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PM asks govt officials

Play neutral role in running admin

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the government officials to render their services with sincerity and neutrality to build a prosperous society for the future generation, reports BSS.

Addressing a delegation of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Administration Association. who called on her at her office. the Prime Minister sought their allout cooperation for materialising the development efforts of the government.

"The government is a temporary phenomenon — we are here today and somebody will replace us tomorrow," the Prime Minister said, adding. "The public servants will remain as a permanent institu-

"You are the servants of the people and not subservient to any government or party. Sheikh Hasina said. She urged the government employees to play a fearless and neutral role in running the administration.

Reiterating her government's pledges to establish a society free from terrorism. corruption and poverty, the Prime Minister said that all the efforts of the government would turn futile if the lots of the common masses remain unchanged.

Earlier, in his introductory speech, association president

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(Prison) refused to make any

comment on the claim by the

built long ago and many of its

service installations such as

water and gas pipes and elec-

tric wiring are old readily

providing potential tools for

the inmates, opined some po-

licemen saying that the 13

escapees might have got such

old water pipes from the roof of Cell No 15:

by making a hole in the wall of

their cell and scaling the 20-

and bed-sheets

foot boundary wall using pipes

accommodating the convicted

and under trial prisoners in

the same cell, a jail official said

that they sometimes make

such arrangements due to

over-crowding and congestion

in the jail. The Dhaka Central

Jail now accommodates about

6,000 prisoners against a ca-

pacity of 2,100, according to

prisoners, including the con-

victed five, who escaped from

the Dhaka Central Jail break-

ing a cell and scaling wall of

the prison early Monday. The

convicted prisons are Golam

Azam, s/o Afaz Master, Vill:

Bilgharinda, Thana: Tangail,

District: Tangail; Shamsul Is-

lam, s/o Kasum Ali, Vill: North

Itkhola, Thana: Haluaghat, Dis-

trict: Mymensingh; Khokon,

s/o Sirajul Islam, Vill: Samad-

dar Para, Thana: Satkania, Dis-

trict: Chittagong; Mizan, s/o

Khondaker Mikail Hossain.

Vill: Gailanpur, Thana: Pabna,

District: Pabna; and Ali Miah

alias Ali Hossain, s/o Anwar

Hossain, Vill: Itapara, Thana:

are; Hawlader Mohammad

Karuzzaman alias Ripon, s/o

Hawlader Mohammad Selim,

Vill: Boro Manika (Hawlader

Flood

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the district with four thana

headquarters and Sherpur

district snapped yesterday as

some roads and ferry ghat ar-

situation worsened further as

water from Old Brahmaputra poured into the lowlying ar-

21 more villages at Kamer-

erchar, Charmucharia and

Charpakkhimari unions in

sadar thana were submerged as

water entered the areas

through 11 breaches in the

Brahmaputra Flood Control

tween Charmucharia and

Nalbaig remained cut off as

flood water was overflowing

onirhat district remained

static through the water levels

in the rivers Teesta and Dharla

At least three lakh people were marooned by the onrush

of flood waters which entered

into some 50,000 houses in 30

affectd unions of the district.

dent reports: The flood situa-

tion in the district has wors-

ened further inundating fresh

tween Dhaka and Dinajpur re-

mained snapped from mid-

night Monday night as flood

water flowing over rail track in

Our Dinajpur Correspon-

The rail communication be-

unofficial sources said.

Road Communications be-

Flood situation in Lalm-

Embankment.

falling gradually.

many places.

the road.

In Sherpur district, flood

Official sources said some

eas went under water.

Road communications of

The under trial prisoners

Keraniganj, District: Dhaka.

Following is the list of 13

The 13 prisoners escaped

Explaining the reasons for

Home Ministry official

When contacted, the DIG

The Dhaka Central Jail was

No trace of escapees

Ataul Haq said that the members of his association had played a very neutral and firm role in the June 12 national election. "We have created an extra-ordinary example of neutrality", he said and added that they would maintain this record in future too.

Haq said that the members of his association would extend allout cooperation in establishing administrative discipline in the country and carry out day to day functions of the government with sincerity and dedication.

Speaking on promotion, the association president said that the "mass-promotion" given by the government in 1991 had created commotion and dissat isfaction among the officers because such mass-promotion deprived a large number of genuine persons of their legit imate and due rights and privi-

In this regard, he pointed out that the aggrieved officials had lodged cases and also won in the court, but the govern ment, in the name of appeal had adopted a policy of time killing and was lingering the issue. The government had taken time in the court for at least 11 times, he said and appealed to the Prime Minister to look into the matter sympa-

Baril, Thana: Borhan Uddin

District: Bhola; Mohammad

Abdul Barek, s/o Achmat Ali,

Vill: Morakathi, Thana: Uzir-

pur. District: Barisal; Moham-

mad Syeed, s/o Abdul Jalil,

Vill: Haldia, Thana: Louhajong,

District: Munshiganj; Shawkat

alias Abdur Rahman, s/o Fazlur

Rahman alias Bazlur Rahman,

12/15, Moneswar Road, Tan

nery Moar, Dhanmondi, Dhaka

A Aziz alias Aze, s/o Afsarud-

din, Rajashan, Savar, Dhaka

Selim Haider, s/o Shafizuddin

alias Mofiz Uddin, Kumongi

Nalchhithi, Jhalkati; Mannan

s/o Kazim Munshi alias Kader

Munshi, Natayabari, Daulatpur,

Manikganj and Motaleb, s/o

Maram Ali, Haji Bagan Sristi

Natore lawyers

boycott court

From Our Correspondent

Bar Association (NBA) mem-

bers started boycotting the

District and Sessions Judge

Court here from yesterday

protesting the alleged misbe-

haviour of the District Judge

immediate transfer of the

judge. Serajul Islam, otherwise

they said the boycott would

Akram Hossain at a press con-

ference at the Bar Bhaban to-

day alleged that the judge had

misbehaved with the lawyers

in the court premises recently.

Ruhul Amin Talukder, Shakha-

wat Hossain, Khagendra Nath

Roy and Mozzamel Hossain

were present at the press

Merrill meets

Nasim

desh David N Merrill called on

Post and Telecommunications

Minister Mohammad Nasim at

his office yesterday. During the

meeting, they discussed ma-

tters of mutual interests, par-

ticularly the development of

telecommunications sector of

Bangladesh, said an official

introducing the name of

Almighty Allah, Shaheed Zia

had materialised the aspiration

nation an identity by introduc-

ing Bangladeshi nationalism.

she said, adding he was the

champion of multiparty

democracy while his contribu-

tion to establishing rule of law

would remember for ever

President Zia's contribution in

establishing an exploitation-

free society and social justice

to ensure equal rights of every

tion called upon the JSS lead-

ers and workers to reach the

politics of Shaheed Zia to the

doorstep of all people and in-

tensify the organisational ac-

dressed by BNP Joint Secre-

tary General Barrister Rafigul

and dramatist Ariful Haq.

Islam Miah, Abdul Mannan MP

The function was also ad-

The Leader of the Opposi-

Begum Zia said the nation

Ziaur Rahman had given the

of the nation.

was outstanding.

citizen.

handout, reports UNB.

US Ambassador in Bangla-

General Secretary of NBA

NBA President Advocate

The lawyers have demanded

with the lawyers.

conference.

NATORE, July 16: Natore

Gaar, Shibpur, Narsingdi.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating a special orientation course for Awami League MPs at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday.

PM tells MPs

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ministration and ignored the opposition in parliament In every step the previous government made the parliament ineffective. The opposition parties were forced to leave parliament and build movement to establish people's rights, she said.

Mentioning "corruption, repression and oppression perpetrated by the previous government, the Prime Minister warned such acts from Awami League ministers, MPs and leaders would not be tolerated

She asked them to take lesson from the wrongdoings of the past and to build themselves as true representatives of the people.

Stressing the need for orientation of the MPs, first of its kind in the country, the Prime Minister said: "We must know how to act and behave as an MP, how to make parliament accountable, meaningful and effective.

Many such courses will be organised in future, she said, as it is necessary for giving democracy an institutional shape.

Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser Surunjit Sen Gupta presided over the inaugural session.

Deputy Leader of the House and LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, Advocate Rahmat Ali MP, former Chief Justice Kamel Uddin Hossain and Prof Dr Shamsul Huda Harun delivered lecture on the functions of parliament.

Finance Minister urges NGOs

Create public opinion in favour of reforms

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria has urged the NGOs to mould public opinion in favour of some sensitive reforms awaiting implementation by the Awami League government, reports UNB.

We have to take a couple of tough decisions. A sort of consensus and public opinion are essential for such action. I seek your cooperation to create such opinion", he told rep resentatives of leading NGOs during a pre-budget consultation in Dhaka yesterday.

He lamented that the BNP government had not touched these crucial areas fearing political repercussion. The finance minister ex-

pressed deep concern at the state of the energy sector. Kazi Faruque Ahmed.

Chairman of Association of Development Agencies Bangladesh (ADAB). Khaled Shams of Grameen Bank, Fazle Hasan Abed of BRAC. Dr Zafrullah Chowdhury of Gano Sasthya Kendra, Shafiqul Huq Chowdhury of ASA, Mahmud Hasan of Gano Shahajya Sangstha and Khushi Kabir of Nijera Kori were among a dozen of NGO representatives who took part in the two-hour discussion at the conference room of the Finance Ministry.

The ADAB put forward a set of recommendations to the finance minister pleading for larger allocation for poverty alleviation programmes in the next budget.

Asking for a fundamental change in the revenue structure which is overwhelmingly dependent on indirect tax, it insisted that revenue should rely on direct tax and thus relieve the poor from tax burden.

While recommending increased allocation for health and education sectors, the NGOs wanted the pro-rich education system to be changed Simultaneously they cautioned that additional allocation would prove worthless unless the quality of education and health system is improved.

ADAB sought allocation of special funds for NGOs in the budget so they can provide micro credit and other services to the poor. It also demanded amendment to laws and rules obstructing NGO-Government cooperation.

Responding to arguments and suggestion of the NGO representatives, the finance minister said the centrepiece of the government's economic policy will be to attain rapid but equitable growth.

We will pursue a twin goal of growth and equity. We want economic growth to put a dent on poverty," he said.

Rly rewards 9-yr-old boy

Bangladesh Railway authorities have rewarded the nineyear-old boy for averting a probable train mishap by his ready wits near Hajiganj rail-way station on July 13, reports

Chittagong Divisional Manager N Saifur Rahman on be half of Railway General Manager (eastern zone) awarded Abul Khair Tk 2,500 along with a citation at a simple ceremony at Hajiganj Railway Sta-tion on Monday, said a press in Dhaka yesterday.

Assistant Police Super of Hajiganj Circle ABM Syed Ullah, thana Awami League president Nurul Islam and local elite attended the function.

A Chittagong-bound intercity train, Meghna Express carrying about 1,000 passengers, escaped the disastrous mishap as the minor boy signalled the oncoming train by waving a red cloth after he found a track of the railway up-

The railway authorities have decided to award another two people who assisted to avert the accident.

200 out of 1.20cr handicapped are graduates Only 200 of the country's

1 20 crore hardicapped are graduates, reports UNB. "All have neglected us

governments, even the NGOs. lamented MA Sattar Dulal chief executive of the Bangladesh Protibondi Kalyan Samity. stating the figure at a prebudget consultation between NGOs and the Finance Minister yesterday.

"There is no preference for education of the disabled suitable accommodation a work places for them," said Dulal, himself a physically handicap.

He said that poverty alle viation would be incomplete without proper development of the handicapped.

Israel fails

From Page 1 to maintain the Palestine designation. Gilady said he was socked by the government's interven-

Palestinian athletes have already competed under the

Palestine name at other sports events, including last year's world championships in track The Palestinian Olympic

team is comprised of runners Majed Abu Marahil and Ehab Salamed — who are both members of Yasser Arafat's security services - boxer Rashed Judah and eight Olympic officials.

Indian FM

From Page 1 Samad Azad at his maiden press conference last week said that his government was making allout efforts to resolve the water sharing issue with India before the next lean pe-

Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan will visit New Delhi in the first week of August to resume talks with his Indian counterpart Salman Haider.

Haider, who visited Dhaka early this month as a special envoy of Indian Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, held official talks with Sobhan, covering all bilateral and international issues of common concern.

He also met with some ministers and discussed with them bilateral matters in the fields of trade, industry and economic cooperation.

Imposition of countervailing duty on Bangladeshi goods by India was prominently taken up during the discussions.

The Bangladesh-India Joint Economic Commission (JEC) likely to meet in New Delhi by the year-end, is due to deal with all bottlenecks in the flow of Bangladeshi goods to the Indian market. The last JEC meeting was

held in Dhaka in 1993.

Exxon

From Page 1 talks with the Power Cell over setting up of a gas-based 110 MW power plant later this month, sources concerned

The company has completed a site survey for the plant in Baghabari, Haripur, Smutang and Barisal and proposed to set up the plant in Haripur within 15 months of the signing of the final accord. Depending on the availability of gas, the Midland's offer to set up a 110 MW plant would remain flexible. If gas supply is ensured, the plant might be bigger, the sources added.

Another US company Brown Roots, has begun to work with the Cairn in the development of Sangu well. The huge task of developing the Sangu well has attracted a lot of foreign investment companies to work with the

Cairn, the sources noted. Two wells in Sangu are discharging 200 mm cft gas per day, confirming a gas reserve of one trillion cubic feet, experts say, adding, the reserve may also be over four trillion cubic feet.

The Midnight File

Attempt on Ukrainian PM

KIEV. Ukraine, July 16: An explosion ripped through Ukrainian Prime Minister Pavlo Lazarenko's car today in what his office called an assassination attempt. There were no injuries in the blast, which occurred in northern Kiev as the prime minister was on his way to the airport, said Lazarenko's spokesman Vasil Mitarchuk reports AP.

Speaker calls on Biswas, Hasina

Speaker of the Jatiya Sang-sad Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban, reports UNB. Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid accompanied the

Speaker. Talking to them, President Biswas said that the newly elected parliament would be the "nerve-centre" of law-making leading to the country's development and people's wel-

The President also felicitated the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and wished them all success in discharg ing their solemn responsibili

Sheikh Hasina

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury and Deputy Speaker Advocate Abdul Hamid also called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yes-

They spent some time with the prime minister and discussed various matters.

Hasina's gift for Shahabuddin, Habibur Rahman Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina yesterday presented jainamaz to Justice Shahabud din Ahmed and Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman, who headed the last two caretake governments, reports UNB. An Assistant Private Secre-

tary of the prime minister carried the gift to the residences of the two distinguished personalities on behalf of the Prime Minister, who recently performed the holy umrah in Makkah.

New exchange

From Page 1 digital ones without payment Earlier, 3,000 analogue telephones of this group were made digital on experimental

The rest 12,000 lines of the exchange will be distributed to new subscribers or subscribers belonging to '32' analogue group on payment, said the press release. With the conversion, sub-

scribers will have to dial '911' instead of '31'. The rest digits will remain unchanged.

Sub-jail

From Page 1 on parole for the duration of the first Sangsad session, the official said, "Today he is in jail. The order for parole is

granted for the period of each

days session of the Sangsad." Officials and staff members of the Dhaka Central Jail have been shifted to the house where Ershad is being kept now, said the Home Ministry official adding that all the jail codes would be strictly followed for him.

UNDP Human Dev Report '96 today The United Nations Develo-

pment Programme (UNDP) will release its Human Development Report '96 in the city today, reports UNB.

Resident Representative in Bangladesh Ms Eimi Watanabe will formally release the report through a press briefing at the National

Press Club at 11 am. Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria is expected to attend the function as chief guest. Vice Chancellor of the East

West University Dr Farashuddin Ahmed will also speak at the news briefing said a press release.

Court holiday The Appellate Division and

High Court Division of Bangladesh Supreme Court and offices under it will remain closed on August 15 on the occasion of National Mourning Day, a press release said. The civil courts and their offices will also remain closed on the day, reports BSS.

Smuggled goods

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evasion of custom duty by submitting forged bill of entry came to their knowledge. Customs sources said

When contacted, Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House Fakrul Abedin told this correspondent that they were

investigating the matter. An enquiry committee headed by Additional Commissioner of Customs Jahirul Hug has already been set up in this

WARPO From Page

Protection Coordination Orga-

nisation (FPCO) with the WARPO, work distribution among officials have not been Earlier in January the gov-

ernment merged the FPCO with the WARPO. "The new management is more interested in continuing the old order instead of streamlining and strengthening the WARPO," one official confided to this correspondent.

Two separate accounts and two transport pools and stores were still being maintained for the WARPO and the FPCO although, officially, the FPCO became non-existent on December 31.

Correction

The name of Col. Jamiluddin, the late husband of Anjuman Ara Jamil, MP, was mistakenly printed as Col. (retd) Shafaet Jamil in our report headlined "Record Number of Relatives in the 7th JS" published in Tuesday's issue of The Daily Star. The inadvertent error is regretted.

The Changes of Office Address

Head Office of the Department of Environment, House # 02 (New), 380 (Old); Road # 16 (New), 27 (Old), Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209 and Dhaka Divisional Office of the Department, 7/8, Block C, Lalmatia, Dhaka-1207 have been shifted to Plot No: E/16, Poribesh Bhaban, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 with effect from the 1st July, 1996.

All concerned are requested to contact with the new address:

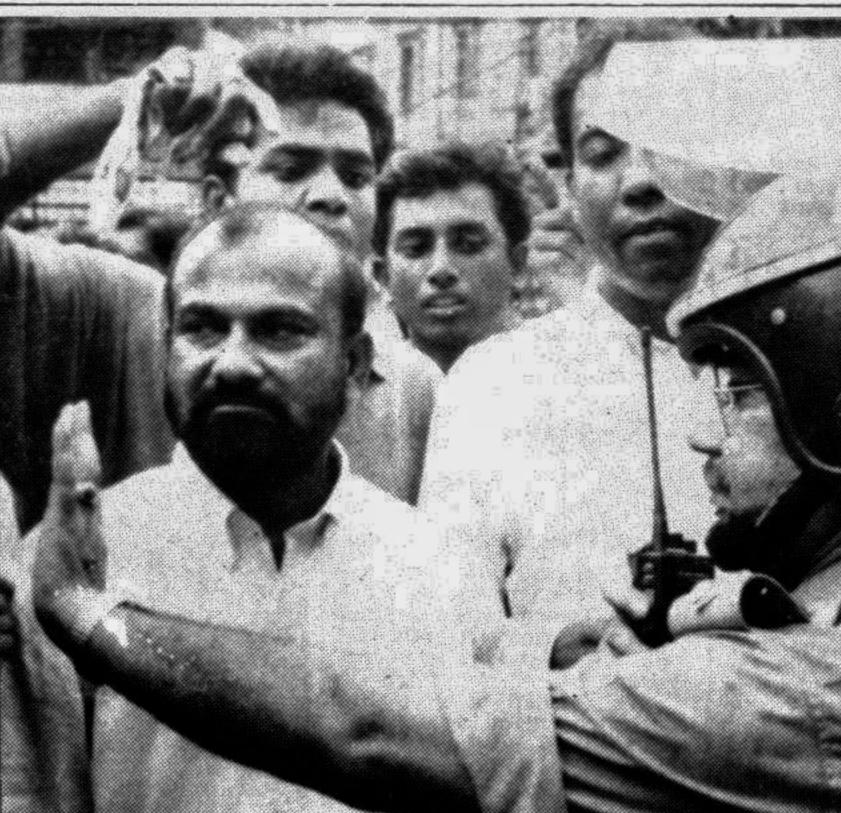
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Police obstructing BNP MP Sadek Hossain and some JCD activists from entering the Salimullah Medical College campus yesterday. - Star photo

Khaleda JCD activists From Page 1 dent Ziaur Rahman who incorreturn to porated Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim in the Constitution, the former prime minister said by

SSMC hostel By Staff Correspondent

A group of activists of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) who were allegedly ousted from the Sir Salimullah Medical College (SSMC) hostel by Chhatra League activists early this month, returned to their dormitories yesterday.

The JCD leaders and activists led by former state minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain were halted by on-duty police in front of the main gate of the college when they tried to enter the campus at about 1 pm, witnesses said. JCD leaders Nazimuddin Alam, MP, Fazlul Huq Milon, Nasiruddin Pintu and Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie were also present at the time.

At one stage, Sadek Hossain entered the campus and later met the principal The college authorities then held a meeting with the student leaders, the witnesses

Diana resigns from 100 charities LONDON. July 16: A day

after the first stage of a divorce that will strip her of the title royal highness, Princess Diana resigned Tuesday as patron of nearly 100 charities - including a marriage guidance organisation, reports AP. A statement by her

spokeswoman, Jane Atkinson, said Diana has quit all but six charities because of the "change in her status." "She has therefore, with re-

gret, resigned her position

with them as patron or presi-

dent," the statement said. Press Association, the British news agency which issued the statement, said Diana resigned to allow the charities to find another royal patron now she no longer has the title.

Relate, Britain's main mar-

riage guidance counselling

body, indicated it will keep in

touch but not try to change her

mind. Diana has been Relate's

patron for seven years.

1.5 lakh to get jobs in ROK industrial park About 1.5 lakh jobs will be

the proposed South Korean

He said the job opportunity ing 130-labour-intensive hightech industries along the bank

The South Korean envoy

of the river Karnaphuli.

He thanked Prime Minister dustrial park.

exclusive industrial park on the bank of the river Karnaphuli in Chittagong, reports This was disclosed by South Korean Ambassador in Bangla-

desh Jong Kyon Byun when he called on State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed at the latter's office yesterday. would be created by establish-

hoped that the industrial park would be a milestone in the way of economic development of Bangladesh and the foreign investors would be encouraged to invest in this country.

Sheikh Hasina for giving assurance of providing all logistic supports for setting up the in-

created after establishment of