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Dacoity at city jewellery shop

A group of dacoits looted cash and gold ornaments worth more than Tk eight lakh from a Jewellery shop at Badda in Gulshan here yesterday. Police said group of 10-12 dacoits stormed the Ruby Jewellers at GP Ka-67/1 Shahjadpur at Badda at about 3 am and looted the cash and ornaments, reports

High alert in all prisons: Jessore situation still tense

Inmates in Barisal, Tangail jails revolt: 130 injured

At least 130 people were in-jured as a section of inmates alert', a UNB report said. briefly took control of Barisal District Jail and prisoners in Tangail Jail revolted while the situation continued to remain on the latest situation in the country's jails. Quoting official tense in Jessore Central Jail, under control of prisoners for sources UNB said the Prime Minister asked the Home the third day yesterday.

Minister to control the jail re-Our Correspondent reported that the inmates of five blocks volts by peaceful means. A section of revolting prisin Barisal Jail tried to repeat the action by prisoners in Jesoners had reportedly threatened sore Central Jail by swooping to harm a number of foreign on the wardens at around 1 pm. prisoners, from different countries including India and So-But police regrouped and wrested back control two hours malia, if the authorities launch an allout assault to regain conlater, using force that left over 100 prisoners wounded. trol, a correspondent for BBC said from Jessore.

Sharmin Sultana Sumi, the golden girl in floor

gymnastics, performs during the competition at the NSC

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gymnasium yesterday.

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ভর্তির যোগ্যতা :

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(আবশ্যিক) গ্রহণ করতে হবে।

কোর্স/বিষয় পরিবর্তনের শেষ ভারিখ

অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তির যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

অফিসারের নিকট থেকে শিক্ষা বিরতির প্রত্যয়নপত্র দাবিল করতে হবে।

মাধ্যমিক পর্যায়ে পশিত বিষয়ে অবশ্যই ৪৫% নম্বর থাকতে হবে

বিষয়গুছ নিরীকা করে রেজিস্টেশন ফরম পাঠাতে হবে।

সংশ্ৰিষ্ট ইংরেজী ও বাংলা বিষয়টিতে অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তিযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

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জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

এতহারা সংশ্রিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধীনে অধিভুক্ত কলেজসমূহে ১৯৯৬–৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে প্রথম বর্ষ ডিগ্রী

ক) **ডিগ্রী পাস কোর্স :** উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিকিকেট/আলিম/ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং/ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-কমার্স/সমমানের পরীক্ষায়

উত্তীর্ণ। বর্তমান বছর অর্থাৎ ১৯৯৬ সাল ছাড়াও পূর্ববর্তী দু' বছরে অর্থাৎ ১৯৯৪ এবং ১৯৯৫ সালে এইরূপ পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্র/ছাত্রীগণও

ৰ। ডিগ্রী অনার্স কোর্স ঃ উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিক্টিকেট/আলিম/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ। তবে এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি উত্তয় পরীক্ষায়

ন্যুনপক্ষে ২য় বিভাগ অথবা এইচএসসিতে প্ৰথম বিভাগ। যে বিষয়ে অনাৰ্স কোৰ্সে ভৰ্তি হতে ইচ্ছুক সে বিষয়ে কিংবা সমগোত্ৰীয় বিষয়ে

।এলাইড বিষয়)-এ অন্ততঃ শতকরা ৪৫% নম্বর থাকতে হবে। তথু ১৯৯৫ এবং ১৯৯৬ লালে উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উত্তীৰ্ণ

ছাত্র/ছাত্রীরাই সমান শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে। ডিপ্রোমা-ইন-কমার্সের ৪৫% নম্বর প্রাপ্ত ছাত্র/ছাত্রীরা বাণিজ্য বিভাগে

গ) বিজ্ঞান/কলা/বাণিজ্য প্রদুপ থেকে ইংরেজীতে অথবা বাংলায় কমপক্ষে ৪৫% নম্বর পেয়ে পাস করা উক্ত মাধ্যমিক/সমমানের ছাত্র/ছাত্রীর

ঘ) বিজ্ঞান ও বাণিজ্য গ্রুপ থেকে ইংরেজীতে কমপক্ষে ৪৫% নম্বর নিয়ে পাস করা ছাত্র/ছাত্রীরা কলা গ্রুপে যে কোন বিষয়ে অনার্স কোর্সে

সকল বিষয় নির্বাচন জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রেগুলেশন অনুযায়ী হতে হবে। বিষয় নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে অধ্যক্ষণণকে যথায়গভাবে

ভর্তিযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে। তবে শর্ত থাকে যে, অর্থনীতি/হিসাব বিজ্ঞান-এ অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তির জন্য একজন ছাত্র/ছাত্রীর উদ্ধ

ডিগ্রী পোস, সাবসিভিয়ারী ও অনার্স) কোর্সে জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক ১৯৯৩-৯৪ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য প্রণীত পাঠ্যক্রমে ও পাঠ্যসূচীতে

বর্ণিত ইংরেজী ঐচ্ছিক ছাড়া অন্যান্য পাঠ্যক্রম অব্যাহত থাকবে। তবে ১৯৯৫ - ৯৬ শিক্ষাবর্ষের প্রবর্তিত ১০০ নম্বরের সাধারণ ইংরেজী

যাবতীয় তথ্য জানার জন্য ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদেরকে সংশ্রিষ্ট কলেজের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করার পরামর্শ দেয়া যাঙ্কে।

ভর্তির যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে। তবে ১৯৯৪ এবং ১৯৯৫ সালে পাস করা ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদেরকে কলেজের অধ্যক্ষ/প্রথম শ্রেণীর পেজেটেড

Meanwhile, the government Inmates of the overcrowded has asked the authorities of all central and district jails to keep Tangail District Jail took 'con-

the security personnel on 'high trol of the prison at around 8:30 am forcing out wardens It added that Home Minister through the main entrance Rafiqul Islam yesterday briefed with iron bars, lathis and as-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sorted weapons, our Tangail

Correspondent said. But three wardens and a hospital orderly were unlucky to escape. They were tied and locked inside the jail hospital. Riot police later surrounded the prison, the main gate of which had been barricaded by the revolting inmates with sacks of rice, flour and lentils.

Our Barisal Correspondent reported that some prisoners swooped on the wardens guarding them, driving them out with staves, broken water pipes, iron bars etc. The rebellious prison-

Both the ruling Awami

League and the opposition BNP

have questioned each other's

sincerity in resolving the

standoff, caused by BNP's ab-

stention from the Jatiya

parties told The Daily Star that

they were "very sincere" to re-

solve the impasse through dia-

we're prepared for a frank dis-

cussion anytime at any place...",

said Suranjit Sengupta, an Awami League MP and

Parliamentary Affairs Adviser

would invite the BNP for a fresh

dialogue, the AL leader who had

earlier initiated talks said.

The offer is still there. Even.

we're ready to contact them

once again. Nevertheless, I reit-

crate my party's call for discus-

and Chief Whip of the

Opposition Khandakar Delwar

Hossain said. "We want mean-

Thile contacted. BNP leader

Asked when the ruling party

to the Prime Minister.

"We've very much open ...

However, leaders of both the

Sangsad session.

ers were joined by several hundred others and established control over the jail premises for about two hours.

The authorities, however, hit back, marshaling over 100 policemen, who stormed the jail. They allegedly used excessive force to regain control that left over 100 prisoners injured. some of them seriously. At least 30 police personnel were also wounded, some critically.

DC Hatem Ali Khan reported the situation under control with police reinforcements guarding the jail, where the workshop was closed, and power supply cut off. The condition of the injured prisoners

was not known. See Page 12 Col 4

ingful dialogue and for this the

ruling party must show its sin-

cerity. Speaking of dialogue for

public eyewash and continuing

repression on our workers can-

their sincerity," he noted.

We must be convinced of

Commenting on Delwar's

remark, Suranjit said, "As pub-

lic representative and as politi-

cian, one must presume that his

counterpart is always sincere

and is political. That is the

bottomline of any sort of dia-

hide and seek," commented the

from attending the parliament

session since November 10

protesting "government's re-

pression on its workers and

partisan role of the Speaker in

running the parliament and of

the BTV in covering the pro-

-Luters several attempts by he Treasury Bench to bring the

BNP back to the House failed as

See Page 12 Col 3

'We don't want to play any

BNP has been abstaining

not go together."

AL leader.

Jt monitoring of Ganges water begins Jan 1

By M Anwarul Haq

Monitoring of the Ganges water at different points by the Indo-Bangladesh Joint Committee will begin on January 1, official sources said yesterday.

The first meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) will begin in Dhaka on December 24. The Indian team will arrive in the capital on the previous day. Both the countries have already constituted their respective Joint Committees, having three representatives each, it is learnt.

The Joint Committee has been constituted under the recently concluded 30-year water accord between the two countries and it will "be responsible for implementing the arrange-ments contained in the treaty and examining any difficulty arising out of the implementation of the above arrangements and of the operation of the Farakka Barrage.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Shamsul Huda, Secretary of the Water Resources Ministry said preparations are

on for monitoring the Ganges water and the work will begin on the first day on the next year which marks the beginning of

the five-month long dry season. He also said that a threemember Joint Committee (JC) of Bangladesh side has been formed. The committee will be headed by Lutfur Rahman, member, Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) and will include Khalilur Rahman, Director and Towhidul Anwar Khan, Joint Director of the JRC.

India has already informed Bangladesh that BB Char, member of its JRC will lead its three member Joint Committee.

Meetings of the Joint Committee will be presided over by leaders of the two teams alternately.

It was learnt that the first meeting in Dhaka will finalise the methodology of monitoring. Terms of Reference (TOR) and selection of the team of monitors that will be posted at the different points.

See Page 12 Col 1

PM opens Ctg TV centre

Govt to use mass media for people's benefit

CHITTAGONG, Dec 19: The country today entered into a new era of electronic media with the opening of a new television centre in the port city. reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the first complete television centre outside the capital enabling the viewers of Chittagong and its surrounding districts to enjoy the programme of the new cen-

"Mass media are governing the communication system of the new world with the help of electronic media," said the Prime Minister while inaugurating the centre at picturesque Pahartali area of the city in the afternoon.

The centre was set up on 10 acres of land beside Faiz lake, a tourist spot of the port city, with a view to expanding the television network throughout the country.

A 10-kilowatt transmitter

was set up in the centre with a capacity to cover a 80 kilometre radius area, with two studios and one control room.

The centre will telecast local news and local television productions on culture, heritage, education and entertainment regularly.

Modern architectural buil-

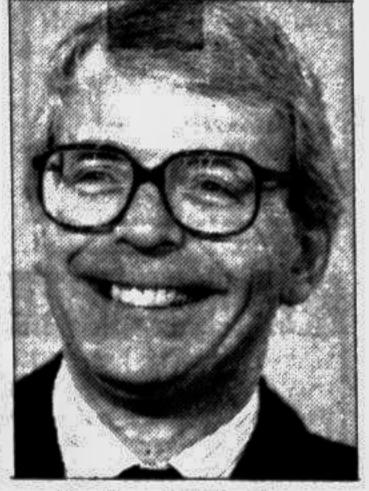
dings were constructed and

modern equipment procured.

with the financial assistance of the French government to run the centre for Chittagong. The Prime Minister said present government is very keen to use the mass media for

the benefit of the people. She said mass media will be used for the welfare of the people, or their economic development. The mass media will also help develop the cultural heritage of the country," she

Chittagong city is highly important and it is located just See Page 12 Col 3



John Major due Jan 11

British Prime Minister John Major is expected to pay an official visit to Bangladesh on January 11.

Major will be coming here for a one-day visit as part of his three-nation tour of South Asia, British High Commissioner in Dhaka David Walker told UNB.

The British Prime Minister will fly to Dhaka from New Delhi and then proceed to

Islamabad. During his stay here, John Major will have official talks with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of common con-

See Page 12 Col 1

Govt move to remove MD of AB Bank

By Staff Correspondent

A move has been initiated from the highest office of the government to remove the Managing Director of Arab Bangladesh (AB) Bank to help smooth investigation' into the alleged corruption in sanctioning loans in the name of Jadj Distilleries, in which nine persons including the bank Chairman Morshed Khan had been implicated, according to sources concerned.

A letter to this effect was sent to the Ministry of Finance last week from the Prime Minister's Office which was signed by a mid-ranking official. But it carried a note by an influential official of the PM's

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10 killed in Mirersharai bus accident

AL, BNP question each other's

sincerity to end JS impasse

By Nazmul Ashraf

By Staff Correspondent

Thirteen people were killed and 25 injured in road accidents in Chittagong. Dhaka and Serajganj districts yesterday. Ten of them died in Chit-

Our Staff Correspondent from Chittagong reports: At least ten people were killed on the spot and 25 others injured when a bus skidded off the road at Kalapania under Mirersharai thana, 25 miles from the port

According to police, two of the deceased were identified as Abul Bashar, 38, and Abul

Kasem 40.

The injured were admitted to hospital

Police said, the accident occurred when a bus bound for Feni with some 60 passengers on board from Khagrachhari tried to overtake another bus.

Mirersharai police, in cooperation with the Fire Service and Civil Defence personnel recovered ten bodies from the

According to our DMC Correspondent, an purchickshaw driver was scriously injured See Page 12 Col 2

Bhola-1 by-polls on Jan 23

Election Commission yesterday announced the schedule for the by-election in Bhola-1 Constituency fixing January 23 as the polling day, reports BSS

According to the schedule. the last day for submitting the nomination papers is December 30 while the last date for withdrawal is January 6.

The nomination papers will be scrutinised on December 31. election tribunal.

An Election Commission press release said the schedule was announced with a partial correction to the July 21, 1996 notification of the commission in view of the disposal of an election-related case by District and Sessions Judge and

State Minister for Law tells Daily Star

Grameen Court in every thana to act as pre-trial settlement forum

By Nurul Kabir

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has asked the State Minister for Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs to go ahead with the plan of setting up Grameen Courts across the country while a couple of international donor agencies assured financial assistance to implement it.

"The government is planning to set up a grameen court in every thana, which would work as 'Pre-trial Settlement Forum' in the rural areas of the country". State Minister Abdul Matin Khashru told The Daily Star Tuesday night. "The Prime Minister has already approved the idea and asked me to go ahead with the project " Replying to question, the

state minister also said that he had discussed the government plan with officials of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and they have assured financial assistance to implement the plan.

"We shall submit the project proposals soon after the recently formed committee finalises the draft of the composition, powers and jurisdiction of the proposed courts," he told this correspondent.

The law ministry constituted the 10-member committee headed by the law secretary and it is scheduled to submit its report by December 26.

Talking about the possible

structure and method of functioning of the courts, the state minister said such a court in every thana would be headed preferably by a retired magistrate or a retired head master of a local high school. It would be working as "circuit court" and would sit in different areas of a thana on a regular basis

"A three member body comprising a district judge, a district magistrate and the elected representative of the 'Upazila' concerned would appoint the head of a grameen court. Khashru said. Before giving verdict, the magistrate of the court would consult four jurors. selected two each by the disputing parties." See Page 12 Col 7

Gowda stresses promotion of intra-SAARC trade

ter Abdus Samad Azad, Indian NEW DELHI, Dec 19: Indian Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda today called for promotion of intra-SAARC trade and for

joint utilisation of the region's market potentials, reports BSS. The Indian Premier was inaugurating the 2-day 17th meeting of the foreign ministers of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

at the Vigyan Bhaban We strongly believe that the South Asian region cannot remain immune from this logic of collective self-interest and advancement, and must participate fully in this process," the Indian Prime Minister said. Bangladesh Foreign Minis-

External Affairs Minister IK Gujral, Pakistan Foreign Minister Shahibzada Yaqub Khan. Nepalese Foreign Minister PC Lohani, Maldives Foreign Minister Fathulla Jameel, Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Qadir Gamar and Bhutanese Foreign Minister Lyinpo Dawa Tsering were present

After delivering his inaugural address. Deve Gowda came down from the podium to the front row in the hall where he first shook hands with Bangladesh the Foreign Minister followed by other the Foreign Ministers from the SAARC

Thereafter, all the foreign ministers went to the dais and had a group photograph with Prime Minister Deve Gowda. In his speech, the Indian Prime Minister said the regions

that have prospered most have opened channels for the flow of goods, services, capital and Therefore, he said, the South Asian nations too have to

countries in the region. Deve Gowda emphasised the need for regional consolidation See Page 12 Col 8

travel down this path with

speed, while giving special at-

tention to the least developed

On the golf course...



I'll be there.

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