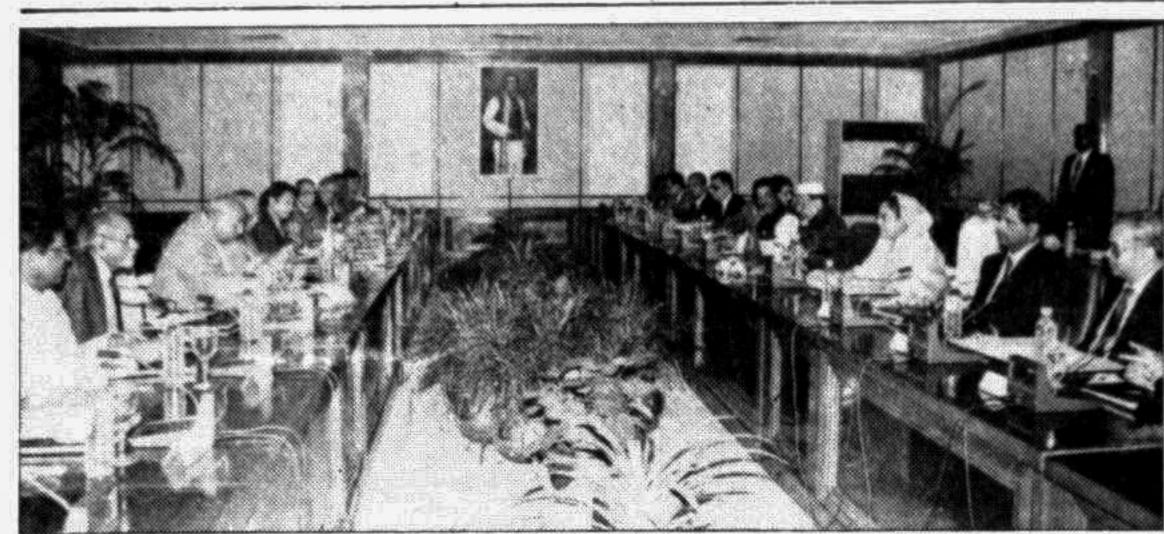
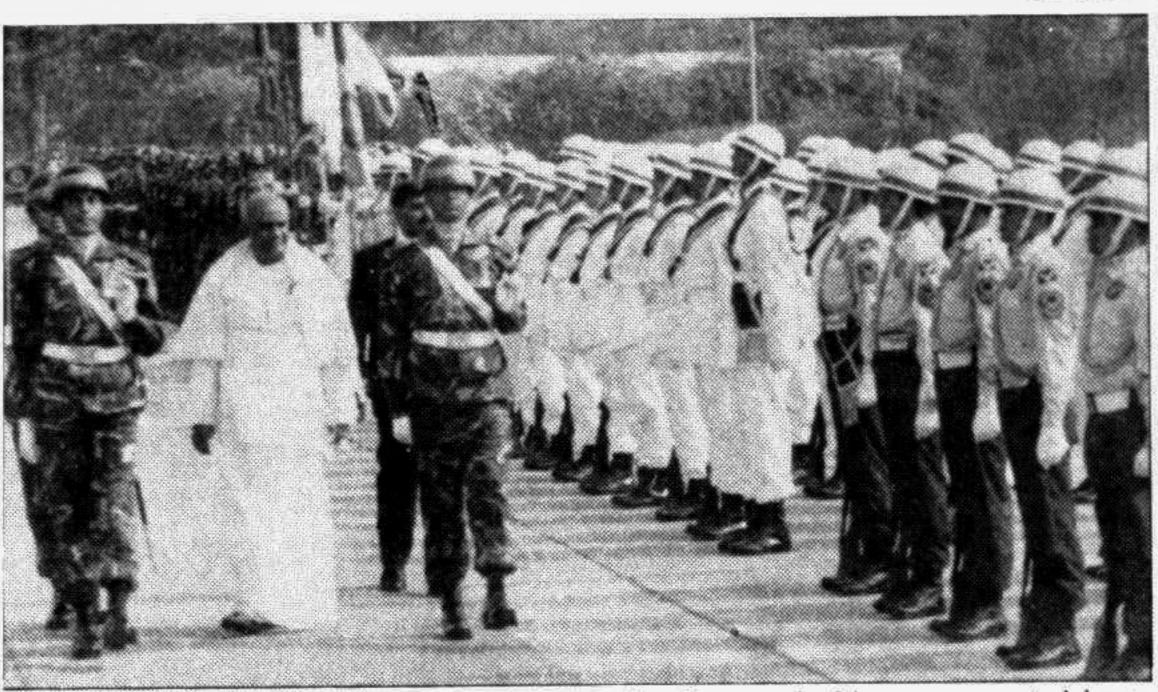
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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Indian counterpart H D Deve Gowda at the Indo-Bangla official talks at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. PID photo



Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda inspecting the guard of honour presented by a contingent from three services at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

About the Chakmas, the

Foreign Secretary said, the

problem was discussed and the

Chakma refugees have already

started returning to their

homes from camps in India and

On transit, the Foreign Sec-

"it would be intensified further.

retary said it did not figure in

the talks but said. "India's in-

terest in this is well known. It is

He pointed out that the

a subject which will be dealt

problems of regional communi-

cation was highlighted at a

seminar in the city recently, or-

ganised by a private think tank

and said that SAPTA also cov-

ers various aspects of regional

described Bangladesh as India's

most important and dynamic

enable Bangladesh to increase

its export of consumer goods,

like ready-made garments and

determination to expand coop-

eration in different areas.

and expanding trade.

also made at the talks.

spheres.

Both sides expressed their

While discussing sub re-

gional cooperation, the two

sides felt that there was scope

for greater understanding in

harnessing water resources of

the common rivers in the region

sharing accord signed on De-

cember 12 was a landmark

agreement and opened avenues

for mutually beneficial cooper-

ation in more areas. Review of

monitoring of the Ganges flow,

which began on January 1, was

set an early date for holding the

next meeting of the Joint Eco-

nomic Commission (JEC) at the

level of foreign minister to dis-

cuss and review the entire

gamut of bilateral relations and

identify newer areas of coopera-

tion in economic and trading

ULFA rebel

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afternoon. The condition of

Lakshman Singh, 24, now un-

der treatment in the hospital

was stated to be critical, while

Bak Singh, 25, has been sent to

the Komolgani police station

from the Moulvibazar hospital

three Manipuris, who intruded

into the Bangladesh territory.

are active members of the out-

lawed United Liberation Front

of Assam (ULFA). Four activists

of the party's dissident group,

KYLA entered the Bangladesh

territory through the Komol-

ganj border on Saturday. When

they were fighting among them-

selves, police caught three of

them. The other person man-

Police also recovered a re-

The government of Bang-

ladesh has informed the Indian

High Commission of the death

of Thomba Singh, a police

official said to night.

aged to escape.

volver.

According to police, the

for interrogation, police said.

The two sides also agreed to

Both sides felt that the water

The Indian side at the talks

The concession tariff wil

communication.

trading partner.

leather to India.

with at an appropriate time."

Dhaka-Delhi talks

Abdullah.

Deve Gowda was assisted by External Affairs Minister 1 K Gujral and Home Minister Inderjit Gupta.

Two Indian Members of Parliament accompanying their Prime Minister — Biplay Das Gupta and B K Handique - were also present at the talks, along with senior officials of the two countries.

India offered to Bangladesh tariff concessions on 500 items. which will be effective from March 1. India will give concessions in two forms — one for all SAARC nations and the other for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in SAARC in cluding Bangladesh. The other three SAARC LDCs are Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives. Fifty per cent of the tariff concessions are on 200 items and 25 per cent on the remaining

The two countries emphasised taking immediate measures in three areas. These are activation of the Joint Rivers Commission (JRC), revival of meetings of the Joint Working Group (JWG), which is composed of senior officials of Home and Foreign Ministries to discuss bilateral problems and elimination of cross border insurgency, including that concerning Chakmas and Shan-

The official talks covered elimination of insurgency and it was decided that the next meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) will also make detailed follow-up on eliminating the insurgencies like those of the ULFA, NSCN, Bodos in the seven eastern states of India and the Shantibahini in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

They also agreed on encouraging exchange of visits by senior officials of the two coun tries for solving bilateral problems and strengthening cooperation.

Garments factory gutted in city

An export-oriented gar ments factory at Mirpur in the city was gutted in a fire on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Fire Brigade sources said almost all the machinery and fabrics and other materials of Align Garments were burnt to ashes in the fire that started at about 11:45 pm on Sunday on the second floor of the sixstorey garments factory at

Kazipara. The factory was locked when the fire broke out, Fire Brigade officials said. They could not ascertain the extent of damages. Police, however, put the figure of loss on Tk 25 lakh.

Three units of Fire Brigade and Civil Defence including pressure cars and water cars brought the fire under control after two hours of hectic opera-

No injury was reported in the fire. A General Diary was lodged with Mirpur police yes-

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partnership with people

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday called upon the members of the police force to discharge their duties with utmost honesty and sincerity for ensuring peace and security in social life, reports

Each and every member of the police force, he said, will have to rise above personal interests and set bright examples of patriotism and dutifulness in keeping with their glorious

ing the senior police officials at Bangabhaban in the morning on the occasion of the Police

Week '97 all members of the police force. as symbol of state power and a helping hand of the government, have the special right to enforce law legally for the interest of the state and the peo-

Officials and members of the police would have to be highly conscious in exercising this right and they should also remain alert about the dignity and reputation of the force, he

The President said the law enforcing agency would have to build a lasting partnership with the people through proper en

torcement of laws formulated for the welfare of the common-

"It will be easier to curb crime, enhance confidence and reduce complexities if the police can build such a partnership

He also stressed the need for people's cooperation in discharging the duties of the po-

Police, he said, will have to boldly confront terrorism and foil all sorts of anti-social activities so that everybody men and women, children and old - can have the opportunity to live in peace, free from ten-

"Presence of police should

not be the cause of panic and anxiety for the innocent people ... You should work for such an atmosphere which will create genuine trust and confidence in them," the President added. Expressing concern at the reports of some deaths in police

custody. President Shahabuddin called it "very painful" and asked the officials to properly inquire into the deaths for restoring confidence among the people.

flome Minister Major (retd) Rafigul Islam and Inspector General of Police M Azizul Haq were present on the occasion.

TT : 11 Hasina: Neighbours

From Page 1 priority to foster friendly and cooperative relations with our immediate neighbours, she said. "We have opened a fresh chapter in our relations."

She said there was ample scope for greater cooperation between the countries of the region in fields of trade, tourism, development of natural and water resources, flood control and creating employment opportunity for the people.

"We must continue to take bold and determined initiatives to find new and promising dimensions to our cooperation," she said. "We must not lag behind when the world is moving

Emphasising on increased cooperation in the fields of trade and commerce, Hasina mentioned Bangladesh's trade imbalance with India over the years and urged immediate steps to remove the imbalance between the two countries. She, however, noted with

Red carpet

reception

to Gowda

Indian Prime Minister HD

Deve Gowda was given a red

carpet reception, including a

19-gun salute, as he arrived in

Dhaka yesterday morning on a

two-day official visit to

International Airport by Prime

Gowda was greeted at the Zia

Two tiny tots presented the

Indian premier with bouquet as

the 63-year-old leader, wearing

a typical south Indian dress -

white Dhuti, Kurta and Chadar.

alighted from "Rajdoot", a spe-

cial aircraft of the Indian Air

was given a guard of honour by

a smartly turned out contingent

drawn from the three services.

He took the salute and reviewed

Members of the cabinet

Dhaka city Mayor Mohammad

Hanif, heads of diplomatic

missions, chiefs of the three

services, senior officials,

Bangladesh High Commis-

sioner to India CM Shafi Sami

and Indian High Commissioner

in Bangladesh Deb Mukharji

will create lot of goodwill," said

Mukharji, the Indian high

commissioner, of Gowda's visit.

Gowda drove in a ceremonial

motorcade straight to the state

guest house Jamuna where he

and boys lined on both sides at

the gateway of the airport's

VVIP lounge. They waived

miniature flags of Bangladesh

and India to greet the Indian

VIP roads from the airport to

Welcome arches were erected

Portraits of Bangabandhu

at different points of the VIP

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman,

Sheikh Hasina and Deve Gowda

The Indian Prime Minister

were also placed at the impor-

is leading a 17-member delega-

tion, including External Affairs

Minister IK Gujral, Home Min-

ister Indrajit Gupta, Biplab Das

Gupta, MP, (Rajya Sabha) and B

ister's Principal Secretary TR

Satis Chandran, Foreign Secre-

tary Salman Haider and Secre-

tary (Security) B K Rao. Gowda's

entourage comprises 84 mem-

Tangail

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Abdul Kader Siddigi, MP.

ation and younger brother of

Dhaka route on the second day

of the transport strike today.

One Bhuapur-bound bus was

ransacked near the Primary

Training Institute during the

strike period. None was, how-

Meanwhile, separate an-

nouncements were made in the

town today for protest rallies of

the Muktijodda Sangsad and

another by the district Awami

League tomorrow and January 9

respectively.

ever, injured in the incident.

A few buses plied on Tangail-

It also includes Prime Min-

K Handique, MP, (Lok Sabha).

tant junctions of the roads.

Hundreds of school, girls

will stay during the visit.

Prime Minister.

Minister's visit.

The airport formalities over

"It's a goodwill visit and it

were present at the airport.

the parade.

The Indian Prime Minister

Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Minister Sheikh Hasina.

satisfaction that the government of India is also aware of this and has taken steps needed to reduce tariff on a number of export items from Bangladesh. Welcoming the Indian Prime Minister, Hasina mentioned

that the visit reflected the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two countries bound by location, history, heritage and culture and

"We remember with gratitude the cooperation and support

She added. 'We have to create such an environment for our peoples so that they can seek for themselves new avenues of positive interaction so as to bloom their potentials."

cult of issues can be solved provided there are firm determination and political will and commitment.

the process of cultural exchange could bring the two peoples closer to each other. There could also be extended cooperation in the fields of sports, education, pilgrimage and tourism. She also paid tribute to Deve

Gowda's boldness as a leader and farsightedness as a states-

The Bangladesh Prime Minister wished her counterpart health, happiness and long life, continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of India and also everlasting friendship and cooperation between Bangladesh and India.

leaders, diplomats, chiefs of three services, intellectuals, and high civil and military of ficials attended the banquet.

Reception at Ganobhaban

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina accorded a formal reception to the visiting Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda at her Ganobhaban residence in the afternoon yesterday, reports UNB.

National anthems of the two countries were played as the Indian Prime Minister arrived at Ganobhaban at 4 pm.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina introduced him to ministers, MPs, politicians, elite, litterateurs, artistes and top civil and military officials.

Later. Deve Gowda ex changed pleasantries in a cor dial atmosphere with the guests. Prime Minister Hasina accompanied him.

Noted singers of the country rendered patriotic Tagore and Nazrul songs in honour of the distinguished guest.

RUTA polls today

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 6: The election of the Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) and other university bodies will be held tomorrow.

Two panels - Yellow and

the state guest house Jamuna Green - are contesting the were decorated with miniature polls. national flags of the two coun-Prof M Shahidul Islam of tries to mark the Indian Prime

Applied Chemistry and M Abbas Ali of Philosophy Department are contesting for the posts of president and general secretary respectively of RUTA from the pro-Awami League Yellow Panel while Prof M Sohrab Uddin Ahmed of Islamic History and Culture and

Jamaat Green Panel. The pro-BNP teachers have not submitted any separate panel.

Prof M Azhar Ali of Chemistry

are contesting from the pro-

Some 560 teachers will cast their votes. The polling will be held in the Juberi International Guest House from 8 am to 1.30 pm without any break.

2 BCP activists shot dead in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Jan 6: Two people were shot dead in a village in Kumarkhali thana in Kushtia district early today, police said, reports UNB.

The dead were identified as Mohammad Ali alias Mommo, 40, a leader of Biplobi Communist Party, (BCP) and Sakim, 35, the party's activist. Police recovered the bodies from a field of Adabaria village and sent to Kushtia Sadar

Hospital for autopsy Local people said unidentified miscreants gunned down the two while they were getting out of the residence of Mommo early today.

95pc Indians are happy over water treaty

Minister H D Deve Gowda has said more than 95 per cent of the Indian people have welcomed the Ganges water sharing treaty which "itself is an indication that the people are fully satisfied" with the agreement, reports UNB.

He was talking to BTV repre-

pending for the last 30 to 35 years and it has now come to an end in a very peaceful atmo-

sphere. "We would like to proceed further to strengthen relationship on various pending issues,

the Indian Prime Minister said. He added that the joint Economic Commission, joint river commission and the joint working group would start their work "with great earnestness to

Dock workers at Ctg Port continue

'go slow'

'go-slow' programme of dock workers at Chittagong port is yet to be withdrawn though their leaders agreed to this effect in yesterday's meeting with sources said.

Dacoits kill one in Chandpur

CHANDPUR, Jan 6: A robbery was committed in the house of Dr Manindra Kumar Das at village Sarna under Ha-

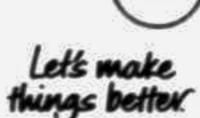
wali thana. Acting on a tip-off, Kotwali tered the house of Maindra, 60, thana police raided the house of one Maniruzzaman Monir of the village and rescued Sukumar and Mosharrof Hossain. Police also arrested Moniruzzaman Munir and

Montu for their alleged in volvement in the kidnapping Police said that the kidnap-

pers demanded Tk 5 lakh from them as ransom.

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commerce. From Staff Correspondent

Talks on Rohingya

repatriation

tomorrow

CHITTAGONG, Jan 6: Talks

between Bangladesh and

Myanmar on the repatriation

of Rohingya refugees are sched-

uled to be held here on January

talks between the two neigh-

bouring countries, sources said.

expedite the repatriation of Ro-

hingya refugees now staying in Cox's Bazar and Teknaf.

ces, a 12-member Bangladesh

team headed by the Additional

Foreign Secretary, M Aminul

Islam, will attend the meeting.

will be led by the country's Di-

rector General of Immigration

and Population Department, U

hingya refugees started from

Ex-BNP MP gets

anticipatory bail

By Staff Correspondent

Court yesterday granted antici-

patory bail to M A Matin, a

former BNP MP from Sha-

hrasti-Hajiganj constituency of

Chandpur in connection with

two cases initiated by the

Bureau of Anti-Corruption

before the bench comprising

Justice Kazi Shafiuddin and

Justice A K Badrul Haq, barris-

ter Maudud Ahmed submitted

that his client, earlier elected

MP three times from the area

was falsely implicated by his

political rivals to harrass him

Matin lost to Rafiqul Islam,

now home minister, in the last

Man arrested with

gun from BCL

rally remanded

By Staff Correspondent

pistol in his possession from

the Bangladesh Chhatra League

rally (S-P) at Ramna Green in

the city on Sunday, was re-

manded to police custody yes-

terday for further interroga-

tion. Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina addressed the rally on

Bari under the Arms Act.

Police filed a case against

Police said , Bari claimed

himself to be a Jubo league ac-

point two two pistol and 23 bul-

lets were licensed. The validity

ganj in 1991 expired on Decem-

remand for a day have sent a

message to Hossainpur thana

asking it to check his identity

tive to carry the gun at the rally

and his address in Dhaka,

stated to be the house of the

nephew of the Deputy Speaker

of Parliament, Abdul Hamid.

Bari was detained by police

when he was passing through a

metal detector at the rally held

to mark the 49th founding an-

Injured Jessore

jail prisoner

dies in hospital

By Staff Correspondent

injured during the police crack

down on the Jessore Jail last

month died of the PG Hospital

in the city yesterday raising the

pada Khor of Adilpur, Avoyna-

gar died in the early hours of

Palash, 23, son of one Kali-

Nine prisoners and one po-

liceman were killed when the

police went into action to crush

the revolt of the prisoners in

Jessore Jail in the last week of

died at a hospital in Jessore.

Another injured prisoner

Palash was admitted to the

PG Hospital in a critical condi-

tion on January 3, said police

adding the body was sent to the

Dhaka Medical College Hospi-

2 abducted men

rescued in

Jessore

From Our Correspondent

day rescued two persons, who

were kidnapped from the

counter of Hanif Enterprise in

the town at about 9.30 pm last

night. They were rescued from

village Bahadurpur under Kot-

JESSORE, Jan 6: Police to-

tal morgue for autopsy.

death toll to 12.

December.

yesterday, police said.

Another prisoner, who was

are also being verified.

niversary of the BCL.

Other points such as his mo-

Police who took him into

Anisul Bari, arrested with a

Moving the bail application

A division bench of the High

Mong Aung.

against him.

election.

the day

ber 31,1996.

and antecedents.

September, 1992.

A 9-member Myanmar team

The repatriation of Ro-

According to official sour-

This will be the 21st round of

The meeting is being held to

"Bangladesh has emerged as try in your country."

He said the arrangements for trade and commerce would need the essential underpinning of infrastructure and transport linkages if they are to be effec-

Referring to a new move for operation.

"This is an innovative and

He said Bangladesh is also interested in developing sub-regional mechanism for improved transport networks, development of infrastructure, and full exploitation of factors advantages among the countries of the region.

"Development of these ideas

Minor boy stabbed to death in Golapganj

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Jan 6: A minor boy Abdul Qaiyum was mercilessly beaten and later stabbed to death at Bhadeshwar Pash-

chimbhag of Golapganj thana

yesterday. Police said they arrested one Attabuddin in connection with some criminal cases. When they were returning to the thana with the arrested man, his elder brother Moniruddin asked the villagers to tell him the name of persons who has shown the police their house. As someone mentioned the name of Abdul Qaiyum. Moniruddin started beating him mercilessly. At one stage, he stabbed the boy who succumbed to his injuries while being taken to hospital.

Cabinet meet

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ing Finance Minister SAMS Kibria, Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed, Education Minister ASHK Sadek, Home Minister Rafiqul Islam and State Minister for Law Abdul Matin Khashru was formed at the last cabinet meeting. The meeting had unanimously resolved that a national stock exchange would be constituted, but the ministers attending the meet ing were divided over its composition. According to cabinet sources, some ministers had argued that there should a provision under which the kerb market operators could legally play a role in conducting the affairs of the NSE, while others opposed the idea.

The cabinet then formed the gestions on the subject followmen, industrialists and experts concerned. It is to submit its re-

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struck the all-important goal at the stroke of the final whis-

lier held to a one-all draw with Cosmos Club of Russia, with this win tallied highest four points from Group D. The Malaysians will take on Abahani Krira Chakra in the first semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium today at 6pm.

BNP: Rally From Page 1

detained party leaders and workers, restoration of the November 7 public holiday and to protest the 'uneven' watertreaty with India, plundering of people's money in the share market, price-hike of essentials, deterioration of law and order, politicisation of the administration and the electronic media and making the parliament ineffective.

Mannan Bhuiyan further said that his party would go for a greater movement if its demands were not met and an atmosphere for BNP's return to parliament was not created by fulfilling the demands.

Gowda: Rivers of hope

in the fields of economy and

a major market for Indian goods," he said, adding "With the trade concessions we are putting in place, it is my belief that India will emerge as a dynamic market for Bangladesh, indeed one which could spur further development of indus-

sub-regional cooperation, the Indian Prime Minister said in addition to the joint efforts within the SAARC framework, we are also initiating the first steps towards sub-regional co-

far-sighted scheme through which we can work together in smaller groups of countries on practical and constructive schemes.

it is not unnatural that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is to remain very busy on the occasion of the arrival of her Indian counterpart." He however added that it was his personal

Meanwhile, the Cabinet Sub-Committee on the formation of the proposed National Stock Exchange (NSE) met on Sunday to discuss its possible composition and modus operandi, but it could not take any decision on the issue. The committee would meet again very soon, a member of the body said.

The sub-committee compris-

Sub-Committee for giving suging discussions with businessport to the cabinet.

Soccer

Midfielder Ahmed Sharu

Malaysia Red, who had ear

will undoubtedly take time and resources. But we must have the will to take beginning so that

our region can experience the full benefit of cooperation." About the cross-border insurgency, the Indian Prime Minister said the Phenomenon of insurgency and terrorism strikes at the life and liberty of the people and violently sets

back economic development. Gowda said: 'We are deeply conscious of our commitment and that of your government to ending violence in your own country and to ensuring that the soil of Bangladesh will not be able to such negative ele-

Gowda said both India and Bangladesh have agreed to work together more decisively to put an end to these criminal activities and restore peace and har-

mony in the region. He thanked the Bangladesh government for taking impressive steps to lay the foundations or stability and prosperity of the country and also to clasp the hand of friendship and cooperation extended by India. "We shall not be found want-

ing in any cooperation. We do not seek any specific give and take, but only to ensure that we are of one mind in pursuing our common objectives and in consolidating and enhancing our relations. Referring to the 25th anniversary of liberation of Bangladesh, Deve Gowda said: I

am indeed very happy to be here

in your midst in the land that

you so rightly call "Sonar He said through the unique joint endeavour of our people, the liberation of Bangladesh was achieved. "Our people will never forget the stirring moment of joy and pride when the long night of sorrow and sacrifice culminated in freedom and

Garments worker robbed, violated By Staff Correspondent

A teenaged garments worker was robbed of Tk 1600 and violated by some hoodlums at East Goran under Sabujbagh thana in the city on Sunday night.

Four hoodlums led by one

Sohag intercepted the girl, aged about 15, when she was returning home from work at about 8 pm. They took her to the second floor roof of an under construction building near Lane No. 8 in Goran, and gang-raped her, police said. Later, a night guard took the girl to her house in Goran area.

Police could not arrest anyone till filing of this report last night. The elder sister of the victim filed a case with Sabujbagh thana under the Women and Children Repression Act, 1995 accusing four persons, po-

Kerb marketmen

lice added.

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processionists reportedly snatched some share certificates from the traders who continued business ignoring the call, witnesses said.

Shops were shuttered, vendors and passers-by fled the area during the chase and counter chase. But police reportedly failed to intervene, witnesses complained.

Trading on the DSE floor

was not interrupted. Emdad Hossain, President of the Outmarket Share Traders Association later lodged a complaint with police accusing the rival Small Investors Forum of attacking them. a charge denied by the latter.

Arsenic

From Page 1 poisoning, he said.

"In most cases those people have been drinking water from shallow tubewells," he said although the water from none of the deep tubewells was found contaminated so far, with the current rate of ground water exploitation "it won't be long before those are contaminated. He stressed for testing the water from deep tubewells every few months.

The only way out from this

calamity is to drink surface water, the expert said. All over the country there is enough surface water for the people and plans should be made to slowly shift to use of surface water for all purposes, he added.

He pointed out that in most cases, whenever tubewell water was found contaminated, the authorities sealed off the wells without showing people an alternative source of water.

"What we should do is to colour the contaminated tubewell in red and then colour the safe well in green and tell people to use the red well for washing purpose only and the green for drinking water." Dr Chakraborti said

He emphasised conducting a country-wide survey to determine the gravity of the calamity' and then act upon it. Scientists and experts from

home attending the seminar said that the arsenic problem was not so expensive to tackle but, they alleged there was a lack of government initiative. Dr Chakraborti said that the risk of arsenic poisoning could

be greatly reduced if people were properly educated in respect of drinking safe water.

President asks police to build

with the people."

tradition. The President was address-

President Shahabuddin said

common aspirations for development and progress.

extended by the government and the people of India during our War of Liberation," she said.

She said even the most diffi-

Hasina further stressed that

Ministers, MPs. political

The visiting Indian Prime

sentative Rafiqui Islam Sarker at the state guest house Jamuna vesterday afternoon, soon after his arrival here on a two-day

The reaction of people of both the countries is very much responsive. Deve Gowda said replying to a question on how he would evaluate the relations between the two countries after

further improve our relations and solve the pending prob-

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Jan 6: The

jiganj thana last night. A gang of twenty dacoits, armed with deadly weapons, en-

ables worth Tk one lakh. Police arrested one person in connection with the robbery.

Gowda tells BTV

tivist from Hossainpur thana of Kishoreganj. He said, his gun, a of the licence issued at Kishore-

state visit to Bangladesh.

the signing of the treaty. He said the problem was

From our Correspondent

at 2 am and attacked him. He succumbed to injuries on way to the Hajiganj Hospital. Six other persons were also injured by the robbers. The dacoits decamped with gold ornaments and other valu-