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Home, sweet

home

From Shehab Ahmed

28: A man who rarely shows

his emotions. West Bengal

Chief Minister Jyoti Basu could

not hide it when he walked back

to his childhood, reminiscing

the rusty memories, as he

stepped into his ancestral home

in this dusty, sleeping village

the mango trees and the green

and running around with my

sister," he told the film crew

from West Bengal making a

documentary under famed pro-

ducer Gautam Ghose after enter-

As the huge airforce heli-

copter MI-17 delivered Basu on

the ground, adjacent to the

Loknath Brahmachari's Ash-

ram, a huge crowd had already

gathered to have a glimpse of

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ing the house.

"I remember, yes, the pond.

BARODI (Sonargaon). Nov

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West Bengal can only

help Delhi reach

water accord: Basu

From Special Correspondent

to discuss water, communica

tion and trade. Our experts and

ministers have come with me.

But West Bengal is a state of In-

dia. It can only help Delhi have

an agreement with Bangla-

dressed by Foreign Minister

Abdus Samad Azad. Local MPs

from the ruling Awami and Op-

position BNP attended the re-

extended to him by Prime Min-

ister Sheikh Hasina, Basu said

he is scheduled to meet her. He

recalled his country's help dur-

ing Bangladesh's War of Libera-

tion and paid rich tributes to

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

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Referring to the invitation

The reception was also ad-

desh," he said.

ception.

BARODI (Sonargaon), Nov

28: West Bengal Chief Minister

Jyoti Basu today said he be-

lieved that Dhaka and Delhi

would be able to resolve the is-

sue of sharing the Ganges water

side in world politics and be-

lieve that the solution (to the

Ganges problem) could be

reached through discussions at

political level," he told a recep-

tion accorded to him by local

people during his visit to his

the water issue should be seen

from a political angle for a so-

lution keeping in view the in-

terests of both the neighbouring

countries. We have come here

Basu told the reception that

"We want Bangladesh at our

through discussions.

ancestral home.

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Politics is

Column: Between the Lines by Kuldip Nayar

International

Murtaza's party won't form alliance with Benazir

Business

bigger way in Bangladesh

on DSE floor Pages 6, 7

Market capital Tk Transactions in volume Transactions in value Tk

CSE price index 1659.33 cr Market capital Tk Transactions in volume 7.39 lakh Fransactions in value Tk

Teens and **Twenties**

Violin's new best friend; and Spring fashions focus on the man's physique Page 8

Rising Stars

American in 2056; Science briefs; and what we need!

PM gives Tk 1 lakh to Shaheed Dilu's father

Delwar Hossain Dilu, who was killed during the mass move was killed at Hatirpool bazar in the city on this day six years back, reports BSS.

Basu tomorrow

urged all to make the reception a success, reports BSS.

Saiful Islam new Dhaka Club president

Saiful Islam Montu was elected the President of Dhaka Club yesterday, the club sources said. The newly-elected executive committee members are Khandaker Mahbubuzzaman Babul, A M Sharafat Ali, Tahmina Quader. Salahuddin Abdullah, Lutfar Rahman Choud hury, Rafiuddin Bablu, Ruhul Amin Babul. Dr Rabiul Alam, A S M Faruque and Sultan Kamal Choudhury, reports BSS.

festival from Dec 11 A three-day Japanese film festival will begin in Dhaka on December 11. A good number of popular Japanese films will be screened in the festival to be held at the Multipurpose Hall of Cultural Section of Japanese Embassy. The movies include Japan Madadayo, Tora-san Goes North, A Scene at the Sea, Congratulatory Speech and A Class to Remember, said a press release yesterday. A preview for the press will be held on December 3 where "Tora-San Goes North" will be screened in honour of late actor Kiyoshi Atsumi, reports UNB.

Gunmen kill 2 brothers, snatch Tk 5 lakh

By Staff Correspondent

The gunmen suddenly inter-

cepted the auto-rickshaw.

brandishing firearms, near the

Lal Masjid on the busy road at

about 11:30 am, police said.

They first shot the elder brother

and he was fell down on the

Trading at the Dhaka Stock

Exchange remained depressed

yesterday as buyers shied away

and sellers tried to off-load

situation compared with the

last two days," said a member

of the DSE. We are expecting

some good announcements

from corporate houses in

restore confidence in the mar-

ing to create panic in the mar-

ket through its various instru-

ernment should have played a

positive role and should have

dealt with the high price situa-

tion pumping more shares into

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ket. But the government's role

Analysts said instead of try-

December, which would further

ganj thana. Salahuddin and Unidentified gunmen shot Sohel were residing in the city's two brothers dead and took away Tk five lakh from them Sutrapur area, their relatives on Dhaka-Narayangani road at A second year HSC student of Shyampur under Demra thana in the city yesterday noon.

BB reverses decision

Banks now allowed to

sanction 40pc loans

against shares

Star Report

their stocks.

changed

is most crucial.

the market.

Shalahuddin, 32, and Sohel Rana, 19, were shot in the chest by two gunmen at close range. They died shortly afterwards. according to police.

The two gunmen came by a motor cycle and attacked the brothers apparently for snatching the money, police said. But they did not rule out the possibility that the killing was preplanned

Sons of Hazi Md Azmat Ali, former Union Parishad Chairman of Ekuria in Muslimnagar area under Kerani-

Bangladesh Bank yesterday

reversed its earlier decision, al

lowing the scheduled banks to

sanction up to 40 per cent loans

against the market value of

shares and debentures, official

The move came after an

acute retail liquidity crisis hit

the country's Stock Markets,

source, the banks have to use

the average market price of

shares and debentures of the

past six months to fix the limit

told The Daily Star they hoped that the new decision would re-

store some confidence, but said

lifting of restriction on ICB's

loans for buying shares is of

They said the government's inept decision to restrict funds

coming to the share market last

week, and repeated warning had

shaken the investors' confi-

Market analysts yesterday

on the loans.

the stock market.

dence in the market.

According to a central bank

sending share prices tumbling.

road. The attackers snatched the handbag in which the money was kept and opened fire on the younger brother while

Ideal College in Dhanmondi. Local people rushed Sohel to the Dhaka Medical College Sohel and his elder brother Salahuddin were going to their Hospital (DMCH) and Salahudfamily's place of business at din to a city clinic and from Paglaghat by an auto-rickshaw there to the DMCH. Doctors at after withdrawing Tk five lakh the DMCH declared both the from a Janata Bank branch at brothers dead when they were Postagola. Salahuddin looked taken there, police and hospital after their family's stone busisources said. ness, relatives said.

Later in the evening, the bodies of the two brothers were handed over to their family after autopsy at the DMCH, police

Meanwhile, Demra police said that the alleged snatchers See Page 12 Col 8

Brief trading

From Staff Correspondent

Trading resumed at the Chitta-

Trading was suspended for the past two days after incidents

prices of all shares.

Tk 7.38,775 today, the officials said. A total of 14 issues were traded, of which only 4 gained and 10 suffered losses. The share price index was recorded today at 1517.42 points.

Meanwhile, the kerb market raders mittally protested tocussion with CSE officials they were pacified, an officials of

at CSE

CHITTAGONG, Nov 28:

gong Stock Exchange (CSE) today after a break for two days. An official of CSE said that trading was held today for one and half an hours when about 25 authorised representatives of the brokers attended the floor today after abstention for two days citing security rea-

of violence on Monday in front of the CSE office by the kerb market traders

and officials were gheraoed by the kerb market traders, alleging manipulation in share prices that led to a sharp fall of

Gas crisis threatens industries, power plants in Chittagong

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG Nov 28 A gas supply crisis in the port city and its surrounding areas is threatening the production in major power plants and indus-Gas supply to Chittagong has

declined to 122 million cubic feet (CFT) from 190 million CFT a day due to sharp fall in pro duction in two gas fields under Bakharabad Gas Systems Limited (BGSL) officials concerned said

They fear that the gas supply position may worsen with fur ther shortfall in production in the gas fields. The two gas fields under BGSL normally produced 200 million CFT of gas per day officials said

But with the running out of their reserves the production of gas has marked a decline and that has triggered the crisis here, they added

Meanwhile, due to lack of gas supply the Rauzan 210 MW power station remained shut for the last one month loading

to frequent loadshedding, a se mor PDB official said. The 60 MW plant in Chittagong is also facing disruption in power gen eration due to short supply of gas from GBSL, he added

Country's biggest paper in dustry Karnaphuli Paper Mill (KPM) has curtailed production due to short supply of gas. Officials said KPM is being

BUET teachers call off strike

By Staff Correspondent The teachers of Bangladesh Iniversity of Engineering and Technology (BUET) have called off their strike following the appointment of a new Vice

Chancellor The BUET Teachers Associ ation (BUETTA) has thanked the Prime Minister for appoint ing Dr. Igbal Mahmud as the Vice Chancellor of the Univer sity said a press release of the association.

supplied with only 2 million CFT gas against its requirement of 10 million CFT daily forcing it to cut production by 50 per

KPM resumed partial production from Friday last after a continuous closure for 19 days this month due stoppage of gas

tem 12 years ago to make the production cost effective

On the other hand BGSI ity to continue gas supply, offi-

Those industries mainly include textile mills, jute mills, vegetable oil nulls, refineries, steel mill and oxygen producing

officials hinted saying that Chittagong is heading towards a major gas crisis.

people were killed and 40 inured when a bus skidded off the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Hajirbazar in Bhaluka thana

over the vehicle.

and a six-month-old girl. Sharabani, succumbed to their injuries at Bhaluka Thana Health Complex. Of the injured, 15 were ad-

mitted to Bhaluka Thana Healinjured admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hos-

Depression over Bay

The well-marked low over

The DPEC also said that in

bus accident

today, reports UNB

Police said four died on the spot when the speeding Mymensingh bound bus from Dhaka fell into a roadside ditch after its driver had lost control

th Complex and 11 critically

concentrated into a depression over southeast Bay and adjoining southwest Bay and was centred at 6 pm yesterday about west of Khulna city, reports

special bulletin, the depression See Page 12 Col 6

Zemin in Delhi to keep delicate ties on track NEW DELHI, Nov 28: Chinese The two countries, home to Qian Qichen, Minister of For-

Basu's ancestral home at Baradi in Sonargaon by a rickshaw yesterday

President Jiang Zemin arrived in India today for an historic visit aimed at strengthening ties between the world's two most populous nations, officials said, reports Reuter.

Dayal Sharma welcomed Jiang. the first ever Chinese President to visit India, in a brief ceremony at the presidential palace in New Delhi Only hours before he arrived

Indian President Shankar

in New Delhi for a three-day state visit. Tibetan demonstrators demanding China quit their homeland staged a noisy protest in the Indian capital. More than 600 protesters burnt an effigy of Jiang and set

betan refugee camp in the city. To keep delicate bilateral relations on track, both India and China were expected to avoid dwelling on the contentious issue of Tibet during official

fire to the Chinese flag at a Ti-

Indian officials say one step towards improving ties could be vestment

one-third of humanity, fought a brief border war in 1962 and troops are still deployed along both sides of a rugged line of The Jiang visit comes at a

West Bengal Chief Minister Jyoti Basu and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad leaving

point when India and China can if they politically so desire give a boost to their ties Hindustan Times daily.

Bail prayer of Col Rashid's wife rejected

By Staff Correspondent The bail prayer of Zobaida Rashid, wife of Col (retd) Khandker Abdur Rashid, an absconding accused in the Bangabandhu killing case, was rejected by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court

The Additional Chief Metro-See Page 12 Col 4

eign Trade Wu Yi, Civil Affairs Minister Doje Cering and the Chairman of the Tibet Au tonomous regions Government Gyain Cain Norbu. Meanwhile, analysts and

- Star photo

istan and China will remain close despite Beijing's warming ties with India.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin's visit to India has created some rumblings of worry that Delhi is drawing Beijing away from Pakistan, with which it has had close diplomatic and military ties for

diplomats and officials said such concerns were exaggerated and Jiang's four day visit to Pakistan would symbolise the enduring nature of Beijing's ties to Islamabad

Khalid Salim told reporters.

We are certain that any arrangements China may make with India will not be against the interests of Pakistan.

Death in jail Villagers attack police outpost in Natore

NATORE, Nov 28: Agitated villagers marched through the town with the body of a man who died in Manikganj jail and attacked a police outpost today, reports UNB. Witnesses said the protesters

came from Chak Amhati village, 3-km off the town, in a rowdy procession in the evening to protest the death of Jainul Abedin Bepari. They alleged that Jainul died

in Manikganj district jail on November 26 owing to police torture during a three-day remand November 16-19.

At one stage, they attacked the police outpost at Nichabazar in the town. As police tried to resist them, they attacked the on-duty police personnel, injuring a constable, Alam Bhuiyan, seriously. Later, the protesters also stoned the

See Page 12 Col 6 Jyoti Basu places wreath at Savar

Memorial SAVAR, Nov 28: Visiting Chief Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Basu today paid tributes to the Martyrs of Independence War placing wreaths at the National Memorial here, reports

Accompanied by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad Basu flew in here by a helicopter. He was received by State Minister for Works Afsaruddin Ahmed. After placing wreaths, the

West Bengal Chief Minister stood in front of the altar for some time in solemn silence. He also signed in the visitors'

book of the mausoleum and planted a sapling at the mausoleum premises.

KLM to withdraw operation from December 1

Star Report KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has decided to withdraw its twice weekly operation in Bangladesh effective find; December that to persisting

disagreements over various is sues with Biman Bangladesh Airlines, according to sources concerned. The conflict between the

Bangladesh flag carrier and the Dutch flag carrier mounted in October 1995 when Biman's landing right to Amsterdam airport was cancelled, sources in Biman and KLM said. See Page 12 Col 7

Memo to PM

BFTA threatens movement

By Staff Correspondent The Bangladesh Federation of Teachers' Associations (BF-TA) yesterday threatened to

launch a greater movement if the decisions to cut the grants of non-government teachers and stop the increments of government teachers were not withdrawn immediately. The government had earlier

announced the punitive measures in respect of the teachers of school and colleges which showed very poor results in the last SSC and HSC examina

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BNP refutes press report BNP refuted press report that

Begum Khaleda Zia had changed her schedule of visit to Saudi Arabia to avoid visiting West Bengal Chief Minister Jvoti Basu, reports UNB. Ahmed Nazir, Press Secre-

tary to the BNP Chairperson, in a statement yesterday protested the news item published in a section of the press quoting a report of daily Anandabazar of Calcutta. Nazir said during Begum Zi-

as earlier visit to Saudi Arabia in October, the physicians of King Faisal Hospital of Riyadh had suggested her to come for further treatment on November

Therefore, the Press Secretary said, the question of avoiding the West Bengal Chief Minister by the Leader of the Opposition does not arise

Students lock Eden College office rooms

A group of students yesterday kept some office rooms of Eden University College locked as teachers refused to accept their proposals for admission. reports UNB

Sources said the group belonging to a student organisation had prepared a list for admission in masters degree (preliminary) in different de-Being refused, the angry

group put the office rooms of different departments including Islamic History, Chemistry and Bangla under lock and key driving out teachers and employees.

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UN move to end expansion of Israeli settlements

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Koreans to invest in a

Bearish trend continues

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Abrupt fall of a star;

Genetic engineering is Page 9

NEWS BRIEFS

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday handed over a cheque for Taka one lakh to Abul Kalam, father of Shaheed ment in 1990. A worker of Juba League, Delwar Hossain Dilu

W P's reception to

Workers Party of Bangla desh will accord a reception to visiting Chief Minister of West Bengal Jyoti Basu tomorrow, a party press release said here yesterday. The reception to be held at 4:15 pm at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium will remain open for all West Bengal Government's Home and Information Minister Buddhadev Basu and Fi nance Minister Asim Das Gupta will also attend the reception. General Secretary of Workers Party Rashed Khan Menon has

Japanese film

to be finalised By Sharier Khan The Energy Ministry is still

Mymensingh power plant

Project proforma yet

undecided over finalising the Project Proforma (PP) of the 60 MW power plant in Mymensingh under the Rural Power Company (RPC) although the government has decided to float tender for it by February next. according to official sources. The indecision would in

evitably lead to further delay in the implementation of this Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded project, already delayed by nearly two years, the sources added. The Divisional Project Evaluation Committee (DPEC) of the Planning Commission's

Power Wing, at a meeting on

March 29 last year, outlined a

criterion for the 60 MW Gas

Turbine Power Station and

asked the Energy Ministry to

revise its PP as per the meeting's

decision and send it to the

Power Wing for final clearance. But it was yet to be sent, the sources pointed out. The Power Wing of the Commission last week revived the issue and asked the Energy

Ministry to send the revised PP

immediately The ADB-funded RPC project approved by the ECNEC in 1994, is supposed to the completed by 1997 at a cost of Tk 279.54 crore.

Development Board and the same would be resold to the Rural Electrification Board (REB) as per its requirements. The DPEC meeting attended by the then Energy Secretary and other officials had identified some flaws in the previous

PP for the 60 MW power plant.

Electricity generated by the

RPC would be sold to the Power

the sources noted To remove these flaws, the DPEC suggested that the criterion for power units should have a range of 20 to 35 MW instead of two 30 MW units." Such broadening of the power unit range would reduce the project cost and ensure wider participation of power plant manufacturers in the tender bidding as only a few manufacturers built 30 MW units. they added

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Out of the total 94 issues traded yesterday, prices of 57 companies fell while 26 gained The CSE office was attacked and one issue remained un-This showed an improved

Transaction was recorded at

The Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) also asked

"Instead, the government the CSE authorities to open the trading floor. CSE sources said.

It was converted into gas sys

authority has issued notices to 20 more industries here to disconnect lines expressing inabil

plant, officials said Gas supply may be stopped to some more industries shortly if the crisis deepens further and

6 killed in Bhaluka MYMENSINGH, Nov 28. Six

A young woman, Jaitun, 25,

southeast Bay and adjoining area moved slightly westwards. 1260 kilometres south-south-According to a Met Office

a troop reduction along a disputed Himalayan frontier, as well as a spur to trade and in-

columnist D Sen wrote in The Jiang, due to travel to Pak istan on Sunday, will be accompanied by Foreign Minister

yesterday

politan Magistrate, Habibur Rahman, rejected the bail

diplomats said in Islamabad today relations between Pak

three decades But political analysts.

This is a relationship in which we have full trust." Foreign Ministry spokesman

partments.

MARBLE MARBLE MARBLE WE HAVE HUGE READY STOCK OF ITALIAN CARRARA, PERLATO SICILIA.