARC journalists where the mediamen can "unburden themselves to pursue the ideas they agree." Ashish Nandy. Director of the Delhi-based Institute of

Development Studies, said the region is stuck up in a cycle of hostility that affects understanding between the SAARC member states. Ayaz Amir, a Pakistani journalists, said journalists are part of the social system and as

such there is no example that

journalists can spearhead any

change in the relationship between states He said unless the real problems of the regions are addressed to, there can not be

any cooperation at any level. M B Naqvi, another Pak-See l'age 12 Col 4