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the people within this limited

The Prime Minister said

A piecemeal planning with a

hotchpotch of ideas will not

give the desired result, she said

and directed the officials to

come up with a proper five year

plan within the stipulated time

to extricate the country from

has put all its efforts to build a

self-reliant economy and asked

the officials to speed up the ap-

dependent and we have many

problems," she said, suggesting

to be more careful in preparing

the five-year plan for building a

S Kibria, who is also the Vice-

Chairman of the Planning

Commission, said that no coun-

try can march forward without

GDP cannot ensure poverty al-

leviation and emphasised on

proper allocation of resources

peal an Ordinance which had

no legal or constitutional basis.

the state minister then turned

to argue as to why the support of

a simple majority of members

of Parliament were enough to

repeal the Indemnity Ordi-

minister referred to some legis-

lations which were incorpo-

through the Seventh Amend-

the support of a simple major-

tions, one relating to the decen-

tralization of the High Court

benches, the state minister

said: "On the same ground, the

Indemnity Ordinance can be re-

pealed by the simple majority

the JP moved an amendment to

"strengthen" the repeal of the

Ordinance, and the state minis-

ter accepted the amendment by

voice vote. The state minister

thanked the Law Commission

and the special parliamentary

body which scrutinised the Bill.

Then, the Indemnity (Repeal)

Earlier, Rustam Ali Faraji of

Parliament

in the House.

through establishing a bal

He said that only growth in

Finance Minister Shah A M

Hasina said her government

"Our economy is foreign aid

the vicious circle of poverty.

proval process for projects.

self-reliant economy

proper planning.

anced growth pattern.

Indemnity (Repeal) Bill

that poverty had increased and

condition of the people deterio-rated for lack of proper plan-

ning in the past 21 years.

time," she said.

## PM's directive to planners

# Set 5-year plan for 7 pc GDP growth

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon the country's planners to prepare a five-year plan to raise the GDP growth to at least seven per cent and to alleviate poverty, reports UNB.

"Proper planning will bring positive result for us and may even raise the growth to 10 per cent," she said while addressing the officials of the Planning Commission at the NEC auditorium in the morning.

The government has decided to prepare a five-year plan within six months, the Prime Minister said and asked the Planning Commission officials to formulate the plan that would enable the country keep

pace with the modern world. She suggested the planners not to make a plan based on the needs of the capital or urban ar eas only, but to spread the economic activities across the country.

The Prime Minister, also in charge of the Planning Ministry and chairperson of the Planning Commission, wanted a five-year plan that would enable the country to face the challenge of the 21st century.

"People have given a five year mandate to us...we want to do something worthwhile for

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next session of Parliament for

approval, and in case it is not

placed before the House within

30 days of its promulgation, the

tomatically lapsed", the state

nance. 1975 had never been

produced before the House, the

minister said to argue that the

Ordinance had never been con-

verted into an Act of Parlia-

the Constitution, the state

minister told the House that no

Ordinance could be promul-

gated in violation of the "basic

principles" of the Constitution.

obstructing trial of the killers

was a violation of a constitu-

tional provision that guaran-

tees every citizen the "inalien-

able right" to enjoy the protec-

tion of law. It is unimaginable

in a civil society that the family

members of a killed person

would not be allowed to go to the

court, he observed. "By all these

considerations, the Indemnity

Ordinance has no legal foot-

The Indemnity Ordinance

Quoting a relevant Article of

But the Indemnity Ordi-

Ordinance concerned gets au-

minister said

#### Air crash

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Americans, one Briton and one from Saudi Arabia. There were no Indians on

board the Kazakh airliner. Indian emergency service is rushing to the site of the accident, the worst mid-air colli-

sion in Indian aviation history The wreckage reportedly dug a crater three metres deep and

100 metres long. Air India spokeswoman Rohit Jayakar told AFP the Saudi Boeing 747, had taken off from Indira Gandhi Interna tional airport seven minutes before the collision, with 312 passengers and crew on board. The aircraft was heading for

Dahran and Jeddah in Saudi Arabia. PTI said the Kazakh cargo a medium range

Tupolev-154, was believed to have 39 people on board and was flying in from Kazakhstan Witnesses reported a fireball near the village of Charkhi

Dadri, a village in flat farmland

about 100 kilometers west of

the Indian capital, police said. Building contractor Rao Singh witnessed the crash from his home. "I saw a fireball and big black smoke about three or four kilometers from my house falling into the fields," he said reached by telephone and

speaking in Hindi. The sky was absolutely red. he said.

It was the fifth deadly crash since 1993 involving a Tupolev 154, a three-engine, mediumrange aircraft that is the workhorse of air fleets throughout the former Soviet

#### AL invites BNP From Page 1

proval of the demands by the

BNP chief. "Questioning authenticity of the demands, submitted by my self, is ridiculous ... and it proves how lightly the Speaker

has taken up the issue," Prof Choudhury said Referring to the dialogue of In this regard, the state fer made by the Chief Whip and the MP's adviser, the BNP leader commented. "Had there rated into the Constitution been any doubt about consent of our party chief to the demands. ment but eventually repealed by the two government leaders ity in the House in the Fifth would not have offered for talks on our demands. But the Mentioning two such legisla-Speaker is suffering from the

> doubt ... it's very sad and unfortunate. Meanwhile, Speaker Humayun Rashid Choudhury while exchanging views with newsmen at the Committee Room of the Parliament, said that he did not receive any request to initiate a dialogue either from the Treasury or the

Opposition benches. "As Speaker, it won't be proper to initiate a talk under the prevailing circumstances unless I'm approached by either side." he told a questioner referring to BNP's 10-point demand that also contained some accu-

## in IOR must, says Australian scholar

scholar yesterday said Bangladesh's participation in the Indian Ocean Rim (IOR) is essential for regional coopera tion, reports UNB.

bloc. Rob Meecham hoped that in Durban of South Africa next March.

It will be the second meeting ban meeting

was held in New Delhi last De-

IOR, an association for regional cooperation of countries in the ocean belt, will be formally launched at a meeting of its Council of Ministers in Port Louis of Mauritius next March.

Ministers of 14 inaugurating countries in Port Louis will sign the charter of the organisation. Meecham said.

Rob Meecham, who is the Associate Director of the Indian Ocean Centre in Perth of Australia, has been working on the Indian Ocean region issues since the mid 1980's when he raised the concept of conference

# - Star photo Dhaka's participation

Indian artiste Alisha performing at

Stadium in the city yesterday.

RMCH clash

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doctors and students.

hospital maid

allegedly by the Fourth Class

employees and police on

clash began following a row be-

tween an internee doctor and a

Class employees gathered there

and allegedly rushed to attack

the internee doctor. After

sometime more employees

At about 2 pm, about 200 in-

ternee doctors and medical col-

lege students brought out a pro-

cession in the hospital

premises. The procession was

allegedly attacked by the em-

the entire hospital area, both

sides used lethal weapons and

blast cocktails, witnesses said

After some time police went to

the spot and resorted to lathi

charge and fired tear gas shells

College Hospital Internee

Doctors Association in an

emergency meeting this evening

announced an indefinite strike.

demanded removal of the

Director of RMCH and punish-

Unity comprising Chhatra Dal.

Chhatra League, Islami

Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra

Union has supported the de-

The All Party Students

ment of the attackers.

The Rajshahi Medical

to disperse them.

During the clash, spread to

ployees and some outsiders.

came and chased the doctor.

According to the sources, the

At a stage, some Fourth

Mirpur Indoor

A visiting Australian

Exchanging views with newsmen on the emerging trade Bangladesh would attend the forthcoming meeting of the IOR Consultative Business Network

of the Network to be attended by five other important countries: Besides Bangladesh, Saudi Ara bia. Iran. Thailand. Pakistan. and the Maldives have been invited to participate in the Dur

The Network's first meeting

of the countries in the region.

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## Pay Commission

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mission to fix a pay scale and other benefits in the light of changes in the prices of essentials. Kibria said

The meeting held at the Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance was chaired by former Cabinet Secretary and president of the Commission M Mujibul Haq. Finance Secretary Dr Akbar Ali

Khan attended as special guest. The Finance Minister called for taking into consideration the actual situation, resource limitation, balance of income and expenditure, revenue earnings, resource mobilisation for investment to develop the country and overall economic situation in formulating an equitable pay structure.

Kibria assured the members of the Pay Commission to extend all types of logistic support so that they could perform their

Mujibul Haq urged members of the Commission to proceed with a working plan to complete their task within a short time. Members of the National Pay Commission were present on the occasion

## Gowda invites

resumed today and are expected to continue tomorrow. Foreign Minister Azad is also expected to meet some other Indian leaders, including External Affairs Minister Inder K Gujral, tomor

During his meetings with the Indian leaders. Abdus Samad Azad was assisted by Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan, High Commissioner Shafi Sami and additional foreign secretary Tariq Karim

## BAU campus

From Page 1 normalcy on the campus and root out the terrorists who had disrupted the academic atmosphere for the last five years." Salam blamed the JCD for

creating lawlessness" on the campus. He also claimed that some teachers of the BAU were

maintaining unholy alliance with those elements. "They want to force closure of the university," he added.

Asked about ransacking of some rooms in the halls and office rooms of some teachers in the last few days, the BCL leader said, "it was our expression of anger over their terrorist activities.

No JCD leader was available on the campus even after repeated attempts. The sources said that many of them had gone into hiding after the incident of killing.

The Bangladesh Agriculture University Central Students Union (BACSU) was dissolved in July last following expiry of its tenure. Date for elections is yet to be announced.

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## NGOs on Action Plan

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world leaders through other summits and conferences that have taken place in the recent

Looking around dramatically. Diouf asked if there was any alternative way by which political powers and policymakers could be brought together to take responsibility for the hungry. It is a question that many will ask in the next few

Despite his protestations to the contrary, the Summit is definitely Diouf's baby and he is intensely protective and defensive about it. This is natural, because,

even as FAO gears up for the big event, already there is a growing amount of criticism and skepticism building up against the purpose and effectiveness of the Summit. Most of this negative reaction is coming from the NGO forum that has been taking place as a parallel event in

The 21-page document of the Rome Declaration and the World Food Summit Plan of Action has been declared as utopian by Dr Antonio Onorati. the head of the Italian organising committee for the Food Summit's NGO forum. He criticised the lack of enforceable international laws in the document that heads of state and government are to sign, ratifying it as a blueprint for policy and action

Other NGO criticisms also include the Summit document's position on trade liberalisation without codes of conduct, land access, rights, development patterns and paradigms for rural areas, biodiversity and gender issues. One newspaper said that there is too much focus on the magic of the marketplace, and not enough on development paradigms that make it difficult to address food security.

All these divergent positions and pre-Summit reactions are heightening the intensity of excitement surrounding the event

One of the other features that adds to the suspense is the secrecy surrounding the actual list of world leaders who will attend Among those who are ex-

pected are Pope John Paul II. Fidel Castro, King Hussein of Jordan, President Suharto of Indonesia, the prime ministers of India, Bangladesh, Spain, Belgium, Netherlands and France's Alain Juppe who will make it to the party for a few hours only.

There have been many last minute cancellations like Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, and regrets at the top level from Cambodia and Sierra Leone due to internal problems. Latin America is only sending 3 heads, making Asia probably the most well represented.

Of the G-7 countries, the only head of state to attend will be the Italian President. Many people have commented on the

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representation from the Group of Seven countries not being of Summit stature, and in particular on Britain's sending overseas aid chief, Baroness Chalker, who is not a member of the cabinet.

At a press conference, the secretary-general of the World Food Summit, Kay Killingsworth responded to this by saying that a country's pledges should not be judged by the lofty position of its delegation's leader in the national government. She added that all FAO member countries had done the two and a half years work of negotiating the Rome Declaration and World Food Summit Plan of Action.

Most delegations are already in town, ensconced at various hotels. Some are scattered all over town, while many countries have taken over entire ho-

The Indonesian delegation has reportedly taken 80 rooms at the expensive Excelsior on Via Veneto, not to mention three bullet-proof Mercedes cars. The Chinese delegation is one of the largest, but one still does not know which will be the smallest

But big or small, and whether headed by King, President or a humble Agriculture Minister, it is fervently hoped by the serious Summit watchers that most delegations will take an active part in a unique opportunity to commit themselves to the problem of those who have no physical and economic access to food.

Today when the eyes of the world turn on the participants. it is hoped that everyone will remember the real protagonists of the Summit: the unfortunate who, in Diouf's words, "are dying, quietly - not under the television cameras of the

#### Kailashtila

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The expected production period of the well has been estimated at 15 years.

The minister also informed that production in the country's lone oil well in Haripur was stopped on July 15, 1994 as the natural pressure in the well reduced gradually

The feasibility of pumping out oil from this well known as Well No 7 of Haripur is being examined. Decision in this regard will be taken on the basis of underground reserve and technical and financial feasi-

Khan told Alamgir Muhammad Mahfuz Ullah Farid that the government had no plan for exporting natural gas in the context of the current reserve of

But provisions of export of gas in LNG (Liquified Natural Gas) form are in the Petroleum Policy 1993, he said.

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# **World Food Summit**

From Page 1 ment's agriculture policy, set targets for the next 15 years and recommend measures how to attain the goals.

World leaders will officially adopt a Plan of Action and reach agreement on a Rome Declaration at the Summit. Konuma said at a press conference in the city yesterday.

According to the Plan of Action, the world leaders would emphasise seven specific areas which include: general conditions for economic and social progress conductive to food security, poverty eradication and access to adequate food, sustainable increases in food production, contribution of trade to food security, preparedness, prevention and response to food emergencies, optimal investment in human resources, sustainable production capacity and rural development and cooperation in implementing and monitoring the Plan of Action.

After the Summit, the FAO and different governments will prepare a 'strategy paper' for National Agriculture Development Horizon for the period of 1997-2010 in order to carry out commitments made at the summit by national leaders. noted the FAO Representative in Bangladesh.

#### BCL demands arrest of Khaleda

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday staged demonstration demanding immediate arrest of Begum Khaleda Zia, BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition, on charge of 'treason,' report

"Khaleda Zia has no right to make aspersive comment on the Father of the Nation. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, as it is recognised in the Constitution," BCL president Enamul Haq Shamim said at a rally on the Dhaka University campus.

The agriculture sector has been given the highest priority by the Bangladesh government but access to food remains the biggest problem in the country due to poverty. Hiroyuki Kon uma said highlighting the position-paper on Bangladeshi. "According to UN Human Development Report, more than 50 per cent of the people here live in absolute poverty." he

Some 85 per cent of total staple food requirement is being produced locally while the rest is being imported. "It's not so bad. But the average per capita calorie intake here is 20 per cent below the FAO standard because of the poor purchasing power of the people."

"Over 90 per cent children aging between 6 months and 5 years are undernourished in Bangladesh and growth of 47 per cent of rural children are stunted," he added.

By 2010. Bangladesh must augment its food production by at least 50 per cent to stay even with the population growth. "It is a big challenge. We are now preparing a strategy for fast in-crease of agricultural productivity by intensive cropping and crop diversification, increased emphasis on research activities, introduction of new High Yielding varieties and new technology and other inputs. All the future schemes would be

environment friendly. To assess the food security condition in Bangladesh, a Sustainable Food Security Mission with experts from UNDP, FAO and the government will start functioning from December or January to identify food demand and supply gap and potential of natural resource base to achieve sustainability in order to cover that gap with addi-

tional investment and input. The Mission will also outline the draft Food Security Policy for the country on the basis of its findings by June-July next. "This policy would be pro-poor and gender sensitive." said the FAO chief in Bangla-

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