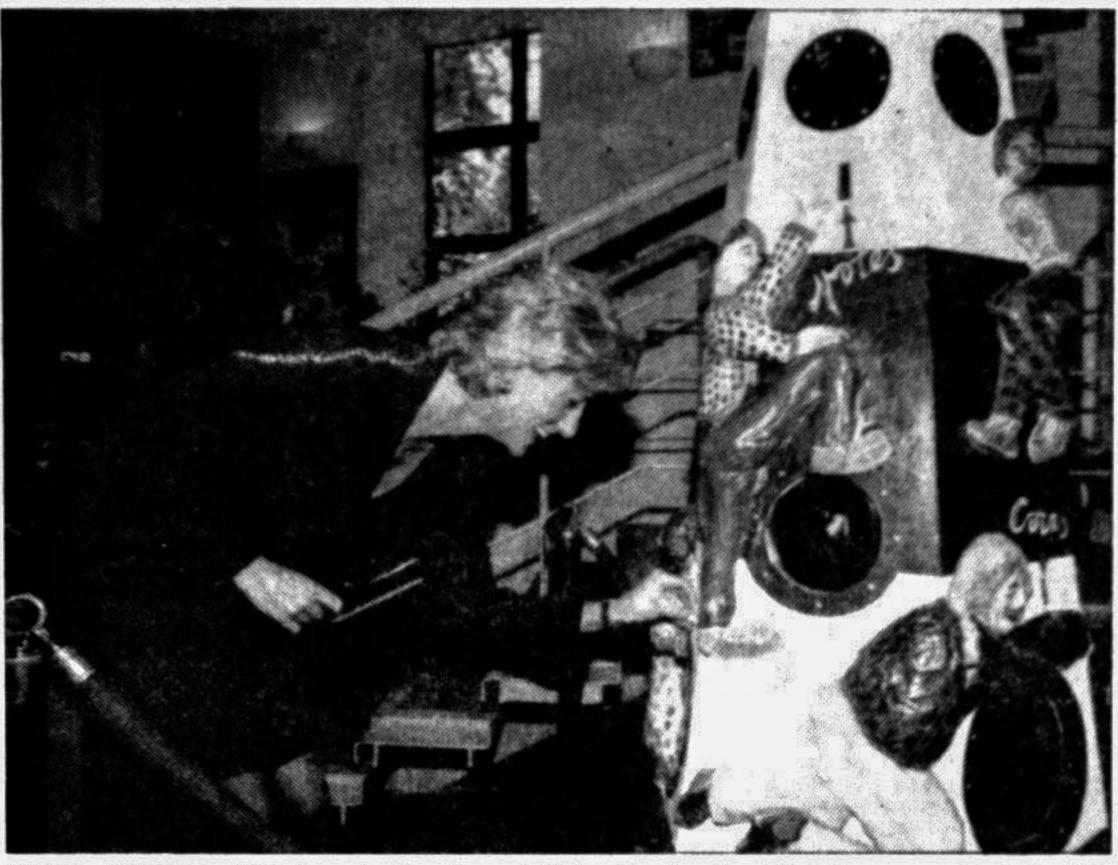
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Diana, Princess of Wales, during her visit to the London Lighthouse yesterday. The Princess was visiting the HIV/AIDS charity to help launch its 1.5 million capital appeal.

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Shahabuddin's oath From Page 1 from party. But he ceases to be

partyman after being elected. He becomes a neutral person. And I am neutral from previous period. So I am far better, Life-sketch

Born on February 1, 1930 at village Pemoi in Kendua thana of Netrakona district, Shahabuddin obtained graduation in Economics from Dhaka University in 1951. He did his masters in International Relations in the following year.

He joined the then Civil Service of Pakistan in 1954. He was sub-divisional officer in Gopalgani and Natore. During his tenure, Natore was elected one of the best administrative sub-divisions in erstwhile East Pakistan.

He was a member of the joint court of enquiry appointed by the then martial law administrator in 1960. The court was formed to investigate activities of a naval officer in civil work.

Shahabuddin Ahmed joined the Judiciary Department of Pakistan Civil Service in June 1960 and worked as district and sessions judge in Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Comilla. He became the Registrar of Dhaka High Court in 1967.

A man of strict principle and honesty. Shahabuddin was appointed judge of Bangladesh High Court on January 20 in

Besides being a judge of the Supreme Court, Shahabuddin discharged additional responsibility of the Chairman of Bangladesh Red Cross Society from August 1978 to April '82.

Shahabuddin Ahmed was Chairman of the Investigation Commission formed to probe the mid-February 1983 incident of student revolt.

He was also Chairman of the National Pay Commission formed in 1984 and following his report an upgraded pay scale was introduced

At the pinnacle of his chequered career, Justice Shahabuddin, father of three daughters and a son, was appointed Chief Justice of Bangladesh Supreme Court in January in 1990. In the same year on December 6, he became Acting President of the country

He discharged the duties of President until his successor Abdur Rahman Biswas took over on October 9, 1991. During his tenure as a post-mass upsurge head of the state, he and his caretaker government conducted the free and fair parliamentary election of February

Later, he returned to the court and went on retirement on January 31 in 1995 completing his 34-year glorious but

simple official life. Ruling Awami League nominated him as presidential candidate as a symbol of national consensus. He was elected unopposed on July 23 this year Despite being a nominee of a political party he is believed to be the most acceptable person

among the countrymen After his election, he told newsmen that he had always been a neutral person and would continue to be so in discharging the duties of President in next five years.

JS standing bodies

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diture of the government, the annual finance accounts of the governments and such other accounts laid before the House as the committee may think fit." "Upon examination of irreg-

ularities and lapses of Institutions, the Committee shall report to Parliament with recommendations of remedial measures," the Rules added. The duties of the committee

also include examination of "the statement of accounts showing the income and expenditure of state corporations. trading and manufacturing schemes, concerns and projects together with the balancesheets and statements of profit and loss accounts . . .

The Rules also says, "If any money has been spent on any service during a financial year in excess of the amount granted by the House for that case the circumstances leading to such an excess and make such recommendation as it may deem

The Committee on Public Undertakings, according to JS Rules, is supposed to "examine the reports, if any, of the Comptroller and Auditor-General on the public undertak-

It is also the responsibility of the Committee "to examine, in the context of the autonomy, any deficiency of the public undertakings, whether the affairs of the public undertakings are

Wheat From Page 1

wheat allotted for Rajshahi while 150 for Naogaon, 200 Natore, 100 Joypurhat, 600 Barisal, 5,800 Chittagong, 2,900 Sylhet, 400 Moulvibazar, 950 Comilla, 900 Noakhali, 100 Laxmipur, 600 Feni, 200 Brahmanbaria, 1,050 Chandpur and

600 for Cox's Bazar. Khulna will receive 1.139 metric tons of wheat while Kushtia 300, Chuadanga 100, Jessore 450, Bagerhat 100, Sirajganj 450, Bogra 400, Pabna 700, Dinajpur 400, Rangpur 200, Gaibandha 150 and Jhalakathi 100 metric tons.

being managed in accordance with sound business principles and prudent commercial prac-

The committee shall report to Parliament on remedy of irregularities and lapses of the public undertaking and recommend measures to free the institution from corruption and, if considered necessary, a part of its report in this respect may be sent to the Government before the report is placed before Parliament"

The Committee on Estimates is supposed to "report what economies, improvements in organisation, efficiency or administrative reform, consistent with the policy underlying the estimates, may be effected; . . .

The Committee is also entitled to "suggest alternative policies in order to bring about efficiency and economy in administration," and "to examine whether the money is well laid out within the limits of the pol-

icy implied in the estimates: . . The Committee on Government Assurances is obliged "to scrutinise the assurances, promises, undertakings, etc., given by a Minister, from time to time, on the floor of the House and to report on the extent to which such assurances, promises, undertakings, etc... have been implemented." When implemented, the committee is also entitled to see "whether such implementation has taken place within minimum time

necessary for the purpose."

According to the JS Rules of Procedure, no minister would be entitled to be a member of the said standing bodies. If a member, "after his appointment to the committee, is appointed a Minister he shall cease to be a member of the Committee from

the date of such appointment."
However, the JS is also due to constitute about 30 more parliamentary standing committees on various ministries after the House adopts An amendment to the JS Rules of Procedure seeking the nonminister MPs to head the ministerial bodies. The JS is likely to amend the Rules to this effect in the next session of Parlia-

Mirpur fire

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extent of damage could not be known immediately. However, the local people said, the blaze might have originated from an electrical short circuit.

Fire fighters from different city stations took around two hours to bring the blaze under control, fire service sources said. One water carrying vehicle of WASA was also taken to the affected area.

The single-room houses with a space of about one hundred square feet each were occupied by the people from the low income group, said an officer of Pallabi thana. There were about 1.200 such shanties. Of the 700 affected houses,

around one hundred were used by weavers, said fire service sources quoting the chairman of the camp, Abdul Gafur,

However, no casualty was reported till the filing of this report last night.

CID interrogates

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Following the change of August 15, four Awami League stalwarts -Tajuddin Ahmed Syed Nazrul Islam, Kamruzzaman and Mansur Ali - were killed inside the prison cell at the Dhaka Central Jail on the night of November 3.

The Awami League government has revived the jail killing case after a lapse of 21 years. The case in this connection was lodged with Lalbagh thana by the then DIG (Prison) Abdul Awal.

The CID has already interrogated Col (retd) Farooqur Rahman and Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid Khan both arrested earlier and implicated in the jail killing case. Major (retd) Khairuzzaman, also arrested in this connection, was placed on remand for the second time on October 5, following the end of his seven-day remand.

The CID carlier arrested former state minister Taheruddin Thakur on October 2 and put him on remand for eight days the next day.

Officials said that Thakur is being interrogated regarding his alleged involvement in the August 15 killing and the jail

The three former army officials were arrested on August 13 last under the Special Powers Act of 1974 and put on 30 days detention which was later extended.

Besides, the CID had already recorded statements of some former officials and employees of Dhaka Central Jail, and some former army officials who held important positions at that time.

Thai team

From Page 1 itself as the cheapest production base in South Asia," said Sampson H Chowdhury, President of the MCCI, in a meeting with the Thai trade team in the conference room of the MCCI

yesterday. Thai Ambassador in Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyameth along with the 23 member visiting team were present in the meeting.

The MCCI President pointed out that investment opportuni-ties exist in sectors like electronics, light engineering, computer software, textiles, leather, paper and pulp, energy, telecommunications, and agro-

based industries. Senator Photipong Lamsam, the team leader, said there were scopes to increase bilateral trading and investment be-

tween the two countries. Lamsam, also the Chairman of the Thai Board of Trade and Chairman of the Thai Chamber of Commerce, told The Daily Star that the Thai investors may be interested in investing in the fisheries, power and gas

exploration sectors. Lamsam said some of the Thai industries could be relocated to Bangladesh to sustain its price competitiveness in ** long run.

BNP to play positive role in JS: Khaleda

Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia said her party would continue its effort to institutionalise democracy by playing responsible role in Parliament, reports UNB.

"BNP wants to give parlia mentary democracy a permanent shape through positive politics, not by any negative means like movement without any reason," she told the leaders of party's Chittagong (North) unit when they called on her at her Minto Road official residence in the evening.

Begum Zia reiterated that

AL has snatched voting rights'

From Our Correspondent MOULVIBAZAR, Oct 8: BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia paid a surprise visit here today to offer fateha at the mazar of Hazrat Shah Madehris in Sathia, a remote village under Sadar thana.

The former prime minister and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament made the unscheduled visit during her day-long trip to Sylhet.

On her way back to Sylhet town, the BNP Chairperson addressed two roadside meetings of Gurarai Bazar and Sarker Bazar In these meetings, Begum Zia charged the Awami League with snatching the people's voting rights as a first step towards killing democracy. This is not a people's government, this is a party government," she said.

She further said the people throughout the country are now feeling insecure as the govern ment has failed to ensure their safety. She criticised the government's plan to import electricity from India and provide transit facilities to that country sacrificing the interest of Bangladesh

despite pressure from people, her party would not launch any agitation programme at this moment. We do not want to create any sufferings of the peo-

The BNP chairperson told her partymen to strengthen BNP through organisational activities, meetings, rallies and mass contacts at their respective areas.

She once again accused the ruling party of perpetrating repression on BNP workers and compelling the police and administration to work in their

President and general secretary of Chittagong (North) BNP Golam Akbar Khandakar and Shahjahan Siraj, alongwith other members of the 101member committee, were pre-

Party secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiya MP. Abdullah Al Noman, Morshed Khan MP and Wahidul Alam MP were also present on the occasion. Meanwhile, a discussion

BNP central office on the occasion of the 2nd death anniver sary of Sramik Dal leader AKM Nazrul Islam. Addressing the meeting, BNP Secretary General Abdul Man nan Bhuiyan yesterday called

upon all to build up a strong re

sistance to foil the conspiracy

meeting was organised at the

hatched by the Awami League government against the country's independence and sovereignty The BNP Secretary General alleged that the ruling party has a keen interest to give India the transit facilities on condition

neighbouring country. "The people have already started movement against the conspiracy as they are ready to frustrate the attempts to sell out the country's resources." he

of importing power from the

Dhaka urges UN

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linked with efficient water management, Azad told the UN. The Foreign Minister said water is not new to the global agenda and since the Mar Del Plata conference in 1977, there have been international programmes on water related issues. "It has not, however, in our view, received the priority that it deserves.

Azad referred to the Mar del Plata Action Plan and the strategy paper of the Committee on Natural Resources, saving that the paper suggests an international convention on fresh water resources, similar to the convention that already exist on bio-diversity, ozone layer depletion and climate

The Foreign Minister called for ensuring world peace to combat the scourges of poverty. hunger, disease, illiteracy and unemployment which threaten a large proportion of mankind.

Azad said it is the age of interdependence and no nation can reach its fullest development alone. He said the UN system can play a constructive role in this respect.

About the country's foreign

Gold haul

From Page 1 tola, from the baggage of the two foreign nationals who arrived in Dhaka from Bangkok by a Thai Airways flight on their way to India Monday.

The were arrested by police and two cases were lodged with Cantonment thana in this connection. The cases were filed under Sections 16 of the Customs Act of 1969, 3(1) of the Export Import Act of 1960, 8(1) of the Foreign Currency Regulation Act of 1947 and Section 25(B) of the Special Powers Act of 1974, police said. The DB took over the case for investigation from Cantonment police Monday evening, police added.

The two foreign nationals had confessed to the customs authority that an Indian citizen had given them the gold to deliver at a destination in India in exchange for one thousand

US dollar. On September 21, smuggled gold worth about Tk seven crore was seized at the ZIA.

cheque for 7.4 million kronor

(1.12 million dollars), at an of-

ficial ceremony in Stockholm

niversary of the death of the

Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel.

lished in 1968 by Sweden's cen-

The Economics Prize, estab-

on December 10, the 100th an-

policy, he said Bangladesh believes in principles of peaceful co-existence and friendship towards all

Calling for a stronger and more effective UN, the foreign minister said the UN's areas of responsibilities should clearly cover problems or issues between States, especially those issues that are pandemic in range and global in their consequences

He said environmental degradation, human rights population, situation of women and children, drugs, migration, international terrorism and corruption in international business, in addition to international peace and security and development be topical objects of UN policies and actions.

Referring to the Security Council reform, he said the in terest of smaller and more vulnerable states should not be overlooked in any restructuring of the Council.

Azad suggested establishment of a Committee composed in the shape of General Committee of the General Assembly which the Secretary General could consult formally or informally on important administrative and political issues.

Expressing concern over the recent developments in the Middle-East, Azad urged all concerned to honour their commitment made under the Peace Accord to find a comprehensive and durable peace in the Middle East which will allow the emergence of a Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital.

Food security From Page 1

The Bangladesh Agriculture Minister underlined the need for regional cooperation on food security.

"There is a tremendous scope for expanding the coverage of appropriately designed technical cooperation among SAARC nations in remedying food insecurity in their respective countries." Matia said a strong political

commitment is important to ensure effective implementation of the strategies and programmes of action on food security.

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Arafat and his Israeli counter-

part Ezer Weizman issued a

message of peace in an unprece-

dented meeting here today, two

weeks after violence rocked the

by side, as cousins, brothers,

friends and neighbours," Arafat

told a joint press conference

with Weizman after their talks

in this town in northern Israel.

strategy. When we signed

agreements with Israel we ex-

cluded violence and we opened a

new chapter of peace in all the

reporters the violence "cannot

The Israeli President told

We call once more for the at-

The two leaders spoke from a

taining of peace, not by violence

but by dialogue. When people

talk they do not shoot," Weiz-

terrace at Weizman's private

house overlooking the Mediter

ranean Sea in Caesarea, where

Arafat arrived earlier in an Is-

The meeting, held after invi-

tation by Weizman, came after

the worst Israeli-Palestinian

clashes in 30 years which left

Indemnity Ordn

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ing that period, the sources

committee that lasted over

three hours was held yesterday

at the chamber of the Secretary

of the Ministry of Law and Jus-

tice Amanullah. Amanullah

of the three meetings held till

yesterday, the sources said that

nance and to draft a Bill, if ne-

cessity, for placing it before the

day's meeting included secre-

Kazi Habibul Awal, joint secre-

tary, Ministry of Law and Jus-

tice Mustafizur Rahman, deputy

secretary of the ministry An-

warul Hug and Director, Judi-

cial Training Institute, Iktidar

JCD calls strike

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into the incidents and exem-

plary punishment for those re-

front of the Jatiya Press Club

yesterday. The JCD rally was

addressed by Habibur Rahman

Habib, Bahib-Un-Nabi Shohel,

Abdul Khaleg, Mossarraf Hos-

sain, Shahabuddin Laltu and

The JCD leaders at the rally

urged the government to stop

"oppression" on the leaders and

activists of their party across

the country. Otherwise, they

said JCD would be forced to

front of the 'Aparajeo Bangla' of

the Dhaka University, Bang-

ladesh Chhatra League blamed

JCD for attempting to delibe-

rately destabilise the atmos-

alleged involvement in the in-

cident in Zahurul Haq Hall and

Mohsin Hall of the university.

ishment of the culprits.

Bepari.

The BCL leaders denied its

They also demanded pun-

The rally was addressed by

BCL president Enamul Haq

Shamim, general secretary

Ishaque Ali Khan Panna and

DU unit president Bahadur

phere in the campus.

Meanwhile, at a rally held in

launch agitation programmes.

The JCD organised a rally in

manded proper investigation

Those who attended yester-

Commenting on the outcome

presided.

Jativa Sangsad

Ahmed.

sponsible.

Monir Hossain.

The third meeting of the

over 80 dead late last month.

raeli army helicopter

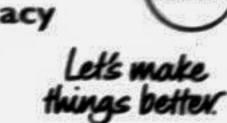
Middle East," he said.

happen again.

"Violence is not our policy or

We must live together side

peace process, reports AFP.



PHILIPS

EU team at joint meeting told Arafat meets Dhaka needs more aid to CAESAREA, Israel, Oct 8:

Bangladesh has sought increased quantum of assistance from the European Union in view her expanding development needs and priorities, re-

foreign assistance in the years ahead to achieve its targeted GDP growth.

(European Currency Unit), equivalent to Tk 2.343 crore, as

country, provided the assistance for some 44 projects, of which 21 have been completed

One arrested

By DU Correspondent Suman, an outsider, report-

edly involved in the Zahurul day afternoon.

of the Detective Branch picked up Suman at about 4 pm. Sarwar Alam, a resident student of room no 260 of the Zahurul Haq Hall of Dhaka

ear-ring of his girl-friend. According to the friends of Sarwar, he married the girl secretly a few days ago and now he

the members were likely to come out with an unanimous decision on the findings of the gate the incident. The committee was formed on September 30 to examine the legality of the Indemnity Ordi-

tary Law Reforms Commission fected by simple majority.

required to vest the control of judicial magistrate in the district and sessions judge, instead of the district magistrate, as

formed a committee to work out the details for separation of the judiciary and meetings of the committee have already been

addressed, among others, by Advocate Asadur Rahman.

the country. "To ensure justice at the grass-roots level, magistracy

rect supervision of the district judgeship," he said. Obaid praised the outgoing President Abdur Rahman Biswas and said a democratic

tradition has been set for the first time in the country as a President has been able to complete his full five-year Welcoming the new President Justice Shahabuddin, he

hoped that as an elected President he would try his best to uphold the supremacy of the highest office of the republic and the constitution as well as in the interest of democracy and the people.

achieve GDP target and 23 are under implementa-

ports UNB. At a EU-Bangladesh Working Group meeting in the city viation yesterday the Bangladesh side emphasised that the country still needed higher quantum of

Bangladesh has received a total of 440.89 million ECU financial assistance from the European Union (EU) since

The EU, one of the largest development partners of the

ZH Hall incident:

Haq Hall incident, was arrested from in front of the hall yester-Police said, a special squad

University, was thrown out of his first floor room last Sunday by some miscreants while snatching the necklace and the

was staying in his wife's house.

A committee, headed by the proctor of the university, has already been formed to investi-

2 bills

From Page 1 plete. The Bill would require two thirds majority for its passage by the Jatiya Sangsad, they

"According to them;" Some changes in the CrPC are also necessary and these can be ef-Amendments to the CrPC are

practised now, the experts said.

The government had earlier

Obaid

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About judiciary. Obaid called for immediate steps to separate judiciary from the executive to ensure rule of law in

should be brought under the di-

The areas in which the EU has been contributing are agriculture, food, health, water, primary and mass education. public health and poverty alle-

ERD Joint Secretary Abu Saleh led the Bangladesh side while Erich Muller headed the EU delegation at the third meeting of the EU-Bangladesh Working Group at the conference room of Economic Relations Division. EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Drury was

In his initial remarks, Abu Saleh said Bangladesh still needs higher quantum of foreign assistance in the years to come in order to achieve its targeted GDP growth. As such, aid commitment

and disbursement would have

to be higher in line with the increased level of economic activities in the country, he told the meeting. Leader of the EU delegation. Erich Muller, said the EU-Bangladesh joint meeting

would help reorganise the method of their service in development He stressed on achieving rapid economic development and growth rate with an willingness to reform. "We are ready

to cooperate in this regard," he

Railroad

From Page 1 quisition

He also gave directives to the ailway authorities to turn Malibagh, Moghbazar, Mahakhali, Progati Sarani and Cantonment level crossings in Dhaka city into electric level

The minister stressed the need for undertaking modern and up-to-date plan for improving the standard of rail service and ensuring security to the passengers.

He said time has come to

think of whether to close or retain the routes which are not profitable. "We have to take decisions in the interest of the country and its people," the minister added.

Biswas From Page 1 Secretary to the President

Mohammad Enamul Haq and the Military Secretary along with other officers bade the President farewell President Biswas shook

nani area. He was elected President by 172-92 votes in Jatiya Sangsad on October 8 in 1991 and took oath the following day. He is being succeeded by Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed through an investiture this morning.

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killed and 10 others were injured when a bus fell into a roadside pond at Bijoypur levelcrossing on Chandpur-Comilla Witnesses said the Dhaka-

tumbled into the pond at about Shukur Ali, 70, of Rupgani



James A Mirrless (L) and William Vickrey - winners of the 1996 Nobel Prize for economics. -AFP/UNB photo

Nobel Prize for Economics tral bank to commemorate its From Page 1

cally distributed information tricentennial, is the most rehas fundamental consequences, cent of the Nobel awards. Since particularly in the sense that then, 24 Americans have won an information advantage can it, against seven Britons, two often be strategically exploited. Swedes, two Norwegians and Mirrlees, 60, and Vickrey, one each from Canada, France, Germany, the Netherlands and born in 1914, will be presented the Soviet Union. with the Nobel Prize, and a

> his work on the rational expectations theory. The Economics Prize is the third in the series of six Nobel Awards to be announced this

個 - 2092 Last year the award went to American Robber E Lucas for

গ্যাস লাইন বিচ্ছিন্নকরণের বিশেষ অভিযান

বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে তিতাস গ্যাস আওতাভুক্ত সকল এলাকায় সরকারী ও স্বায়ন্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসহ সকল খেলাপী গ্রাহকের গ্যাস লাইন বিচ্ছিনুকরণের বিশেষ অভিযান ১২ অক্টোবর ১৯৯৬ থেকে পুনরায় শুরু হচ্ছে। সেই সাথে অবৈধ গ্যাস সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন কার্যক্রম যথারীতি চলবে।

গ্যাস সংযোগ বিচ্ছিনুকরণ দলের সদস্যগণের নিকট কোম্পানীর পরিচয়পত্র ও সংযোগ বিচ্ছিনুকরণ আদেশ থাকবে

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের অবিলম্বে বকেয়া গ্যাস বিল পরিশোধ করে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিনুকারী দলকে গ্যাস ব্যবহারের স্থানে বকেয়া পরিশোধের রসিদ প্রদর্শন করার অনুরোধ জানানো হল। সংযোগ বিচ্ছিনুকৃত কোন গ্রাহক সকাল ৮-০০ হইতে ৫-০০ টার মধ্যে কোম্পানীর সংশ্লিষ্ট জোন/অফিসে বিচ্ছিনুকরণের পূর্বে পরিশোধিত বিলের রসিদ দেখাতে পারলে তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে পুনঃসংযোগ প্রদানের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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hands with the officers and staff before leaving Bangabhaban along with Begum Biswas for his residence in city's Ba-

11 killed

All the bus drivers managed to escape. A case was filed with Chandina police. Meanwhile: An old man was

highway today. bound bus coming from Hajiganj skidded of the road and

thana of Narayanganj district succumbed to his injuries on way to Sadar Hospital. Of the injured, two were admitted to

