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ports UNB.

Water-sharing

Expert-level

talks in Delhi

from today

A three-member expert

committee left for New Delhi

yesterday to discuss details of

the sharing of Ganges water, re-

Additional Foreign Secre-

tary Ahmed Tariq Karim is

leading the committee. Two

other members are Director of

JRC Khalilur Rahman and Dr

Ainun Nishat. Professor of

The experts will hold talks

with their counterparts in New

Delhi today and tomorrow in a

TODAY

Read about our cricketing success in ACC Trophy and learn about the Irish gentleman who communicated to the world the surrender of Pak army in '71 in the Star Weekend Magazine today.

Inside Today —

Article

today.

official of the university said.

Later, in protest proctors

terday, disrupting traffic movement.

energy minister Dr Khandkar

Mosharraf Hossain devoid of

truth, baseless and imaginary

to the Press Note of the Power.

Energy and Mineral Resources

Ministry stating that talks were

initiated during the period of

the past BNP government for

importing electricity was pub-

lished in different newspaper

yesterday. The government said

in a handout the rejoinder may

create confusion in the minds

After verifying the docu-

ments, papers and records, the

government said that on August

4. 1994. AKM Ramchandran.

Additional General Manager

Grid Corporation of India Lim-

ited, made a courtesy call on the

Joint Secretary (electricity) of

the Power and Energy Ministry.

Afterwards in a letter on August

10. 1994 to the Joint Secretary

Ramchandran invited him and

his delegation to visit the high

voltage transmission line of the

desh High Commissioner in

New Delhi visited Assam and

It further said the Bangla

The rejoinder of Dr Hossain

reports BSS.

of the people

power, it added

and provosts and house tutors

of the halls have tendered their

resignation en masse.

The Yogi and Commissar

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by Kuldip Nayar **Meet Domestic Demands First**

by Dr. Shafi A Khaled

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Over 20,000 troops keep up offensive against LTTE

Israel talks about peace but speaks with guns Arafat Page 5

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Strong govt support need of the hour for pvt capital formation, workshop told

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and the best

amusement park

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Twenties Reading: Key far a

creative mind; A flight of fancy; A bond between the old and the young Page 8

NEWS BRIEFS

BNP CEC meets tomorrow

A meeting of the central executive committee of BNP will be held tomorrow at the party's central office at 11 am. BNP Secretary General Abdul Man nan Bhuiyan has requested all the EC members staying in Dhaka to attend the meeting. reports UNB.

Holiday in Habiganj-2 Constituency Oct 15

The government has announced public holiday on October 15 in Habigani-2 constituency on the occasion of the by-elections on the day, said an official handout yesterday. The holiday has been declared to enable the officers and employees working in the government. semi-government, autonomous, semi-autonomous and private offices and institutions to cast their votes, reports UNB.

Total lunar eclipse today

A total eclipse of the moon will take place today. An ISPR press release quoting Meteorological Department said that the eclipse would begin at 7-12.3 BST and would end at 10-36.3 BST on the day. The magnitude of the eclipse would be 1.245. This eclipse will, however, not be visible anywhere in Bangladesh. reports BSS.

461 more Rohingyas return home

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 26: Some 461 Rohingya refugees of 79 families went back to their homeland in Myanmar. With this 2.05.332 refugees returned home in 419 phases since the repatriation process started in 1992, officials said

Varsity closed sine die, halls vacated

Shibir-BCL gunbattle MR Khan okayed only 6 at IU: 100 injured

From Our Correspondent

Earlier in a clash yesterday KUSHTIA, Sept 26: Islamic University was closed sine die between the two factions, four Shibir activists including their following a fierce gunbattle between pro-Awami League leader Asaduzzaman were seriously injured, according to Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir on the campus campus sources. The clash ensued following a

dispute between the two groups Campus sources said over 100 students were wounded. over the sitting arrangement at many of them with bullets, in the inter-department football match vesterday afternoon. the clash that erupted at about Shibir activists took posi-11 am and continued till 2 pm

tion in the halls while BCL activists took position outside the The IU Syndicate at an halls last night the sources said emergency meeting decided to adding police were deployed but close the university sine die, an fighting continued allegedly using shot guns and pipe guns. Authorities also directed the students to vacate their halls by

Shibir activists after being beaten up also attacked outsiders late last night at Shaikpara Bazar in retaliation and as a result, enraged villagers joined BCL and attacked the

A group of young men clashed with fruit traders in the New Market area in the city yes-

Govt handout on power import

Team led by BNP minister visited

India, gave recommendations

The government yesterday Meghalaya from October 14 to Power Grid Corporation of In-

termed the statement of BNP 21, 1994, and sent a report to dia Limited submitted a busi

which was forwarded to the

Power and Energy Ministry. In

his report, the High Commis

sioner mentioned the possibil

ity of importing surplus elec-

tricity from Meghalaya to

The handout pointed out

that on March 29, 1995 the

Dhaka should build

new plants instead

of importing power,

says WB official

has strongly advocated that

Bangladesh should develop its

own power-generation capacity

through private investment in-

stead of importing electricity

cient way to move ahead," said

Per Ljung. Chief of Energy and

Project Finance Division for

South Asia of the World Bank.

after a Project Finance work

shop at Rajendrapur yesterday.

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"I believe it is the most effi

from any other country.

A senior World Bank official

Bangladesh, the handout said.

Shibir activists taking shelter in the halls, people in the area

Outsiders, some carrying shot guns, demolished the boundary walls at some points to enter the halls premises and continued firing.

Seventyseven injured Shibir activists were taken to the campus medical centre. Fifteen BCL activists with serious injury have been admitted in Kushtia General Hospital.

During the gunfight the Kushtia-Jhenidah Road became empty as no vehicles could ply. The deputy commissioners of Kushtia and Jhenidah and the police supers visited the

Most of the injured received gun shot wounds, hospital See Page 12 col 5

-Star photo

ness proposal to the Power De-

velopment Board for the con

nection of electricity between

the two organisations. After

reviewing the proposal, the

Power Development Board in a

letter on October 10, 1995 in-

formed the Power and Energy

Ministry that this kind of con-

nection would be profitable for

the two organisations. Stating

the need for detailed discus-

sions between the officials con-

cerned of the two organisations

for implementing the proposal

the Power Development Board

had sought guidelines from the

government in this connection

the Power and Energy Ministry

kar Mosharraf Hossain had

participated in the "Natural Gas

Potential South Asia Summit

held in New Delhi in March.

1995. Later, the Bangladesh del

egation in an executive sum-

mary on March 29, 1995 sub

mitted two recommendations

One of it said that if any pro-

posal came from India for the

import of electricity by

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led by then minister Dr Khand-

It noted that a delegation of

it said

Permission to 14 non-banking institutions

By Staff Correspondent

Contrary to the allegations that the former Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank (BB), M R Khan, had given permission to 14 non-banking financial institutions within a "very short span of time," official documents show that he and the committee that he headed had, in fact, given permission to only six such institutions.

The rest eight had been given permission by other high officials of the Bank including the governor himself.

Khan was made OSD last week on allegations that he granted permission to 14 nonbanking financial institutions, the reason and procedures of which Finance Minister SAMS Kibria had questioned.

Sources close to the departmental committee on Nonbanking Financial Institutions said the central bank governor had been notified about the is-

Youths, traders

clash near

New Market

By Staff Correspondent

At least ten people were in-jured during a clash between a

group of youths, reportedly stu-dents of Dhaka College, and

fruit traders near New Market

under Dhanmondi thana in the

previous conflict between a

young man and a trader of New

Market area. The trouble began

as the trader reportedly sold

rotten fruits to the young man

on Wednesday night, local peo-

area alleged that young men

who identified themselves as

students of Dhaka College often

disturbed the traders and

hawkers in the New Market

were exploded and some shops

ransacked during the two-hour

long violence that began at

about 10 am yesterday, wit-

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Shahriar taken

on fresh remand

CID custody yesterday in the

jail killing case, reports UNB.

the CMM court when he was

produced there at the end of a

five-day remand which began

Shahriar Rashid was ar

rested on August 13 under sec-

tion 54 of the Criminal Proce-

dure Code (CrPC). He was later

implicated in the November 3.

N'ganj Jubo

League body

dissolved

By Staff Correspondent

mittee of Jubo League has been

pro-Awami League youth front.

Bangladesh Awami Jubo

The central committee also

League, announced the decision

yesterday, says a press release.

expelled Jahangir Alam, presi-

dent of the just dissolved

Narayangani city Jubo League.

Announcing the decision.

from the organization.

The Narayangani city com-

The central committee of the

on September 19.

1975 jail killing case.

dissolved

Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid was taken on 7-day remand in

The remand was granted by

Meanwhile, several crackers

However, some others in the

The clash was a sequel to a

city yesterday morning.

suance of licenses and letter of intents from time to time on note sheets. But the governor had never expressed the view that issuing of such licences should be stopped or slowed down, the sources added.

The institutions against which licenses had been issued by Khan and other members of the departmental committee are: The UAE - Bangladesh Investment Company, Prime Finance and Investment Ltd. International Leasing and Financial Services, Bay Leasing and Investment Ltd. Bahrain -Bangladesh Finance and Investment Company Ltd. and Delta-BRAC Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.

According to official documents, the companies which had been approved by the governor or other top officials are: United Leasing Company Ltd. Industrial Development Leasing Company of Bangladesh.

Industrial Promotion and Development Company of Bangladesh, Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Ltd. Phoenix Leasing Company Ltd. GSP Finance Company (Bangladesh) Ltd. Peregrine Capital Ltd, and Uttar Finance

and Investment Ltd. The former deputy governor and the departmental committee members gave permissions to six institutions between November 30, 1995 and July 15 1996. However, no permission was given by any member of the committee on June 24, one day after the assumption of the present government as claimed by the finance minister. Permission to Bay Leasing and Investment Ltd was given on May 25, 1996, which is closest to the date of assumption of power by the present government, according to the official docu-

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bid to prepare the ground for a new agreement on the sharing of Ganges water by synchronising the differences in data on the flow of the river during dry

BUET Water Division.

The Bangladesh delegation will meet Indian External Affairs Secretary Salman Haider before the expert-level talks.

There has not been any agreement between India and Bangladesh on the distribution of water of the common river See Page 12 Col 7

Coordination body of city service organisations

By Staff Correspondent The government has formed coordinating committee to

oversee the development work in the city and also to coordinate among the different service organisations, according to sources concerned. The Minister for Local Gov-

ernment and Rural Development (LGRD) was made its convenor and the Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation was made the joint convenor of the committee formed recently. The committee consists of

sixteen members including the chairmen of RAJUK, Water Development Board, T&T Board, DESA, BRTA, the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department (PWD). Commissioner of DMP. Chief Engineer of the Directorate of Public Health, Managing Director of Dhaka WASA, DG Directorate of Environment, DG Directorate of Social Welfare, DC of Dhaka. Managing Director of Titas Gas

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Body to probe

alleged IEH

irregularities

Star Report

has formed a three-member in-

quiry committee to probe the

alleged irregularities in Islamia

The committee has been

Earlier, a request was made

Eye Hospital (IEH) in the city,

constituted under instructions

to the Prime Minister by Mirza

Behroze Ispahani, on behalf of

the donor family of the hospi-

tal, for implementation of the

Ahsanullah inquiry commis-

management committee of the

IEH Dr Mustafizur Rahman was

not available for details. Doc-

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Member-Secretary of the

sion report on the IEH.

according to official sources

from the Ministry of Health.

The Directorate of Health

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Tapes of Mushtaque's speeches seized lam, Tazuddin Ahmed, Monsur

Criminal Investigation Department CID has seized some radiotapes of the speeches of country's the then President Khandaker Mushtague Ahmed who took over after the August coup, reports UNB.

The CID personnel on Wednesday also seized tape of some "so-called" state official announcements over radio since the assassination of Bangabandhu till November of the same year. The assassination news of

country's independence leader, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was first broadcast over radio by Major Daleem in the morning on August 15 in Bangladesh Betar sources said the CID seized the tape for

investigating the gruesome killing of four national leaders inside Dhaka Central Jail early on November 3 the same year. Along with other Awami League leaders. Syed Nazrul Is-

Ali and Quamruzzaman were thrown behind the bars after the military putsch. CID on Wednesday also seized the file containing offi-

cial documents of the jailkilling case from the office of Inspector General (Prison). Acting IG (Prisons) Liaquat Ali Khan on September 13 recovered the lost file and sent its

copies to higher authorities. CID sources said investigators of the jail-killing case were now examining the official documents of the killings and the radiotape of speeches and announcement of the "killers."

Earlier, official sources said CID through higher authorities had sought copies of speeches and announcements despatched from August 15. 1975 to November the same year through radio, television and Press Information Department

On a prayer from CID, Chief

Four held for 'abducting'

yesterday for their alleged ina businessman from Gulshan area in the city Wednesday

three snatching incidents in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition with bullet wounds in his throat. UNB DMCH correspondent reported.

the committee said, there was no place for toll collectors. mastans or terrorists in the See Page 12 Col 7

businessman in Banani By Staff Correspondent

Four persons were arrested

A gang kidnapped Kamaluddin Majumder, of Road No 6 of Banani, when he was going to his work place. JK General Store, from his residence by a rickshaw at around llam Wednesday, police said quoting

3 snatching incidents in city

One suffered bullet injuries while another bomb wounds in

Khalil, 25, an alleged snatcher, was shot and injured by police while fleeing the scene after committing a snatching in the city's Gendaria area.

Businessman Azizul Islam

25, who was robbed of a gold See Page 12 Col 3

Kamal, who was released later. The kidnappers had devolvement in the kidnapping of manded a ransom of Tk 10

lakh for his release.

Gulshan police arrested the four when they reportedly went to the store near Banani Bazar at around 6pm yesterday. The arrested were identified as Tokon Chowdhury, 26, Zahiduzzaman, 25. Awalad 25. and Shafiul Islam alias Monir, 28 police said.

The gang, riding in a mi crobus, intercepted the rick shaw in which Kamal was trav eling and dragged him in the vehicle. They covered the eyes of Ka-

mal with a cloth and took him to a house in the city, police said quoting Kamal. However, Kamal could not identify the They demanded Tk 10 lakh

from him and threatened his life if the money was not paid At one stage, they agreed on a ransom of Tk three lakh instead of Tk ten lakh, police The gang members allegedly

made phone calls to JK Store owned by Kamal's relative and informed that they were hold ing Kamal as a hostage. Later See Page 12 Col 7

A London based Indian

Meanwhile Former

businessman, Lakhubhai

Pathak has accused Rao and

years of hard labour in prison.

property - have been doled out

in a wholly arbitrary manner.

newspapers quoted the judges as

saying in a ruling. "Sharma had

acted in utter violation of the

Sharma has betrayed the

The petrol pumps — public

Shortage of staff causes suffering to passengers at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

The shortage of staff engaged in the loading and unloading of baggage at the arrival lounge of Zia International Airport (ZIA) was the cause of jam and suffering the passengers, airport sources said. "We face this problem very

much when flight traffic is rela tively more frequent," said a senior airport official. About the situation at the

arrival lounge of the airport yesterday morning, the official said many passengers who had See Page 12 Col 8

DMC classes resume Sept 30 Classes of the Dhaka Medi-

cal College (DMC) will resume September 30, according to a college press release yesterday, reports BSS.

This was decided at the 150th meeting of the academic council of the Dhaka Medical College Wednesday. The students, residing in the

hostels, will be able to enter the hostels from September 29 at 8:30 am after showing their identity cards, the press release

Mild tremor in Rangpur From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Sept 26: A mild tremor shook Rangpur and its adjoining areas last night at around 11:40. It continued for about five seconds. Met office said the tremor was felt but failed to tell the intensity of tremor due to lack of required machinaries. No casualties or damage of property has been reported.

Customs Valuation Department

leader and former power and the Foreign Ministry, a copy of

Shifting of head office protested in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG Sept 26: The government order for shifting the head office of the Customs Valuation Department from Chittagong to Dhaka triggered protests from both business and political circles in the port city

Business leaders here complained that the shifting of Customs Valuation Department's head office to Dhaka will increase the sufferings of the traders and will reduce the importance of Chittagong as the country's commercial capital. The government issued the

order recently for shifting the head office of valuation department to Dhaka by September 30. The decision for its shifting was taken in a board meeting of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) held recently. The head office of the valua-

tion department was set up in Chittagong during the Pakistan period in consideration of the fact that lions share of revenue from imported goods used to be realised from the port city. sources concerned said.

Moreover, the functions of this office had close links with the Chittagong Customs House

which handled maximum rev enue collection against im ported goods, the sources added.

The acting president of Chit tagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Jafrul Islam Chowdhury. MP today faxed an emergency message to the fi nance minister and chairman of NBR protesting the decision for shifting the head office of the Customs Valuation Department to Dhaka

According to a press release issued by Chittagong Chamber here, the acting president, in the message, requested the finance minister and chairman of NBR to withdraw the order immediately for greater inter ests of national economy. About 80 per cent revenue

earned through the Chittagong

Customs House is linked with the valuation department, the release pointed out The chamber leader said with the shifting of valuation department office to Dhaka the importers would face much in convenience while it would cause delay to get delivery of

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imported goods.

Depression over Bay A well-marked low over northeast Bay and adjoining

area has concentrated into a monsoon depression over north Bay and was centred 312 km south southeast of Khulna town, reports UNB. According to the radar observation of Storm Warning

Centre at 11 pm yesterday the depression is likely to intensify further and move in a north north-westerly direction, said a Met office special bulletin Maximum sustained wind within 45 km of the depression

centre is about 50 kph rising to 60 kph in gusts or squalls. Tripartite meet at CU today

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Sept 26: The tripartite meeting among the Chittagong University authorities and the two rival student organisations — Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir — begins at 6:30 pm tomorrow to end the campus crisis.

The meeting will be held at the office of the Vice Chancel-Campus sources said the

Mayor of Chittagong ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, and the DC and the SP would be present at the meeting.

Rao chargesheeted in fraud case, may be arrested

NEW DELHI, Sept 26: Indian federal police filed criminal charges today against former prime minister PV Narasimha Rao in a seven-year-old forgery case, local news agencies said. reports Reuter.

They said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a charge-sheet naming Rao and three others in the St Kitts forgery case involving and alleged attempt in 1989 to damage the reputation of VP Singh, an opposition leader who later became prime minister.

The criminal charges were believed to be the first against Rao who is under investigation in at least two other cases but had not been indicted. The St Kitts case involve the

alleged forgery of bank documents to show that VP Singh's son. Ajeya Singh, had bank ac count in the Caribbean Island. Ajeya was later cleared by authorities. AFP adds: An Indian court today rejected an application

for bail by Narasimha Rao in a 100,000-dollar fraud case, raising fears of his possible arrest. Judge SK Mahajan of the Delhi High Court turned down the appeal for anticipatory bail which Rao, who was premier

from 1991 until May, sought a



Mahajan said the bail appli cation, ahead of a scheduled appearance in court on September 30, was not maintainable. The court rejected arguments

the former premier could be ar cheating and criminal conspir acy by the court.

Hindu mystic Chandraswami of defrauding him of 100,000 dollars in 1983 Rao was then India's foreign minister. Indian petroleum minister Sat ish Sharma has been charged by the Supreme Court with fraudulently alloting petrol station franchises to relatives of top politicians and officials, Jduges Kuldip Singh and Faizan Uddin on Wednesday asked the Congress member of parliament to reply within a fortnight why he should not be accused of criminal breach of trust, which could lead to three

to secure bail in advance of possible arrest

trust reposed in him by the people under the constitution. It by Rao's lawyer Kapil Sibal that is high time public servants rested on September 30 when he should be held personally reis expected to be charged with sponsible for their malafide acts in the discharge of their functions as public servants.