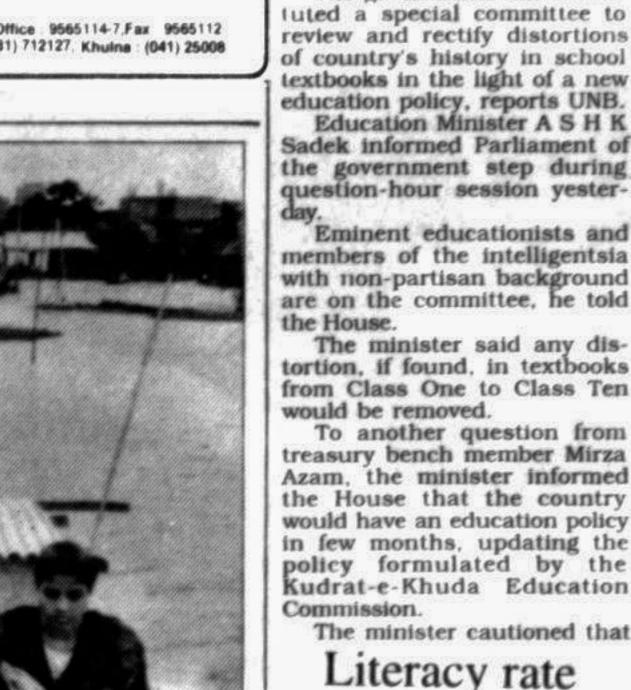


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Flood situation

From Page 1

Local health workers said

were attacked by stomach ail-

ments due to scarcity of

the flood victims of Daulatpur.

Harirampur, Ghior and Shibal-

aya thanas were suffering from

diarrhoea, dysentery and other

sources said the overall flood

situation in the district deteri-

orated further yesterday as the

river Kaliganga was flowing 37

The road links between the

district headquarters and its

two thanas - Harirampur and

Daulatpur — were cut off fol-

lowing the inundation of roads.

situation remained static ves-

terday but continuous erosion

by the Jamuna swallowed more

girl, Ramichha of Shakpal vil-

lage in Chowhali thana.

drowned and a middle-aged

woman, Haraman, died from

snakebite at Laxmikhola flood

At least 1,000 dwelling

houses of Barpakhia, Gopalpur,

Hatbara and Mohonpur villages

in Shahjadpur thana were de-

voured by Jamuna in last 24

Besides, 60 shops in Dhat-

pur Bazar, Sonatali UP office

and about 2,000 acres of crop-

land in the same thana also

were eroded by the mighty

inundated as the flood-protec-

tion embankment at Ambaria

village in Khoksa thana was

washed away by the onrush of

ing crops on about 3,000 acres

of land and char area of the

Official sources said stand-

In Kushtia, fresh areas were

hours till 6 pm yesterday.

Jamuna.

flood water.

control embankment.

Meanwhile, a seven-year-old

areas in Shahjadpur thana.

In Sirajganj, overall flood

Water Development Board

types of stomach diseases.

cm above its danger level.

drinking water.

Flood affected Manda area of the city

# Parliament tidbits

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JP for quite sometime. Both had talks with Begum Roushan Ershad, sitting just behind her husband's chair, and with JP Secretary General and Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju, sitting beside. The chair was vacated before Ershad came.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury seemed annoyed when the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury said that he (Speaker) had problem in his left eye and thus Opposition lawmakers, could not see the sitting on his left.

"You're taunting me once again. My left eye is alright", the Speaker remarked.

Abdul Mannan of BNP gave a lengthy statement in the House on the JMBA (amendment) Bill, not moved in the House on the day. The Speaker, who was apparently confused at this, pointed out that the bill moved in the House was on Bangladesh Sugarcane Institute and the bill on JMBA was not tabled due to absence of the minister concerned

The BNP MP, however, continued to speak on the same bill, causing laughter among the treasury bench members. His microphone was then turned off.

BNF legislator Mashiur Rahman wanted to know from the Education Minister if the life-sketches of all the AL leaders would get place in the textbooks. His question led the treasury bench members to shout. The question was, however, unanswered.

Deputy leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddoza Choudhury became a back bencher in the Opposition for sometime. He was seen sitting in a seat in the fourth row to talk to a

Most of the BNP lawmakers started shouting when AL MP Dhirendra Debanath Shambhu took the floor to speak on a notice. Shambhu sparked off a heated debate in the House on Tuesday by passing a remark

on the BNP as regards criminal

activities. A statement by AL member Latif Siddiqi drew appreciation from the BNP legislators, who thumbed tables. Siddigi then clarified that the statement he mentioned — during the rule of the democratic BNP government ... was not of his but as was frequently made by the then government. The clarifi-

in a printed reply from Social Welfare Minister Dr Mozammel Hossain to a question by Rafigul Islam Bakul of BNP. Bera thana in Pabna district was misprinted as 'Bhera'

cation frustrated the BNP MPs.

### Wife attacks husband

By DMC Correspondent

A housewife allegedly cut the male organ of her husband in their house at Hazaribagh under Dhanmondi thana early yesterday.

The husband was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where condition was improving following treatment, hospital sources

The victim aged about 25, a fish trader, married the woman only three moths ago. said the relatives who rushed him to the hospital.

According to them, he assaulted his wife following a family feud on Tuesday afternoon. Further details about the immediately.

#### district went under water. incident were not available causing a loss of about Tk 1 BIRDEM strike ends

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He assured them that a portrait of Bangabandhu will

be hanged. On his way out of the hospital after the meeting with the BIRDEM Council and the press conference, the employees took him to the lobby and portrait of hanged Bangabandhu there.

Earlier, Dr Fasih Uddin Mahtab told journalists that he disapproved hanging of any portrait other than that of its founder Prof Mohammad Ibrahim at the BIRDEM since it could politicise the atmo-

"There is no official bar on hanging a portrait of Bangabandhu since this question was never raised to the Council before," Dr Mahtab

"I personally believe that this would politicise the institution. Today they will hang a portrait of Bangabandhu, then when BNP will come to power.

they will hang the portrait of Shaheed Zia," he noted. The secretary to the Prime Minister, who was sitting beside Dr Fasih Uddin then explained saying, "since the BIRDEM Council does not re-

strict hanging of any portrait. I believe there should not be any question about hanging the portrait of the great leader who led the country to free-

The employees during their four-day strike, never raised any demand for hanging Bangabandhu's portrait. The issue was raised only when the secretary to the Prime Minister came to talk to the employees leaders, witnesses

Dr Mahtab observed that the services in the hospital deteriorated since the Service Rule 1992 was implemented in the BIRDEM.

He noted that the 1992 Service Rule did not allow the authorities to take appropriate punitive action against irregularities by employees. Therefore, the Council framed new service rule under which new employees would be recruited on contract basis with 20 per cent more salary.

"In my personal opinion, believe some employees are trying to capitalize the change of government for personal gains," he said commenting on the strike by employees.

"But I am convinced that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is very sincere about the smooth running of this institution and she will take appropriate measures to improve the situation here," Dr Mahtab added.

He said that he had resigned from the Diabetic Samity three months ago as he 'failed' to run the administration. "I might not come to office from tomorrow." he

Meanwhile, the 425-bed hospital was virtually empty yesterday as 60 per cent patients left it in the last four days of strike. According to the secretary general of the BDS. the number of admitted pa-

tients came down to 133 yesterday. The press conference was attended by Council members including President of the BDS Prof Wahid Uddin Ahmed, Vice Presidents Azizul Haq and Moidul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and others.

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# education policy, reports UNB. Education Minister A S H K

The Baily Star \_

New edn policy soon: Sadek

Body to remove distortion

of history in textbooks

Sadek informed Parliament of the government step during question-hour session yester-Eminent educationists and

The government has consu-

members of the intelligentsia with non-partisan background are on the committee, he told the House. The minister said any dis-

would be removed. To another question from treasury bench member Mirza Azam, the minister informed the House that the country would have an education policy in few months, updating the policy formulated by the

The minister cautioned that

### Literacy rate 44.30 per cent

The country's present literacy rate is 44.30 per cent, according to a sample vital registration (SVR) of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics in 1995 reports UNB

This was disclosed by Education Minister ASHK Sadek while replying to a starred question from Shah M Hadiuzzaman (Jessore) in the House yesterday

The minister also informed Parliament that the number of people having passed sec ondary school certificate (SSC) examination is 49,76.500 while the number of graduates is 12.71,000 in the country.

### 5 Bills referred to Spl Committee

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday referred five bills to a special committee asking it to submit its reports within three days for their disposal, reports UNB.

The bills are: the Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (Amendment) Bill 1996, the Livestock Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996, the Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996, the Fisheries Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996 and the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Bill

education system of the country was on the verge of collapse in absence of a proper education policy

Quality of education, science education in particular, has seriously degraded over the 21 years, he said.

The minister noted with resentment that teachers had been neglected. "Situation has deteriorated to such a stage that very soon we won't find science teachers."

The Education Minister yesterday informed Parliament that 9,249 schools, colleges and madrasas had been constructed from April 1991 to March 30 this year. Replying to a question from

Prof Shahidul Islam (Kushtia-2), the Education Minister said during the same period an other 3.287 educational institutions were under construc Giving a breakup, ASHK

Sadek said the built educational institutions are: private degree college - 287, government college - 98, private intermediate college - 80 private high school - 4,767 private girls' high school 633, private Dakhil madrasa 779 and primary school

The underconstruction institutions are: private degree college - 146, governemnt college — 2, private intermediate college - 33, private high school — 1968, private girls high school — 182 and private Dakhil madrasa — 956.

### Bowing by MPs unislamic': Saidee

Jamaat e Islami member Delwar Hossain Saidee yester day called for repealing the provision of bowing by parliament members while entering or leaving the House describing it as "unislamic," reports

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury said he agreed with Maulana Saidee's point but added that for this amendment to the Rules of Procedure was necessary. He advised the Jamaat MP to submit a notice in this regard.

#### 25000 MT sugar to reach next month

Two ships carrying 25,000 tonnes of sugar from Brazil and India are on their way to Chittagong and are due to reach the port by the first week of August, a press release of BSFIC said yesterday.



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# Prize for **Prof Yunus**

nominated by various governments and non-government organisations, according to a message received in Dhaka from Bangladesh embassy in

The International Simon

The jury acknowledged the of Prof Yunus in the banking sector through the Grameen Bank, which has been termed as "the highest form of struggled for social justice, ideals of the greet liberator" of Venezuela Simon Bolivar

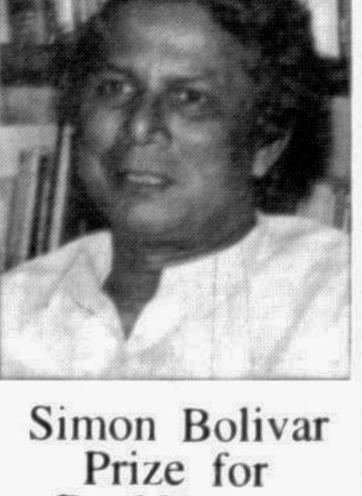


An international jury at a meeting yesterday at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, selected prof Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director Grameen Bank, for the award of the International Simon Bolivar Prize, reports BSS.

There were 22 candidates

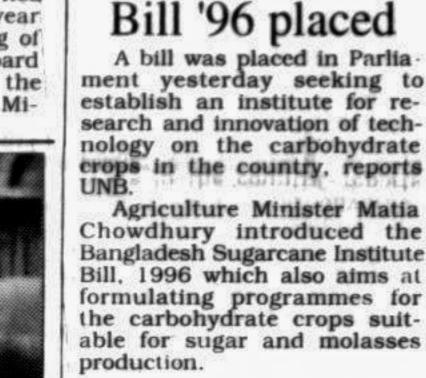
Bolivar Prize, instituted by the government of Venezuela. honours, activities that contributes to "liberty, indepen dence and dignity of the peoples as well as strengthening of the solidarity among the nations" and facilitates bringing about a "new international economic, social and cultural order."

exemplary and innovative work



Prof Yunus has been invited

to Paris in October this year during the regular meeting of the UNESCO executive board to receive the award in the presence of the Foreign Minister of Venezuela



### 15 hurt as BCL, Shibir clash in Sitakunda

and police said. Of the injured, five persons were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds.

begun at around 2 pm between two groups of supporters of BCL and Shibir centring possession of seats inside the examination hall at Sitakundu College.

The clash was marked by gunshots, blasts of cacbtails and chase and counter-chase. local people said.

### Garments

tent, they said.

"Since the market is bad, the quota committee should review the overall entry position and take appropriate steps to improve the same." tory owner.

now come down to only 15 dollars, putting tremendous financial pressure on the facto-

Even the scope for swing

Limited said there are now only four months left to fulfil the quota, but orders are not

now, the fabrics will not arrive until October which leaves us only two months for production. This is too short a time to fulfil the quota," he said. Orders for major cotton

items like 341 and 347 are almost zero, he said, adding that "quota has crashed terribly." Market for cotton items have gone cold this year following hike of cotton price

cal crisis had also discouraged

# PHILIPS

2 students drown in Goran

By DMCH Correspondent Two students drowned in a boat capsize in a lake at Goran under Sabujbagh thana in the city yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Khalid Mahmud Babu. 22, a second year HSC student of Notre Dame College and Nahid, 16, who passed the SSC examination this year from the Central Govt High School with distinctions in four subjects. police and hospital sources

Nahid of 381. North Goran died on the spot while Khalid, son of one Nurul Huda, on the way to the DMCH.

The two students went on a cruise in the Goran Jheel with three of their friends who. however, swam to safety. The two drowned as they did not know swimming, hospital sources said quoting the local people who had taken them to the DMCH.

### DMC may reopen on July 30

(DMC) may reopen on July 30 according to a highly placed source at the college. The academic council of the college at a meeting yesterday observed that an official an-

nouncement in this regard

tended by more than a hundred teachers, at the college

conference room. The classes of the first year MBBS course will start on August one if the college reopens on July 30, they ob-

earlier visited the dormitories of both the boys and girls and talked to the leaders of student bodies.

The DMC was closed sine League during the Golden Jubilee celebration on July 10.

### 6 Indian fishermen rescued

days ago.

The dead was identified as G Revi (23) while the others are Moni Marulang (26), V Kumar (35), M Ilumalai (37).

#### Cabinet decision From Page 1

to ensure supply of pure drinking water and required medicines and oral salines to check any outbreak of epidemics. The meeting was informed that medical teams had already been constituted in all the unions of the flood affected

The meeting decided to 21meeting requested all the ministers and state ministers to visit the flood affected areas as well as to supervise relief and

It was informed at the meeting that the Disaster Management and Relief Ministry will take necessary steps to monitor the flood situation and stock resources so that relief materials were easily available. Besides, measures will be taken to reconstruct damaged

embankments immediately. by ministers, state ministers in charge of different ministries, cabinet secretary and concerned secretaries.

From Page 1 Chakma and Hill Women's Federation vice president Kabita Chakma said that it was beyond their comprehension why the 24 Infantry Division gave a statement "bypassing the ISPR which usually re-

They said that the Army had, at first, tried to cover up the kidnapping of Kalpana Chakma, a women's leader of the hill tracts, by saying that it

abroad. The leaders questioned checking with the immigration

# Tk 2.5 lakh, microbus

snatched By Staff Correspondent

An armed gang snatched Tk 2.5 lakh and a microbus from a foreign exchange trader at gun point from near his residence at Khilgaon Chowdhurypara under Sabujbagh thana in the city yesterday afternoon.

A gang of about six unidentified persons attacked the trader Saidur Rahman Mithu when he reached near his house at Khilgaon Chowdhurypara, at about 3:55 pm, police

driver out of the microbus, snatched the money and fled the scene by the microbus, police sources said. It was suspected that the armed gang took position near the house of the businessman

The snatchers forced the

before he reached the spot, police added. A case was lodged with Sabujbagh thana in this regard. None was arrested in this connection till last night.

# EPZ targets

From Page 1

recorded a 41 per cent increase over that of the previous fiscal (94-95).

In 94-95 fiscal, the CEPZ exported goods worth 187 million dollars, against its target of 180 million dollars. The sources said that 12 more units now under construction are likely to go into

production shortly. The CEPZ became operational in 1983 and it was set up on 453 acres of land by developing it in phases. Officials informed that they were receiving more offers of

investments from Korea, Hong

Kong, China, Thailand and

Singapore.

Many foreign delegates already visited the CEPZ and showed interest to invest here, officials also informed.

Sangsad yesterday.

Heated debate over JS bodies From Page 1 posal of the committee, our Chief Whip sought the floor to submit his contention, but you

refused to allow him to speak." At this point Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina took the floor to say that the Chief Whip had proposed the name of the Leader of the Opposition because, "A coordination between the Speaker, Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament was necessary to make parliamentary democracy effective." She also added that if the Leader of the Opposition was not willing. she was free to withdraw her

But as soon as the Prime Minister had finished her speech, the Speaker put the committee to vote, without giving Khaleda Zia chance to withdraw her name. The committee was passed.

Khaleda once again took the floor to point out to the Speaker that since she had objection to be a member of the committee concerned, inclusion of her name in it was a violation of Rule 188 of the JS Rules of Procedure.

The Speaker then told the House that once the committee was passed, he had nothing to do now. "Under the JS Rules of Procedure, one can withdraw his or her name from a certain committee later," the Speaker said. When the Speaker said that

she was making the allegation

of partiality by the Speaker on

a regular basis," Khaleda Zia

said: "In the face of your repeated partiality, I am compelled to make the allegation." Then the Opposition Chief Whip complained that the Chief Whip of Parliament excluded some names he had given earlier. "Besides, he has changed the list." He also accused the Treasury bench of "autocratic behaviour and a tendency of imposing its decision on the Opposition."

Protesting the statement, the Chief of the House told the Chair that he had not changed any name and accused his Opposition counterpart of making "untrue statement" on the JS floor. Showing a copy of the list "signed by the Opposition Chief Whip," the Speaker told the House that it was similar to the one read out

Prime Minister and Leader of the House Sheikh Hasina addressing the session of the Jatiya

by the Chief Whip of the House. Senior Treasury bench members including Abdus Samad Azad, Abdur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim took the floor one by one to argue that the ruling party, in pursuance of its pol-

### icy of governing on the basis of Health official injured in road accident, dies

By Staff Correspondent Dr Azimunnesa Begum, 50, Deputy Director of Planning of the Directorate of Health Services, who was injured in a road accident, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morning.

Wife of Prof A K M Shamsul Islam, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine at the Dhaka Medical College, she sustained fatal injuries when she fell from a speeding motorbike near Abahani playground at Dhanmondi at about 12:45 pm last Friday, family sources said. She was returning to her home in Khilgaon on her son's motorcycle.

The victim was immediately

taken to the Bangladesh Medi-

cal College Hospital. She was later shifted to the DMCH where she died at about 8:25 am yesterday, family and hospital sources added. Dr Azimunnesa was buried at the Mirpur Intellectuals graveyard. She left behind two

sons and husband.

from TB when he was arrested. After his death, the Cox's Bazar jail authorities have sought decision from the

They also defended the Chief Whip who claimed that there was no distortion in the list he had proposed before the House. The Treasury bench leaders also criticised the Leader of the Opposition for her "unparliamentary language".

But Deputy Leader of the

Opposition Prof. Badruddoza

Chowdhury took the floor to

inform the Speaker that the

Opposition Chief Whip did not

a national consensus, wanted

cooperation from the

Opposition, but the Opposition

failed to respond positively.

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propose the name of Khaleda Zia as a member of the proposed Privilege Committee. "So the Chief Whip of the House can not propose her The debate on the Presidential speech began

#### Chowdhury alleged that the June 12 general elections were not completely fair. Arrested Myanmar national dies of

TB in hospital

COX'S BAZAR, July 14: A

national of Myanmar, Maung

Mying. 22, died of acute tuber-

culosis (TB) at the Cox's Bazar

Sadar hospital two days ago.

when Prof. Badruddoza

From Our Correspondent

Maung was arrested by the BDR six months ago allegedly for entering Bangladesh illegally and was sent to prison. Police said, he was suffering

Home Ministry in Dhaka about his burial. But no decision reached the jail authorities till yesterday.

### House Committee constituted

Transcom Electronics Limited

A 12-member House Committee was constituted in Parliament yesterday with Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah as

its Chairman, reports UNB.
Other members of the committee are A S M Firoze. Mizanur Rahman Manu, Mojibur Rahman Talukder. Dipanker Talukder, Mohammad Amanullah and Mannuzan Sufian of the Awami League, Tajul Islam Chowdhury of the Jatiya Party, Jainal Abedin Farook, Syed Wahidul Alam and Abu Yusuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman of the BNP, and M Delwar Hossain Saidee of the Jamaat-e-Islami.

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the committee.

#### 70 feared killed in Colombo train blast COLOMBO. July 24: At least 70 people were feared killed

and 200 injured in a powerful bomb explosion in a train in Colombo suburb today, a government official said, reports "I can confirm 200 people have been injured, some battling for survival. The death toll is possibly higher than 70."

station. A police official had earlier said at least 15 bodies were seen at the site of the blast security officials said they recovered identity cards of army personnel from the train wrack.

Police said they were ques-

tioning two men they had

picked up at the strain station.

said a senior government offi-

cial supervising rescue opera-

tions at the Dehiwala railway

They added that two crowded carriages were wrecked, indicating there could possibly be two bobs. Sugarcane Instt

ment yesterday seeking to establish an institute for research and innovation of technology on the carbohydrate crops in the country, reports Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury introduced the

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 24: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between rival activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Chhatra Shibir today at Sitakundu College, local people

Police said the clash had

From Page 1 which were supposed to be placed between September and November, and for fall '96 were also affected to some ex-

said Abu Taher, a garment fac-"Whatever quota we will fulfil this year, will be done at a very low cutting and making (CM) rate," said Taher, "The rate for trousers we used to sew for 25 dollars a dozen has

and shift from one category to another is negligible since orders are not coming, exporters said. lqbal Ahmed of Burlingtons

But even if orders come

in the international market. The synthetics market was, however, good, but the politi-

orders for these.

By DMC Correspondent The Dhaka Medical College

would be made soon, if the overall situation improves further, the source added. Newly-appointed principal Prof A B M Ahsanullah presided the meeting, at-

served, the source added Principal Prof Ahsanullah

die following clashes between the activists of the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and pro-Awami League Chhatra

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, July 24: Six Indian fishermen were rescued from the Bay of Bengal yesterday, one of whom later died Their fishing boat capsized in Bangladesh's maritime zone 20

Ramu (23) and R Revi (28).

wells in the flood-hit areas will be repaired free of cost while new tubewells will be sunk on emergency basis wherever it is necessary. The meeting also decided

locate funds on priority basis to undertake emergency repair of roads, bridges, culverts and other infrastructural facilities damaged in the floods. The

rehabilitation activities.

The meeting was attended

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leases all statements regarding the Army."

was an "affair of the heart." . Now the Army is contradic-

ting its own statement by saying that Kalpana went why the Army was not investigating the issue and department.

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