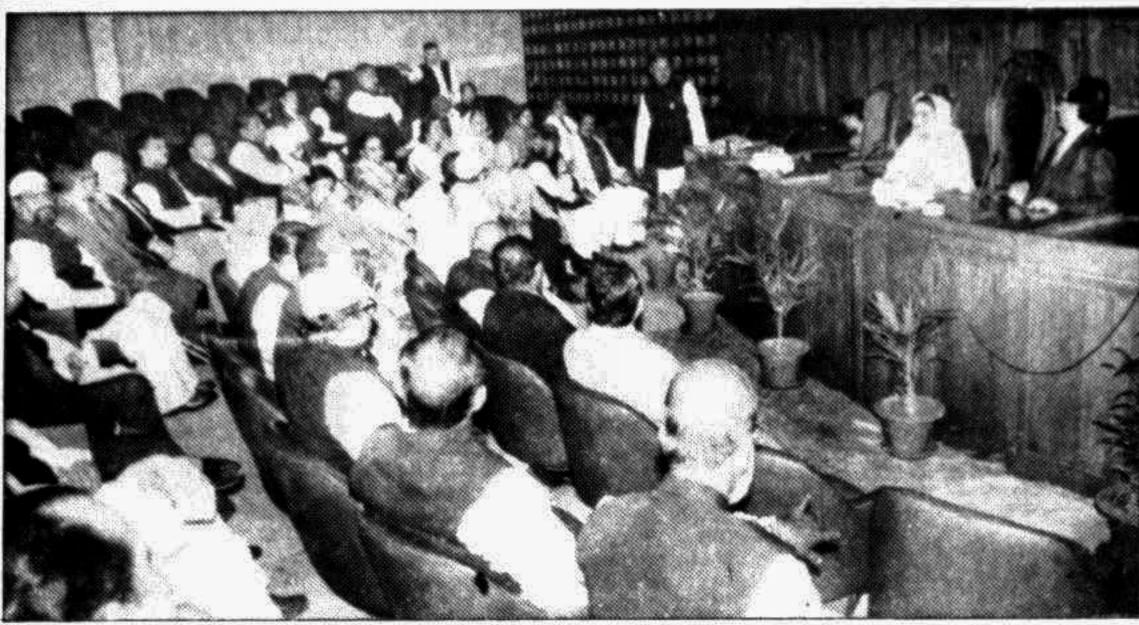
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liamentary Party meeting at the Jativa Sangsad Bhaban yesterday - PID photo

She regretted the absence of

the Leader of the Opposition

from the meeting of the Par-

liamentary Business Advisory

Committee, which, Hasina said

takes all decisions about run

when she was Leader of the Op-

position, the then Leader of the

House used to remain absent

from attending meetings of the

tion and Speaker in meetings of

the Business Advisory Commit

tee is essential as they have a

The Prime Minister said she

Referring to the scrapping of

2 cases against Ershad

Hearing not held

for technical

reasons

gling and 49 RAJUK plot allot

ment cases against former pres-

ident H M Ershad and others

could not be held yesterday be-

cause of technical reasons, re-

cases were later fixed by Azizul

Haq. Additional Sessions Judge

1st Court and Special Tribunal

The court was to sit at a

New dates for hearing of the

The hearing of gold smug-

"But the presence of Leader of

The Prime Minister said

ning the Parliament.

committee.

role to play.

Alamgir.

ports BSS

No 16, Dhaka.

PM: Evaluate my govt

From Page

my government with those of the previous governments. I am sincerely trying to build a selfreliant country." Hasina told the senior journalists

Responding to a query, the Prime Minister said the main problem she is facing was slow pace of work. Work is not progressing at a desired pace, she

was taking decisions speedily nomenon.

Prime Minister said the situation had improved. "To improve law and order was my pledge and I had repeatedly said none criminal belonged to my party

the country. Hasina said: "It is moving, and there is a stability.

P's political stand, Hasina said they abstained from attending Parliament sessions to avoid the passage of Indemnity

JS session

parliament.

Artha Rin Adalat (amendment) Ordinance, 1996; Rangamati Hill District Local Government Parishad (amendment) Ordinance, 1997; Khagrachhari Hill District Local Government Parishad (amendment) Ordinance, 1997; and Bandarban Hill District Local Governmen Parishad (amendment) Ordinance, 1997. The ordinances as separate bills, would come up for discussion later.

The House then unanimously adopted obituary reference on 10 distinguished persons' including a member of the present Sangsad, who died after its second session. The Speaker read out the biography of the MP. Khademul Islam of AL. The others on whom obituary reference was adopted included former foreign minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Azharul Islam, Jahangir Kabir, Sheikh Mohammad Abu Hossain. Mokhlesuzzaman Khan, Dr Mansur Ali, B M Abbas AT and Chowdhury A K M Aminul Is-

From Page nomic Update for the forthcoming Independent Review of Bangladesh Economy by the Centre for Policy Dialogue, said the low level of investment and economic activities might create a semblance of economic stability, 'but the real challenge now lies in reactivating the

economy. He warned that the macroeconomic stability was partly a symptom of continuing stagnation in the level of economic activities. Inspite of a stagnant level of import in the current fiscal, the pressure on the international reserve was contin-

uing, he noted. The present level to foreign exchange reserve is around two billion US dollars, according to a BB statistics.

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ALPP meeting

duced a positive outcome result

ing in return of BNP MPs to the

Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Water

Resources Minister Abdur Raz-

zak. Md Shahjahan, MP and

Bir Bahadur, MP also spoke

and order had improved and

asked her party MPs to help the

government in further improv

ing it. She warned that terror-

belong to, would not be spared.

She also expressed the hope

that her party members would

makers about the recently con-

cluded Ganges water treaty, vis-

its of British and Indian prime

ministers and good responses

being received from various

countries in the field of foreign

Both Hasina and Razzak

spoke about the importance of

Gorai river, where 20 crore

square feet of earth is being ex-

cavated to facilitate sweatwater

flow towards the Sundarbans

that has been endangered by

government's initiative in re-

solving the problems in the

Chittagong Hill Tracts and sug-

gested rapid progress in the

talks between a Parliamentary

Committee and representatives

united endeavours to bring

smiles on the faces of hapless

highlighted various achieve-

ments and future plans of the

six-month-old government of

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

Admn reforms

prime responsibility of the gov-

ernment to ensure an efficient

and dynamic public adminis-

administrative reforms com-

mission had been set up to reor-

ganise the administration suit-

ing the requirements of the

massive action plan would be

undertaken to make the future

public administration more

dynamic, efficient, account-

able, transparent and people-

of law is the cornerstone of

democracy and without rule of

law democratic setup becomes

tached top priority and taken

practical steps to curb terror-

ism and corruption, he said.

The decision-making process

was being redesigned so that

law could take its own course

against the corrupt without any

interference and influence, he

hesitate in taking correct steps

for establishing a corruption-

Judiciary

separation of judiciary, the

President said the government

had already taken necessary

measures to separate judiciary

from the executive.

of the World Bank.

About the much-discussed

"This government will never

He pointed out that the rule

The government has at-

The President said that

He told the House that an

The President said it is the

President Shahabuddin

people of Bangladesh.

tration.

time.

oriented.

meaningless

added.

free society.'

Bir Bahadur, MP, lauded the

salinity problem.

of Shantibahini

investment, the sources said.

She briefed the party law-

not shelter any terrorist.

ists, no matter which party they

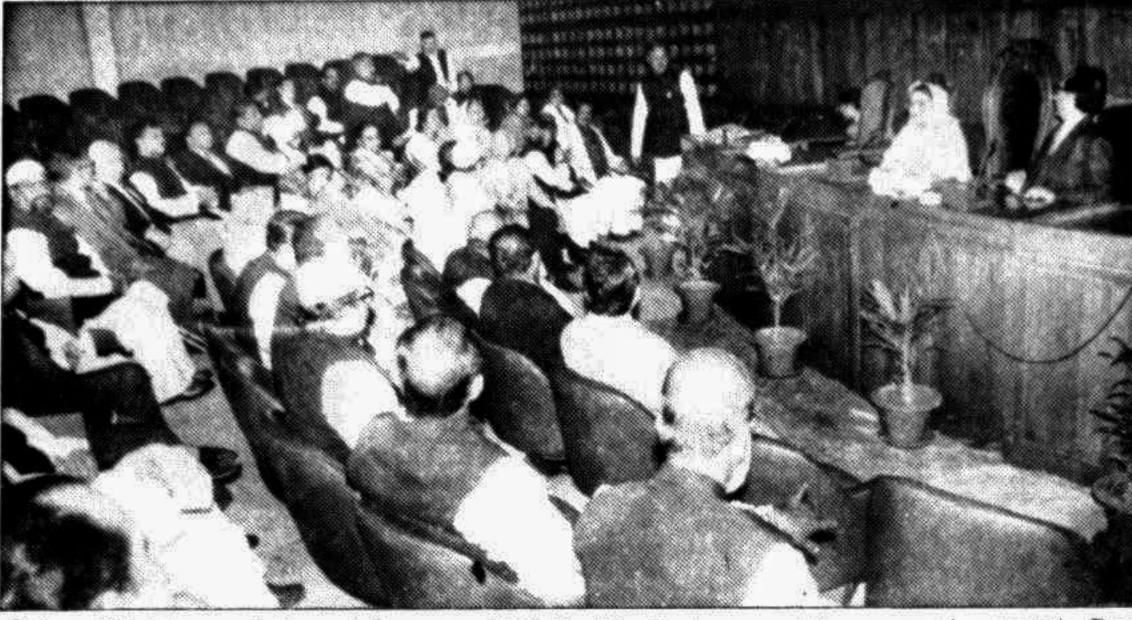
Sheikh Hasina said that law

briefly at the ALPP meeting.

Among others, Chief Whip

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Jativa Sangsad



Prime Minister and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina presiding over the party's Par-

It is you and people who will

evaluate it. "Compare the activities of

With a note of optimism the Prime Minister said: "If we properly use our resources, we can come out from the level of least developed countries.

the House, Leader of the Opposi-She said her government

wants to run Parliament effecand putting in efforts to impletively with the help of all in the ment those, which she ob-Jatiya Sangsad. served, was unusual in the past when files were not moved duly. the Indemnity Ordinance, that "Slowdown in file movement in blocked trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib the past was a common phe-Hasina said: "They are identi-Regarding law and order, the fied and self-confessed killers

Law will take its own course. The informal talks was followed by lftar, which was also attended by Health Minister Salahuddin Yusuf, State Minis would be spared even if the ter for Information Prof Abu ... I kept my word. Saveed and State Minister for But she hinted at "conspir-Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan

acy" of a vested quarter to create "Such attitude is not good... Whatever we are doing for the people and the country. Turning to the economy of

Our efforts helped recover and brighten the country's image

Referring to opposition BN

From Page 1 Matin Khashru placed in the House four ordinances promulgated by the President between the second and third sessions of

building at the Nazimuddin The ordinances included Road, opposite to the Dhaka Central Jail, where the presiding judge did not turn up. After waiting for quite some time, af ter the appointed hour, the defence counsels of Ershad were intimated by the office of the public prosecutor that the learned judge could not be able to sit in the court at the Nazimuddin Road. Thereafter the lawyers of Ershad went to the Dhaka court

premises and filed a prayer for adjournment of the hearing of the cases against their client. The court allowed the time prayer and fixed February 26 and 27 as new dates of hearing for the cases respectively. Raqibul Huda From Page 1

massacre, which is the "most heinous killing in cool brain in the contemporary period".

They argued that police opened fire at the directive of Mirza Ragibul Huda to kill the then leader of 15-party alliance and now Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, and other lead

They said the accused was also responsible for torture on iournalists at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka when he was

The lawyers of plaintiff argued that Huda was accused of non-bailable offences in many sections of CrPC like 302 and the highest punishment in such The Magistrate, after hear-

ing both the sides, said according to CID investigation report, at least 25 people were killed in police firing on that day at

there is no postmortem report. he observed.

In the verdict, he rejected the bail prayer and shifted the case to District and Sessions Judge Court.

Hearing of writ petition 'Indemnity ordn itself an evidence of crime' By SC Correspondent

The Indemnity (Repeal) Act. 1996 is not creating a new law. rather it is a declaratory statute which is restating the law that the Indemnity Ordinance was

never a law, said Barrister Amir-UL Islam as an amicus curiae in the hearing on the writ petitions filed challenging the Act in the High Court Division yesterday. Barrister Amir-UL Islam

will continue his argument today before the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Abdul Matin. Senior Advocate Khandker

Mahbubuddin Ahmed, another

amicus curiae, could not make his submission yesterday as he was out of Dhaka "Since the legislators cannot possibly declare any law void or ultra vires to the Constitution. now this remains for this court

to complete its task by declar-

ing the ordinance as stillborn which never acquired the status of a law at any moment," observed Barrister Amir-UL Is-Referring to the status of the Indemnity (Repeal) Act, he said, The Parliament has done their part of the job by repealing the ordinance and they have done so in a manner adequately ex-

the ordinance was repealed ab Explaining the status of the

JS obituary reference

pressing their mind that then

The House vesterday unani mously adopted an obituary reference commemorating some outstanding personalities died in between the second and third sessions of parliament. They were M Khademul Is-

lam MP, former minister and MP ASM Mostafizur Rahman. former MPs M Azharul Islam, Jahangir Kabir and Alhaj Sheikh Muhammad Abul Hos sain, former member of Pakistan National Assembly M Mokhlesuzzaman Khan, former members of Provincial Assembly Dr Munsur Ali and Shamsu Mia Chowdhury, former Water Resources Adviser of the president BM Abbas AT and former Adviser of the 1991 caretaker government Chowdhury A K M Aminul Haq.

Speaker moved the obituary reference in the House which stood one minute in solemn si lence to show respect to the personalities. State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana M Nurul Islam offered the muna-

5-member panel of chairmen

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury nominated a fivemember panel of chairmen to preside over the House in absence of him or the Deputy Speaker, reports UNB.

Earlier, the Chief Whip ap-The panel comprises M prised the ruling party law-Shamsul Islam (BNP), Advocate makers of the agents of the cur-Rahmat Ali (AL), Begum Razia rent session of the JS and said Matin Chowdhury (AL), Dr M it would be postponed on Jan Asadur Rahman (Jatiya Party) and M Abdur Rouf Chowdhury uary 28 and resume after Eid-

ordinance Barrister Amir-ul Islam said. "The ordinance is not a law at all, at best it an alamat. documentary evidence of a crime which can be used in the trial as an evidence, because it expresses an intention for the

to change the government." He questioned the status of Khandker Mushtaq Ahmed and said that he was not a president, could not be a president under the succession of power as provided under the Constitution.

crime which is expressly said

"In case of death of the president the vice- president and in his absence the speaker would succeed to power," he said. "Therefore Khandker Mushtaq was an usurper and killer who acted as an agent in order to facilitate the ultimate usurpers to grab the power. Discarding the submission

of the petitioner's lawyer that by the 5th amendment the ordinance was validated and it became a part of the Constitution, he said that the 5th amendment itself does not claim it: it merely suggests that only the laws passed since 15th August, 1975 have been vali-

dated. "But in the eye of the Constitution the ordinance is not a law, it is a decree by the killers. he said

He said. "The 5th amend ment is not a valid piece of legislation nor it could effectively add any new provision in ad dition to the list already provided for under the original constitution, because the 4th schedule containing the provi sions inserted by the 5th amendment is a creation under Article 150 of the Constitution and Article 150 itself limits the scope of such legislation which would be valid irrespective of other provisions of the constitution.

DSE index

From Page 1 previous days position of Tk

13.364.66 crore. The price index and other major market indicators started falling since the beginning of this month from 2450.58 points on January 2. During the 12 days dull pe-

riod the market capitalisation of the bourse lost about Tk 4,356.24 crore and declined to Tk 13364.86 crore from Tk 17,720 crore. Meanwhile, the 72-hour ul-

timatum announced by Bangladesh Small Investors Forum (BSIF) expires today. The ultimatum was given by the BSIF from a rally on Mon-

day protesting the continuous fall in prices of most of the issues. They threatened that a continuous sit-in programme would be started in front of the DSE building from Saturday next. They also vowed to force the

closure of share trading on the DSE floor during the sit-in programme.

A BSIF leader informed this correspondent that the Forum members would meet today to take a final decision in this regard after evaluating the overall market position.

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Robin Raphel due Jan 23

US Assistant Secretary of State Robin Raphel will visit Bangladesh January 23-28, reports UNB.

Raphel, in charge of South Asian desk of the State Department, will arrive here on January 23. She will leave Dhaka for Calcutta the same day in the evening and come back to Dhaka next morning.

She will attend here a twoday conference of the heads of US diplomatic missions in five countries in the region, including Bangladesh. Besides the US envoy here, American ambassadors to India, Pakistan Nepal and Sri Lanka will attend the conference scheduled for January 25-26.

Raphel will call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She will also call on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad.

Raphel will hold official talks with Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan on bilateral matters as well as regional and international issues of common concern.

"Trade, investment and economic policies of the newly installed government will be the main agenda of the meeting. said a senior official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yes-

terday. Raphel's visit is seen here as significant as it will be the first trip of a senior US official to Dhaka after the Awami League came to power second time.

JPPP demands withdrawal of cases against **Ershad**

By Staff Correspondent The Jatiya Party Parliamen

tary Party (JPPP) at a meeting vesterday demanded withdrawal of all 'conspiratorial cases filed against the party chief and former President HM Ershad by the BNP government The meeting, held at the

JPPP office in the Sangsad Bhaban with Ershad in the chair, congratulated the party chief on his getting bails in all the cases.

Briefing newsmen after the one-hour meeting just before the Jatiya Sangsad went into its third session at 11.15 am. Ershad said, his party wou'd support the present government for its goods performances but criticise it for any actio i contrary to the interest of the peo-

Replying to a question, the former President said, his party would offer constructive opinion on the Ganges water-sharing treaty when the accord was placed in the House.

According to sources, the JPPP also discussed the party's future course of action and organisational matters.

With this objective, the gov-

ernment has increased the bud-

getary allocation for this sector

to 34 per cent, the President told

Parliament on the inaugural

day of its third session which is

wheat production target has

been fixed at 2.6 crore tons in

the 1996-97 fiscal. In the cur-

rent season, the production sit-

uation of Aus and Aman crops

production of rice and wheat

would exceed its target and may

rise to 2.7 crore tons. As a re-

sult, the food deficit will de-

crease and stand at 17 lakh tons

crore has been allocated from

domestic resources to import

foodgrains besides the foreign

Education

the government is pledgebound

to remove the curse of illiteracy

from the country within next 10

programme is being carried out

in 1,250 unions of the country

and various steps have been

taken to improve primary and

non-formal education. The gov-

ernment is giving incentives for

education, particularly for the

ject for the development of 10

universities is under imple-

mentation while construction

work of 2,739 secondary

schools, 100 madrasa-cum-cy

clone centres and 150 madrasas

Health

undertaken various pro-

grammes to ensure health for

cated Tk 1,089 crore for imple-

menting 93 development pro-

jects in this sector during the

current fiscal year. The amount

is about 9 per cent of the ADP

all by the year 2000.

budget, he added.

He said the government has

The government has allo-

He said a Tk 170 crore pro-

female education.

is going on.

He said food for education

President Shahabuddin said

To meet this deficit, Tk 740

He said it is expected that the

is satisfactory.

from 24 lakh tons.

years.

The President said rice and

the new year's first session.

Some employees involved in thefts at

national Airport (ZIA) yesterday identified a group of em-ployees allegedly involved in various thefts inside the airport tative source.

some loaders, trolley men, sweepers and other lower class staff deployed inside the airport lounge have confessed their involvement in various thefts.

belonged to a woman passenger of the Saudi Arabian Airlines.

theft, the gold chains were recovered from the drawer of a driver of an intelligence agency deployed inside the lounge. said the source adding at least 25 persons were involved in the

Joint monitoring

Navigation Lock of the Farakka

of the Ganges since January 1, when the joint monitoring began, is yet to reach Dhaka. The joint monitoring has

comprising ten-day periods each out of 15 cycles that comprise the five-month long dry season beginning January and ending on May 31. The flow of water Bangladesh is due to receive in

now entered the second cycle

side, fixed at 57,673 cusec. In the first cycle, it was 67,516 cusec. The data recorded at the in-

confidential cover through the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Calcutta. However, officials in the Water Resources Ministry told this correspondent yesterday, that the flow recorded at Hardinge Bridge by Bangladeshi monitors, indicated that the release of water at Farakka point was "satisfac-

Road accident

Hospital sources said Abul Kalam Azad, 22, of Shibalaya thana was seriously injured as the minibus hit his bicycle from behind on the busy Dhaka-Aricha highway a about 4 pm.

juries on way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Ershad

sues. Among others, city JP president Col (retd) Malek Shamsuzzaman Mintu, Abu Hossain Babla, and Delwar Hossain Raja were present.

Er had leaves Dhaka for Ranggur today on a two-day

BDRCS lottery draw Ticket No Ga 663352

wins first prize The draw of the 13th lottery of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) was held yesterday in the BA Siddique Red Crescent Nursing School auditorium of the Holy Family Hospital in the city, reports

The first prize goes to the holder of ticket number Ga 663352. While the second, third and fourth prizes go to ticket numbers Ga 376044. Gha 125081 and Ka 072578 respec-

A five-member judges com-mittee headed by Professor AK Azad Chowdhury, Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University. conducted the draw.

Woman commits suicide in city By DMC Correspondent

One woman allegedly committed suicide in the city, according to hospital sources

Nurunnahar, 22, wife of one Abdur Rahim of Fakirerpool committed suicide at her house in the morning. She was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 11.15 am where doctors declared her dead, hospital sources said.

Oil exploration

From Page 1

be open for international bidding after holding of two more roundtable conferences in London and Houston, likely by March. Meanwhile, high officials of

leading multinational oil com-

panies continued coming to the capital to collect data on hydrocarbon prospects from the Petrobangia. Some of these companies, besides their desire for exploration in blocks, have also ex-

pressed interest in extending

technical help to improve the

condition of Bakhrabad gas field, the sources said. Gas in Bakhrabad field is depleting alarmingly, resulting in severe shortfall in supply to

Chittagong. A geo-physical supervisor of Shell is now in the city to review and study the condition of Bakhrabad gas field. Gas extracted from the Bakhrabad well was found mixed with

sand, the sources added.

Multinational company Mobil and British company Cairn have also expressed their interest in helping the Petrobangla improve the condition of Bakhrabad gas field. Some executives of Mobil are expected to arrive in the city later this month for discussions with the government regarding exploration in blocks.

A high level delegation of French oil giant Total is expected to arrive in the city in the last week of this month. Total has expressed its interest in blocks no. 9, 10 and 11

Another delegation of Exxon Esso of USA will arrive in the capital on January 28. This company has applied to the Petrobangla for purchase of data worth 6 million US dol-

The accord includes a ninepage protocol on the Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron and a three-page 'note for the record' summarising the agreement on further redeployments. Other key points of the ac-

* The first of three troop withdrawals from rural areas of the West Bank will begin the

 Negotiations on unresolved These include travel routes between the Gaza Strip and West Bank, and the opening of an airport and port in the Gaza

* Israel promises to release Palestinians promise to

strengthen security coopera-The accord left many ques-

tions unanswered, including the Patriarchs in Hebron, a site holy to both Muslims and Jews. It will remain in Israeli control for at least three months.

There were also loopholes

Palestinians, who now control 27 per cent of the West Bank, want 80 per cent or more

1998. Israel has given no hint of how much additional land will be turned over, and it could be as little as 10 per cent Israel made clear that the ex-

tent of the withdrawal will be determined by its government alone and suggested the troop redeployment would be halted if there was new violence by Palestinians. US President Bill Clinton

led international praise of the deal, while Jewish settlers angrily accused Netanyahu of sur rendering to Arafat.

Some 400 militant settlers

live surrounded by 120,000 Arabs in Hebron, where US born Jewish extremist Baruch

US Middle East envoy Dennis Ross announcing the agreement alongside Netanyahu and Arafat following more than two hours of late night talks said it provided for the transfer of most of Hebron to Palesti-

Netanyahu and Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to thank them for their role in brokering the

agreement. fair and balanced approach."

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its firm resolve to stamp out

ing this was its top priority job. Soon after assumption of office, the Home Minister held a workshop in the city on law and order and expressed his desire to drum up public support to contain terrorism across the country. He also pledged to hold such workshops elsewhere to mobilise public opinion but it

has not yet materialised. Tangail is a classic case of what we now hear as terrorism sponsored by powerful families with high political clout legacy of this menace dates back to days as early as Bangladesh's emergence. The reason is the highly unscrupulous manner in which the administration have gone about their tasks over the

terests are the factors that have

Inflation rate DMP Commissioner.

case should be death sentence.

Laldighi. But as all the dead bodies were burnt after the killing,

> He informed the House that an extensive plan had been formulated to bring about a radical reform in the judiciary. A Tk 200 crore plan has been taken up in this sector by the government with the assistance

> > Turning to the local body institutions, the President said the government is pledge-bound to establish an effective administrative local government at different tiers from the grassroots level.

He said a high-powered local

Continuation of democratic process government commission had already been constituted. Necessary steps will be taken on the basis of the Commission's recommendations.

Foreign policy

deavours.

Focusing on the new government's foreign policy maneuvering, President Ahmed praised the Indo-Bangladesh Ganges water-sharing treaty. "It was possible to find a longawaited solution to this intricate problem within the shortest time because of the government's sincerity and bold en-

After assuming power, the present government concentrated its attention on outstanding bilateral problems with Bangladesh's close neighbours, he said. Besides, the solution of the Ganges issue, he said, diplo-

matic initiatives are on to repa-

triate the Chakma refugees in the Chittagong Hill Tracts and complete the repatriation of Rohingya refugees to Myanmar. The relations with other neighbouring countries are improving for reactivating the programmes of SAARC. Outside the SAARC, the Prime Minister visited China and other ministers made some important tours of Myanmar, Malaysia, Singa pore and South Korea to

The present government is now pursuing a foreign policy with "economic diplomacy" at its core to boost Bangladesh's trade with and manpower export to foreign countries as well as attract foreign investment, he said.

Economy

the overall economy is doing

well, but cautioned a loan de-

The President remarked that

strengthen the relations with

countries in this part of the

fault culture may jeopardise the financial and banking system. "Non-repayment of loan in time has emerged as a serious problem in Bangladesh," he said informing the House that the total amount of default loan of the scheduled banks now stood at Tk 12,600 crore.

The President said economic

development by and large de-

pends on stable political back-

ground and the government has

laid emphasis on attaining

consensus on important na-

tional issues to ensure political

he said, adding that the government is also watching the money supply situation along with reducing unproductive expenditure to control inflation. Besides, he said, annual fiscal and credit programmes have been formulated for tolerable

This has started yielding

positive results in the economy.

inflation rate, desired economic growth and a satisfactory foreign exchange reserve keeping a balance in overall payment situation. He also informed that the donors had pledged foreign assistance equivalent to Tk 8,245 crore for 1996-97 fiscal and the

next year's aid group meeting will be held in Dhaka along with a foreign investors' forum. He pointed out that the country's debt servicing liability remained low at 11.4 per cent which is far less than

many developing countries. Turning to industrial sector. the President said the government has taken steps to formulate an up-to-date industrial policy with adequate importance to private sector to enhance domestic production, income, resources and employment.

Some 19 industrial units

have been slated for disinvest-

ment in 1996 and 24 units in 1997 under the government's privatisation policy. Besides, decisions have been taken to off-load shares of 15 companies through ICB. For a competitive free market economy, ne said, massive

reforms have been carried out

in the tax collection system of

the National Board of Revenue

(NBR) in recent years. The President said revenue collection has been Tk 4,746 crore in first five months of the current fiscal year which is Tk 422 crore or 10 per cent higher than that of the last year's corresponding period.

Agriculture The President said the government has identified agricul-

ture as the highest priority sector as the country's 75 per cent people directly or indirectly depend on agriculture. The government is committed to bring dynamism in the

Justice Shahabuddin said the government has taken steps to close down the private clinics set up through irregularities agri-sector through expansion and to stop activities of the inof modern cultivation system, stitutions built by violating utilisation of latest technology laws of Bangladesh Medical and and introduction of high qual Dental Council. ity seed, irrigation and fertil-

ZIA: 5 suspended By Staff Correspondent The authorities at Zia Inter-

lounge, according to an authori-"We suspended five of them today," said the source adding

The gang was identified when a search for the missing gold chains was mounted at the lounge yesterday. The chains

"Within 45 minutes of the

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Barrage. The data recorded at the three points on the Indian side

the second cycle (Jan 11 to 20) is nearly 10,000 cusec less than the average flow for Bangladesh

dian points will come through

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Azad succumbed to his in-

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visit to his constituency. Hebron deal signed

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first week of March. issues will resume immediately

Strip. Palestinian prisoners.

tion, prevent incitement and hostile propaganda, and apprehend and punish terrorists. who will control the Tomb of

about the extent of further pullbacks in the West Bank, where Palestinians want to create an independent state.

to be in the autonomy zone by the last withdrawal in mid-

Goldstein massacred 29 Muslims at a mosque in February

nian rule in the coming days. shook hands after Ross made his announcement but neither spoke to the press. Ross said each man had spoken by telephone with US President Bill Clinton, Jordan's King Hussein

Ross called the accords "a

Tangail

terrorism from the society, say-

years. Convenience and vested in-

come to defeat the cause of justice and duty. This sickening trend should come to an end. And for this to happen, a combination of political will and peoples support is needed