SC on Yasmin murder

Govt sanction needed

to frame charge

By SC Correspondent

The Appellate Division of

the Supreme Court yesterday

allowed the appeal preferred against the order of the Senior

Special Judge, Dinajpur direct-

ing the Assistant Superinten-

dent of Police to submit a re-

port after investigation into

the Yasmin rape and murder

set aside the order of the High

Court Division rejecting the

criminal revisional petition

summarily filed against the

order of the Senior Special

Appellate Division granted

leave to appeal to examine two

points, whether the Special

Judge committed an error of

law in not sending the matter

for government sanction to

ment servants and whether an

assistant superintendent of po-

lice, being a junior officer can

investigate the allegations

brought against his senior offi-

cers, the Deputy Commis-

sioner and the District Police

ment, now the Special Judge

will have to refer the case for

prior sanction of the govern-

ment and there is no scope for

Former member of the par-

liament and former president

As as result of the judge-

Superintendent.

primary investigation.

frame charge against govern-

Earlier on January 14, the

Judge.

The Appellate Division also

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Visiting Sri Lankan Minister for Health, Highways and Social Services Alhaj AHM Fawzie called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office yesterday - PID photo

Lankan minister meets PM

Training of docs, exchange of teachers discussed

Visiting Sri Lankan Minister for Health, Highways and Social Services, Alhaj A H M Fawzie, called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Secretariat office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed human resources development through training of doctors at post graduate level and exchange of teachers and study fellows in selected subjects like forensic medicine, community medicine, child health and reproductive health.

Sharing experience in programme development and delivery of services through exchange of delegations and study teams in the area of maternal and child heath nutrition and some diseases common in both countries like TB and leprosy also came up in the discussion.

They also discussed matters on sharing experiences in the field of innovative strategies for providing quality health care services, particularly in the rural areas, role of NGOs in service delivery and community mobilization, participatory approach and cost-sharing for health care services.

The Prime Minister con veyed her greetings to Presi dent of Sri Lanka, Chandrika Kumaratunga and Prime Minister Srimavo Bandarnaike. She also conveyed her best wishes for the people of Sri Lanka and for their peace and prosperity. While expressing her satisfaction over the existing friendly relations between the two countries Sheikh Hasina referred to the long historical

affinity between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The Prime Minister lauded the positive role of Sri Lanka in the SAARC and expressed Bangladesh's eagerness to work in close cooperation with Sri Lanka in the SAARC lorum.

and cultural relationship and

The Prime Minister also congratulated the Sri Lankan health minister on his achievements as the current chairman of the South-East Asian region health ministers forum of the World Health Or ganisation (WHO) and wished him continued success in this position. She assured him Bangladesh's best support and cooperation to the forum and to WHO in general.

Madame Fawzie and Sri Lankan high commissioner in Bangladesh S B Atugoda were also present.

The Lankan minister left Dhaka yesterday after a 3-day official visit to Bangladesh. Bangladesh Minister for

Health and Family Welfare Salahuddin Yusuf saw him off at the Zia International Airport Health Secretary Mohammad Ali and Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Bangladesh S B Atugoda were present.

Dhaka City College (624)

Dhaka City College (623)

Dhaka City College (617)

Chittagong (600).

5th: Faisal Ahmed Rizvi,

6th: Shihab Uddin Ahmed

7th: Nasrin Aktar, Lalmatia

8th: Mohammad Delwar

Kalpana Chakma

From page 1

their visit to Kalpana Chakma's

village, said that Kalpana was

safe and sound and was cur-

rently residing at a village

called Shukre in Tripura, In-

BHRC Advocate K M Huq

Kaiser, reading out the report,

quoted Kalpana's mother as

saying: "After leaving home

Kalpana Chakma contacted me

twice, the last time being on

say how Kalpana contacted her

mother. Responding to a ques-

tion, he said that due to time

constraint BHRC investigators

could not make detailed

there was no involvement of

the Bangladesh Armed Forces

behind the abduction of the

Ferdous or any other member

of the armed forces was in no

way involved in the abduction

of Kalpana Chakma," Kaiser

said adding that at the time of

the abduction, the investiga-

tion team found out that Lt

Ferdous was busy doing other

that they had spoken to a

number of people in the area

and also in Rangamati, includ-

ing the Area Commander of

Rangamati, Brigadier ATM Za-

hirul Alam. Kaiser, however,

did not talk to Kalpana's

brothers, the main witnesses

of the abduction. "We could not

find them in the house," he

ising Secretary of the Hill

Women's Association, was ab-

ducted at gun point from her

village home at New Lalyag-

hona under Baghaichari thana

in the Rangamati district early

morning of June 12 last. Her

abduction sparked protests in

the area in which one person

was killed and several were

injured.

Kalpana Chakma, the Organ-

The investigators claimed

The BHRC report said that

"The accused Lieutenant

Kaiser, however, failed to

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queries.

The executive director of

Girls' College (601) and Shab-

nam Naz. Dhaka City College

Hossain, Nizampur College,

Degree exam results

From page 1 Following are the merit

BSC (Pass)

1st: Edlin De Cruz, Tejgaon

College, Dhaka (661) 2nd: Shahana Parvin, Dr Malika College, Dhaka (650) 3rd: Israt Jahan Runa, Siddheswari Girls' College, Dhaka

4th: Abdul Alim Khan. Ibrahim Khan College, Bhuapur, Tangail (646)

5th: Jesmin Aktar, Lalmatia Girls' College, Dhaka (644) and Saimum Mahbub, Govt HS Suhrawardi College, Magura (644)

6th: Mohammad Abul Kalam Bhuiyan, Chandpur Govt College (643) 7th: Rebeka Rahman Mila.

Badrunnesa Women's College. Dhaka (642) 8th: Fatema Aktar, Govt Women's College, Comilla

(635)9th: Mohammad Selim,

Chandpur Govt College (634) 10th: Judith Runa Gomez, Lalmatia Girls' College, Dhaka (633) and Mohammed Momenul Haq, Srikail College, Comilla (633)

BA (Pass)

1st: Abul Barakat Mohammad Fakhruddin, private examinee (664) 2nd: Mohammad Abu Sayeed Mia, private examinee

(656)3rd: Sharifa Sayeda Khatun. private examinee (654)

4th: Daulatara Ishaq. Badrunnesa Women's College, Dhaka (652)

5th: M Nure Alam Ferdaus, Murapara College, Narayanganj (648) and Iffat Jahan, Abuzar Gifari College, Dhaka (648) 6th: Mohammad Abdullah,

private examinee (643) 7th: Sutapa Mandal, Mohammadpur Central College. Dhaka (638)

8th: Brizet Barnadet Gomez. University Women's Federation College, Dhaka (637) and Ela Rani Sarkar, Sardah College, Rajshahi (637)

9th: M Mamunur Rashid. private examinee (636) 10th: Shahnaz Parvin, Kazi Azim Uddin College, Gazipur (635)

BCom (Pass)

1st: Nahid Ismail, Siddheswari Degree College (671) 2nd: Saima Khan, Lalmatia Girls' College (635) 3rd: Sheikh Afzal Hossain. Dhaka City College (626) 4th Deepannita Bardhan.

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 8: Air port customs today seized 10 thousand US dollar from a passenger at the Chittagong Airport, official sources said, reports BSS.

passenger Amir Khan on his arrival at the airport by a connecting flight from Dhaka and recovered the dollar.

Amir Khan who came from Oman was suspected for his al leged involvement in currency smuggling, the sources added.

the Science and Technology

of uranium occurrences in over 300 spots having radiation level of up to 60 times the background level," a BAEC

India has already discovered large deposits of uranium in areas bordering Bangladesh. particularly in its eastern state of Meghalaya.

Dhaka-Mymensingh road communication

Traffic on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway remained suspended since 4 pm today after the angry people blocked the road in Trishal thana following an accident that left two people dead, reports UNB. Police said Abdul Majid Mo-

not remove the barricade till writing of the report at about

5-pt proposal

Suranjit contested the points raised earlier by Prof Chowdhury for making the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) 'effective.'

Opposition briefing newsmen on Tuesday last put forward the five-point BNP proposal which, according to him, are House effective.

speak every now and then and the Opposition members should get floor for giving personal explanation.

Contesting the proposals. Suranjit said the House runs as per the JS rules of procedure (ROP) and there were no scope of ambiguity. "Any minister can always take the floor under Article 300 of ROP. It's good privilege to enlighten the House on various issues."

tion bench could, under Article 274 of ROP, give personal explanation, if needed, he

About the role of the BTV. the PM's adviser said, "BTV has now become more popular than at anytime earlier after starting telecast of the Sangsad business". He, however, added that if one becomes aggrieved for being less projected in the electronic media, that should

Leader of the House, Suraniit said there was nothing exceptional in the case of the Leader of the House as parliamentary rules, regulations and norms were applicable to all MPs in the same way.

Dollar seized from passenger at Ctg airport

Customs official search the

Uranium

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Agency of Japan and the BAEC During the period 1976 to 1986, BAEC conducted preliminary reconnaissance surveys followed by helicopter-borne aerial and radiometric survey in some selected areas of greater Sylhet, Chittagong and the Hill Tracts, they recalled.

"It resulted in the detection

disrupted

MYMENSINGH, Aug 8:

huri, 45, and his son Tushar, 7. of Fulbaria thana of the district were run over by a speeding bus in Kazir Simla area. Witnesses said angry people damaged the bus and put up

barricade on the road disrupting communication between Mymensingh and the capital. Police arrested the bus driver, Morshed Mia, but could

From page 1 Sangsad Bhaban yesterday,

The Deputy Leader of the

prerequisites for making the The five points are: Neutrality of the BTV, more scope for the Opposition to play active role in the House, the Leader of the House has to talk like a leader of the parliament, ministers can't be allowed to

Any member in the Opposi-

be reviewed. Turning to the role of the

> illegal manpower business and fraudulence, police said adding that the gang did not have any legal recruiting licence.

The FIR alleged that when on August 24 Yasmin was raped and murdered under police custody, the people of Dinajpur burst into agitation and demanded an exemplary punishment of those who were

of Dinajpur District Bar Associ ation. Advocate M Abdur

Rahim on September 14 last lodged an FIR against eight

high government officials in-

cluding the then Deputy

Commissioner and District Po-

lice Superintendent of Dina-

jpur under Section

166/217/114 of the Penal Code read with Section 5(2) of

the Prevention of Corruption

Act. 1947

On August 27 while the agi tating people were in a procession, the police fired on them and seven people were shot dead, but the accuseds in spite of having learned the provisions of law attempted to conceal the dead bodies and to save the criminals, the FIR alleged.

Advocate M A Wahab Mian assisted by Advocate M Enavetur Rahim and Obaidul Hassan Shahin conducted the case on behalf of the infor-

Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan represented the state in the case

Sangsad tidbits

From page 1 the Speaker responded laugh-

ingly and assured to ask the parliament secretariat to repair the seat.

Shortly after wards, Mashiur Rahman of BNP stood on a point of order. The Speaker asked him, "Apnaro ki bidhi baam (Is your luck bad

However, Mashiur replied in the negative. During the question hour,

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid made an announcement in the House for the wherebouts of a BNP lawmaker. "Where are you Khurshid Jahan Haq, I want to give you

the floor". Hamid said as the

BNP MP was missing from her own seat in the third row of the Opposition bench. Khurshid Jahan rushed to her seat from another in the second row and said. "My

question has already been raised by MK Anwar. That's why' The Chair had Khurshid's name on the computer screen

on his table. Like on other days, the Deputy Speaker faced criticism from the ruling party MPs who alleged that the former always looked to the left (the Opposition bench) and urged him to look to the right (the Treasury bench) too.

In reply, Abdul Hamid said "Let me look to the left first and then the right". The comment from the Chair received table thumpings from the BNP lawmakers.

Later, Golam Hossain of the Jativa Party, who sits straight to the Chair, said, "You look to the left and the right, but never look forward.

BNP legislator Abdul Wahab rose to say that the Chair could

Tk 63000 seized from passenger at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent The security personnel at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) recovered local currency notes worth Tk 63,000 from a Dubai-bound passenger yester-

day evening. During luggage scanning at the airport a security department superviser noticed the notes in the luggage of a Biman flight passenger A K M Rezaul Karim at about 7:30 pm, airport sources said.

Talks in Delhi From page 1 the two nations.

Farooq Sobhan also paid courtesy calls on Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Atal Behari Vajpayee and former External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee.

28 passports with forged visas recovered: 7 held

By Staff Correspondent The Detective Branch (DB)

police have arrested seven persons from Mirpur and Demra thana areas and recovered 28 passports with forged visas, 12 Biman tickets, photographs of more than a hundred persons including women, accounts book, seals and other raw materials for producing fake visas and forged certificates of SSC, HSC and universities.

team arrested the persons during a raid which started on Wednesday. They were identified as Yusuf Kamal, Abul Bashar, Abdul Baki, Abdul Ali, Golum Hakkani, Mahmud Hasan and Abul Kalam Azad. The arrested are the members of an organised gang involved in trafficking women.

Police sources said the DB

not see him because of the computer set on the table of the Speaker and demanded its shifting The Deputy Speaker then

looked at the MP and said. " don't agree with you. Because, I can clearly see you." State Minister for Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

Abdul Matin Khasru, while objecting to the placing of a private member's bill, termed Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Leader of the Opposition. The word "clearly" was pronounced loudly by several MPs

whenever they found it suitable after the Speaker urged BNP lawmaker Khairul Enam to clearly spell out if he was willing to withdraw his resolution as the MP was speaking ambiguously. While withdrawing his reso-

withdraw following clear assurance by the minister. Later on, the Speaker also thanked the BNP MP for his clear withdrawal

lution. Enam said "I clearly

Major (retd) Akhteruzzaman brought to the notice of the Chair that the securitymen were often obstructing him while going to the parliament. "They stop us and ask ques-

tions while we are on the way to the House. Should we hold a badge on our person Akhteruzzaman said. Every MP is provided with an Identity Card", the Deputy

Speaker replied. More firearms

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Kushtia, two pipeguns in Keshabpur and two country-made guns in Bagharpara of Jessore, one shuttergun in Satkhira Sadar, one Indian revolver in Moulvibazar Sadar and a .22 bore revolver in Dhaka city's

Mirpur thana. The government issued a four-day ultimatum for surrender of illegal arms, ammunition and explosives from 6 am Wednesday to 6 pm on August 10 in a bid to rid the country of the menace of terrorism.

Ticket agents

From page 1 CAAB, it obtained cancellation of the 'status quo' Wednesday and in the presence of a magistrate and cantonment police evicted the Haffar agents from the counter.

CAAB employees are now selling tickets at the previous rate of Tk 20 each from yesterday.

"The airport security will now do the screening of visitors to eliminate any smugglers, pickpockets or illegal foreign currency dealers from ZIA," said the director of ZIA, Wing Commander Abu Zafar Chowdhury. "We hope this will improve the situation further at the airport."

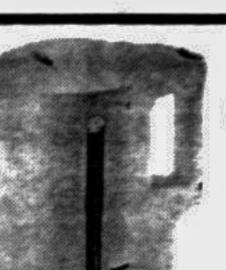
Road named after Sharifuddin Ahmed

The Ministry of Communications has named the road connecting Baniachang with Ajmiriganj in Habiganj district after late MP Sharifuddin Ahmed. From now on, the road will be known as "Sharifuddin Ahmed Road." The step has been taken as per the directive of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said a PID handout yesterday. Construction works on the road is expected to be completed very soon, reports

BNPPP meets Aug 11

An emergency meeting of

the Bangladesh Nationalist Party Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) will be held on August 11 at 3 pm in the number 1 committee room of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. Leader of the Opposition and BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will preside over the meeting, reports BSS.



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Body to probe 'missing' of Kalpana soon

Home Minister Major (retd) Rafigul Islam has assured three organisations of the Chittagong hill districts that a judicial enquiry committee would be formed immediately to investigate the reported missing of Kalpana Chakma, reports UNB.

The minister gave the assurance to a seven-member delegation of Hill People's Council, Hill Students' Council and Hill Women Federation who called on him at his office vesterday, said a press release of the organisations.

The delegation, led by Hill People's Council general secretary Prasit B Khisa, included Samiran Chakma, Sanjoy Chakma, Jolymong Marma Khusi Roy Tripura, Bartika

Chakma and Kabita Chakma. The delegation also handed over to the minister a memo randum containing their fivepoint demand

Responding to the memorandum, the home minister said the ministry would look into the cases filed against leaders of the three CHT organisations during the past government, the release

Barisal transport strike called off

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Aug 8: After the fifth day of strike, the Road Transport Workers' Union of the district has called off their

strike from this morning.

This decision was taken last night following the assurance of Deputy Commissioner and Police Super of Barisal.

highly defective one. He quoted Article 66 of the Constitution which clearly stated about the qualification and disqualification to contest parliamentary election.

BNP Bill

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Bangladeshis working abroad could not become voters He said the issue could be taken to the law commission. Replying to the state minis-

Khasru said that many

ter Major (retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed said that he had formulated the bill after studying constitutions of 10 to 15 coun-He said in Pakistan Constitution a provision existed un-

der which a government official could not contest parliamentary election for a certain period after he or she was dismissed on charge of misconduct or corruption. Major (retd) Hafizuddin said

that according to the existing provision if an army chief was dismissed for an attempted coup he could contest the election and if won could become even the defence minis-However, the Speaker

wanted to put to vote the ob-

jection raised by the state min-

ister but a number of BNP members wanted the state minister for law to reply again. When former speaker and BNP member Shaikh Razzak Ali tried to say something on it Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury said he had no way under rules of procedure but to put to vote the objection be-

fore the House. The House then rejected the introduction of the bill by voice vote.

10 suspended

From page 1 SI Nazrul Islam, the investigating officer (IO) of the case, was suspended yesterday on grounds of negligence of duty following a preliminary inquiry by the Detective Branch (DB). The DB of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) carried out an investigation following press reports on his bail Wednesday.

Police sources said the preliminary investigation found that SI Nazrul did not verify the name and address of Masud before filing the chargesheet against him. Besides, court officials and police were also apprehensive of the identity of the four year-old

Masud along with six others were chargesheeted in a case involving land dispute and extortion of money at 22/2 Kawran Bazar under Tejgaon thana. The FIR lodged with the Tejgaon thana two years back had the names of one Monwara and Montu Gomez. The DB investigation re-

vealed yesterday that Monwara's address was found under the care of Masud's father Ali Hossain who was earlier residing in a slum at Kawran Bazar area, the police sources The chargesheet submitted to the court by SI Nazrul, in

December 1994 named seven

persons including Masud and

two others listed in the FIR.

Monwara and Gomez, however,

were granted bails by the court

while five others including Ma-

sud were absconding, police A senior police official said last night that a departmental investigation would be initiated soon to unearth the actual reason for chargesheeting the boy.

Tk 750 cr rural power supply project okayed

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) yesterday approved five development projects involving of Tk 814.55 crore including Tk 455.54 crore in project aids, reports

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The approval was given at a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair at the cabinet conference room at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Under one of the projects. Taka 750 crore will be spent for the implementation of area-wise rural electrification scheme. Under the scheme, electricity supply will be ensured in 45 thanas of Bhola. Gopal-

ganj. Shariatpur, Rajbari, Mun-shiganj. Dhaka, Sylhet and Sunamganj districts. Besides. 20 sub-stations will be set up and 800 km electric lines would be laid through constituting eight "Palli Biddut Samities" in the project areas.

The other projects included "Khoai River Project" at a cost of Taka 18 crore, women development project at a cost of Taka 16.19 crore and sports development project at a cost of Taka 22 crore. Besides, over

Sugarcane price

won't be raised,

says Tofael A senior cabinet minister yesterday ruled out the possibility of raising the price of sugarcane in near future, re-

ports UNB.

Replying to a resolution moved by an opposition legislator in Parliament, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed argued the price was already higher in Bangladesh than in other sugar-producing countries.

He cited that the price of

per maund of sugarcane in India is Rs 20 against Tk 37.50 in Bangladesh. Higher price of sugarcane is resulting in higher price of sugar, up to Tk 35 per kilo-

gram in the local market com-

pared to Rs 17 in India, the

minister told the House.

Tofael cautioned a fresh raise in the price of sugarcane would take the price of local sugar out of consumers' reach. The minister thanked the previous BNP government for

not raising the price of sugar-

cane during its tenure. CEC: Tolerance

From page 1 tions had already been issued to the law enforcing agencies in this regard, especially not to make any discrimination in the recovery of unauthorised arms and arrest trouble-mongers regardless of their party affilia-

When asked about the possibility of deployment of army during the by-elections the CEC said the matter was under serious consideration of the Election Commission. Replying to another ques-

tion regarding the stopping of enquiry by an election commission team into the alleged burning ballot papers in Chandpur, the CEC said it had to be stopped because the matter had become subjudice following the filing of an election petition by the candidate who secured the second highest votes in the June 12 general elections in that constituency.

The enquiry team was

scheduled to submit its report

to the Commission by June 30,

but before that date an election

petition was filed to the elec-

tion tribunal. That was why the

proceedings of the enquiry

team had to be stopped, he

Taka eight crore would be spent for releasing fish fry in open water bodies. The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Shah AMS

Kibria, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman, Education. Primary and Mass Education Division and Science and Technology Minister ASHK Sadique, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Commerce and Industry Minister Tofael Ahmed, Agriculture, Food, Disaster Management and Relief Minister Motia Chowdhury. Energy. Power and Mineral Resources Minister Noor Uddin Khan. Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rob Minister of State for Women and Children Affairs and Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain. State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Satish Chandra Roy and Minister of State for Youth, Sports and

Cultural Affairs Obaidul Kader. Besides, the Cabinet Secretary, members of the Planning Commission, the Principal Secretary and the Secretary to the prime minister and secre taries also attended the meet-

Edn policy

cerned including representatives of the teachers community would be consulted in formulating the new national education policy.

Replying to a question from

BNP deputy Zafrul Islam

Chowdhury, he said that at present there were one crore 94 lakh children in the country in primary school-going age, of whom 92 per cent got admitted in primary schools in Replying to another question the minister said the gov-

ernment had right now no

plan to enhance the grant

money for teachers of regis-

tered primary schools. This would be considered in the light of the education policy now being formulated, the added. There were 5,771 unregistered primary schools in the

registration process was now under consideration, he told another questioner. The government had no plan now to set up a separate secondary and higher sec-

country now and revival o

ondary education board in Sylhet Division, he said. The minister also said that there was no plan to reintroduce 'question-bank' system in the SSC examination.

2 held for stealing

cables at ZIA By Staff Correspondent Two persons were arrested on charges of stealing electric cables from a section of the runway at the Zia International

Airport (ZIA) in the early hours

fied as Rafiq and Nayan, police

said. Security personnel at the

The arrested were identi-

of yesterday.

airport nabbed the persons at about 1:30 am and recovered a sharp instrument from their possession. The security officials handed them over to Canton-

ment police and filed a case,

police said. Flood kills

50 in Spain BIESCAS, Spain, Aug 8: At least 50 people were killed and 150 injured in flash floods at a campground in the Spanish pyrenees, according to a new toll given to AFP by re-

gional police today.

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