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NEWS BRIEFS

Furniture seized

from Huda's house CHUADANGA. Nov 3: Police seized some furniture from the house of Major (retd) Bazlul Huda, an accused in the jailkilling case, in Alamdanga thana today. An 11-member police team led by OC of the thana seized eight chairs, two wooden hangers, one dining table and two other tables from the Hatboalia village of the accused, reports UNB.

Meeting of AL Victory Celebration body today

A meeting of the victory celebration committee of the Bangladesh Awami League will be held today at 10 am at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue. Amir Hossain Amu. Presidium member of the party and convenor of the committee has asked all members to attend the meeting in time, reports BSS.

BCL-Shibir clash in Kushtia

From Our Correspondent KUSHTIA, Nov 3: At least seven persons were injured in a clash between the Chhatra Shibir and Chattra League activists in the Kushtia Govt. University College today. The clash started during the college union election campaign on the campus. Of the injured three have been admitted to the Kushtia General Hospital. The victims reportedly belonging to the Chhatra League were identified as Tipu, 22. Rafique 23, and Sohel 20. The college union election is scheduled to be held

5 killed in Pak train blast

tomorrow

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3: An explosion on a passenger train in Pakistan today killed at least five people and injured five others, police said. The cause of the explosion, which took place in a compartment of the express train, was not immediately known, they said.

Over 20 Suu Kyi's supporters held

YANGON, Nov 3: Riot police barricaded roads leading to prodemocracy activist Aung San Suu Kyi's home today and arrested more than 20 of her supporters at a nearby protest.

Sundarbans 'sick', 40pc forest affected by 'top dying'

LONDON, Nov 3: Up above the crocodile-infested waters around the Sundarbans of Bangladesh, the twisted fingers of leafless branches point skywards. The world's greatest mangrove forest is 'sick' and scientists suspect that global warming is the cause, reports

Already 40 per cent of the 5,800 square km forest fringing the Bay of Bengal is affected by top dying, which kills off the mangroves from the top down.

Now, in an attempt to stop its 'decline, scientists have begun a three year project funded by the British government's Overseas Development Administration to monitor the forest.

If their suspicions are found to be true and nothing is done to protect the Sundarbans, the effects would be both devastating and far reaching. Bangladesh would be left to face a decimated fishing industry, increased flooding, and the loss of endangered animals, including the

world's largest concentration of Royal Bengal Tigers, warns project director Terry Thomas.

"The disappearance of the Sundarbans, which is the only thing stopping Bangladesh from sliding into the Bay of Bengal, would be an ecological

mangrove forest is Mantang in peninsular Malaysia, only one

The sick mangroves in the Sundarbans indicate to Thomas that already global warming may be having an impact on sea levels in the Bay of Bengal. "The fresh water channels are becoming increasingly saline, and although no one knows yet for sure, we think this may be behind the top dying. It also possibly indicates a rise in sea levels which would push salt water back up into the channels.

It has also been noticed that the tidal levels which regulate tree growth are fluctuating more than ever before. Tidal rise changes vegetative comturer in Resource Economics at

ject, which got underway in April, will lay the foundations for the fight back against catastrophe. Over the next three years staff from Bangladesh's University of Khulna will visit the universities of Bangor and Aberystwyth to train in the research of forestry and aquatic resources in relation to the

They will learn how to run long term research programmes into the sustainable management of large protected areas like the Sundarbans, which later will be essential for evaluating temporal changes such as global warming, siltation and salination. They will also learn

the skills needed to run the monitoring unit that will be built at Khulna in a later stage of the project.

project is to establish Khulna, located 50 miles to the north of the mangroves, as a regional centre to offer graduates specific training in the ecology and sustainable management of

The initiative doesn't come a moment too soon. The latest resea level by the year 2100, between two and five times the rise in the past century.

only one metre would flood 17 per cent of the country, affecting about 70 million people and effectively swallowing up the Sundarbans.

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Prime Minister reiterates

Killers of Bangabandhu, 4 leaders must stand trial

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina reiterated yesterday that the killers of Bangabandhu and his family members and four national leaders would be

"Bangalees have to be united against mentors of killers. Be united against conspirators. foil all plots. Let us all restore the lost glory of the Bangalee that once we had achieved through our great War of Liberation under the leadership of the Father of the Nation", said Hasina,

tried on the soil of Bangladesh.

She was delivering her presidential speech at a discussion meeting in the city in memory of four national leaders - Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Mansur Ali and AHM Qamruzzaman-killed in Dhaka

Central Jail on November 3.

Ministers. Awami League frontliners and educationists among others, took part in the discussion organised by the AL and held at the Institute of Engineers. They paid rich tributes to the memory of four national leaders and demanded trial of their killers. Two cabinet colleagues of the

Prime Minister were applauded by a packed audience when they demanded of her constitution of a special tribunal to ensure quick trial of the killers. None will dare to safeguard

the killers of '75". Hasina said. adding. "To me, killers and those who had harboured them are equally mischief-makers". The discussants included

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad. widow of Tajuddin Ahmed and AL presidium member Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman, educationists prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi and Prof Anisuzzaman, Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak. Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, AL central leaders Sajeda Chowdhury Amir Hossain Amu and Abdul Jalil. Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, Convenor of Jatiya Samannoi Committee Syed Hasan Imam and K M Jahangir.

Besides, a number of other ministers, MPs, Mayor of See Page 12 Col 1



offering fateha at the graves of national leaders at Banani graveyard in the city on the -Star photo Jail Killing Day yesterday.

Interpol's help sought to trace fugitives

Inspector General of Police M Azizul Hug has appealed to the Interpol for its cooperation in tracing the whereabouts of the fugitives accused in the murder cases of August 15 and November 3 in 1975, a Police Headquarters press release said vesterday, reports BSS.

At the 65th general assembly session of Interpol, held in Turkey from October 23 to October 29, the IGP also sought cooperation of the Interpol for extradition of the accused per-

*Leader of Bangladesh dele See Page 12 Col 6

1975 killings CID records statements of 100 people Star Report

Statements of over 100 people have been recorded by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the killings on August 15 and November 3, 1975, according to official sources.

We have also recorded statements of some senior civil and military officials and im portant persons of that time an official said.

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Market capitalisation of the

Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE)

increased by 77.64 per cent to

Tk 120.31 billion from Tk 67.72

billion during the first quarter

of the current fiscal, according

to a Security and Exchange

The report published in its

Commission (SEC) report re-

latest quarterly bulletin said

that the price indices of DSE

and Chittagong Stock Exchange

(CSE) rose by 76.24 and 69.90

per cent respectively during the

DSE jumped to 1690.25 points

as on September 30, from

959.05 on June 30 this year. The

All Share Price Index at CSE

rose to 694.99 points from

409.05 points during the same

quarter, the SEC gave consent

to the issue of capital aggregat-

ing Tk 0.84 billion by five com-

panies. In the previous quarter,

the Commission had given con-

sent to the issue of capital ag-

gregating Tk 2.62 billion by 17

During July-September

The All Share Price Index of

leased vesterday

period.

period.

companies.

Diana desperately in love with Pak heart surgeon

Neville Stack writes from London

Princess Diana is in love with a Muslim heart surgeon of Pakistani descent, says a London newspaper.

The Sunday Mirror is usu ally well-informed on Diana stories, so Fleet Street was go ing frantic vesterday catching up on the background of Hasnat Khan, a 36-year-old bachelor who lives in a small Chelsea

Now an Englishman, he is known to his friends as Natty. And a friend of the princess told me covly vesterday, while not confirming the Mirror story: "Diana has made it clear to us that she wants to get married again and have at least one more baby - she longs for a daughter — so all that's missing is the man." Up to now, it seems.

The Mirror, which is claiming a world exclusive, quotes "a close friend" as saying Diana is desperately in love. "She has never got to know anyone like him before ... she is utterly

'He is so calm, so level headed. And he has this incredible power to save life."

Diana in February visited Pakistan and met her friend Jemmia Goldsmith, Lahore, now the bride of cricketer Imran Khan. The surgeon's family, who are strict Muslims, live nearby, and have twice tried to arrange a marriage for

DSE market capitalisation up

by 78 pc in first quarter

By Staff Correspondent

According to the SEC report

turnover in volume at the DSE

amounted to 44.90 million

shares and debentures during

the current quarter compared to

13.93 million securities during

the previous quarter showing a

rise of 222.32 per cent compared

the DSE stood at Tk 9.81 billion

during the current quarter

compared to Tk 3.14 billion

amount traded in CSE during

the period aggregated 52.56

million securities and Tk

1084.74 million as compared to

0.42 million securities and Tk

91.31 million during the previ-

which experienced more than

ten per cent fluctuation in share

prices during the period, prices

of 145 issues gained and 10 suf-

fered losses. During the previ-

ous quarter 73 listed securities

experienced more than ten per

cent fluctuations in share

prices out of which 20 witnessed

At the DSE, out of 155 issues

ous quarter

Total turnover and total

during the previous quarter.

While turnover in value at

to a rise of 103.36 per cent dur-

ing the previous quarter.



But, says the Mirror, Khan flew from England last month to tell the family of his love for

A friend is quoted as saying: "The family have given the match their seal of approval even though Diana will not change her religion or the way she dresses, though Jemima did

Khan has been a regular visi tor to the princess at her apartment in Kenington Palace. and she recently took his See Page 12 Col 3

losses and 53 gained.

Seven new companies en-

listed with the DSE and CSE

during this period with their to-

tal issued capital are: Anwar

Galvanizing Ltd — Tk 132 mil-

lion: Imam Button Industries

Ltd — Tk 70 million; Dhaka

Fisheries Ltd — Tk 31.70 mil-

lion; Altex Industries Ltd — Tk

400 million; Kay & Que

Bangladesh Ltd — Tk 38.50 mil-

lion; Shampur Sugar Mills Ltd

Tk 50 million; and Bengal

Fine Ceramic Ltd — Tk 65 mil-

September, a total of 36 compa-

nies listed with the DSE, de-

clared cash final dividend at

different rates and one com-

pany declared cash interim div-

declared 30 per cent cash in-

clared by companies with the

rate of the dividend are: Green

Delta Insurance Co Ltd — 22 per

cent; Aziz Pipes Ltd - 30 per

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terim dividend on July 28.

gave stock dividend.

dend while four companies

Bangladesh Tobacco Co Ltd

The final cash dividend de-

During the month of July to

Banks asked not to give loans against shares

Bangladesh Bank, in a major step towards cooling down the overheated capital market. issued yesterday an edict for the banks to stop disbursing loans against share certificates, reports UNB.

Official sources told the agency that the directive to stop advance to the borrowers against share certificates was a temporary measure to "contain" the stock market which has been bullish for last few

As per the earlier provision the banks sanctioned loans to the time of 40 per cent of the average market price of shares. Anybody can take the loan keeping his share certificates

Col Rashid's wife taken on remand Zobaida Rashid, wife of Col

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(retd) Rashid, an absconding accused in the August 15, 1975 killing case, was placed on CID remand for five days yesterday, according to official sources. Zobaida was produced before

the CMM's court vesterday following her arrest from the Gulshan residence late Saturday

Arms Act for possessing unauthorised bullets for her licensed gun early hours yesterday, said police at Gulshan thana.

Load shedding likely to end by Nov next' By Staff Correspondent

The load shedding problem in the country is likely to be solved by November next, when two barge-mounted power plants will come into operation

in Khulna and Siddhirgani adding 240 MW power to the national grid. Energy Minister Lt Gen (retd) Noor Uddin Khan said vesterday. Fourteen companies have already talked with the

Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB). It would take eight to 10 months to install the two plants - each with a capacity of 120 MW. Two months will be required for processing the bidding documents," the Energy Minister said at a workshop on Reform of State Owned Enterprises and Privatisation. "By October or November, we

expect that the load shedding problem would be solved," he

The current level of load shedding in peak hours is between 200 MW and 125 MW. The Ministry will be totally transparent in the bidding for these plants." he added. Terming energy sector the

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of Shaheed Ziaur Rahman who Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday freedom fighter. advised the children to love the "Shaheed Zia loved children country and become worthy

She told the children while prize distribution ceremony of

'Amra Zia Hobo", a newly

tural and art competition Begum Zia said children desiring to become Zia means that they want to follow the life style

signboard at N'ganj removed

NARAYANGANJ Nov 2 Unidentified people removed the neon signboard of the town hall — Shaheed Zia Hall — and put up a new signboard reading Shaheed Muktijoddha Milanayatan" sometime in the

She was arrested under the See Page 12 col 5 was a real patriot and valiant

he established the Shishu Academy and Shishu Park to flourish the talent of the children and provide them with scopes of entertainment."

The BNP Chairperson said when Ziaur Rahman was entrusted with the responsibility of running the country, he tried to build up Bangladesh as a suitable place for the children.

She said children are the future leaders of the nation and so they would have to be sincere and responsible citizens of the country

Addressing the function Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prot AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury said, "The country's independence might not have been achieved if Shaheed Zia was not born.

"Some people do not recognise it . . . even they do not try to realise it." he said.

The function was addressed by Khurshid Jahan Hug MP. Jubaida Gulshan Ara, Prof Abdur Rashid, Rezabuddoula Chowdhury, Ahmed Kaisar and Humayun Kabir. It was presided over by Albert de Costa, president of the organisation.

Later. Begum Zia distributed prizes among the children. The prize distribution ceremony was followed by a cultural func

Right time to privatise SOEs, say experts

By Staff Correspondent

the city yesterday observed that government to prove its commitment for privatisation of State-owned Enterprises (SOEs) by giving the process an "immediate thrust instead of going slow

Leading economists and experts and entrepreneurs at the workshop on Reform of State Owned Enterprises and Privatisation also suggested the government to overcome the current snags in the privatisation process and work out a privatisation policy so that the investors can know what they would be dealing with

Energy Minister Lt Gen (Rtd) Noor Uddin Khan also ad-

unnecessary manpower.

We should know clearly why we need privatisation of SOEs". Prof Rehman Sobhan. Executive Chairman of CPD pointed out. "Is it because of ideology or because of revenue earning?" he posed the ques-

ated by President of the Bangladesh Economic Association and former adviser in the Caretaker government. Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud.

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"The entire political energy should be devoted to make the reforms meaningful and effective." Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud said.

Secretary General of FBCC SM Al Husainy, former finance minister AMA Muhith, SM Zakaria of Privatisation Board. KZ Islam of Nirman, Latifur Rahman of Transcom were among others who attended the concluding session of the workshop.

The second session of the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad (JS) resumes this afternoon after a

two-day recess. The Speaker is likely to move in the House today a condolence motion on late leaders Sayed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, AHM Qamruzzaman, M Mansur Ali and Abdur Rab Ser-

JS session

resumes

today

By Staff Correspondent

niabat, JS secretariat sources Top leaders of the country's interim government of 1971, the first four were killed at the Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975 while the latter was killed on August 15 the same year. All five of them were also the members of the first government of the independent Bangladesh headed by Banga-

Meanwhile, the Business Advisory Committee of Jatiya See Page 12 Col 3

bandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rah-

Shantibahini extends truce till Nov 30

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Nov 3: Shan-

tibahini leaders have unilaterally extended the truce in Chittagong hill districts until November 30 to pave the way for talks with the new government for a political solution to CHT problem.

According to reports received from across the border and other sources. Jagadish Chakma, a leader of Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the apex body of Shantibahini, today issued a press release announcing the extension of the ceasefire.

The ceasefire expired on October 31.

Villager killed in police firing in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Nov 3: A villager was killed when police allegedly opened fire in a bid to arrest an accused of a case at Beyongpara under Ramu thana

in the district today According to the villagers, Zebal Hossein, 38, died on the spot when police opened fire to disperse the people who had gathered following the arrest of

the father of an accused. Local people said that a police contingent went to the village Beyongpara early in the morning to arrest an accused.

See Page 12 Col 6 5 NDP activists

arrested

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Nov 3: Police arrested five former activists of the NDP after an exchange of

Raozan thana today. Acting on a secret information, a team of 12 plain-clothes policemen raided at 10:30 am a shop in the village where the five armed activists were stay

fire at Harpara village under

Police said, they were staying there to loot money from a villager who sold his landed property today.

When police went there the armed men opened over 200 rounds of fire and police returned the fire. At one stage, they jumped into the nearby river but police arrested them.

Ultimatum to Kailashtila gas field authorities

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET. Nov 3: The Allparty Action Committee held a protest rally and brought out a procession at the thana head

quarters of Golapganj today to press their 6-point demand. The speakers at the rally called upon the authorities to accept the 'legitimate' demands by November 5, otherwise, they would enforce a blockade at the

oil and gas wells at Kailashtila. They also announced a hartal programme at Golapganj on November 17.

The rally was presided over by Moulana Ohid Ahmed while it was also addressed by Thana BNP Secretary Mohius Sunnah Chowdhury Nargis, Thana Jativa Party president Osman Harun Chowdhury. Sylhet district Ganadabi Parishad Secretary Moulana Sadiqur Rahman, Thana Jamaat-e-Islami president Moulana Syed

See Page 12 Col 8 Fresh clash on

BAU campus MYMENSINGH. Nov 3: A huge contingent of police was

deployed on the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) campus today to maintain peace and discipline and curb terrorist activities, a press release said, reports BSS. Chase and counter-chase be-

catastrophe," says Keith Burd, director of the British Council in Bangladesh which is administering the project.

The world's next largest tenth of its size.

positive and its distribution. according to Thomas, also a lec-

Bangor University in Wales. The initial phase of the pro-

Sundarbans.

The ultimate aim of the link

tropical coastal zones.

port from the United Nation's Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predicts a 50 cm rise in global average For Bangladesh, a rise of

A buildup of gases such as carbon dioxide is believed by



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with other ministers and Awami League leaders

Follow lifestyle of Zia, Khaleda asks children

citizens by following the ideals of late President Ziaur Rahman, reports UNB speaking as chief guest at the

a cultural competition. formed children's organisation organised the function to distribute the "Kamalkuri Award" among the winners of the cul

Shaheed Zia Hall

From Our Correspondent

early hours of today. The incident has sparked off tension in the port town. Supporters of the BNP and its

front organisations brought out processions in the alternoon

Speakers at a workshop in now was the right time for the

dressed the workshop Organised jointly by the Centre for Policy Dialogue

(CPD) a think-tank and the World Bank(WB) mission in the city, the two-day workshop on its concluding day yesterday also resolved that the government could improve the performance of SOEs, which annually incur a loss of Tk 2500 crore, by introducing private

management and cutting down

The workshop was moder

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tween the two rival student groups occurred today on the campus in the wake of See Page 12 Col 3