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Indian FM says

Delhi hopes to

solve issues

with Dhaka

NEW DELHI, July 10: India is hopeful of finding solutions

to outstanding bilateral issues with Bangladesh, Indian Ex-

ternal Affairs Minister I K Gu-

jral said at a press briefing at

the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC) here on Monday,

over the recent visit to

Bangladesh by Indian Foreign Secretary Salman Haider as a

special envoy of Indian Prime

minister said, "I am looking

forward to visit Dhaka." He said

"As there are new govern-

ments in both the countries,

we are looking forward for a

ments of the new Indian gov-

ernment, Gujral said "It has

neighbours and Pakistan in

particular. "In this context, he

reoriented its policy towards

Referring to accomplish-

great deal of cooperation."

Later, talking to BSS, the

Minister H D Deve Gowda.

He expressed satisfaction

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NEWS BRIEFS

Kibria meets leading economists today

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria meets country's leading economists today for a prebudget consultation. Official sources said top-ranking economists had been invited to the discussion where the minister is expected to elicit opin ion from them on vital issues pertaining to the budget for 1996-97. The minister will also meet editors and senior economic journalists on Satur day as part of his pre-budget exchange of views with differ ent professional bodies, reports UNB.

Unsuccessful BNP candidates' meet

A meeting of BNP candi dates, "who could not suc ceed," in the June 12 parliamentary elections, will be held at the party's central office to day at 5 pm. The BNP secretary general have requested all unsuccessful party candidates to attend the meeting with centre-wise comprehensive results, said a press release yesterday, reports UNB.

BCL calls strike at CU today

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 10: The pro-Awami League Chhatra League has called a strike on the Chittagong University campus tomorrow in protest against Tuesday's attack on the office of the Vice Chancellor by Shibir activists. A large contingent of police has been deployed on the campus.

Schoolboy electrocuted

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, July 10: A schoolboy was electrocuted at Galuabhanga village under Muladi thana this morning. Witnesses said. Nure Alam 12 died when he suddenly came in contact with a torn live electric wire.

Priority to Bangladeshi workers

ASHAR 27, 1403 BS,

King Fahd assures all cooperation

JEDDAH, July 10: King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia has expressed his fraternal feelings for the people of Bangladesh and assured all kinds of cooperation and assistances of the kingdom for Bangladesh in its march forward, reports BSS.

King Fahd expressed his feelings for Bangladesh when he received Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Al-Salam Palace here yesterday evening and warmly congratulated her for being elected head of the new government of the repub-

During the meeting that lasted more than half-an-hour King Fahd and Sheikh Hasina

exchanged views on matters of mutual interest and international issues.

The King expressed his extreme pleasure over Sheikh Hasina's choice to visit Saudi Arabia as her first foreign tour after she assumed the office of the Prime Minister. 'We consider Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia as almost like one na-

tion' the King said. 'We are very pleased that you are elected in the recent election' the King said, adding, We are very happy to see you as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh'. The king expressed the hope that Sheikh Hasina would be able to attain all success in serving the peo-

A room of the Dhaka Medical College hostel ransacked during clashes between the activists of

Rashed Reza, Abu Bakar Sid-

dique Fatik Javed, Imrul and

Roni, sources at the Dhaka

Medical College Hospital

(DMCH) said. They were taken

gramme was inaugurated by

Health Minister Salahuddin

Yusuf in the morning amid

great enthusiasm and jubilation

by students who also brought

the city to mark the day.

out a colourful procession in

a race for safety by the general

students when activists of the

two rival groups, after ex

changing words, started

throwing chairs, bottles of soft

drink, and stormed the venue

at the open space in front of

the academic building of the

college. One gun shot was

heard at that time and six stu-

pro Awami League Chhatra

League (BCL) and the pro-BNP

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

brought out separate proces-

sions on the campus protest

ing the violence. Later, the

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DCC proposes coordination

body of utility services

sources which occur due to

lack of coordination among the

service organisations in the

city, the official said explain

ing that when one organisation

finishes its work after digging

a road, another comes up and

digs up the same road within a

matter of days if not hours.

creating frequent sufferings to

the city dwellers. "The DMPDA

would make sure that such

wasteful duplication is avoi-

square-mile Dhaka metropoli-

tan area was rapidly growing

and many housing estates and

office blocks were being con-

structed without proper utility

facilities. The official blamed

the lack of coordination among

the service providers for such

ill planning and claimed that

the proposed body could

meeting with the Prime Minis-

ter highlighted the need for

"The Mayor in his recent

greatly solve the problem.

He noted that the 590

ded," he added

Following the incident, the

dents were injured there.

But the jubilations ended in

The Golden Jubilee pro-

the Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal yesterday.

JCD-BCL clash: 15 hurt

DMC closed

sine die

The Dhaka Medical College

was closed sine die following

clashes between the activists

of Chhatra League and Chhatra

Dal during the Golden Jubilee

celebrations of the college on

injured and four dormitory

other 15 ransacked during the

rooms were torched and an-

clashes that ensued from ex-

change of words between the

rival activists over distribution

of lunch during the lunch

break at about 2 pm. The

clashes then spread on the

an emergency meeting of the

academic council at about 3.30

pm declared the college

closed sine die to avoid further

violence and ordered the resi

dormitories by 6:00 pm yes

terday, DMC sources said.

dent students to vacate their

were DMC students Umon

Vice President and JCD leader

Towhidul Islam John, Baharul

Alam, Abu Raihan Milon, Kan-

chan Sarker. Eshan Reza

Shobhon, Ashraful Alam Nipu

The Dhaka City Corporation

(DCC) has proposed the gov-

ernment to set up a coordinat-

organisations in the Dhaka

Metropolitan area, DCC sour-

Metropolitan Planning and De-

velopment Authority (DMPDA).

will comprise service organi-

sations such as DCC, WASA, Ti-

tas Gas, T&T, Dhaka Metropo-

litan Police (DMP). Bangladesh

Railway and RAJUK, the

coordinating office of all ser

vice organisations carrying out

development activities in the

recently sent to the LGRD

Ministry, it was learnt, and

after its approval, the proposal

would be sent to the Prime

Minister's Office, the official

PDA is to stop wastage of re-

The whole idea of the DM-

said requesting anonymity

The detailed proposal was

city," a DCC official said.

"The DMPDA will work as a

sources said

The proposed body, Dhaka

ing body of different service

Among the students injured

The college authorities in

At least 15 students were

the campus yesterday.

By Staff Correspondent

to the DMCH

ple and the country.

Expressing his satisfaction over the bilateral relationship and existing cooperation in all fields including political, economic and cultural arena between the two countries the King said, "You are our brothers and sisters and our tested friends."

Referring to the request of Sheikh Hasina for recruiting more Bangladeshis, particularly skilled manpower the King observed that Bangladeshi workers and professionals serving in the kingdom, were very reputed for their dedication, commitment and in-

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Saudi King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz at a formal meeting at the Al-Salam Palace in Jeddah Tuesday.

Resist repressive steps: Khaleda

FENI, July 10: Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today asked her party workers to build resistance at all levels against the injustice and repressive measures' of the government, reports UNB.

She gave the directive while addressing union and thana-level leaders of Mirersarai thana BNP at the local Circuit House.

Begum Zia called upon them to strengthen the party at every thana, union, village and ward and carry forward the nationalist politics upto the grassroots level. "Develop BNP into a

formidable political force with support of the people," said Begum Zia, the former prime minister, whose party suffered defeat to Awami League in June 12 election. The BNP chairperson ad-

vised her partymen to give

emphasis on personal contact

and increasing other organisational activities like meetings and rallies. Khaleda Zia returned to the capital today after a fourday mass contact tour of

Laxmipur, Feni and Chittagong.

A bill seeking revival of the

Upazila system and more

power and responsibilities to

the local government bodies

will be moved in parliament

Star in an interview yesterday

Local Government, Rural

Development and Cooperatives

Minister Zillur Rahman said

the proposed bill will also seek

steps for making the local bod-

ies self-reliant financially and

less dependent on the central

as soon as possible. It was one

of our main election pledges.

We believe in decentralization

of administration," said Zillur

Rahman, who is also general

secretary of the ruling Awami

system but we have not yet

decided the name. We may

name it either Upazila

Parishad or Thana Council,

ernment would opt for a three

tier local government adminis-

trative structure — one at

union level, one at thana level

and the other one at district

funds for the union parishads,

Regarding collection of

Zillur Rahman said the gov-

the LGRD Minister said.

"We will revive the (Upazila)

We will try to move the bill

government.

Disclosing this to The Daily

Alleged rigging in June 12 polls

BNP preparing to file complaints

By Nazmul Ashraf

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party is preparing to lodge formal complaints with the district election tribunals against alleged rigging in 111 constituencies during the June 12 parliamentary polls.

The Legal Aid Committee (LAC) of the party has completed all formalities for filing such complaints from more than 30 constituencies and is collecting necessary informa tion from the rest, said Haris Choudhury, the member-secretary of BNP Election Coordi nation Committee. He said that the committee

was working on behalf of all the BNP candidates from those 111 constituencies and no in-dividual was moving for filing cases with the election tri-

As per rule, an aggrieved

candidate is to submit formal

complaint in prescribed form along with a fee of Taka 1,000, specifying details about the alleged irregularities in the According to the EC

sources, BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia had earlier notified the EC of irregularities in 111 constituencies in a simple letter without specifying the nature of the irregularities. Besides, 21 more such petitions were also submitted to the EC by the candidates themselves. But submission of such notices don't stand and automatically get quashed, EC sources explained.

Talking to The Daily Star further said that the LAC had already forwarded through le-See Page 12 col 6

important organ of the local

government structure but now

there is no such body, he re-

time Upazila system and then

introduce Upazila Parishad or

Thana Council taking into con-

sideration the present needs.

(district council), which is an

other important tier of the lo-

cal government, is not being

represented by peoples' repre-

sentatives now. "Zila Parishads

are now being operated under

tral government and so those

are prone to administrative

representatives in union

parishads, performance of

those bodies are not satisfac-

tory. Zillur Rahman said. 'The

administrative power of this

lower tier of local government

should be enhanced substan-

tially and those should be

Proper training programme

will be undertaken for the

elected representatives of the

local government bodies and

their involvement in imple-

mentation of all development

programmes in their respec-

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NGOs should pay customs and

supplementary duties, irre-

spective of the nature of im-

port, as in the case of the gov-

ernment or private importer

The World Bank report, how-

ever, suggests the NGOs may

continue to take advantage of

the relevant official order that

Though there are elected

direct instruction of the cen-

He said Zila Parishad

said Zillur Rahman.

bottlenecks.

made solvent."

"We will review the Ershad

gretted

See Page 12 col 7 Directive to shift Ansar-VDP HQs outside Dhaka

Home Minister Rafigul Islam, Bir Uttam, yesterday directed the authorities concerned to shift the headquarters of the Ansar-VDP outside the capital, reports BSS.

The Ansar-VDP headquarters is now situated in residential area at Malibagh Chowdhurypara in the city. The Home Minister gave

the directive while visiting the Ansar-VDP headquarters yesterday. On his arrival there, the minister was given a guard of honour by a smartly turned out contingent of the Ansar-Rafiq later addressed the

Ansar-VDP members and officers. Director General of the forces Major General Anwarul Kabir Talukder was also pre-

The Home Minister said that the Ansar-VDP would be reorganised as an efficient force like that of those of the developed countries. He also pointed out that the Ansan VDP would be made modern.

SSC results of Rajshahi, Ctg Boards today

The results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examinations 1996 under the Rajshahi and Chitagong Education Boards will be announced today, reports BSS.

The controller of Examinations of the Rajshahi Education Board said yesterday the Deputy Commissioners of Rajshahi Division will receive the results and send them to different schools and centres of the respective districts. The board authorities have already sent the results to the deputy commissioners.

HSC examinees go on rampage at Palash: 33 hurt

NARSINGDI, July 10: At least 35 people, including two policemen, were injured as aggrieved HSC examinees in a rampage damaged two trains here and ransacked the examination centre at Palash today reports UNB.

Witnesses said the examinees of Narsingdi Government University College and Brahmandi High School centres, outraged as the questions were not favourable to them," attacked Narsingdi railway station at about 1:30

They damaged an engine and several compartments of two express trains waiting there. The Bhairab-bound 39 down Isha Khan express could not leave the station due to

damage in engine. Twenty of the injured, including train driver Afazuddin. 52, and his assistant Abul. 45 railway staff and passengers were admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital

Meanwhile, the examinees of Palash Shilpanchal College centre, just after the examination was over, started damag-

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Mir Shawkat's bail extended till Aug 17

The Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's (CMM) court, Dhaka yesterday extended the ad-interim bail of BNP leader Lt Gen (Retd) Mir Shawkat Ali till August 17 in the Shahabuddin murder case, reports UNB.

Shahabuddin Ahmed, an Awami League leader and Commissioner of ward No. 41 was shot dead in broad daylight in front of his West Agargaon residence on May 31. Mir Shawkat, one of the ac

cused in the sensational murder case, was granted ad-in terim bail when he surren dered to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) court on June 3.

Dal (JCD) at the Dhaka Universponsible for the incident, reports UNB

students were injured.

given first aid. See Page 12 col 5

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, July 10: At least five persons, including four minor children, drowned in a boat capsize in the river Surma near Sunamganj town this afternoon.

Some others were still The deceased are Lalbibi 35 her two sons Shaokat and

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A unique gesture

Five drown in boat capsize

- Star photo

After a clash between the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra sity yesterday, the arch rivals decided to take organisational actions against the activists re-

The decision was taken at a joint meeting of all student bodies at Madhu's Canteen after the clash in which four

The injured were identified as Mithu and Shishir of the pro Awami League Chhatra League and Monwar and Sha heen of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal. They were

missing, some villagers said.

Rakib, Fahim, 5 and Javed, 3. The first three victims came from village Mohanpur under Jamalgoni thana and the two others from village

the body and the PM also

showed interest in it." the offi-

About the set-up of the DM

PDA, the official said that a

Chairman would be elected to

its highest post. Representa-

tives from the public and all

the service organisations

would have an active role in

the running of the DMPDA. It

was proposed that the exclu-

sive power to monitor the

DMPDA be vested with the

It was learnt that an identi-

It may be mentioned here

cal proposal was initiated be-

tween 1986-87, but it never

last year a Daily Star Round-

table, participated by eminent

city planners, architects, engi-

neers, citizens and represen-

tatives of different service

organisations had concluded

with recommendations which

included setting up of an

saw daylight.

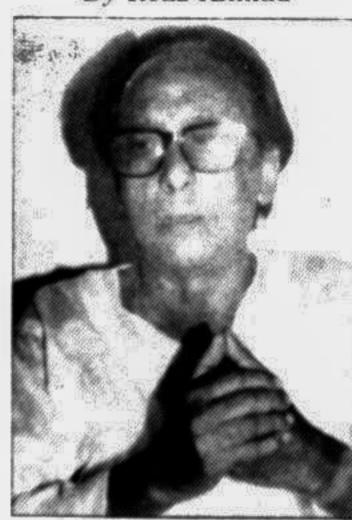
identical body

Prime Minister's Secretariat.

JS bill seeking revival of UZ system soon: Zillur Rahman By Reaz Ahmad



Zillur Rahman he mentioned that the "Model



Tax Schedule, 1961" was still in effect. "We will chart out a new model tax schedule en abling the local government bodies acquire their own resources to become more self

system, which was introduced during Ershad's rule was repealed by the BNP government. An elected body at the thana level is historically a very

The Minister said, Upazila

Protest against

Representatives of various

The meeting, held at the Awami Foundation Office in the city with Gaziul Huq in the chair, decided to observe 'Mass Resistance Day to protest the removal of the portrait and

The date of the Mass Resistance Day will be fixed

meeting include: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, Kalim Sharafi, Md Abdul Jalil, K G Mostafa, A B M Musa, M R Akhter Mukul, Ali Aksad, Mostafa Sarwar, Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Durgadas Bhattachariya. Ramendu Mazum der. Dr M Mostafa Chowdhury. Prof Sayed Ahmed, Prof Panna See Page 12 Col 4

removal of portrait By Staff Correspondent

professional groups at a meeting yesterday demanded stern action against those responsible for removing the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from the cabinet room of the Jatiya Sangsad recently.

resist terrorists, says a press release

Those who spoke at the

NGOs should disclose financial activities' group of professionals, says the The World Bank has em-

phasised the need for disclosing information about NGOs activities and said transparency of their finances would improve their accountability, reports BSS The World Bank in a recent

report titled "Pursuing Common Goals: Strengthening Relations Between Govern ment and Development NGOs says it is important for NGOs to demonstrate accountability in their operations and NGOs can facilitate this by making their activities as transparent as possible. This transparency, the re-

port suggests, should include full disclosure of their financial activities and fund utilisation. Besides, suggesting healthy relationship between

the government and NGOs, the World Bank report emphasised the need for pursuing account ability to its clients and strengthening their listening process to better address the needs of the poor

The report, prepared by a

allows for duty-free import of certain goods for relief and rehabilitation purpose. The report cites the government NGO collaborative efforts in the formulation of national environment management action plan (NEMAP) and says, future interactions between the government and NGOs require more openness in dealing each other, with mutual sharing of information

and cooperation in carrying out their respective mandates. Improved sharing of infor mation is the bridge to build trust and mutual understanding, which form the foundation for successful partnerships, it