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President Shahabuddin Ahmed addressing the inaugural ceremony of Oral Rehydration Therapy Communication Campaign at the Osmany Memorial Hall in the city yesterday. - PID photo

UNICEF representative in

sador of the Royal Netherlands

in Dhaka RA Vornis, Health

Secretary Muhammad Ali and

Director General of Health Ser

vice Prof AK Shamsuddin Sid-

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C Carriere said diarrhoea re-

mains one of the two biggest

killers of children under five in

the country and probably the

single largest cause of child nu

trition and growth faltering

Every three minutes one child

dies of dehydration related to

'Miscreants' torch

Ajit Guha

College at Comilla

COMILLA, Oct 27: Unidenti-

fied miscreants set fire to Ajit

Guha College in the town last

night destroying property

worth about Tk 35 lakh, reports

lege and postponed the student

union election scheduled for Oc-

of miscreants torched the tin-

shed building of the college by

pouring petroleum substances

at about 3 am. Six classrooms

spot and brought the blaze un-

der control after one and a half

said the miscreants might have

resorted to the arson to foil the

Judiciary

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Criminal Procedure (CrPC), the

own strength can amend the

CrPC. But for amending the

Constitution, it requires sup-

port from the Opposition Bench

as it lacks two-third majority

in the House, legal experts

tion says. "The State shall en-

sure the separation of judiciary

from the executive organs of the

separation of the judiciary has

already completed 80 per cent of

its work, sources said.

The committee formed for

Article 22 of the Constitu-

The Treasury Bench with its

Firefighters rushed to the

The principal of the college

were burnt down.

hours of efforts.

sources added.

pointed out.

Authorities closed the col-

College sources said a group

diarrhoea.

UNICEF representative Rolf

Dhaka Rolf C Carriere, Ambas

ORT communication drive launched

President Justice Sha habuddin Ahmed yesterday launched a nationwide campaign against the killer disease diarrhoea, making a call for united efforts of all to make the massive drive a total success.

reports UNB. The President inaugurated the 18-month-long Oral Rehy dration Therapy (ORT) commu nication campaign for control ling diarrhoea, which kills some 125,000 children a year in the country, at a function at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the morning.

"I'm very much hopeful about being successful in preventing diarrhoea-related child deaths through united efforts of all," he said.

The programme aims at changing people's longstanding habits through a massive awareness and communication campaign over the next one and a half years.

The President said Bangladesh is a signatory of the World Child Rights Charter and determined to achieve the target of developing mother and child

United effort is needed to achieve the target of bringing down the child mortality rate to one-third by the year 2000 and increasing the use of ORT rate to

80 per cent, he added. The Health and Family Welfare Ministry with the assistance from the Netherlands government and United Na tions Children's Fund (UNICEF) is implementing the programme to reach the message to

some 20 million families. The Dutch government is providing 5.5 million US dollars while the Health Ministry and the UNICEF are giving their technical support, manpower and countrywide infrastructure for the anti-diarrhoea drive.

political parties, social groups, institutions and all concerned to work actively and sincerely to make the ORT communication drive a complete success. The three principles of ORT are: Feed the diarrhoea-affected

The President called for all

children with liquid foods frequently, breastfeed the affected children and rush the children with acute condition to the health complex or health work-About 90 per cent of the deaths could be averted by using

the solution which is recognised worldwide as an effective measure against diarrhoeal diseases. Health and Family Welfare Minister Salahuddin Yusuf.

4 of a family held with arms

JHENIDAH. Oct 27: Four people of a family were arrested along with two rifles and some bullets from Bhabanipur vil lage in Sadar thana of Kushtia district today, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of one Matiar Rahman in the village and ar rested the house owner and his three sons. Wazed. Khoaz and Riaz.

Police said there were some other terrorists in the house but they fled the scene sensing their arrival A case was filed in this con

nection. Road accident

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In another accident, a minor girl was run over by an autorickshaw in Dholaikhal area vesterday afternoon.

Shilpi, 10, daughter of one Amanullah of 153, Nasiruddin Sardar Road of Dholaikhal was rushed to the DMCH where she breathed her last. Meanwhile, an old man

Hakim, 62, was crushed under the wheels of a vehicle at the Gazipur bus-stand at around 11:30 am. The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. hospital sources said.

Gaibandha Correspondent adds: One person was killed and two others sustained injuries when an ambulance rammed a roadside Gaibandha town yesterday.

shop at Banglabazar in According to police, an ambulance of the Shaghata Thana Health complex was bound for the Rangpur Medical College Hospital. When it reached Banglabazar, another government vehicle suddenly appeared there from the side lane. While trying to avoid a head on collision, the ambulance rammed the roadside shop after hitting a rickshawpuller Badsha Mia. 35.

Two other persons — Azaher and Faruk - received serious injuries. Badsha succumbed to his

Gaibandha sadar Thana.

of village Sonaidanga under

injuries on way to hospital. Police have seized the ambu-

A case was filed with sadar thana.

Razzak

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political will and determination shown by the present Indian government and political leadership to settle the water problem and improve the relations between the two neighbours," Razzak said. As regards the quantum of

water Bangladesh may seek for the dry season, Razzak hinted about 35,000 cusec to 40,000 cusec for last 10 days of April, the dryest period of the season.

"We are negotiating the quantum on the basis of 1975 and '77 water-sharing agreements with India," he said. adding that the amount would be fixed somewhere between the two accords. Under the 1975 water accord

Bangladesh had received 44,000 cusec while it received 34,500 cusec under the '77 agreement. In reply to a question, the

minister said: "First of all we need an immediate agreement before the next dry season and a long-term solution" so that Bangladesh could formulate its own water policy.

He said Bangladesh side would press for a guarantee clause in the proposed agreement to ensure 80 per cent flow of available water at Farakka during the lean period.

Razzak hoped that the New Delhi meeting would be held in a very friendly and cordial atmosphere to pave the way for a final agreement at the summit between the two Prime Minis-

"I think it would be a very important meeting," he told a questioner.

Other members of his delegation are: Water Resources Secretary Shamsul Huda, Additional Foreign Secretary Ahmed Tareq Karim, water expert Prof Ainun Nishat and Bangladesh High Commissioner in India Shafi Sami.

Miss World contest

Organisers' office in Bangalore stormed

NEW DELHI. Oct 27: Unidentified attackers stormed a building in the southern Indian city of Bangalore today after Miss World organisers set up office there to prepare for the 22-day pageant next month, police said, reports AFP.

The attackers smashed win-

dowpanes and furniture in the office of Amitabh Bachchan Corp Ltd (ABCL), the show's or ganisers, in protest against the firm's plans to hold the event in

A caller telephoned the United News of India saying a previously-unknown anti-miss world protest forum called the Indian tigers had staged the attack in Bangalore. "It is a warn

The organisers shifted office to a fortified stadium in the city where the contest is slated to be held, the police added.

brand Indian activists, who has previously ransacked the of fices of multinational firms joined the mounting campaign against the contest.

"It is part of a conspiracy by imperialist forces in the West to thrust on Indians the degener

Two child-lifters arrested

From Our Correspondent

GAIBANDHA. Oct 27 Palashbari Thana police caught two suspected child-lifters and rescued two children from their possession last night.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided a Dhaka bound night coach and nabbed the child lifters - Hamidul and Harun of village Kamarpur under Kurigram district. Police also rescued the children - Sufia, 8. and Zia 6.

Hillary praises achievements of CHPRB

The US First Lady. Hillary Rodham Clinton, has praised achievements of the Centre for Health and Population Research in Bangladesh (CHPRB). reports UNB.

According to her, the "longstanding partnership" between the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Centre demonstrates that "we can learn from each other's experiences and work together to find solutions of common problems.

The First Lady has frequently cited the Centre as a US foreign aid success story and described it as "a world class

success story in saving lives." She has been an active supporter of the Dhaka-based Centre since a 1995 visit there during her extended goodwill trip to South Asia, writes USIA Staff Writer Joanne Nix from

At a tribute dinner in Balti-

Washington.

more last month, Hillary Clinton recalled viewing "first hand its extraordinary health and family planning programmes. that she said "save lives, improve health and give families control over their own lives."

ated culture that prevails in the West." ND Nanjundaswamy founder of the Karnataka State Farmers' Association, was quoted as saying.

Nanjundaswamy said his forum, a force in the state of Kar nataka, whose capital is Bangalore, would throw all its force into opposing the pageant.

Young man dies in Ctg hotel

CHITTAGONG. Oct 27: A young man died in a hotel here

Kotwali police said one Tito Das. 21, was taken to Chittagong Medical College Hospital from a city hotel in an unconscious condition where the attending doctors declared him dead

The cause of his death was

6 Sarbahara men held in Jhenidah

members of the outlawed Sar bahara Party were arrested from Kaligani thana on Satur-

Kalam were arrested following a gunbattle between police and members of the outlawed party at Mollahkoa village in Kali ganj thana on Saturday night.

The fight began when the outlaws opened fire sensing ar rival of police at 10:30 pm More than 100 rounds of gunshots were traded during the half-an-hour battle.

Police said another four people — Amjad Mandal, Saf dul. Kamruzzaman and Saifuzzaman - were arrested from a village in Kaliganj thana on the same night.

British Army Chief places wreath at Shikha Anirban

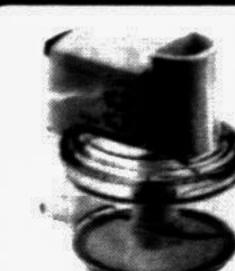
The visiting British Army Chief General Sir Charles Guthrie placed wreath at the Shikha Anirban (The Eternal Flame) at the Dhaka Canton ment yesterday in memory of the members of the Armed Forces martyred during the Liberation War in 1971, reports

According to an ISPR press release, the British Army chief called on Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman at the Army Headquarters. He was given a guard of honour by a smartly turned-out contingent of the army at the Sena Kunja. He

on Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam at the Naval Headquarters. The British High Commis-

sioner to Bangladesh David C Walker, accompanied the British Army Chief.

Manzoor-e-Mowla at his office.



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College teacher **RB HSC results** Body to probe irregularities

The government has formed a committee to probe into the irregularities of this year's Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination results of Rajshahi Education Board, re-

> lam, a lecturer of Islamic His-HSC candidate of the college who failed to come out successful in the examinations.

headed by Additional Secretary of Education Ministry Abdur Rab, will submit report within manded legal action against the offender within three days. the next two weeks, said an offi-

Female jatra Constable shot dead artiste kidnapped in Naogaon

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Oct 27: One constable was shot dead and another seriously injured by miscreants at Mushidpur Hat under Ponsha thana in Naogaon district yesterday evening.

The irregularities caused a

complete disarray in preparing

the results and the combined

merit list of the HSC examinees

cial handout yesterday.

The inquiry committee.

According to police sources some shopkeepers informed constables - Alkes and Ajhar that two persons are moving in the market suspiciously. The policemen rushed to the market and challenged the two persons who at once took out sawed-off rifles from their bags and opened fire on them.

Alkes died on the spot and Aihar was admitted to the Raishahi Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

The miscreants also matched two rifles from the policemen and managed to escape.

When contacted the Deputy Inspector General of Police of Raishahi Range said, efforts are on to hunt down the terrorists who are apparently the mem-

bers of a gang of dacoits. Docs in Rajshahi

stop pvt practice

The Rajshahi district units

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI. Oct 27: Doctors in Rajshahi abstained from private practice today as part of their strike for an indefinite

period.

of Bangladesh Medical Association and Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners' Association jointly called the strike from today demanding action against toll collectors and terrorists. All private clinics also remained closed today. Suspected toll-collectors

attacked Dr. Taimur A K Mahmud, Asstt. professor in Medicine Department of Rajshahi Medical College Hospital for his refusal to give tolls. The BMA and BPMPA lead-

ers have threatened to continue the strike until the terrorists are arrested.

assaulted

PIROJPUR, Oct 27: The teachers of Government Suhrawardy College will boycott class for three days from tomorrow to register their protest against the attack on a teacher of the college, reports

Witnesses said Tawhidul Istory, was assaulted on Saturday night by Masudur Rahman, an

The college teachers today met the Principal and de-

SIRAJGANJ. Oct 27: A female artiste of a traditional jatra group was kidnapped during a clash between two groups of

youths at a village in Kazipur thana early today, reports UNB. Witnesses said 17 people were also injured in the clash that erupted after the youths turned violent while enjoying obscene dance during a jatra

performance at Sonamukhi village at dead of night. At one stage, some of the miscreants picked up Suchitra.

22. from the green room of Nabarun Opera. Opera manager Gazi Ehsan

Revolver recovered

filed a case with Kazipur police.

in city By Staff Correspondent

Police yesterday recovered a foreign-made revolver from an auto-rickshaw passenger near

the Dainik Bangla crossing in the city, police said. The revolver was recovered from the baggage of one Tarik bin Arif while he was passing

through the area at around 6:15,

CDS body

introduced immediately, said member of the committee. "If the system is introduced chances of forgery will be al-

most zero," he said

police said.

troduction of the Central Depository System, the existing problem of odd lots, difficulties in exchange of share certificates and the lengthy process in share trading will be resolved. Under the system, the share certificates of the listed compa-

He further said that after in-

nies will be preserved in 'electronic book entry method' instead of the traditional system and the sellers and buyers will not be required to carry their share certificates. Besides, each and every investor and stock broker will get

and right shares declared by the listed companies through a single point of the CDS. Under the system, all activities and information of the country's capital markets will

their dividend, bonus shares

be monitored. The meeting, held at the office of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), was presided over by Dr A K M Shabub Alam, chairman of the committee.

Other members of the comttee are. Amin Lasker memof FBCCI. Abdul Hafiz nowdhury member of MCCI, Abdul Huq Hawladar, councillor of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). Rizwan Bin Farouq director of CSE and Ms Zeenat Iftekhar. Assistant General Manager of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.

One jailed for

JAMALPUR, Oct 27: A younman was today sentenced to life imprisonment in a rape case committed in Jamalpur town about a year back, reports UNB.

The Additional District and Sessions Judge gave the verdict against Abdul Mufiz Uddin, 28, son of Omar Ali, for the crime he committed in August last

According to the prosecution case, Mufiz Uddin entered the house of Motiur Rahman on the night of August 10, 1995 at Gatepara in the town and had raped his wife Anguri, 20.

Motiur was not present in the house at that time. On hearing a hue and cry. neighbours rushed to the spot and caught Mufiz Uddin from

the spot. He was never allowed The judge. Shah Alam Mia, found the accused guilty after examining 15 witnesses and

relevant evidences. Kailashtila Gas Field All-Party to gear

up agitation SYLHET. Oct 27: The all party action committee meeting at Gilapgonj yesterday decided

to gear up the agitation programme for realising their six point demand.

The Thana Muktijoddha Sangsad commander Tuta Miah

was in the chair. The next course of action will be announced from the mass rally on November 2. The demands include job opportunities for the local people in the Kailashtila Gas Field and

immediate steps for setting up a

'Fractionation Plant' at the Gas

Morshed Khan

From Page 1 forged and fake mortgaged property and misappropriated

the amount.

Senior Advocate Abdul Malek, Khandker Mahbub Hossain and Barrister Rafigu-ul Huq separately appeared for the accused-petitioners while Deputy Attorney General Barrister Nikilesh Dutta and Mansurul Huq Chowdhury were present on behalf of the government.

Depression

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ternoon soothed the city dwellers. But the city's poor bore the brunt of the wet day, working under open sky, hawking their wares, pedalling rickshaws or pushing carts. The meteorologists forecast

the day will remain cloudy to-

day, with light to moderate and

heavy showers along with thunders and gusty winds in different parts of the country. including most areas of the Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong divisions, and many parts of the Dhaka and Sylhet divi-UNB adds from Bagerhat, work in Mongla port could not

be held yesterday due to inclement weather and incessant rainfall since Saturday evening. Port sources said loading

and unloading of cargo from 19 ships remained suspended as the gang-booking could not be opened.

Witnesses said normal life in the district was paralysed due to nonstop downpour. Meanwhile, the low-lying

and many coastal areas of the

prompt issuance of acceptance

letter and passbook, timely

payment of customs duty and

value added tax for technical

cooperation equipment, prepa-

ration of appropriate docu-

district went under water. Stop hiding of trainees

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tion Division of Economic Cooperation Bureau of the Foreign Ministry of Japan, is leading the team. Additional Secretary at the

Economic Relations Division Mahbub Kabir is leading the Bangladesh side in the meeting in the NEC conference room. ERD Secretary Dr Masihur Rahman delivered the opening speech. The main issues of discus-

sion were the operation and maintenance of completed Japanese-assisted projects, implementation performance of the ongoing Japanese-aided projects and future Japanese assistance for proposed programmes in Bangladesh.

The Japanese mission also put forward a 12-point agenda on technical cooperation and grant aid for effective and efficient implementation of the assisted projects in Bangladesh. Stressing the need for for-

warding viable project proposals, the mission asked the ERD to exercise a strong leadership in the screening and prioritisation of the project proposals and forward viable projects. Every year, it said, the list of project proposals prepared by

the ERD does not include the information on priority, nor details of each project Some projects fall outside the priority sectors agreed upon in the previous annual consul-

to Bangladesh

World Bank suggestion

From Page 1 largely confined their activities to regulation or monitoring." The Board of Investment (BOI) which was set up to offer facilitatory services to poten-

tial domestic and foreign in-

vestors and to act as "one-stop

shop," it failed to act properly

mainly because of the bureau-

cratic system and poor quality of its 700 staffs, the report mentioned. "Due to civil servants and unskilled manpower the EPB also became ineffective in re-

moving problems in promoting

exports," it added. The World Bank noted that all SOEs now under the ministries of commerce, industry, textile and jute should be brought under a single min-Although the government

initiated some privatisation

programmes, desired results

could not be achieved due to the

"snail's pace" in implementa-

tion of the programmes, the WB

said. "The weakest part of Bangladesh's reform programme has been the slow implementation of the privatisation programme," the report mentioned. The colossal losses in the SOEs and their inefficiencies and non-market behaviour were affecting Bangladesh's competitiveness, it added.

Suggesting "withdrawal of business" from those enterprises "as soon as possible" the report said "failure to do so will undermine growth." The WB said there are indus-

trial and investment promotion agencies in all East Asian countries to ensure extensive and continuous consultation between the government and private investors. But in Bangladesh, there is no systematic consultation between the government and the private sector. The private sector is yet to have considerable influence over the policy formulation and implementation, the report pointed out.

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today, reports BSS. ing to the ABCL," he added.

not immediately known. The attack came as a fire-

JHENIDAH, Oct 27: Six

day night, reports UNB. Police said Bakul and Abul

took salute and inspected the guard. He also planted a sapling General Guthrie also called

The British Army Chief also made a courtesy call on Defence Secretary Kazi Mohammad



BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a discussion meeting in the city yesterday on the occasion of the founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal. -Star photo

Khaleda: Ganges issue

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planning to import even potatoes from West Bengal. Begum Zia said that about 150 BNP workers were killed while more than 10,000 people were arrested during the last four months. "Awami League is

pursuing autocracy in the name

The BNP chairperson warned that her party would not remain silent if anyone conspires to sell out the country's sovereignty. It will stand beside the people to resist such attempt, the said. She called upon workers of

of democracy," she said.

ready for street movement. The government through its misrule is pushing the people to come to the street, she said. The BNP chairperson protested the killing of Jubo Dal worker Tuhin in Motijheel

thana hajat. She prayed for the

departed soul and expressed her

sympathy for the bereaved

family members.

the BNP and Jubo Dal to

strengthen the party and be

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said, "This government is the outcome of a conspiracy and it is now busy in filing false cases and unleashing attack on opposition workers." BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan de-

manded that the government

issue voters' identity card be-

fore the next election. He also

reiterated the demand for resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner, saying that BNP would not take part in any election under him. Jubo Dal General Secretary Goyeswar Chandra Roy said Jubo Dal would take revenge of the killing of Tuhin by gherao ing the Home Ministry on

October 30. He called upon all to

make the programme a success.

Jubo Dal president Mirza Abbas presided over the meeting at the auditorium of Engineers' Institution. The meeting was also ad-

dressed by Barrister Abdus

Salam Talukdar, Col (Retd) Oli

Ahmed MP, Barkatullah Bhulu MP. Mir Shawkat Ali, Fazlur Rahman Patal MP. Sadeq gulated. Hossain Khoka MP, Shamsuzzaman Dudu MP, Mozzem Hossain Alal and Haris Chowdhury.

for killing husband of killing her husband, a PWD

fault to serve another three years in jail.

by hanging himself from the ceiling of his home.

Ullapara thana registered a case as plaintiff and arrested the two accused.

Mahbuba Sattar Rozi was sentenced life term in jail and also fined to pay Tk 5,000 or in default, to suffer more three years rigorous imprisonment for murdering her husband

The verdict was given at the

her husband committed suicide

But in the postmortem report on March 16 Sirajganj RMO said the victim was stran-

Wife gets life-term SIRAJGANJ. Oct 27: A young housewife was today convicted

Sub-Assistant Engineer, and

imprisoned for life, reports

Abdus Sattar. The night guard of his office. Abdus Sattar Bablu, was awarded life-term separately in

the sensational murder case. He

was also fined Tk 5,000, in de-

court of Additional District and Sessions Judge Proman Sarker According to the prosecution, Mahbuba Sattar Rozi filed a case with Ullapara police on March 12 in 1991, stating that

Later, on March 20 the OC of

tation meeting. In other cases, the requested scheme may not

be appropriate for the fulfillment of the objectives of the tor of the Technical Coopera-The mission also called for

> ments for the PCP approval and prompt exchange of notes. Referring to approval of Japanese grant aid projects, it said the approval of the government, including Planning Commission and ECNEC should be made within 5-6 weeks of the dispatch of JICA Draft Basic Design Study Team

> pletion of the project for construction of multipurpose cyclone shelters-Phase III, expeditious utilization of grant aid for increase of food and speedy implementation of the project for supply of irrigation and cultivation equipment to the cooperative farmers of the cyclone and tidal bore-affected areas. It also called for effective utilization of equipment and

The mission suggested com-

facilities provided under the supply of fish net equipment project, construction of foodgrain storages, establishment of central workshop for repair and maintenance of vehicle of transport project, improvement of science educational equipment for universities project and medical equipment pro-vided under several past pro-