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Trawler carrying rice sinks

PATUAKHALI, Dec 20: A trawler, carrying some 1,000 maunds of rice, sank in the river Andhermanik at Kalapara in the district on Thursday. Witnesses said some busi nessmen of Kalapara hired the trawler. "MV Himel." for carrying rice to Bhola. But the overloaded trawler capsized as soon as it sailed from Kalapara ghat reports UNB.

Polythene factory gutted in Pahna

PABNA, Dec 20: A polythene factory was gutted in a fire at Sadhupara in the town Thursday night, fire service sources said. The fire, that originated from an electric short circuit and lasted about three hours. reports UNB.

১। ভর্তি ও রেজিক্টেশন - এর সময়সীমাঃ

থ। বাজশাহী বিভাগ

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কোর্স/বিষয় পরিবর্তনের শেষ ভারিব

অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তির যোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে।

অফিসারের নিকট থেকে শিক্ষা বিরতির প্র**ভায়নপত্র দাবিল করতে হ**বে।

মাধ্যমিক পর্যায়ে পশিত বিষয়ে অবশ্যই ৪**৫% নম্বর থাকতে হ**বে।

বিষয়গুৰু নিৱীকা করে রেজিস্টেশন করম পঠাতে হবে।

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

বিলম্ব ফিসহ ভর্তির শেষ ভারিখ

ক। ঢাকা বিভাগ

বিলম্ব ফি ছাড়া ভর্তির শেষ তারিখ

পাস ও অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তি ও রেজিস্টেশন সংক্রান্ত তফসিল নিম্নে দেয়া হ'লঃ

বিলম্ব কি ছাভা ১ কপি বিবরণী করম, ব্যাংক ভাকট ক্ষমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ-

বিলম্ব ফিসহ ছাত্র ভর্তির এক কপি বিবরণী ও বাংক ছাফট জমা দেয়ার শেষ ভারিখ-



BDR has been deployed around Dhaka Central Jail to tighten security following an abortive revolt by a section of prisoners. — Star photo

Tangail under control: Jessore remains tense

Revolt at Dhaka Central Jail crushed

Star Report

A revolt by a section of Dhaka Central Jail inmates was crushed yesterday with security personnel using batons and rifle butts that left an unspecified number of prisoners injured, jail sources said. here last night

Prisoners of Tangail District Jail went back to their crowded cells late yesterday evening ending their 37-hour 'control' of the prison after intensive negotiations, led by Awami League MP Abdul Kader Siddiky, our Tangail Correspondent reported.

But the Jessore Central Jail, where inmates first raised the banner of rebellion Tuesday.

remained under control of the prisoners, though their resolve was reportedly weakening following split in their ranks and persuasion by the authorities. according reports available

The situation at Barisal District Jail remained under control of the authorities, who used massive force to quell the revolt by prisoners. The prisoners briefly took control of the prison Thursday

But the fighting left 130 peo ple injured including 30 war dens One of wardens. Nayan Khan, with head injury, is now in critical condition at Barisal

Medical College Hospital, our Staff Correspondent reports from Barisal. But fate of the injured prisoners could not

Details about the prisoners' abortive bid to take control of Dhaka Central Jail yesterday morning could not be known. Prison officials ignored queries from newsmen as well as worried relatives who rushed to the century-old Dhaka Central Jail, where over 6000 prisoners reportedly sleep in shifts The prison has room for only 2.216 persons.

As Armed Battalion Police See Page 12 Col 4

By Staff Correspondent

tal in Dhaka Central Jail early

yesterday morning, police said

that the deceased, a young man,

was under treatment for tuber

culosis at the jail hospital for

of the dead could not be known

immediately. Police sources

added that the body was due to

be sent to the Dhaka Medical

College Hospital for autopsy.

The name and other details

A prisoner died at the hospi

Police and jail sources said

Prisoner dies at Dhaka Central with US company Jail hospital

By Sharier Khan

The Occidental is scheduled to begin drilling of one well in the Jalalabad Gas Field in Sylhet by the end of this month and another in next two months. It is expected to com-

Samad Azad holds talks with Pak. Lankan FMs

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad. who is now attending the SAARC ministerial conference in the Indian capital, had a busy schedule today, reports

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shahebzada Yakub Khan today called on the Bangladesh foreign minister and discussed bilateral, regional and international issues of common inter-

The Pakistan foreign minister extended his congratulation to Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad for the wa ter sharing treaty between Bangladesh and India.

Earlier Bangladesh minister had a bilateral meeting with his Sri Lankan counterpart Laxman Kadır Gama.

'Human' robot developed

Honda Motor Co. Ltd said today it had developed the first "human" robot that is capable of deciding to change direction ac cording to the terrain, reports

The battery-powered robot. with two legs and arms, is capa ble of changing direction ac cording to conditions, climbing stairs or slopes and balancing itself automatically, the auto

"Such characteristics make it possible for the robot to per form tasks such as pushing a cart and tightening bolts," it

Govt-PCJSS dialogue for CHT peace begins today

From Staff Correspondent

SAARC FMs meet ends in Delhi

Pledge to make SAFTA

effective by 2000

CHITTAGONG, Dec 20: The stage in set for a dialogue between Shantibahini leaders and the National Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts at Khagrachhari Circuit House tomor-

row, official sources said. The government side in the dialogue, aimed at finding a political solution to the longdrawn Chittagong Hill Tracts problem, will be led by Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangad Abul Hasnat Abdullah while the five members Shantibahini team will be headed by JB Larma alias Shanto Larma. President of Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the sources said.

The Chief Whip along with some other members of the National Committee including Mayor of Chittagong Mohiuddin Chowdhury reached Khagrachhari today for the dialogue, the sources said.

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: A two-

day South Asian Regional meet-

ing ended with a pledge to make

t' e region a free trade zone as

soon as possible, Indian For-

eign Minister Inder Kumar Gu-

tion to a South Asian Free

Trade Area (SAFTA) should

start at the earliest... preferably

by 2000," he told a press confer-

ence at the end of the 17th

SAARC council of ministers'

ister meeting of the South

Asian Association for Regional

Cooperation (SAARC), grouping

Bangladesh. Bhutan. India. the

Maldives, Nepal. Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, had also agreed to

turn the bloc into a "people's

barriers, would be the main fo-

cus, he said, after the meeting

fully covered over 2,000 items.

target date (2000) by two years.

he said. "We will try to beat the

The South Asian Preferen

tial Trade Agreement (SAPTA)

aims to bolster cooperation by

account for just 3.4 per cent of

global trade, although they con

tain one-third of the world's

Gujral said initial scepti

cism about the decade old body

had "vanished" but added that

member states, comprising a

fifth of humanity and identi

reducing intra-regional tariffs to almost zero. SAARC nations

We have already success

But the unshackling of trade

novement.

workforce.

concluded today.

Gujral said the foreign min-

We agreed that the transi-

jral said today, reports AFP.

The dialogue, the first since the new government took over, is scheduled to start at 10 am

Meanwhile, eight security camps in the bordering villages of Loughang and Chingi under Panchhari thana of Khagrachhari hill district have already been withdrawn. Five other camps have been kept inoperative since December 17 as per demand of the Shantibahini leaders to facilitate their arrival for the dialogue, the sources said.

Besides, security patrol has been kept relaxed in these areas for the five days, ahead of the peace-talks, the sources added. The five members Shan-

tibahini team will be flown to the venue of dialogue by helicopter from Dudukchhari bordering village under the Khagrachhari hill district, the sources said.

2010 and actively fight to catch

up with illiteracy and poverty,

body was thinking of setting up

"a SAARC currency conversion

arrangement... to facilitate

tourism" and hold annual trade

up relations with counterparts

such as the European Union

and the seven-nation Associa-

tion of South East Asian Na-

The bloc also wanted to step

fairs in SAARC capitals.

tions, he said

The minister also said the

Purulia arms-drop

6 foreigners face trial in India

NEW DELHI. Dec 20: The trial of a former British army officer and five Latvian nationals is to begin on January 3 for dropping assault rifles, rocket launchers and grenades from a plane in eastern India, a magistrate directed Friday, reports

The wooden crates containing arms and ammunition were meant for launching a war against the West Bengal state government by a cult called Ananda Marg (Happy Path). which is based in Purulia. where the boxes were dropped. Indian officials have said. The group has denied the allega-

The crates were dropped from an AN-26 cargo plane on December 17 last year. Air force jets intercepted the plane when it returned to India a week later and arrested five Latvians and a

The six, now charged with waging war against the state and sedition will face trial in a court in Calcutta, the capital of West Bengal state, United News See Page 12 Col 7

Foundation of

Bangabandhu Monument to be laid on Mar 7

Hasina is expected to lay the foundation of the "Bangabandhu Monument" near the Dhanmondi lake on March 7 next, marking the 26th anniversary of the historic speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Suhrawardy Uddyan in 1971, reports UNB.

Minister for Youth and Sports Quader while addressing a juhere yesterday.

Gujral said India was also keen for sub-regional cooperation with Sri Lanka and the Maldives on the one hand and Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal on the other. But he denied that India's arch rival Pakistan was being consciously excluded.

The idea is based on contiguous geographical areas," he See Page 12 Col 8

Prime Minister Sheikh

This was stated by State

and Cultural Affairs Obaidul venile painting competition The competition was organ-

ised by Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi marking the silver jubilee of coun-Some 250 children from dif-

ferent schools of the city participated in the painting competition on "Bangladesh: My Coun-See Page 12 Col 3

Gas purchase deal signed

the first Gas Purchase Sales the sources said Agreement (GPSA) with an American hydrocarbon exploration company and finalised the second one with a British company, opening the door for these foreign companies to develop gas fields and sell gas to the government, according to sources concerned.

The first GPSA was signed with the Occidental of USA recently. The second one, finalised with the Cairn PLC of UK a couple of weeks ago, is expected to be placed before the

জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়

বিষয় ঃ ১৯৯৬–৯৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষে ১ম বর্ষ ডিগ্রী পাস ও অনার্স শ্রেণীতে ভর্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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 পরীকার

উত্তীর্ণ। বর্তমান বছর অর্থাৎ ১৯৯৬ সাল হা**ড়াও পূর্ববর্তী দৃ' বছরে অর্থাৎ ১৯৯৪ এবং ১৯৯৫ সালে এইরূপ পরীক্ষায় উত্তীর্ণ ছাত্র/ছাত্রীগণও**

ৰ। ডিগ্রী অনার্স কোর্স : উচ্চ মাধ্যমিক সার্টিকিকেট/আলিম/সমমানের পরীক্ষার উদ্তীর্ণ। তবে এসএসসি ও এইচএসসি উভয় পরীক্ষায়

ন্যুনপক্ষে ২য় বিভাগ অথবা এইচএসসিতে **প্রথম বিভাগ। যে বিষয়ে অনার্স কোর্সে ভর্তি হতে ইন্দুক সে বিষয়ে কিংবা** সমগোত্রীয় বিষয়ে

(এলাইড বিষয়)—এ অন্ততঃ শতকরা ৪*৫% নমর থাকতে হবে। তথু ১৯৯৫ এবং ১৯৯৬ সালে উক্ত মাধ্যমিক সমমানের পরীক্ষায় উদ্ভীৰ্ণ*

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

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

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

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

ভিল্লী।পাস, সাবসিভিয়ারী ও অনার্স) কোর্সে **জাতীর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃক ১৯৯৩**–৯৪ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য প্রণীত পঠ্যক্রমে ও পাঠ্যসূচীতে

যাবতীর তথ্য জানার জন্য ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদেরকে সংশ্রিষ্ট কলেজের সঙ্গে যোগাযোগ করার পরামর্শ দেয়া যাছে।

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

সকল বিষয় নির্বাচন জাতীয় বিশ্ববিদ্যা**লয়ের রেগুলেশন অনুযায়ী হতে হবে। বিষয় নির্বাচনের ক্ষেত্রে অধ্যক্ষণণকে যথায**থভাবে

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

The government has signed Cabinet next week for approval

The GPSA outlines how much gas will be produced by the gas field developer and at what price it will sell the gas to the government. It also outlines payment guarantee for the developer cum seller and other aspects of gas purchase.

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ভাবিৰ : ০৪ -০৯-১৪০৩বাং/১৮-১২-৯৬ইং

Bus passengers robbed, beaten

29-02-29

P6-00-40

12-00-29

96-00-60

10-00-06

24-08-24

96-00-60

22-08-29

26-08-59

P6-80-05

96-80-85

96-90-60

ফিরোজ আহমদ আখতার

up in Madaripur

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL Dec 20 At least 30 passengers of a night coach were injured. 10 seriously when a gang of armed dacoits swooped on the passengers at Tekerhat under Madaripur dis trict late last night

About ten dacoits, who were travelling in guise of passengers, attacked the passengers at about 2 30 am and looted cash and valuables worth about Tk 10 lakh witnesses said They also beat up the passengers

The bus with 55 people on board was going to Barisal from

Of the injured 28 were ad mitted to Gournadi Thana Health Complex while two oth ers -- Salam, 32, and Abul, 52 were sent to Barisal Sher-E-Bangla Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

TOKYO. Dec 20: Japan's

maker said in a statement.

The robot is 180 centimetres (six feet) tall and weighs 210 kilogrames (463 pounds) Honda has purrent search for several years.

fled as the world's most illiter ate region, had a long way to go. "We have to reduce child mortality under five years to below 35 per 1,000 births by

DSE index falls by 104 points in 2 days

By Staff Correspondent

The major market indica tors of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) started falling again after experiencing mod erate rise for a few days follow ing the announcement of government initiatives to imp the situation in the country's stock markets

The gain achieved during the period of rise has already been lost in only two day's massive fall, amounting to more than 104 points in its share price index. On Thursday the closing day

of the week. DSE witnessed a 75 point fall pushing down its All Share Price Index to 2587 25 points. The slide on the previous day was by 29 points. Moderate upward trend preernment announced a package of facilities for general in vestors and some measures against corrupt share brokers and market manipulators

consecutive days as the gov

The two stock markets in the country have been coming ont of stagnancy prevailing there since the later part of last month as the scheduled banks resumed giving loans against share certificates and Invest ment Corporation of Bangla desh (ICB) began trading on the

As per a government dec sion, two committees have at ready been formed to monitor the operation of circuit breaker and keep surveillance over the markets situation.

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vailed on the DSE floor for five Tofael meets Jyoti Basu in Calcutta

Dhaka seeks easy access for its goods to eastern Indian states

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed has suggested that India should lift the existing restrictions on Bangladeshi items and allow their export to its eastern states, including West Bengal, to boost trade reports UNB.

He also called upon the members of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) for expediting the early creation of a free trade area in the region to strengthen their respective economies.

SAPTA to SAPTA (South Asian

Free Trade Area) has become

necessary in the context of the

requirement of the SAARC na-

tions," Tofael said while meet

ing West Bengal Chief Minister

"Rapid conversion of the

According to a message received in Dhaka, the Bangladesh minister said that the progress of the South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA), signed in December last year, is still very

Stressing regional and bilateral cooperation in trade, he said SAFTA should be created as early as possible in the context of the 22-point declaration World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the SAARC agenda.

of the Singapore meeting of the Referring to the possibility

of greater trade relations with the eastern states and the West Bengal of India, he said the two

countries can enhance income Jyoti Basu in Calcutta vesterif New Delhi removes Bangladesh's export items from its reserved list.

It will also expand the fields of mutual cooperation and en courage trade and investment including joint venture, be tween the two countries, said Tofael. He is now in Calcutta to attend an industrial fair there. He flew to the West Bengal

Bangladesh is also taking part in the fair The Bangladesh minister thanked and expressed grati tude to the West Bengal chief See Page 12 Col 8

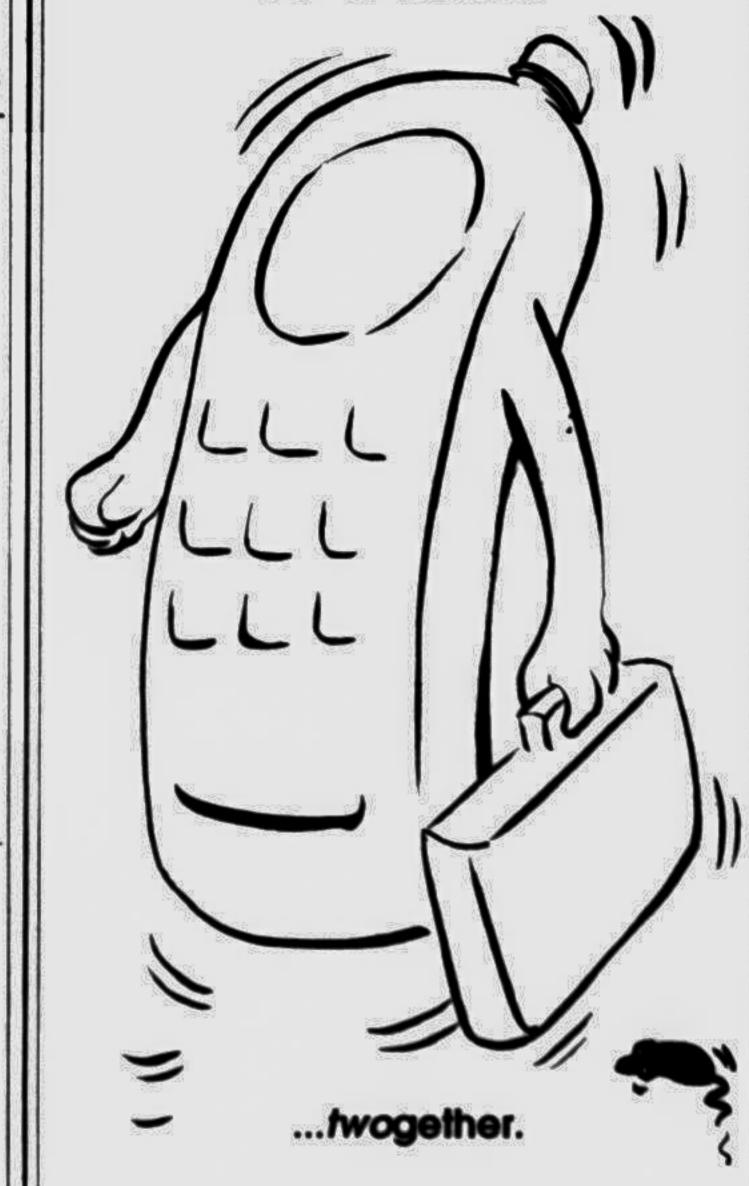
capital to participate in the 10

day India Industrial Trade Fair

as the chief guest. Jyotia Basu

will open the exhibition today

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