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NEWS BRIEFS

JS session resumes today

its session at 3 pm today after a five-day recess. During the recess, the people observed the 'National Mourning Day on August 15 marking the 21st anniversary of the assassination of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The seventh Jativa Sangsad which began its maiden session on July 14 is scheduled to be prorogued on

22 more firearms seized

the arms recovery operation on Tuesday, reports UNB.

10 shops gutted in Ctg

keepers said, reports UNB.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent Fatullah thana.

New SEC Chairman

the government, has joined Commission (SEC) as Chairyesterday, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister at press conference

BHADRA 3, 1403 BS.

Dhaka firm to resolve water issue with Delhi

By Staff Correspondent

Pakistan and his trip to Kuwait, and Iran beginning to-

Foreign Minister Abdus

Samad Azad has said

Bangladesh is firm to resolve

the Ganges water-sharing issue

with India before the next lean

an immediate settlement of

the water issue and other bi-

lateral problems had been con-

veyed to India during the re-

cent visit of Foreign Secretary

ence at the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs vesterday evening, the

minister spoke on a number of

issues, including the Prime

Minister's scheduled visit to

China from September 12, bi-

lateral relations with India and

SBMC closed for

7 days as JCD,

BCL clash

From Staff Correspondent

Sher-e-Bangla Medical College

(SBMC) has been declared

an emergency meeting of the

academic council. The Princi-

Karim Mollah was in the chair.

this evening.

them critically.

All students were asked to

The Principal told The

been closed to avoid further

violence between rival student

lice is on duty on the campus

lowing a fierce gunbattle be-

tween the activists of the

Bangladesh Chhatra League

(BCL) and the Jatiyatabadi Ch-

hatra Dal (JCD) last night that

of both the groups injured, 5 of

Natore lawyers

to maintain law and order.

A strong contingent of po-

The college was closed fol-

closed for 7 days from today.

BARISAL, Aug 17: The

The decision was taken at

Addressing a press confer-

Faroog Sobhan.

He said Dhaka's concern for

season beginning in January.

Samad Azad said "Unresolved problems with India had been allowed to accumulate over the last 21 years. The problems were put in cold storage, but now the ice has started melting."

Expressing the present government's determination to resolve the outstanding issues at the earliest, the foreign minister said that the forthcoming three-day visit of his Indian counterpart I K Gujral beginning on September 6 would help expedite the pro-.

Samad Azad said that Foreign Secretary Faroog Sobhan.

during his recent visit to India. had met Prime Minister Deve Gowda and I K Gujral and they had said they fully understood the Bangladesh concern on the water issue. Both the governments have decided to attach high priority to resolving this issue and other outstanding ones to further improve the relations, he added.

Faroog Sobhan had also met Indian opposition leader and former Prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and former foreign minister in the Congress government Pranab Mukherjee and both of them said they would support a resolution of the water issue, the minister pomeed out.

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Have You Seen This, Mr Mayor?



Virtual death traps for scooters, tempos, motor bikes and pedestrians. This scene is from a busy intersection at Malibagh. Open manholes or uncovered drains are usual sights in Dhaka's main roads. How many accidents will have to occur before something is done about these problems? Star photo

President assents to 13 Bills

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has assented to a total of 13 bills passed by the Jatiya Sangsad in its current session, reports UNB.

A Parliament secretariat release yesterday said the President gave his assent to the bills on August 14. The bills are as follows: The Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture (Amendment) Bill 1996: The Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996; The Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Bill 1996; The Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council Bill 1996; The Bangladesh Jute Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996: The Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996: The Bangladesh Fish-eries Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996; The Bangladesh Sugarcane Research Institute Bill 1996; The Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (Amendment) Bill 1996; The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill 1996; The Bangladesh Agricu-Itural Research Institute (Amendment) Bill 1996; The Insurance (Amendment) Bill 1996; and The Insurance Corporation (Amendment) Bill

Begum Zia starts by-polls campaign tour this week

By Staff Correspondent

BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia will begin on August 20 a 13day election campaign for her party candidates in the September 5 by-elections to 11 vacant seats of the Jatiya Sangsad in eight districts.

During her visit she will address public meetings in Khulna-1. Bagerhat-1, Rangpur-2, 5 and 6. Kurigram-3, Bogra-6 and 7, Laxmipur-2, Chittagong-I and Shariatpur-1 constituencies, said a party press release here yesterday.

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AL body discusses by-election strategy

By Staff Correspondent The Awami League Central Election Steering Committee (ALCESC) at its meeting here on Friday discussed strategies and preparations for the September by-elections to 15 Jatiya Sangsad seats, said a pres release yesterday.

The meeting also congratulated Finance Minister and a Co-chairman of the ALCESC Shah ASM Kibria for his efficient guidance during the June 12 general elections.

Addressing Friday's meet ing. Kibria urged the members of the ALCESC to intensify cainpaign for the by-polls highlighting the government's plan for poverty alleviation and economic emancipation or the

The meeting, held at the See Page 12 Col 3

New industrial policy being framed: Tofael

By Staff Correspondent

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed vesterday said the government would soon formulate a new industrial policy and for this dialogue with the chamber bodies had already started.

"We will also take the opposition parties into confidence to formulate the policy so that the policy gains permanency," he said. He was exchanging views

with the editors of national dailies at his secretariat office. He said the new industrial policy will aim at simplifying the laws and regulations regarding investments.

The minister said the government is closely monitoring the fertiliser distribution process and added that any mismanagement will be dealt with "If any irregularities are

found in fertiliser distribution. the dealership will be cancelled," Tofael said. "We have

The government is likely to

sign two more agreements

with two US companies within

a couple of weeks for hydro-

carbon exploration in the Bay

of Bengal near the St Martin

island and the Sundarbans, ac-

cording to sources in the

be signed with the Rexwood

Oakland Company for hydro-

carbon exploration in Block 17

and Block 18 covering the

deeper part of the Bay near the

Cox's Bazar-Teknaf-St Martins

be signed with the UMIC for

exploration in Block 21 cover-

ing the area off the Sundar-

agreements, the government

will conclude 'open negotia-

tions' for hydrocarbon explo-

ration, initiated in 1992. The

'open negotiations' was offi-

cially concluded in July last.

but negotiations with these

two companies had begun in

1993 on the basis of separate

Memorandums of Understand

The 'open negotiations' ear-

lier produced five agreements

with a British-Dutch joint ven-

ture, the Cairn Plc and Holland

Sea Search and a US company.

Occidental. The Cairn struck a

gas reserve of over 1 trillion

cubic feet at Sangu-1 well in

the Bay. 35 km from Chit-

From now on, the govern

ment will allow exploration by

foreign private companies on

the basis of 'Unsolicited bid-

ding. The government is ex-

regard later this year, the

pected to float tender in this

tagong in January.

The other agreement will

With the signing of these

One of the agreements will

Petrobangla.

Island region.

ing (MOUs).

already cancelled one dealership in Natore, arrested the dealer and forfeited his earnest money for mismanagement.

He said the fertiliser crisis was created by exporting four lakh tons of fertiliser disregarding the country's requirement. On the other hand, he added, the dealership system was politicised with the new appointment of dealers in January this year.

"Dealership was given to people who had never done business in fertiliser and these people mismanaged the supply system," Tofael said.

"We could have cancelled these dealers and appointed new ones," said the minister. but again, allegations of politicisation may have been raised against us. So, we are now treating the existing deal ers on real business terms and strictly monitoring whether

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Me a while, the Cairn Plc.

which is now the holding

company of Holland Sea

Search, has begun fresh seis-

mic survey in the shallow wa-

ters of the Bay of Bengal with

three survey ships. The Cairn

is also conducting seismic sur-

vey in Raujan area and Halda

valley in Block 15 covering the

Chittagong Hill Tracts and part

well near the first well, but

testing of the well is yet to be

completed. It will drill four

more wells in December and

declare the discovery of the

The Cairn has submitted its

appraisal plan' to the

Petrobangla and will submit

the 'development plan' of the

Sangu-1 well soon, sources

plan'. Cairn will invest 200

million US dollars to build

platform, a processing plant

and a 50 mile gas pipeline

from Sangu to the Bakhrabad

gas line at the Chittagong City

Under the 'development

gas reserve already found.

It had drilled the Sangu-2

Hydrocarbon exploration in Bay

2 more US companies

to sign accord soon

By Sharier Khan

sources said.

of Chittagong.

confirmed.

PABNA, Aug 17: Police Superintendent of Pabna Jamsheduddin Bhuiyan and three other policemen were killed in a road accident last night as his jeep collided with a speedy

> reports BSS. Officials said the accident took place at Maligachha, eight kilometres off the town, as the jeep collided with an inter-city Rajshahi bound bus at about 10

bus near the Pabna town.

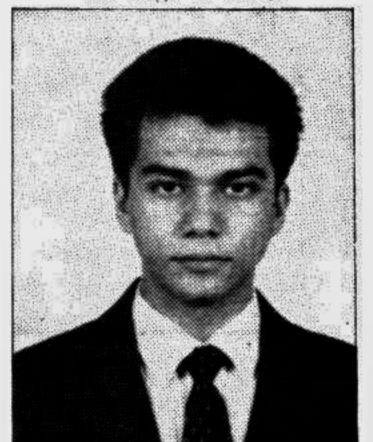
Bhuiyan was returning to Pabna after an official visit to Ishurdi town.

Bhuiyan, his driver Abdur Rashid and bodyguard constable M Ashraf died on the spot while another policeman Nayek Mohammad Jahangir died at Pabna hospital. After receiving information

of an accident police went to the spot and identified the

The police jeep was damaged while the partly damaged Dhaka-Rajshahi route bus was found abandoned. None have

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Tareq still untraced

By Staff Correspondent Md Moinuddin Kashem alias Tareg. 21, who has been missing since Wednesday night could not be traced till late night police and family sources of Tareq said. . Taren, a student of North-South University and son of Md Abdul Kashem, chairman of the South East Bank and

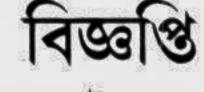
managing director of the Mutual Group of Companies. had gone out of his Banani res idence Wednesday night. One of his friends Rocky, son of Fakrul Islam Munshi, a former minister, called Tareq out of See Page 12 col 8

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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার উপানুষ্ঠানিক শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর প্রাথমিক ও গণশিক্ষা বিভাগ

'২/৬, ব্লক-ই, লালমাটিয়া, ঢাকা। স্মারক নং-উশিঅ/বাস্ত/আঃসাঃদিঃ/৯৬/১১৭১

তারিখ ঃ ২৮-৪-১৪০৩বাং/১২-৮-১৯৯৬ইং



উদ্ভাবনী অনুসারক উপকরণ প্রতিযোগিতা

সাক্ষরতার সহিত জড়িত পেশাজীবী, শিক্ষক, গবেষক, বিশেষজ্ঞ, বেসরকারী সংস্থা ও অন্যান্যদের অবগতির জন্য জানান যাইতেছে যে, আন্তর্জাতিক সাক্ষরতা দিবস '৯৬ উদ্যাপন উপলক্ষে দেশব্যাপী "উদ্ভাবনী অনুসারক উপকরণ উনুয়ন" বিষয়ে একটি প্রতিযোগিতার ব্যবস্থা করা হইয়াছে। উক্ত প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণেচ্ছুদের নিম্বাক্ষরকারীর বরাবরে আগামী ২৫শে আগস্টের মধ্যে উপকরণ প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল।

উপকরণের বিষয়বস্তু নিম্নরূপ হইবেঃ

রূপকথা, গল্প, স্বাস্থ্য, পৃষ্টি, কৃষি, মৎস্য, হাস-মুরগী পালন পতপালন, আইন ও অধিকার, জীবনের মান উনুয়ন, ধর্মভিত্তিক বই যাহা নব্য সাক্ষরদের পড়ার আগ্রহ সৃষ্টিতে সহায়ক এবং আয় বৃদ্ধিমূলক

শর্তাবলীঃ

উপকরণসমূহ ঃ ১। মুদ্রিত হওয়া আবশ্যক ২। বর্ণিত বিষয় স্পষ্ট হওয়া আবশ্যক ৩। অলংকরণ যথায়থ এবং আকর্ষণীয় হওয়া আবশ্যক ৪। বর্ণিত ভাষা নব্যসাক্ষরদের উপযোগী সহজ বাংলা হওয়া আবশ্যক ে। যে কোন সাইজের হইতে পাবে তবে দুই ফর্মার বেশি না হওয়া বাঞ্ছ নীয় ৬। অক্ষরের সাইজ কমপক্ষে ১২ প্রেন্টের হওয়া আবশ্যক ৭। বই, পুস্তিকা এবং দেওয়াল পত্রিকার আকারে হইতে পারে।

পুরস্কারঃ

১ম পুরস্কার ঃ ৬০০০.০০ (ছয় হাজার) টাকা

২য় পুরস্কার ঃ ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা

৩য় পুরস্কার ঃ ৪০০০.০০ (চার হাজার। টাকা

অংশগ্রহণকারীগণকে তাহাদের উপকরণের সাথে নাম, ठिकाना (टॅनिटकान नश्मर), উপকরণের নাম, বিষয়বস্তু ভিনু কাগজে দিতে হইবে। পুরস্কার আন্তর্জাতিক সাক্ষরতা দিবস '৯৬ উদযাপন উপলক্ষে ঢাকাস্থ ওসমানী স্মৃতি মিলনায়তনে ৮ই সেপ্টেম্বর দেওয়া হবে।

মুহম্মদ আবু তাহের খান

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Ceasefire in Chechnya NOVY ATAGI (Russia). Aug day while the Russian and rebel commanders met to ne

17: Chechen and Russian military commanders announced they had formally agreed a ceasefire here today, expected to bring to an end in fierce lighting in the breakaway republic, reports AFP.

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The Chechen rebels' chief of-staff Aslan Maskhadov said after a three-and-a-half hour meeting with the commander of Russian troops in Chechnya. General Konstantin Pulikovsky: "Two orders were signed today by Pulikovsky and Maskhadov on ceasing hostilities from 10:00 am today" (0600 GMT).

Pulikovsky said: "We reached a united opinion that we need to stop fighting that there be no more victims and that peace will come to this land. That's the most important thing everyone's tired

AP adds: Outbursts of fighting shook the informal ceasefire in the Chechen capital togotiate details of their uneasy

Chechnya between Gen than four hours, the separatist

of a planned joint commission that would monitor the shaky cease-fire.

a copy of his order to rebel fighters formally establishing the truce and "zones of responsibility" in devastated Grozny, and Pulikovsky promised to issue a similar order Sunday, it said, according to the Interfax news agency.

The next meeting between the two commanders is planned for Sunday. Fighting continued to flare

Chechens continued to control despite running low on gasoline and other supplies The sides blasted each

and machine guns and Russian warplanes carried several air Issa Astamirov, the Chechen chief of staff in Grozny, ac

lating the cease-fire and said his fighters have rebuffed several Russian attacks Saturday. that the Russians will honor any cease-fire," he said.

The rebel command re ported a major outburst of fighting Saturday night, and said five Russian armored vehicles were destroyed, according to Interfax. The Russian side had no immediate com-

BOI to set up separate

By Gobinda Shil

(BOI) is planning to set up different desks at its headquar ters for various utility services to simplify procedural com plexities now burdening the prospective investors, said Toufig Elahi Chowdhury, Executive Chairman of the BOL

Earlier, utility organisations

we may think of bringing them under the purview of our office," said Chowdhury, adding BOI was trying to take lessons from East Asian countries where bureaucracy has been

Officials said some 1358 companies were registered with the BOI till June this year

under Flood Action Pro-

gramme (FAP) 21 and 22 in

with a proposed investment outlay of Tk 10.223 crore. Although the rate of regis-

tration was growing, that of project implementation was not satisfactory. BOI officials agreed that there was no easy methodology to assess this. Citing examples, the Execu-

tive Chairman said, the in vestment climate was growing healthier. Petro-chemical in-dustries, power generation and engingering were showing much interests in the recent years, sources pointed out. Cairn Plc was raising a Tk

325 crore fund through issuance of shares in the European market while Korean firm Youngone was raising an other Tk 80 crore by floating securities. Chowdhury told The Daily Star quoting some foreign dailies and weeklies.

> "It is not the fiscal and See Page 12 Col 1

Germany keen to increase aid for Bangladesh

Germany, the seventh largest partner of Bangladesh's economic and social development, is eager to expand the present volume of cooperation in all possible fields, said its ambassador Bruno Weber, reports BSS.

After visiting several German-Bangladesh joint projects in Rangpur, Kurigram, Bahadurabad of Jamalpur and Tangail, Weber told a group of journalists who were accompany him from Dhaka that most of the joint projects are progressing satisfactorily and his country is eager not only to continue the existing aid to Bangladesh but also to expand its network.

to help the poor farmers in-Germany has so far procluding the women to become vided Bangladesh 3.8 billion self-reliant, has already made a

Deutsche marks since 1972 and the money is being invested in various projects in different parts of the country. he said. One of the main projects is

the "Marginal and small farm systems crop intensification project" in Kurigram, co-financed by International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD). Being implemented since 1989, the project operates in Kurigram district which is generally acknowledged as one of the poorest regions of the country. The project, which was

conceive mainly to reverse the

process of marginalisation and

tives, it was found on a visit to the project area.

headway in attaining its objec-

The project initiated a credit scheme among the small farmer groups and it was found that some 2100 such groups, with about 20 persons in each group, have taken loans totalling Taka 150 million so far. About 60 per cent of these groups have already received loans more than once and the overall recovery rate is over 96 per cent. Social awareness of the target group is one of the main things the project has achieved, it was Another important project

being implemented under

German grants is the bank

protection and river training

the Gaihandha and Jamalpur districts. The main objectives of the project, involving 70 million Deutsche marks, both from Germany and France, is to develop new cost effective designs and construction using safety levels, construction materials and methods for river bank protection. It is also aimed at investigating means of employing the river's own fluvial processes to stabilise its course and to reduce sudden

Spread in Kamarjani and Gidari union of Gaibandha and Bahadurabad of Jamalpur, on the two sides of the river Jamuna, the project is being implemented satisfactorily.

channel modifications.

nator During a visit to the Tangail Infrastructure Development

Project, which is being implemented since 1992 within the scope of German Technical Cooperation, it was seen that the German government is assisting the Local Government

pal of the college. Prof Abdul leave their hostels by 6 pm Daily Star that the college has

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467.95 (-0.32%) 4264.04 c Transactions in volume Transactions in value Tk

boycott courts From Our Correspondent By Staff Correspondent NATORE, Aug 18: The Lawyers of the Natore Bar As-The Jatiya Sangsad resumes sociation (NBA) today boycotted all the courts under the District and Sessions Judge demanding his immediate According to NBA lawyers the judge insulted some advo-

cates last month. Protesting the incident, the lawyers had earlier boycotted only the Judge Court. ATM Akram Hossain. President of NBA told newsmen that they would go September 2. for tougher action if the Judge was not removed soon Meanwhile, the NBA has

Police seized some 22 firearms and 35 ammunition in 24 hours till Friday midnight in the countrywide hunt for il legal arms. Some 779 people including 13 for possessing il legal arms, were arrested during the drive, police sources said vesterday. A total of 111 firearms and 413 ammunition were seized and 2,377 people arrested since the beginning of

CHITTAGONG, Aug 17: Ten shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Nazirhat Bazar in Hathazari thana of the district today. The blaze, originating from an electrical short circuit at a small industry at about 1:30 pm, spread fast and en gulfed adjacent shops, fire bri gade and local people said Firemen extinguished the flame after fighting for about 40 minutes. The extent of damage of property was estimated at Tk 20 lakh, shop-

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 17: Police recovered the body of one Shafiq, 23, from near a water tank of Chashara Petrol Pump in the city yesterday. A deep mark of injury was found in the head of the victim. Fatullah police, however, said he slipped near the tank and was injured when hit against the tank. The local people said, the death was shrouded in mystery. A case has been filed with the

Mohammad Haroonur Rashid, a retired secretary to

the Securities and Exchange man, a press release said here

up from time to time in downtown Grozny, which the

The meeting in southern Konstantin Pulikovsky, the top Russian commander, and Chechen chief of staff Aslam Maskhadov lasted for more

command said. The two discussed details

cused the Russian side of vio-

Maskhadov gave Pulikovsky

other with artillery, mortars raids on the city.

"We don't have any hope "Russia's policy is based on the

principle of the fewer Chechens, the better.

utility services desks

The Board of Investment

like, DESA, BPDB and BTTB. had communicated to BOI a proposal under which these would also set up special desks at their offices to expedite the procedural formalities. "If these desks do not work.

reduced substantially.

said project director. Work and implementation phase of FAP-21 accomplished so far groyne test structure at Kamarjani comprising a total of six groynes. The construction of revelment test structure at Bahadurabad started in November 1995 but had to be postponed till next construction season due to unsatisfactory progress for various reasons, said the project coordi-

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