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revised merit list of HSC Science

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W orkshop on

privatisation

By Staff Correspondent

Privatisation, Economic Lib-

eralisation and its Impact on

Women Workers in South Asia

began in the city yesterday af-

ternoon. Some 30 representa-

tives from India, Pakistan,

Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bang-

ladesh are taking part in the

workshop being held at

Bangladesh Management De-

velopment Centre (BMDC) audi-

torium. The workshop is being

held under the aegis of a Hong

Kong-based organisation

Committee for Asian Women

150 bottles of

phensidyl seized

From Staff Correspondent

police today recovered 150 bot-

tles of contraband Indian Phen-

sidyl syrup and arrested two

area. The arrested are Mosta

fizur Rahman and Abu Salek

alias Saheen. Barisal district

police also arrested 26 persons

on various charges from

different areas of the district

Alleged terrorist

arrested

Sadeque Alamgir on charges of

toll collection and terrorism

from Tushardhara residential

area on Thursday night under

Demra thana. Police sources

said Alamgir has been abscond-

ing for a long as he had been

charged with 12 different cases,

18 injured in

minibus plunge

From Our Correspondent

people were injured, 11 seri-

ously, when a speeding minibus plunged into the roadside ditch

this noon at Shibpur Bazar,

about 15 kilometers from the

city. The injured were admitted

to Rajshahi Medical College

Hospital. Driver and the con-

ductor of the bus escaped.

RAJSHAHI, Oct 25: Eighteen

reports BSS.

Police have arrested one Mir

during last 24 hours.

persons from Barisal town

BARISAL, Oct 25: Kotwali

(CAW), says a press release.

A week-long workshop on

RAJSHAHI. Oct 25: The Rajshahi Education Board on Thursday night announced a revised combined merit list of Science Group in the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC)

Examinations of 1996. According to Board sources. the sessional 40 marks, out of the 200 in the engineering and drawing subject, of 31 students of Rajshahi Cadet College were 'dropped from their total marks

at the time of tabulation. The revised merit list has been announced after amendment to the earlier list published on October 19.

As per the revised list. Suman Shahriar of Rajshahi Cadet College stood first. He was placed in the sixth position in the previous list.

Hasibur Rahman of Rajshahi Government College.

NEW YORK, Oct 25:

Bangladesh can provide easy

access to market of over two bil

lion people for the investors.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

said here today inviting leading

US entrepreneurs to invest in

the cheapest labour than al-

most anywhere else in the

world and easy access to market

over two billion people, or one

third of the world's population.

in South Asia and Southeast

Asia alone," she said at a US in-

vestors' meeting on Bangladesh

in the US commercial city this

yourself the potential of busi-

ness," she told the US investors.

icy for the investors.

outlining her government's pol-

The organisation and enter-

prises represented in the meet

ing include, WIT Group, SAR

Engineering. Banamo Energy,

Siemexis. Eastern Capital

Corporation, Bostom Edison,

Black and Veach. Solar

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"Visit Bangladesh and assess

"Bangladesh can offer you

Bangladesh, reports UNB.

who topped the earlier merit list, has now been placed in the second position.

Following is the revised merit list of Science Group: 1. Md. Sumon Shahriar of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll-101847, total marks 924 with distinction in M. P. C. Ed; 2. Md. Hasibur Rahman of Rajshahi Government College, Roll 100223, total marks 913 with distinctions in M. P. C St; 3. Md. Shahabul Alam of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll 101870, to-tal marks 909 with distinctions in M. C. P. Ed; 4. Pradipta Prometheus Mitra of Rajshahi College, Roll 100289, total marks 905 with distinctions in M, P, C, St. and Md. Iftekharul Hasan of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll 101875, total marks, 905 with distinctions in M, P, C, Ed: 5: A M Anisur Rahman of Rajshahi Cadet

PM tells leading US entrepreneurs

Bangladesh best place

for investment

College, Roll 101862, total marks 904 with distinctions in M. P. C. Ed; 6: Kazi Abdullah-Al-Mamun of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll 101848, total marks 900 with distinctions in M. C. P. Bio; 7: Md. Mahbubur Rahman (newly included in the list) of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll-101853, total marks 892 with distinctions in M. P. C. Ed; 8: Md. Monirul Islam (Newly included in the list) of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll 101864, total marks 891 with distinctions in M. P. C. Ed: 9: Monzila Chowdhury of Bogra Cantt. Public School & College, Roll 110287, total marks 888 with distinctions in P. C. Bio, St; Repon Kumer Shaha (former 4th) of Cantt Public School & College, Roll 110330, total marks 888 with distinctions in M. P. C. Bio; Kazi Rashed

Ferdous (former 18th) of

Rangpur Cadet College; Roll 113421, total marks 888 with distinctions in M. P. C. Ed. 10: Md. Ahsan Habib (former 19th) of Pabna Cadet College, Roll 106803, total marks 887 with distinctions in P. C. Ed: 11: Golam Md. Baten (former 5th) of Bogra Cantt. public School & College, Roll 110327, total marks 886 with distinctions in M. P. C. Bio: 12: Muhammad Ishtaque Sayeed Al-Man (former 7th) of Rajshahi Cadet College, Roll 101841, total marks 882 with distinctions in M. P. C. Bio; 13: Subrata Kumar Kundu (former 8th) of Saidpur Cantt. Public School & College, Roll 116387, total marks 879 with distinctions in P. C. Bio. M; 14: Sabrina Anjun Tonu (former 9th) of Rajshahi College, Roll 100009 secured 877 marks with distinctions in

See Page 12 Col 3 Dhaka signs

CTBT NEW YORK, Oct 25: Bangladesh on Thursday signed here the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), reports

Prime Minister Sheikl Hasina signed the treaty at the United Nations after addressing the 51st session of the UN General Assembly.

Bangladesh became the 129th signatory to the CTBT which was adopted by the UN General Assembly two months

Speaking on the occasion Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina See Page 12 Col 8

Who inserted para on Ganges water in PM's speech?

Although Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina did not mention the sharing of the Ganges water in the UN General Assembly, a small paragraph about the issue was inserted in her printed speech released in Dhaka on Thursday night, reports UNB.

The PM's speech, broadcast live by Bangladesh Betar Thursday late night, did not contain anything about the Ganges problem with India. She didn't touch upon the new paragraph which was added to her

from the autocratic Sheikh See Page 12 Col 8 See Page 12 col 5

Col Rashid's moveable property in city seized

By Staff Correspondent

Police vesterday seized moveable property from the house of Col (retd) Khandaker Abdur Rashid at Gulshan in the

Rashid is one of the fourteen accused in the case of killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

According to Gulshan thana police, the seized things include a Marcedez car, a microbus, sofasets, chairs, tables, carpets, beds and other household arti-

A group of female police en-tered the house of Col (retd)

Aug 15 changeover Entire army chain of command was

involved, says Rashid's wife

The wife of retired army of-ficer Khandaker Abdur Rashid vesterday claimed that the entire army chain of command was involved in the 15 August 1975 changeover, reports UNB. It was not a coup, it was an army action to free the country

Rashid at around 9 in the morning. They conducted the seizure operation for about three hours following an attachment order from the court. A large number of police personnel were posted outside the house during the operation.

Col (retd) Rashid is abscond

Earlier, police had cordoned off the house at about 7 pm on Thursday. They waited in front of the house till yesterday morning as the family members refused them entry to the house at night.

Official sources said that the court had also issued an order for attachment of the industrial units under, the name of Col (retd) Rashid, with the Ministry of Commerce.

Zobaida Rashid, wife of Rashid claimed that property worth at least Tk 20 crore was "seized" by police yesterday.

"A washing plant at Tongi. a

composite textile mill a Chandina and a garments factory at Gulshan have been confiscated." Zobaida said adding that the bank account of her husband has also been frozen. Zobaida said that police produced the warrant of arrest

against her husband attachment order.

-Star photo Razzak leaves

Police taking out confiscated things from the residence of Col. Rashid yesterday.

Monday to talk water sharing

By Staff Correspondent Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak is scheduled to leave for Delhi on Monday on a three-day visit for holding talks on the Ganges water sharing issue with his Indian coun-

The talks are aimed at preparing the ground for the signing of a permanent water sharing accord, sources concerned pointed out.

terpart Janeshwar Mishra.

The minister will be accompanied by Water Resources Secretary. Shamsul Huda, Additional Foreign Secretary See Page 12 Col 7

Yasmin murder case: Hearing resumes today

From Mozammel Haque RANGPUR, Oct 25: Hearing of the Yasmin murder case resumes at the Special Judge's court here tomorrow.

The first hearing of the case was held on September 21 last. The court will frame charges tomorrow against the accused persons and later fix dates to examine prosecution witnesses. number fifty-four.

There are nine accused in the case. Three of them are in jail hajat as their bail prayers were rejected where the six others are

on bail. Holiday demanded

Prabarana

Purnima today

CHITTAGONG, Oct 25: Prabarana Purnima will be celebrated tomorrow with solemn devotion and traditional enthusiasm, reports BSS.

Members of the Buddhist community celebrate the purnima marking the end of threemonth seclusion of the Buddhist monks and beginning of one-month-long yellow-robegiving ceremony to the monks by the devotees.

Meanwhile, the leaders of Bangladesh Bouddha Krishti Prachar Sangha today urged the government to declare the Prabarana festival as a gov-

ernment holiday. Addressing a press conference at the Chittagong Press Club, president of the national committee of the 'yellow robegiving celebration -96' Dr Bikiran Prashad Barua said there is no government holiday of the Buddhists excepting the Buddha

Purnima. Dr Barua also placed an eleven point charter of demands on the eve of the Prabarana Purnima. See Page 12 Col 7

Demonstration at Kailashtila Gas Field

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 25: The all party action committee today staged demonstration a Kailashtila Gas Field as part of its 3-day agitation programme that ended today. The action committee would

announce the next course of action at a public meeting scheduled to be held at the premises of Golapganj Thana Muktijoddha Sangsad office tomorrow afternoon.

The action committee also held rally and brought out a procession at Golapganj thana headquarters today to press its six-point demand. The demands include employment of local people at the gas field. Chaired by Osman Harun

Chowdhury. President Golapganj thana Unit of the Jatiya Party, the meeting was addressed, among others, by thana BNP Secretary Mahius Sunnah Chowdhury and Tota Mia, Commander of thana Muktijoddha Sangsad.

AL plans 'prime minister's hour' in JS to reply to MPs' queries

UN headquarter.

By Nurul Kabir

The ruling party is planning to introduce "Prime Minister's hour" in the Jativa Sangsad during which the Premier will exclusively be replying to queries from members of parliament, Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister Suranjit Sengupta has said.

"I have already discussed the issue with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and she has endorsed the idea. With the introduction of the system, the premier would reply to questions from legislators in the House once a week." Suranjit told The Daily Star on Thursday.

Introduction of such a system will, however, require prior amendment to the JS Rules of Procedure, Additional Secretary of the JS Secretariat Khandaker Abdul Huq told this correspondent.

Admitting the requirement. Rahmat Ali, a ruling party senior member of the parliamentary Standing Committee on

the Rules of Procedure, said that the committee was studying the rules of different parliaments of the world to see, along with other things, how could the concept of Prime Minister's hour be implemented effec-

Asked whether the Standing Committee concern would finalise any proposal to this effect before or during the forth-

AL-BNP clash in Dumuria: Hartal called today

KHULNA, Oct 25: At least 15 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups at Gutudia in Dumuria thana of the district today, reports UNB. The injured were admitted to Dumuria hospital and other nearby clinics of the thana.

Witnesses said, the clash be-See Page 12 col 5

coming JS session. Rahmat Ali said it might take some time more. "But the committee would definitely produce in the House in its next session a report regarding amendments to JS Rules for implementing the idea of constituting parliamentary standing bodies on various ministries with non-minister MPs heading those.

-PID photo

The Standing Committee on the Rules of Procedure comprising members from both the Treasury and the Opposition benches has, meanwhile, de cided unanimously that the standing bodies on the ministries would be headed by nonminister MPs while the ministers would be ex-officio members of those.

The next meeting of the Rules of Procedure Committee is expected to finalise the technical aspects of the planned amendments. JS Secretariat sources said.

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Khaleda back home 'National economy experiencing

BNP Chairperson and leader

Begum Zia arrived in Dhaka by a Saudia flight at 8.55 in the

tion Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury and Col (retd) Oli Ahmed received Begum Zia at the VIP lounge of Zia International Airport

by former Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin and her private secretary Mosaddeg Ali The other members of her en tourage returned home on Octo-

Among others, BNP leaders Abdus Salam Talukdar, Saifur Rahman, Abdul Matin Chowd hury, KM Obaidur Rahman Tarigul Islam, MK Anwar, Bar rister Jamiruddin Sircar Mirza Abbas, Amanullah Aman. Ehsanul Kabir and See Page 12 Col 3

a depression'

of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia returned home after a 12-day visit to Saudi Ara bia, reports UNB.

morning. Deputy Leader of the Opposi-

Begum Zia was accompanied

BNP on Asian Highway

'Govt conspiring to give corridor to India'

By Staff Correspondent BNP vesterday alleged that the people"

the government was conspir ing to give India "corridor" in the name of Asian Highway and warned of launching a "peoples movement" against such a Secretary General of BNP

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in statement urged the govern ment to "refrain from signing any accord against the interests of the country" during the upcoming ministerial level conference in New Delhi. A two-day conference on in-

frastructure development in Asia and the Pacific, organised by the ESCAP, begins in New Delhi on October 28. The conference is likely to adopt some declarations Mannan Bhuiyan claimed

that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent statement on Bangladesh's becoming de tached from linkage with the Asian Highway was "nothing but a futile attempt to be fool

portion of Asian Highway from Benapole to Teknaf border via Jessore, Faridpur, Dhaka, Comilla, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar -- had started decades ago. but the plan could not progress following Myanmar's refusal to give way for the highway through the country. But the present government has planned to change the

UNB adds: Bhuiyan said

construction of the Bangladesh

highway's original route to serve India's interest and a new proposal is being prepared, he said quoting newspaper reports. Under the new plan of the

Awami League government, Bhuivan said, there would be two routes from India through the western border of the country - one from Banglabandha in Dinajpur border and the other from Benapole in Jessore These two routes, after cross-

ing the Jamuna Bridge, will go See Page 12 Col 6

Door-to-door 'Clean Dhaka' campaign ends

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina signing the CTBT at the



'Don't throw your rubbish on the street, keep it tidy,' scouts urge a hairdresser at Dhakeswari market yesterday as part of the Save Dhaka Clean Dhaka campaign, jointly organised by The Daily Star, Bangladesh Scouts and the University of Engineering and Technology. -Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

The Save Dhaka Clean Dhaka campaign ended yesterday with hundreds of boy and girl scouts voluntarily giving up their weekends this month to motivate the citizens to keep their neighbourhoods clean by disposing of garbage in dustbins between 6 pm and 9 pm every-

Do not litter was the message the children carried during their door-to-door campaign which also included removal of garbage in their respective ar-

The campaign jointly organised by The Daily Star. Bangladesh Scouts and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology took place on the weekends, beginning on October 4. It was a re-run of the previ-

ous years programme to help the city cope with its mounting heaps of garbage, scattered all around, as domestic hands leave their kitchen waste on the streets, instead of the municipal bins and depositories during the fixed hours. The boys and girls in their

community work, included even the handicaped scouts. See Page 12 Col 1

Neville Stack writes from London Little did the queen realise In the Crime Bill, there is a

it, but behind the mock me dieval flummery of the state opening of parliament lurked a subtle and complex political The queen, dead-pan as al-

ways, read a speech prepared for her by the government, detailing the legislation they will bring forth in the last session before the general election in But prime minister John

prepared a tiger trap for his opponents. Labour leader Tony Blair (the odds-on favourite to succeed him) and the Liberal Democrat's Paddy Ashdown. And it was clear that the run-up to the election will be no-holds-barred.

Major, that wily tactician, had

The trap was to table a series of bills that were unashamedly populist, which would appeal to the voters in search of a simplistic solution to some of the country's problems. Major's ploy would tempt the opposi tion parties to oppose them in detail - and thus lay themselves wide open to a counter-

, commitment to mandatory mutumum sentences, for cer tain categories of persistent offenders, including life for repeat-rapists. While not disagreeing with the principle, the opposition parties will back the judges in their demand to be given the discretion to determine appropriate sentences. But this criticism will be represented by the hard-line sophist home secretary as "soft on crime.

In the Firearms Bill, the government will ban all handguns except. 22 calibre target pistols kept securely at gun clubs. The opposition will demand a total ban, but this may seem to the voters as marking an excessive fuss over a small detail.

The Police Bill, providing for a national crime squad and increased powers of phone-tapping and surveillance. This will not be strongly opposed by the opposition lendership, but "Old Labour" left wingers will raise a

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Major's 'tiger trap' for his opponents