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**DSE MARKET**

DSE price index	967.70 (+0.90%)
Market capital Tk	6570.69 cr
Transactions in volume	290497
Transactions in value Tk	7.89 cr

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CSE price index	410.85 (+.44%)
Market capital Tk	3686.63 cr
Transactions in volume	14770
Transactions in value Tk	41.67 lakhs

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**NEWS BRIEFS**  
**Consultative body on NBR meets today**  
The 17th meeting of the consultative committee on National Board of Revenue will be held today to discuss the preparation of the national budget. Committee Chairman Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will preside over the meeting, reports UNB.  
**Talbot greets Samad Azad**  
Acting Secretary of State of the United States, Strobe Talbot has congratulated Abdus Samad Azad on his appointment as the Foreign Minister of Bangladesh. In a message to the Foreign Minister, the acting US Secretary of State said, "The recent national election reflects Bangladesh's commitment to the domestic values our nations share," reports BSS.

**Motia visits CSD of Food Dept**  
Begum Motia Chowdhury, Minister for Agriculture, Food, Disaster Management and Relief yesterday visited the central storage depot (CSD) of Food Department at Tejgaon in the city. She also addressed the officials and labourers of the CSD. She inspected the stock, supply and movement of the foodgrains, reports BSS.  
**ALPP meet July 6**  
An emergency meeting of the Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) will be held at the Sangsad Bhavan on July 6. Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting at the cabinet room of the Jatiya Sangsad at 7:15 pm. Chief Whip Abdul Hannan Abdullah has requested all ALPP members to attend the meeting on time, reports UNB.

**Aug 15 National Mourning Day**

## Ministers to submit property statement

The government yesterday declared August 15 as National Mourning Day, reports UNB. The day will be a public holiday, commemorating the death of country's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in a coup d'état. The decision was taken at a cabinet meeting, the second of the Awami League government, held in the cabinet room of the PM's office with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. "Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was brutally assassinated along with his family members" on this day way back in 1975, overthrowing the post-independence Awami League government. His two daughters — Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her sister Sheikh Rehana — survived the putsch as they were vacationing abroad at that time. The cabinet meeting also decided that the ministers and state ministers would submit their respective property statements. It was informed that despite the inception of parliamentary form of government in the country in 1991, the Rules of Business was not amended suiting the parliamentary form of government. The cabinet directed the concerned authorities to take emergency steps to make the Rules of Business suitable for parliamentary form of government. In another major decision, it directed the Food Ministry to constitute an inquiry committee to investigate and submit a brief probe report about the allegation of importing low-quality rice not suitable for human consumption during the tenure of BNP government. The meeting reviewed the overall economic situation of the country and decided to increase investment in the production-oriented sectors to ensure the optimum utilisation of limited resources. The cabinet also decided to identify the unproductive sectors for curtailment of expenditure. Ministers, state ministers in charge of different ministries, cabinet secretary, principal secretary to the Prime Minister and secretaries concerned were present at the meeting.

## AL nominates 27 for JS women's seats

By Staff Correspondent  
Awami League Parliamentary Board (ALPB) last night finalised the list of party nominees for elections in 27 out of 30 reserved seats for women in the Jatiya Sangsad. The Awami League earlier decided to share three reserved seats with the Jatiya Party. The ALPB did not nominate candidates for the reserve seats no. 17, 19 and 29, said a press release last night. The nominations were finalized at a meeting of the ALPB held at the office of Awami League Central Election Steering Committee (ALCESC) at Dhanmondi last night with party chief and Chairman of Board - Sheikh Hasina in the chair. The ALPB, earlier on Monday, took interview of 503 nomination seekers. It asked the nominees to be present at the ALCESC office at 9 am today and submit nomination papers to the Election Commission. Two hundred eighty four members of the Seventh Parliament will elect the 30 women MPs on July 7 as per the schedule announced earlier by the Election Commission. 27 AL candidates are: Bharati Nadi Sarker (seat no. 1-Panchagar, Thakurgaon and Dinajpur), Farida Rauf Asha (seat no. 2-Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur), Shahnaj Sarder (seat no. 3-Kurigram and Gaibandha), Quamrunnahar Putul (seat no. 4-Bogra and Joipurhat), Prof. Jannatul Ferdous (seat no. 5-Sirajganj and Pabna), Prof. Jinnatun Nesa Talukder (seat no. 6-Nawabganj and Rajshahi). See Page 12 col 7

## Floods occur as India opens gates of embankments, says Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia expressed deep concern at the suffering of lakhs of people and massive damage to standing crops caused by the flood onslaught, reports UNB. In a statement yesterday, the former prime minister said a serious flooding occurred in a number of districts as India opened the gates of embankments upstream the rivers and onrush of hill waters and torrential rain continued. In the mean time, she said, Bogra, Sirajganj, Pabna, Gaibandha, Kurigram, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Sylhet, Sathkhira and Khagrachhari districts have been hit hard by floods. Some 20 villages in Bogra and Sirajganj vanished. "As a result of the flood," Begum Zia said, "starving people are being seen in the flood-ravaged areas." See Page 12 col 8

## Indian Foreign Secy due in city Friday

Indian External Affairs Secretary Salman Haider arrives in the city on Friday to discuss bilateral issues with Bangladesh officials, reports UNB. The forthcoming visit by top official of the Indian Foreign Office is seen here as significant as it is taking place within a fortnight of installation of the new government. During his two-day visit, Salman Haider will discuss with his Bangladesh counterpart Farooq Sobhan the entire gamut of bilateral relations, officials said. The Indian Foreign Secretary will be the first foreign dignitary to visit Dhaka after installation of the Awami government. See Page 12 col 6

## Tk 9.5 lakh looted in city

By Staff Correspondent  
A gang of dacoits looted Tk 9.5 lakh and gold ornaments from a house at Segun Bagicha in the city yesterday. Three armed persons broke the grills and entered the residence of Nazrul Huq, son of Fazul Huq, at the ground floor of 6/5 Segun Bagicha under Ramna thana at around 3 am. Police said quoting the FIR filed by the victim with Ramna thana. They took away the money and gold ornaments at gun point. According to police, one person was picked up from the locality for interrogation. — Star photo



Dacoits looted valuables from a house and ransacked it at Segunbagicha in the city in the early hours of yesterday. — Star photo

## Maltese vessel, sea coaster yet to be salvaged

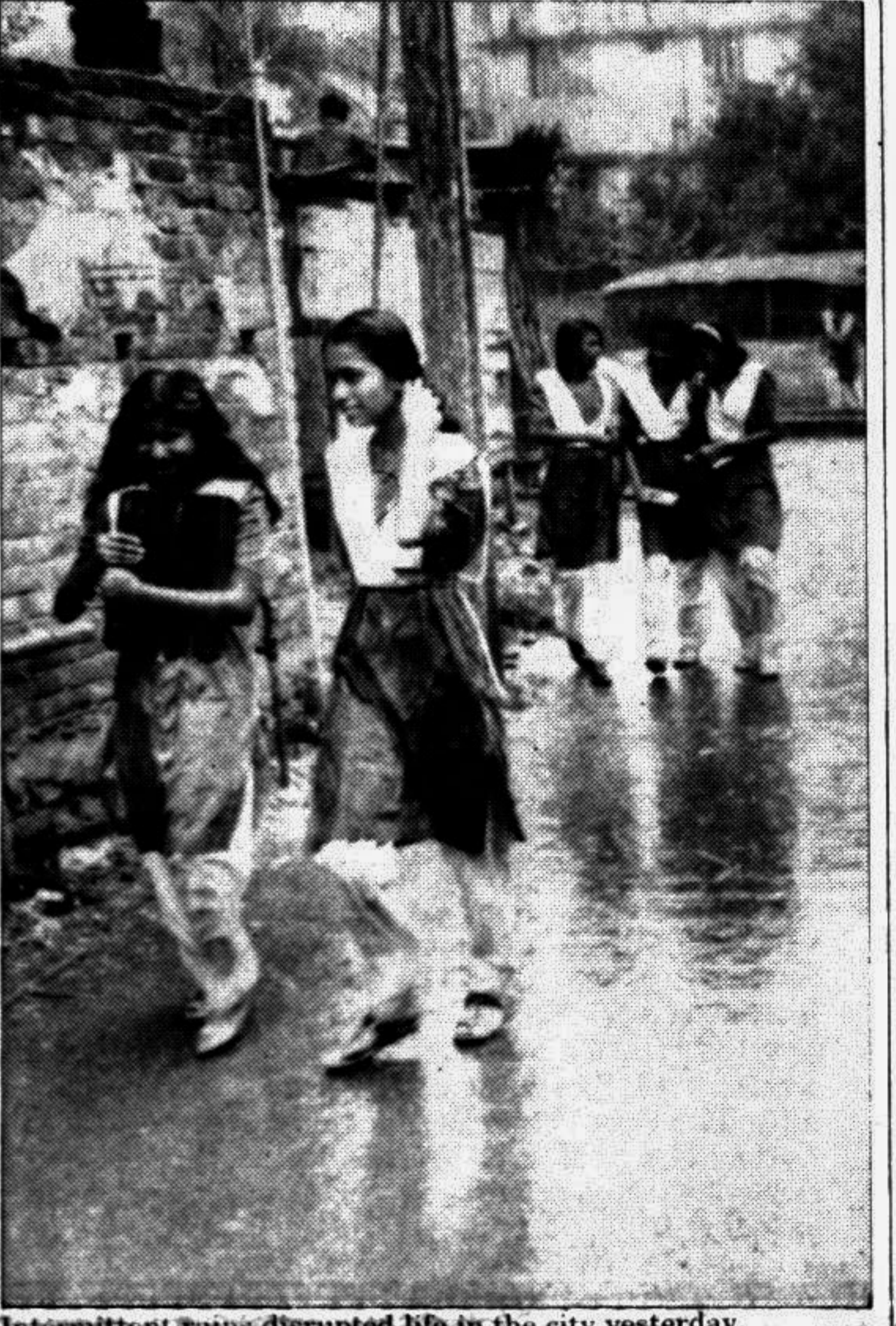
**Export from KAFSCO suspended**  
From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, July 2: The Maltese flag carrying vessel, MV Blue North and a private sea coaster which sank in the Karnaphuli river last week are yet to be salvaged. According to sources the salvage of the Maltese vessel which partially sank after hitting and damaging the KAFSCO jetty and the sea coaster, that went under water subsequently after collision with another sea coaster, is still uncertain due to lack of expertise and equipment. Meanwhile, the export of fertiliser from the KAFSCO remained suspended since June 25 as the ships could not enter the KAFSCO jetty following the damage cause to it by the Maltese vessel, an official source said. The export of fertiliser from KAFSCO cannot be resumed until the Maltese vessel is salvaged and the jetty repaired. However, the production in KAFSCO is continuing. When contacted, Port officials said, the owner of MV Blue had brought salvage experts from Holland and the vessel was expected to be salvaged shortly. Meanwhile, unloading of cement cargo was still continuing, they said. On the other hand, the owner of the private sea coaster has been asked by the Port Authority to salvage the sunken vessel within two months. Talking to this correspondent over telephone today, chairman of Chittagong Port Authority Captain Zahiruddin Mahmud said the enquiry regarding the sinking of the MV Blue North would be submitted within two days. However, there are speculations about the causes of the two accidents. Overdrafting of the Maltese vessel, faulty piloting, high speed and negligence of the crew are reportedly the causes of the accidents. The chairman of the port said, the MV Blue North had vaged shortly. Meanwhile, unloading of cement cargo was still continuing, they said. See Page 12 col 6

## Cabinet secy's service extended

By Staff Correspondent  
The contract service of Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman has been extended upto September 30 this year, said an official handout last night. Defence Secretary Abdul Hakim has been given one year extension. See Page 12 col 6

## Flood grips 14 dists

By Staff Correspondent  
Fresh areas in at least 14 districts of the country were inundated yesterday as major rivers marked a sharp rise due to incessant rains and onrush of hill waters from across the border. Vast areas in Pabna, Gaibandha, Jamalpur, Netrokona, Sherpur, Khagrachhari, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Sirajganj, Bogra and Sylhet are in the grip of flood. The Flood Information Centre yesterday said as the Meghna Basin experienced "very heavy rainfall" Monday and yesterday all the rivers in Greater Sylhet have marked sharp rise and some of them were flowing above danger level. As a result some more areas of Gowainghat, Golapganj, Baniachang, Kamalganj, Bishwanath, Companiganj, and Sylhet Sadar of Sylhet district, Chhatk, Doara Bazar, and Sunamganj Sadar of Sunamganj district, Kamalganj and Moulvibazar of Moulvibazar district, and Nabiganj, Ajmeerganj and



Intermittent rains disrupted life in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Baniachang of Habiganj district may be inundated in the next 24 hours. More low-lying areas of Sirajganj, Bogra are also likely to be inundated, it said. Incessant rainfall, onrush of water from the upper catchment and rise of water level in the river Jamuna worsened the flood situation in Bogra, inundating 15 villages in Sariakandi thana yesterday. According to Water Development Board, Jamuna and Bangali rivers were flowing just below their respective danger marks. Hundreds of homeless people have taken shelter on nearby flood control embankments. Meanwhile, more than 500 families lost their homesteads due to erosion by Jamuna in Muthurapara and Chandanbahisha areas during the last four days, officials said. Our Staff Correspondent from Sylhet says, non-stop rains and onrush of waters See Page 12 Col 3

## Rivers rise, depressions likely

One or two monsoon depressions are likely to be formed over the Bay of Bengal during the current month, weathermen predicted, reports UNB. A Met office long-range forecast issued in the city yesterday afternoon also said Chittagong Division is likely to experience the highest 650-700 mm rain against normal 690 mm and Khulna division 300-350 mm rain against normal 358 mm. Sylhet division may have 480-530 mm rain against normal 528 mm while Barisal 450-500 mm against normal 505 mm, Rajshahi 350-450 mm against normal 395 mm, Dhaka 340-390 mm against 386 mm. Meanwhile, some rivers in the Meghna and South Eastern Hill basins crossed their danger marks due to heavy downpour during the last 24 hours. See Page 12 col 8

## 5000 more HSC examinees expelled

By Staff Correspondent  
Started throwing stones in which the magistrate was injured. They allegedly demanded that the students be allowed to adopt unfair means in the examination. Soon afterwards, the police lathicharged the outsiders and fired shots into the air to disperse the mob. The incident left nearly 50 persons injured. In a similar incident in the Cox's Bazar government college, unruly outsiders allegedly assaulted an invigilator for expelling a student. They also smashed window panes and damaged furniture of the college. According to UNB, 38 examinees were expelled from eight centres of the district for adopting unfair means. Our Chandpur Correspondent reports, at least 30 persons, including police personnel and teachers, were injured when a group of expelled students and outsiders attacked the Chandpur Government College hall on the 2nd day yesterday of the HSC examination. Five of the injured were admitted to the Chandpur hospital and the Royal hospital. More than 20 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means in the examination. The students, along with outsiders, also ransacked the teachers' room, the library and the office room of the college. Our Staff Correspondent from Sylhet adds, Two magistrates were beaten up and two centres ransacked by the unruly examinees at Derai thana headquarters in Sunamganj district yesterday. See Page 12 col 1

## Directive to correct distorted facts in text books

Education Minister ASHK Sadek has directed the National Curriculum and Text Book (NCTB) authorities to take immediate steps to correct the distorted facts in the text books about the Liberation War and father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB. He was addressing a meeting of the specialists and officials of NCTB at the Ministry's conference room yesterday. There is allegation that the history of independence, Liberation War and the contri-

## AL conspiring to capture campus, alleges Noman

By Staff Correspondent  
BNP has charged the ruling Awami League with attempting to eliminate activists of the party and its front organisations through repression on them and by defaming the party leaders. The present government, in the name of containing terrorism, is oppressing its political opponents through various means but patronising the ruling party-backed terrorists in different parts of the country. BNP leaders alleged at a press briefing at the party's Kakrail office yesterday. BNP Joint Secretary General Abdullah Al Noman alleged that the ruling party has prepared a 'blueprint' to occupy different educational institutions and localities in Chittagong city. The notorious terrorists, including some accused in murder cases of greater magnitude, are being recruited See Page 12 Col 1

## Appointment of AG

**Govt seeks views of Bar Council, SC Bar**  
By Gobinda Chandra Tagore  
The government yesterday has sought suggestions from the Bangladesh Bar Council and the Supreme Court Bar Association on the appointment of attorney general. State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru yesterday invited the Bar Council and the SC Bar Association to suggest a panel of five advocates from among whom one would be appointed attorney general. Earlier, lawyers had reacted adversely and acting Chairman of the Bar Council had issued a statement resenting a government move in this regard. The statement was, however, withdrawn later. The Bar Council and the SC Bar yesterday began to collect opinions of senior members of the legal profession and would put forward their suggestion to the Law Ministry by noon today. Advocate Nazrul Islam Chowdhury, Secretary of the SC Bar, told The Daily Star, "It's for the first time the government desires to consult the Bar Council and the Supreme Court Bar on the appointment of attorney general and this should be appreciated." He said that Barrister Syed Ishaq Ahmed, who was law adviser in the last caretaker government, suggested inviting the former presidents of the SC Bar to a tea party to discuss the matter and have their views in this regard. The Secretary of the SC Bar also said that Dr Kamal Hossain would be invited to see Page 12 col 8

## Appeal cancelled

**Promotion of 3 dist judges has no legal effect**  
By SC Correspondent  
The promotion of three district judges to the posts of joint secretary in the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs has no legal effect as the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court has dismissed the government appeal against the High Court's judgement. On an application from the government, the Appellate Division on June 26 dismissed the appeal for non-prosecution, for which the HC judgement came into force since that day. A Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Naimuddin Ahmed and Justice Md Ruzul Amin, in a judgement on a writ petition filed by Md Aftabuddin, former Divisional Special Judge of Chittagong, declared the promotion of district judges to be void. See Page 12 col 8

## Tofael urges US to increase import of garments

US Ambassador David N Merrill called on Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed at his office in the city yesterday, reports UNB. Expressing his satisfaction over the US-Bangladesh trade relations, the minister said export to the USA, the largest importer of Bangladeshi goods, is going steadily. He urged the Ambassador to use his good office for an increased quantum of ready-made garments and knit-wear import from Bangladesh. The US Ambassador suggested to set up an American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh to promote trade and commerce between the two countries. The minister assured the ambassador of due consideration in this regard. Matters relating to liberalisation of trade and investment policy and distribution of fertilizer also came up for discussion. The minister said See Page 12 col 7

## 8 killed in Bogra road accident

BOGRA, July 2: Eight persons were killed and 20 others injured 16 of them seriously when a night coach from Dhaka and a truck coming from opposite direction collided head-on at Betgamy on Bogra-Nagarbari highway in the morning, reports BSS. All the victims died on the spot. According to information available here, the mishap took place when a Sirajganj bound truck carrying stones collided with a passenger bus bound for Jaldhaka (Nilphamari). The dead included drivers of the two vehicles. Seriously injured 16 passengers were admitted to Bogra Mohammad Ali Hospital. A case has been lodged with Bogra Sadar thana. Police has sent the bodies to morgue.

## Judgement on Eliadah's appeal tomorrow

By SC Correspondent  
The judgement on the criminal revision case filed against the High Court's verdict on the appeal of Eliadah Mc Cord, an American girl who was convicted for smuggling of heroin, will be pronounced tomorrow. The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court after hearing the appeal for two days yesterday fixed July 4 for judgement. The division bench of the HC comprising Justice MM Huq and Justice Md Nurul Islam on August 9, 1995, in a judgement on the appeal of Eliadah on the ground of benefit of doubt reduced her life imprisonment to two years sentence (which she already served) and ordered her release. The government filed the criminal revision case against the HC judgement before the Appellate Division which, upon government prayer, stayed the operation of the HC judgement. See Page 12 col 6

## JP nominates 3 for women's seats

The Jatiya Party yesterday nominated three women for election to the reserved seats in parliament, left by the ruling Awami League, reports UNB. The Jatiya Party nominees are Sabita Mahmud for woman seat-17 (Kishoreganj-Netrokona), Barrister Rabeya Bhuiyan for seat-19 (Dhaka city) and Begum Zeenat Husain for seat-29 (Chittagong), party sources said. Earlier in the day yesterday, Awami League nominated 27 women for the reserved seats.