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## Construction of box-culvert Govt to seek withdrawal

holding, said an official of the

are highly disappointed over

Dhaka City Corporation's stand

on Thursday's waterlogging. On

the day. DCC Mayor accused the

WASA of not taking any initia-

tive to remove water-stagnation

DU VC panel polls

White panel

finalises its

candidates

By DU Correspondent

day nominated three candi-

dates for the election of VC

panel for Dhaka University

scheduled to be held on Septeni-

Ahmed, former pro-VC; Prof

Mahmudul Amin of Zoology

Department and Prof Sultan

Hossain, Dean of the Faculty of

The nominations were fi-

nalised at a meeting of the DU

senators belonging to White

panel with Prof Safi Chowd-

The senate will elect the

Meanwhile, the pro-Awami

League Blue panel will finalise

its panel today through secret

ballot from among the earlier

selected six candidates. They

are: Prof AK Azad Chowdhury

of Pharmacy Department, Prof

M Aminul Islam of Geography

Prof Sahdat Ali of Zoology

Prof Mosiuzzaman of Chem

istry, Prof Mostafa Chowdhu

The nominees are: Dr Wakil

Pro-BNP White panel yester-

problem

Zoology

hury in the chair.

three-member VC panel.

Meanwhile, WASA officials

of stay order The government, to alleviate The WASA officials said public suffering for waterlogthose who had filed cases are ging in the city, will go to court not genuine owners of land on for withdrawal of the injuncwhich the box-culvert will go tion on construction of a boxon. They are claiming governculvert from Segunbagicha to ment's khas land as their own

Kamalapur, reports UNB. A team of Dhaka WASA led by its Managing Director, Dr Azharul Haq. yesterday dis cussed the matter with Attorney General Barrister KS Nabi, offi-

cial sources said. After examining the injunc tion, the Attorney General's of fice will move to the court to withdraw the stay order on construction of the box-culvert considering people's plight caused by the stagnation of rain water in the capital

An unprecedented waterlogging almost paralysed the city life causing endless public suffering and massive traffic-congestion on Thursday. City dwellers are worried about any other water-stagnation that might occur even after a moder ate rain.

The waterlogging, engineers and experts opined, is occurring mainly for faulty drainage system of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA) Engineers and officials at

WASA, however, think that the water-stagnation had not taken place if the construction work of the box-culvert from Segunbagicha to Kamalapur could be completed in due time.

They hoped that there would be no waterlogging in the city in the next monsoon if the boxculvert as part of WASA drainage network is constructed after withdrawal of the three injunction orders. "There is no possibility to get rid of the problem in the current season.

According to WASA sources the major part of work of the drainage network that included construction of storm sewerage line and box-culverts, and reexcavation of canals, has already been completed.

The Segunbagicha-Kamalapur box-culvert is not being completed as authorities of a mosque and two families lodged cases and court imposed injunction on its construction at three

college student was killed by some unidentified miscreants at the foot of the under-construction freedom fighters monument on the Agriculture University campus here last night, reports BSS.

The body bore several marks of stab injury.

Suhan Rashid, son of one Abdur Rouf A second year student of Nasirabad College, Suhan was a Chhatra League worker A knife was recovered from

A conference of Agriculture University unit of Chhatra League is scheduled to be held tomorrow

### Deadlock at CU continues

CHITTAGONG, Sept 21: The indefinite 'siege' enforced at the Chittagong University by the ruling party's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) continued for third day today.

BCL supporters called the siege programme protesting Tuesday's campus violence.

Campus sources said the university authorities had been making efforts to bring about a reconciliation between the feuding factions. Classes were not held today

while most of the general students vacated the halls fearing an outbreak of violence, the sources said.

The university authorities postponed all examinations till October 1

The supporters of BCL and Islami Chhatra Shibir again staged separate demonstration today, the campus sources said. No fresh incident of violence was reported though tension

A large number of police remained on duty in the campus to check further outbreak of vi-

olence. The authorities suspended a class four employee, Md. Shafi. for his alleged involvement in the attack on BCL leader Abul Kasem during Tuesday's vio-

### Gold haul

From Page 1 According to its preliminary schedule, the delegation is expected to hold talks with Indian experts on September 25 and 26. it was learnt by The Daily Star vesterday. If required, the team could extend the duration of its

3-member team

stay in New Delhi. The experts' team would prepare the groundwork for a water sharing agreement between the two countries.

Officials said, the two sides would compare the data and would also try to reconcile the differences on the quantum of flow of Ganges water during the dry season.

The official expert level discussions may begin with the Indian External Affairs Minister on the opening day while the main talks would be held at a similar level as the Bangladesh

The Delhi meeting is expected to be the beginning of a series of consultations between Dhaka and New Delhi on arriving at a consensus at the experts level based on political understanding between the two governments," said one official.

for personal appearance on

later dates," a Criminal Bureau

of Investigation officials said

posedly counts kings and presi-

dents among his followers, and

his associate Kailash Nath Ag-

garwal were arrested by federal

detectives in May and have been

housed at New Delhi's high-se-

against him, Rao said he was

quitting "in the interests of the

party." The decision put a vir-

tual end to a 50-year political

career that culminated with the

5-year leadership of India that

positions of power, including

that of prime minister, I have

not done anything violative of

law, nor have I done anything

which might bring discredit to

my party or my government."

he said in a statement read by a

him, stemming from alleged

corruption before or during his

premiership, fueled the pres-

mediately to look for a new

leader. There is no heir appar-

ent, and it may see a heated and

The Congress will begin im-

sure from party dissidents.

Four court cases against

"During the period I was in

saw dramatic changes.

party spokesman.

divisive contest.

Denying the accusations

curity Tihar Jail.

Chandraswami, who sup-

today.

Gulshan Section-1, the sources added. Acting on a tip-off, Customs personnel to Gulshan to contact the firm for opening the packets in presence of its representatives. But they could not trace any such firm there.

Later, at about 3:15 pm yesat the airport cargo complex in various law enforcing agencies. 575 pieces in another.

gold worth about Tk four crore and in 1990 gold worth about Tk 2.4 crore were seized at ZIA. the sources recalled. Meanwhile, security was

stepped up at airport following the seizure of gold

The seized gold would be handed over to the Bangladesh Bank authorities on completion of official formalities within a day or two, a senior Customs official said.

#### of Political Science and I ATM Zahurul Haque of E nomics Department.

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terday, the cartons were opened presence of senior customs officials and officials of ZIA and Customs sources said, adding that they found 600 pieces of gold biscuits in one carton and

Two other packets which carried the same address were full of electronic goods.

Earlier, in 1993 smuggled

India's main opposition

party welcomed the resignation

of former premier PV

Narasimha Rao as president of

The Bharatiya Janata Party

(BJP) said the century-old

Congress was now a spent force.

"It is a piece of history, a relic of

the past." BJP leader Yashwant

Sinha told AFP. "It is only the

beginning of the end for the

dia-Marxist (CPI-M)'s general

secretary, Harkishen Singh

Rao should have resigned much

Congress Party agreed.

The critics of Rao within the

"He did the right thing," rebel

Congress leader K Karunakaran

said. "There is no question of

asking him to take back his res-

the party's decision making

body, the Congress Working

Committee, said Rao's decision

upheld "the high traditions of

Sharad Pawar, a member of

The Communist Party of In-

the Congress Party.

Congress.

criminal case."

earlier.

ignation."

the Congress.

Rao quits as Cong chief

# will be important towards

LDCs

September 23 to discuss politifor Bangladeshi workforce in that country.

### Kashmir

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Kashmir's All Party Free dom Conference, an alliance of around 30 separatist groups boycotting the polls, announced, however, that Saturday's elections were "a blow to Indian claims that Kashmiris were in favour of elections.

### Arsenic

"Copper Chromium Arsenic" is use in the poles and the temperature forms a strong celulus polimar, a scientist of the BAEC explained. The purpose is to protect the timber from disintegration and keep insects away. he added. This method was first evolved by an Indian chemist in 1933. USA adopted it in 1936 and has been using eversince, it was learnt from another source.

Surject, said: "Rao had no other The BAEC Scientist said that course open but to resign. This once the wood in processed, it is the first time a former prime minister has been indicted in a The Communist Party of India (CPI), a partner in the ruling coalition government of Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, said

thought that the contamination came from West Bengal. But what is puzzling is that in Bangladesh, this contamination is occurring in different pockets, at a comparably lesser depth," he said hinting that the contamination night have

"It is possible that when we stopped using insecticide containing arsenic, we dumped the left-overs at different parts of the country which slowly found their way into the water," an-

other scientist opined. It was learnt that the government was yet to give any clarification on the matter. The Minister for Health and Family Welfare told the Jatiya Sangsad earlier that orders had been issued for closure of tubewells where arsenic contamination



Hilsa fish now in abundant supply at the city's Swoari-- Star photo ghat wholesale market.

# Hanil Bank branch opens in city

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria vesterday hoped that Korean entrepreneurs would invest in Bangladesh in a large

Opening a branch of the Hanil Bank of Korea at Banani in the city, the finance minister said, the government has made laws providing for setting up of export processing zone in the private sector to expedite foreign investment in the country. "A congenial atmosphere is

prevailing in the country for foreign investment and the government is ready to provide all legal support and necessary logistic facilities to them." he

The inaugural function was also aldressed by South Korean Ambassidor in Dhaka Byun Jong Kyu and Moazzem Hossen Khan. Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA). A message from the bank's president and chief executive. Lee Kwan, was read out at the func-

High officials, leading bankers and some Korean businessmen and entrepreneurs

They were treated on an out-

patient basis at the Sultanah

Aminah Hospital in Johore

Bahru, 300 kilometers (180

miles) south of Kuala Lumpur.

said Assistant Commissioner

of locals apparently tried to ex-

tort money from the foreigners.

the national news agency

had been made. He offered no

kilometers (270 miles) north-

west of Kuala Lumpur, police

said they detained 12 illegal

Bangladeshi immigrants after

getting a tip. The Bangladeshis

were to be handed over to immi-

gration authorities for further

Kishoreganj

pourasava

dissolved

Kishoregani Pourasava has

been dissolved on charges of

corruption, irregularities and

misuse of power by its office-

According to a government

notification, posts of all the 13

pourasava members including

three selected women commis-

sioners have been vacated with

Alhaj Abu Taher Miah, is a dis-

trict unit leader of opposition

The government dissolved

Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

the pourasava according to Ar-

ticle 135 of the Pourasava Ordi-

nance, 1977. The dissolution

letter was signed on September

18 by Local Government Secre-

tary A H M Abdul Hye as per the

Additional Deputy Commis-

sioner (General) Chowdhury

Mohammad Babul Hasan has

been asked to take over the re-

sponsibility of the pourasava.

President order sent here.

The fired poura chairman,

bearers, reports UNB.

immediate effect.

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 21: The

The fight began when a group

Divakaran said no arrests

In Kangar, meanwhile, 450

of Police S. Divakaran.

Bernama reported.

details.

action.

reports AP.

also attended the function. Terming opening of the branch a symbol of friendship between the two countries, the finance minister said that the bank, besides giving customer service, would also help bring foreign investment in

Through this bank, economic co-operation between Bangladesh and Korea will be further strengthened," Kibria

ment would also help Bangladesh achieve the targeted 7 per

Hamil Bank in a leading bank in Korea, established in 1932, it has now 430 domestic and 19 overseas branches. It also has nine subsidiaries in the areas of securities, trust and leasing.

South Korean Ambassador Byun Jong Kyu, said that the bank has come at the right time as more than 1000 Korean businessmen are now in Bangladesh and they are successful and happy with their overall business performances.

#### 12 detained Locals clash 3 Bangladeshis with Ansars hurt in clash By Staff Correspondent A group of local people

with Malaysians clashed with on-duty Ansars near the National Cardiac In-KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21: stitute at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Three Bangladeshis were inunder Tejgaon thana in the city jured in a fight with five local yesterday morning. people in Johore Bahru today.

sources added

The Ansars fired at least five blank shots to bring the situation under control, police sources said.

The clash reportedly took place between a group of local people and Ansars on duty at the site of the under-construction Kidney Hospital, close to the Cardiac Hospital, police

The reason behind the clash that sparked off at about 11:30 am could not be known immediately. However, it was alleged that the trouble began over the disconnection of a power supply line, police added.

## Nusrat blames

From Page 1 tary police patrolled the streets. Around the family graveyard outside Larkana, 300 kilometers (160 miles) north of Karachi, security was tight as an estimated 5,000 demonstrators condemned Ms Bhutto.

Mourners beat their chest wailed and cried. They shouted anti-Benazir Bhutto slogans and vowed to take revenge. At the graveside dozens of

brightly coloured flags were erected and colourful shawls were strewn on the sundrenched ground, both signs of respect for the dead. Murtaza and six of his supporters were killed Friday in a

hail of bullets outside his posh Clifton neighbourhood in Karachi. In Larkana — the birthplace of the Bhuttos — shops were shuttered while on the street

dozens of young men threw stones at government buildings. burned vehicles and blamed Ms Bhutto for the death of her brother. "People are sad and angry. said Mohammed Nasir, the owner of a local hotel. "They

hold her responsible for the death of her brother. Ms Bhutto and her brother had been at odds since his return to Pakistan in 1993. They had barely spoken in six years They met briefly last July in an attempt at reconciliation, however nothing came of it.

## Chenny calls on Khaleda

Former American Delence Secretary Dick Chenny and US Ambassador to Bangladesh David N Merrill paid a courtesy call on Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia at her cantonment residence yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed exploration and utilisation of off-shore gas in the Bay of Bengal for which a production sharing agreement was signed in 1994 during Begum Zia's tenure as Prime Minister, party sources said. During the discussion, Dick

Chenny stated that he had valned the wisdom of the policy pursued by the former Bangladesh government headed by Begum Zia the development of energy, especially the gas sec-

The former US defence secretary said that he had discussed the matter with senior officials concerned of the Bangladesh government for continuation of he project.

Dick Chenny recalled Begum Zia's visit to the Pentagon as Prime Minister when he was the Defence Secretary of the US government headed by President George Bush. He thanked the former

Prime Minister for the help and cooperation extended by her government in exploration of gas in the off-shore of the Bay of Bengal Begum Zia assured allout

support and cooperation to the multinational companies en gaged in the project as a matter of her party's policy, aimed at sharing in the country's development process. The BNP chairperson, dur

ing the meeting, invited investors from the United States and other countries for participation in the energy sector.

### Hasina meets partymen

Prime Minister and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday held discussion with party leaders and workers at Bangabandhu Avenue central office in the city yesterday afternoon, reports BSS. Sheikh Hasina, who spent

over one and a half hours at the party office, listened to various problems as well as suggestions from leaders of different district, thana and city committees. She discussed with them organisational matters and gave necessary instructions and suggestions.

#### BAU first year classes from Oct 1

MYMENSINGH, Sept 21: The first year degree classes of 1995-96 session under the Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) begins October 1.

### Samad Azad

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two sides to arrive at a permanent water-sharing arrangement before the commencement of the next dry season."

Samad said Jyoti Basu and his senior colleagues were briefed in detail on the problems and needs of Bangladesh. The Chief Minister has as-

sured us that he would try his best to accommodate our requirements as far as possible in consultation with his cabinet colleagues and the centre (Delhi)," he added. He told a questioner he had

discussed quantum with Basu. "Quantum was my major concern." He, however, declined to elaborate. Samad said certain quarters

were trying to give 'fatwa' on his Calcutta visit since he held talks with the head of a state government in India. Asked if the Calcutta trip

was unusual from the point of protocol, Samad replied that chief ministers of Indian states enjoy the rank of cabinet ministers in the warrant of precedence. He said the visit to meet Basu was "politically, diplomatically and from the point of national interest proper and necessary." He termed his Calcutta trip "a working official

"West Bengal's participation in the water sharing issue is important and it is understood by Delhi," Samad said, pointing out that Indian foreign minister Guiral's delegation to Dhaka included three ministers from West Bengal

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury and Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan were present on the oc-

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Mahanagar-Urmi coming from Chittagong. One member of the inquiry

committee, however, disagreed to this view. The committee submitted the report in due time of five days, said the BR release.

Meanwhile, the Inspector General of Bangladesh Railway also has conducted separate investigation into this accident. which left some 8 people dead and about a hundred injured. He is due to submit his report to the government by September 30.

# 30,000 Bangladeshis

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cials have said that the foreigners staying without valid permits were "a burden and they were determined to sent them

The UAE has a population of some 2.5 million which include a foreign workforce of nearly 75 per cent. An estimated 1 lakh. 20 thousand of them are Bangladeshis.

The main problem now is transporting the Bangladeshis back to Dhaka," the ambassador said and informed that the government was trying to organise as many special flights as possible to send them home The Daily Star learnt that

till yesterday evening, some 2.500 Bangladeshis managed to return to Dhaka since the fly back programme was initiated on September 19. ernment, he said, was trying to organise the support of other airlines for ferrying back Bangladeshi passengers. Several Bangladeshis were also prospecting for chartering ships to carry them back.

Responding to a question he said, it would be helpful if the government or the private sector could arrange in chartering ships to meet the September 30 cut-off date.

According to reports re ceived by embassy officials from the Bangladeshis who came for exit passes, it was learnt that passports of several hundred Bangladeshis were seized by the employers or their agents and also by some unscrupulous agents either after their arrival in Abu Dhabi or at a later stage when they were changing their jobs legally from one company to another.

Embassy officials during the interviews also found that a large number were now compelled to leave UAE as they landed in the hands of frauds and cheats, besides being victims of circumstances.

Meanwhile, officials concerned vesterday feared that around 15,000 Bangladeshis may get stranded in the UAE if the deadline of September 30 is not extended or a fleet of chartered aircraft or shipping vessels are not immediately engaged in transporting them from the UAE.

Biman, in a press release yesterday said it will operate 39 flight within September 30 to carry 6,000 Bangladeshis from the United Arab Emirate (UAE). out of which about 2550 have already been flown home, till Biman also informed that

last night.

two other airlines - Emirates and Gulf Air - would also operate special flights to carry home

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That would still leave an estimated 15.000 Bangladeshis

the Bangladeshis. These air-

lines would be carrying 7,000

Bangladeshis in 21 extra

stranded in the UAE. Earlier. Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at a press briefing said that arrangements have been made to bring back

the Bangladeshis from the UAE He said the number of Bangladeshi workers who fall in the affected category and are staying there without necessary papers would be less than

Asked if Bangladesh would request the UAE government to extend the deadline for their departure and try to legalise their stay he replied that Bangladesh ambassadors to UAE and other countries were trying their best "in the current situation.

The ambassadors of the five affected countries are trying to extend the September 30 deadline to ensure smooth departure of such a large number of workers, it was learnt. UNB adds: Nearly 600 de-

ported Bangladeshi workers were flown back home yesterday from the United Arab Emirates by three flights. Immigration sources said the Bangladeshi workers were

flown to Dhaka by two flights of the Gulf Air and one by the Qater Airlines on Friday, 450 workers returned from the Gulf The authorities of Biman

have decided to allow foreign

carriers to operate extra flights. The Gulf Air and the Emirates have already been cleared to operate 17 and 4 extra flights respectively to bring back 7,000 Bangladeshis from the UAE.

### 7 get life-term for murder

PIROJPUR, Sept 21: District and Sessions Judge Fazlur Rahman here today awarded lifeterm to seven people in a murder case, reports UNB.

The convicts are: Uttam Sikder, Monaranjan Sikder, Ratan Sikder, Rangalal Hawlader, Rattan Sikder, Shamal Sikder alias Fran and Bhupati

According to the prosecution, the convicts shot dead one Samuran Sikder of Kuriana village of Swarupkathi thana near Kuriana girls school at about 8.30 pm on June 14 in 1993.

## Removal of BB official

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nor did not know anything.

"No information was also given to the banking division. When we wanted to know about it, we were informed that the committee headed by M R Khan gave the licences to a large number of non-banking financial institutions," he said

In case of banks, the finance minister said, the central bank gave permission with the consent of the government. Though Bangladesh Bank can give licence to non-bank institutions, it should be very cautious in giving approval to them. "It is all the more important

as our experience about the non-banking financial institutions is not good. Both the nonbanking financial institutions given licence earlier failed and had to convert to commercial banks," he said, referring to National Credit Limited and Bangladesh Credit and Investment Limited.

The decision to make M R Khan OSD was mainly taken keeping in mind the worry of the people about the nonbanking financial institutions ... any licence should be given for the interest of the people. The government will protect people's interest at any cost. "Why we would allow 18 in-

stitutions when we could not run two such financial institutions," he said, adding he was worried as the government does not know the guidelines followed in giving the licences to these financial institutions.

He observed that the central bank should have permitted five to six such institutions to see their performance.

The minister said he did not want to make any harsh comment about the former deputy governor, but his steps would be probed. "He might commit any honest mistake, but he'll have to face the consequences.

Kibria said a one-member committee headed by Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan had been formed to inquire into the matter. Dr Khan, who is leaving the city today with the minister for Barmuda and Washington, will submit his report by October.

Ruling out any political interference from the government, he said no official would be treated from any particular political angle. They will be measured by their efficiency. honesty and commitment to the profession.

Earlier, the minister told the employees of the Bangladesh Bank, who have been protesting the government action, that the former deputy governor would be given a fair justice through

the enquiry. "I can assure you that no whimsical decision will be

when the CBA leaders came to him during his visit to Bangladesh Bank. "If he is found innocent, he will be reinstated." the minister said, adding that the decision to

make Khan OSD was not taken

on anybody's suggestion. It was

taken on some preliminary re-

taken against anybody. What-

ever step was taken as per the

rules and regulations," he said

## ports, he added.

BB employees From Page 1 A visibly disturbed finance minister wanted to talk to the employees later at which the

employees went back to their working place, sources said. Later, the minister assured the employees that a one member committee headed by Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan will look into the allegations against M R Khan and actions will be taken upon this report. If the report proves nothing wrong against the DG, then he will be returned to his

Meanwhile, an atmosphere of deep resentment was prevailing at the central bank following the action against M R Khan on Thursday.

previous post, the minister as-

Talking to The Daily Star last night M R Khan claimed he had done nothing wrong and he had gone by the guidelines in giving permission for non-

banking financial institutions. Giving permission depends on unanimous decisions of the departmental committee on non-banking financial institutions and there are instances in the past that no permission from the Governor was taken in

doing so. Meanwhile, central bank sources said that the Governor had been making secret reports on the issue of giving permission for non-banking financial institutions and these had been sent to the finance ministry.

M R Khan returned from Guyana where he served as an IMF advisor in January 1995 and joined his old working place, the central bank. He was vocal about the autonomy of the central bank and was also closely involved with the liberalisation of the financial sector, the sources said.

He was a prospective candidate for the post of Governor as the tenure of present Governor Khorshed Alam, now on an extension, is due to expire in December, the sources added.

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## BCL activist killed on Agri Varsity campus

MYMENSINGH, Sept 21: One

The victim was identified as

the spot

From Staff Correspondent

remained high.

Hasina

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from different countries during

the UNGA meeting and attend

such meetings of the foreign

minister representing forums like the non-aligned Organisation of Islamic Conference and the SAARC. Azad will also chair a meet ing of the least developed countries (LDCs) to be participated by the foreign ministers of the

He said all these meetings

strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation. Azad said Abul Hasan Chowdhury will lead a powerful delegation to Malaysia on cal, economic and other issues including further opportunities

"So where is the need for co-

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might take many years to disintegrate. The arsenic content would take "many more years than we can imagine" to reach the ground water through layers of earth. 'In the beginning, we

come from a source on the sur-

would be reported from.

# He said that foreign investcent annual growth rate.

Bangladesh.