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PM's Question Time

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The government in collaboration with the UNDP, would organise the workshops at the six divisional headquarters. Representatives of the lawyers, judges, journalists, public leaders, intellectuals and others concerned would participate in the workshops, the prime minister said.

Union complexes

Sheikh Hasina told the Jativa Sangsad that one union complex would be set up in each

Nasim From Page 1

weekly had remarked that "some Nikrishto (inferior) people are sitting in parliament' and "Ekushey Padak is bogus".

The AL lawmaker said, he had submitted a notice on the issue on February 24 and demanded the setting up of a parliamentary committee in this regard.

The Chair assured the lawmaker that once he received the notice, he would give a ruling on the matter.

The posts and telecommunications Minister then took the floor to say that Shafiq Rehman through his writings had defamed all 330 MPs, the whole House and the 12 crore people of the country.

Citing an instance, Nasim said. Anwar Zahid, a former minister had also once appeared before the JS Privilege Committee to seek an apology for his derogatory remarks. Similarly. Nasim said, the Speaker should summon Shafiq Rehman to appear before the Committee.

But two BNP MPs, taking part in the debate on the issue. did not agree with the minister. Maj (retd) Akhtaruzzaman

of BNP said. "If we threaten and beat people, it is very natural someone may call us Nikr-

Another BNP legislator, Maj (retd) Hafizuddin said, "if any MP beats people inside thana. if any MP leaves the country after murdering one's partner and if any MP plunders money from banks, then none would call them 'Utkrishta' (superior).

union of the country with the provision of imparting training on development issues includ-

ing agriculture. She was replying to a question from Zafrul Islam Chowdhury (BNP-Chittagong) who wanted to know whether the government has any plan for setting up one agriculture training centre in each thana and more agriculture college in

the country Regarding the possible setting up of more agriculture colleges in the country, the Prime Minister said the government would consider such proposal in the light of the recommendation made by the high-powered committee formed by the government. But if anyone wants to set up agriculture college at private initiative, the government would extend all cooperation. she said.

Primary schools

Sheikh Hasina said that setting up one primary school in each village was the commitment of the present govern-

Replying to a question from Abul Kalam Azad (BNP-Tangail), the prime minister said as per available preliminary statistics, there was no school in 5,693 villages.

She said the government had already taken up plans to set up schools in these villages. In this connection, she added, a fivemember committee with noted educationist Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin as convenor has been formed.

The committee is expected to submit its recommendations to the government by June this year and the government would start implementation of the projects on the basis of the recommendations, she added.

EUCSU polls Mar 24

Elections to the BUET Central Students' Union (EUCSU) will be held on March 24, reports UNB.

Prof Shamimuzzaman Basunia, students welfare director of the university, announced the election date yesterday.

Urea price all-time low this year

The function was organised to celebrate the founding an-The retail price of urea recorded an all-time low this year in Bangladesh in a decade. reports BSS.

This was observed at a highlevel meeting on the advisory committee of fertilizer held at the conference room of the Ministry of Industry yesterday.

Presided over by Chairman of the Advisory Committee M Anisuzzaman, the meeting was attended by the Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, and Agriculture and Food Minister Matia Chowd-

The meeting was informed that average retail price was Tk 245 per bag of 50 kg this year. It was Tk 253 last year and Tk 290 in 1994-95 fiscal year.

The meeting stressed the need for uninterrupted supply of electricity from midnight to six in the morning and supply of diesel to operate the irrigation pumps and tube-wells. The meeting was informed

that Chittagong Urea Fertilizer

Factory is expected to resume

its production by mid-April as

gas could be supplied to the factory by that time. BB circular

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investigated the matter in October. Subsequently Khan was asked to show cause on February 3 under the Government Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1985.

He challenged the government's order on February 16 in a writ petition before the High Court. A division bench of the High Court comprising Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury and Justice M A Aziz issued a rule nisi on the government to show cause within two weeks. It also stayed the operation of the government show cause order for four weeks.

The rule was not returned until vesterday, he was told by his lawyers. Dr Kamal Hossain and Dr M Zahir are represent-

ing him.

building activities niversary of MODC at its headquarters in Rajendrapur Cantonment in the morning.

The Daily Star

PM asks MODC members

Take part in nation

RAJENDRAPUR, Gazipur,

Mar 4: Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina today lauded the role of

the members of MODC during

war and peace time and hoped

that they would also play a vital

role in building the country, re-

ous role will encourage the new

generation to be imbued with

patriotism," she said at a re-

union of the members of MODC

(Ministry of Defence Constabu-

200 bags of urea

seized in Bhola

From Staff Correspondent

seized 200 bags of urea from a

shop at Borhanuddin bazar of

was seized when the fertilizer

was being unloaded from a

truck. The shopkeeper could not

produce documents for the fer-

The truck driver was also ar-

Train dacoity

in Sirajganj

swooped on a local train at

Mulduli Station early today

and looted cash and valuables

At least 15 passengers were

Witness said a gang of '15-16

of the passengers, reports UNB.

injured, three of them criti-

robbers stormed the Ishwardi-

bound train at about 1 am and

committed dacoity at gun point.

The passengers, however,

caught a dacoit and handed over

2 stabbed

Udyan (garden) near an entry

gate close to the Bangla

catch him ... at about 7 pm.

They ran through a crowd in the

garden where some young men

they vanished in the garden

leaving the two persons injured.

how the two youths were

stabbed could not be known

not have any information in

Within a couple of minutes

The cause of the attack and

Ramna police said they did

Academy shouting 'catch him ...

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admitted to a local hospital.

Three of the injured were

cally, during the attack.

him to police.

were gossiping.

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this regard.

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 4: Dacoits

Bhola district yesterday.

tiliser.

BARISAL, Mar 4: Police

According to police, the urea

"Your courageous and glori-

ports UNB.

The Prime Minister called upon the MODC members to participate in nation building activities, saying "Your family members and relatives staying in the villages will also be benefited if we can build up the country and its economy.

"It is my firm belief that if we work together we can build up a poverty and hunger-free Bangladesh," she said.

Hasina recalled with gratitude the sacrifices of the members of MODC during the Liberation War.

Chiefs of the three services. local parliament members including Rahmat Ali and Akhteruzzaman also attended the function.

DCC employee shot at DU

An employee of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) received bullet wound while passing by the AF Rahman Hall of Dhaka University yesterday, reports

Hospital sources said a bullet struck right leg of the DCC typist. A B M Feroz Abedin, in front of the hall when he was going to his office at about 12:30

He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

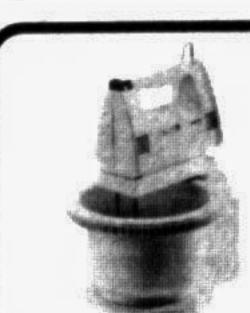
AB Bank

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the petitioner The court also ordered the BB authorities to dispose of Rahim Chowdhury's representation/appeal in accordance with Section 48 of the Banking Companies Act, and send a copy of their decision to the court, on receipt of which the court will hear the parties and pass necessary orders, and in the meantime not to restraint A Rahim Chowdhury to act as Managing

Director of the AB Bank. Rahim Chowdhury filed the writ petition on December 24 and since then the operation of the impugned directive of the Governor of Bangladesh Bank is under order of stay by the

A Rahim Chowdhury was represented by Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Dr M Zahir and Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud while the government and the BB were represented by the Attorney General Barrister K S Nabi and Dr Rafigur Rahman respectively.



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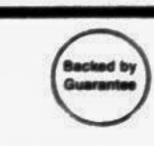
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Road accident From Page 1

An unknown youngman, who was knocked down by a speeding truck at Madhya Badda at about 7 am, also died on way to the DMCH. The bodies were sent to the

hospital morgue for autopsy. In Laksam, a bus fell into a field at Fayejganj on the Dhaka-Noakhali road yesterday, killing a shepherd and injuring 20 passengers, five criti-

Police said Ali Akbar, 26, of the village died on the spot as the Dhaka-bound bus from Chatkhil skidded off the road while trying to overtake a truck and fell on the youngman at about 1 pm.

Twenty bus passengers were injured. Five of them were admitted to Laksam Thana Health

Police seized the bus, but the driver fled the scene.

A truck rammed a rickshawvan on the Dhaka-Khulna highway in Jhenidah yesterday, killing two people and severely wounding two others.

Rescuers said the Dhakabound truck loaded with molasses hit the van at Hatgopalpur. 12 km from the district town at about 6 pm.

Ramjan Ali, 32, driver of the van and an inhabitant of Kalagram village, died on the spot. The injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital in critical con-

Passport

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ernment manpower recruitment accord with Malaysia. "Otherwise, in the long run we may lose the foreign labour

markets." M A Mannan told The Daily Star that since a government to government' manpower export agreement was reached between Bangladesh and Malaysia in late 1995, many Bangladeshi workers got jobs in Malaysia. But the government of that country froze the recruitment process in October last year. He said that after the current drive against illegal migrants is over. it is expected that fresh man-

power export to Malaysia would

be possible by June next.

Enamul Kabir, Matin new **JUTA President, GS**

From JU Correspondent

Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir has been elected President and Dr M A Matin General Secretary of the Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) for the year 1997.

The polls were contested by two groups, one led by the Vice Chancellor and the other by his opponents.

The panel, opposed to the VC, won three posts, including that of the president, while the other eight posts, including that of the general secretary, were won by the group led by the VC.

The voting was held at the JU Teachers Club from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm yesterday. Two hundred and thirty-one teachers. out of 265, cast their votes. The election was conducted by Prof Kazi Ali Azam.

Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir won the post of president defeating his rival Prof Anwarul Haq Sharif by one vote. Prof Kabir received 116 votes.

Prof Nazma Siddiqui got 129 votes to become the vice president defeating Zaheduddin Khan Mahmud who received 98 votes.

Dr M A Matin was elected general secretary receiving 122 votes and his rival. Dr Amir Hossain secured 105 votes.

The posts of treasurer and Japanese aid

From Page 1 ous government.

visited the Jamuna Multipur-

Official sources said apart from attending the consultative meeting, the present economic mission will visit several project sites. The mission members

pose Bridge project site yester-Other members of the Japanese team are Etsuo Kozawa, Deputy Director at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Masami Mori of the Ministry of Finance, Shinji Nomura of Economic Planning Agency, Kohei Sato of Economic Cooperation Bureau, Hiroshi Kaneko of the Ministry of Construction, Ha-

rutoshi Hayasaka of the Minis-

try of Transport and Kikuo

Nakagawa of OECF.

and Khaled Hossain. members are Prof Enamul Haq Khan, Prof A Gani, Prof Sub-

joint secretary were won respec-

tively by Prof Obaidur Rahman

The newly elected executive hash Chandra Das. Prof Tajul Islam. Prof Shamsunnaher and Dr Farhad Hossain.

JCD leader slaughtered in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 4: A local leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was slaughtered by miscreants at Kaliaharipur village in Sadar thana early today, reports UNB.

Police said a gang of unidentified hoodlums picked up Nazrul Islam Nuri, 28, an executive member of Sadar thana unit of JCD, at gunpoint from a pharmacy in Kaliakandapara bazar at about 7 pm on Monday. At about 8 this morning, po-

lice recovered the slaughtered body of Nuri from Baghbari crematorium, some one kilometre off his residence. Nuri, son of Abdur Rahman

Nuri, was a second-year student of Sirajganj Law College.

SSC exams From Page 1

appearing in the examination. A total of 1.36,819 students

at 155 centres under Jessore Board, over 1,22,673 examinees at 154 centres under Comilla Board and 63,953 candidates at 75 centres under Chittagong Board are expected to appear in the examination. SSC examinations are also

being held at five centres outside the country in Jeddah, Riyadh, Dohar, Abu Dhabi and Tripoli for the examinees living abroad, Abdul Latif, controller of examinations of Dhaka Board informed BSS yesterday.

The examinations will complete on April 5, and the results are expected to be published within 90 days, he said.



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