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## Share market scam

ple. All of them were accused of

manipulating the share market

during a bull run last year by

fraudulent means and charged

under Article 17 of the Securi-

ties and Exchange Commission

Wednesday on the basis of a

three-month probe by an inde-

pendent committee headed by

Professor Amirul Islam, Vice-

Chancellor of the Jahangirna-

gar University. It submitted the

ers were represented by Barris-

ter Ishtiaq Ahmed, Barrister

Rafigul Huq. Advocate Abdul

Malek and Barrister Rokanud-

the court yesterday are: Dr Za-

hir Ahmed and Zafar Ahmed of

Amam Sea Food and Apex

Food, Mobarak Mohammad

Bhai of Olympic Industries, A S

Shahidul Hug Bulbul, Mo-

hammad Rafigur Rahman and

Abu Tayeb of Chittagong Ce-

ment and Clinker, Mohammad

Magsudur Rahman and

Iftekhar Mohammad of Chic

Textiles, Mohammad Nurun

Nabi of Rupon Oil and Feeds

Limited, Imtiyaz Hossain of

Imtivaz Hossain and Company.

Mohammad Sonnet Siddiky of

SES Company Limited, A K M

Shamsuddoha of Doha Securi-

ties Limited, Hemayetuddin

Ahmed, Moshtaq Ahmed

Sadeki, Syed Mahbub Morshed,

Sharif Ataur Rahman of HMMS

Financial Consultancy and

Services, Anu Jaigirdar and

Masukur Rahman of Premium

New grouping

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sented a paper on "Regional Co-

operation and National Secu-

rity," at the seminar, elaborat-

ing objectives and role of vari-

ous alliances, military pacts.

and regional associations that

emerged following the World

factor behind the creation of

any regional cooperation. He.

economic aggression," he said.

regional cooperation, through

people to people contact instead

of government to government

water sharing treaty, former

Vice Chancellor of BUET Prof

Shahjahan said India wants to

establish supreme control over

water resources in the region

Tobarak Hossain said it is

against the norms of the foreign

policy to take a move hurriedly

to decide on a sensitive subject

He pointed out that when it

had taken five years to take a

final shape of the SAARC, a de-

cision was taken within four

months on the growth of the

Reazuddin Ahmed said there is

a deep-rooted conspiracy

Bangladesh behind the move to

create a new regional coopera-

Indian Foreign Minister IK Gu-

iral as saying that "In the pre-

partition period, Bangladesh,

Bhutan, Nepal and north-east-

ern India states were one unit."

terview with an American pa-

per Outlook, said Reaz, He ob-

served that by making this

statement Gujral exposed Del-

hi's desire to take back the re-

gion to the pre-partion posi-

Terrorism and Human Rights"

was held at the same venue as

Speakers at the seminar ac-

cused the government of letting

loose a reign of terror through-

out the country dishonouring

the rule of law and human

Water retention

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About how the compensa-

tion might be paid to the land

owners, an official, citing the

existing law, said that everyone

would be paid full present valu-ation price of the land and an

additional 50 per cent of the to-

tal price. "If the land price is Tk

2 lakh, the owner would get Tk

intends to develop the retention

point for multi-purpose uses.

Besides pisciculture, the site

would be developed as a recre-

ational place for the city

disclosed that next year they

would acquire a similar area in

Goran Chatbari, behind the

The WASA sources further

After the acquisition, WASA

three lakh," he explained.

part of the conference.

rights.

dwellers.

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Botanical Garden.

Another seminar on "State

Gujral stated this in an in-

In this context, he quoted

against the sovereignty of

Jatiya Press Club President

like regional cooperation.

Former foreign secretary

through this treaty.

quadrangular.

Khan called for developing a

Criticising the Indo-Bangla

grouping in South Asia.

He said security is the main

Securities Limited.

War II.

Others who surrendered to

Imtiyaz Hossain and 20 eth-

report on March 27.

din Mahmud.

The charges were filed on

Act. 1969.

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As their substantive petitions could not be heard, they were granted the bail until today, subject to the satisfaction of the Deputy Commissioner of

Dhaka. Attorney General Barrister KS Nabi with his deputy Barrister Nikhilesh Dutta sought time for the hearing to explain the

legal points opposing the bail However, Justice A M Mahmudur Rahman and Justice Iftekhar Rasul fixed the hearing

date today. Earlier on Thursday, four other accused, Sohel F Rahman and Salman F Rahman of Beximco and two directors of BEXIMCO Group, secured adinterim bail until Sunday.

Their petitions are also likely to be heard today. Curious crowds gathered at the court to see the accused.

Imtivaz Hossain told BBC after securing bail that those who brought charges against him and others did not understand the capital market and proclaimed his innocence.

He told reporters that he did his job as per rules and did not flout any rules.

Aziz Mohammad Bhai claimed that there was some misunderstanding about him. Ms Runa Alam declined to make any comment.

Imtivaz Hossain came to the court in the morning and stayed there for the whole day. He ducked newsmen during the lunch break using a side door. A magistrate issued warrants of arrests against 32 peo-

#### Hasina invited to visit Japan

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimotu has invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to pay a visit to Japan, reports UNB.

An invitation letter from premier Hashimotu was handed over to Hasina by Japanese Ambassador in Dhaka Yoshikazu Kaneko when he called on the Prime Minister at her office yesterday.

The ambassador said the date of the proposed visit will be worked out through diplomatic channel.

The visit, he said, will take place in summer which would provide an opportunity for signing some agreements in the field of investment in Bangladesh.

The Japanese ambassador informed the Prime Minister that the business community of Japan is keen to invest in Bangladesh as the country's image has substantially improved with the present gov-

ernment taking power. The Prime Minister expressed the hope that Japan would come forward in many ways in development sectors of the country including communications and investment.

#### BNP warns

From Page 1 and give them exemplary punishment," he said.

Terming the government "litigious," he said: I have never heard of such a government in the world. This government has earned name and fame through filing false cases against its political opponents and it is their only achievement since assum-

Referring to the government's accusation against BNP of pelting stones at Yasser Arafat's vehicle, Bhuiyan said, "Arafat is a most respected person among the world leaders. He is a very popular and respected personality to all BNP men. We've supported all activities of Arafat, so the question of pelting stones at his vehicle cannot arise at all."

He blamed the ruling party for the incident and said, "It was stage-managed. The Awami League activists had done it and now blame us to tarnish the image of BNP."

Mentioning the government's "sabotage phobia" and frequent accusations against BNP. Bhuiyan said the BNP does not believe in the politics of sabotage, conspiracy and destruc-

These are rather the popular means of Awami League politics, he alleged.

The BNP secretary general said his party believes in peace, production. discipline and development. "BNP has built the country and now the Awami League is destroying every-

thing." Presided over by Sadek Hossain Khoka MP, the rally was also addressed by Chowdhury Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqi, Tariqul Islam, Mir Shawkat Ali, Khurshid Jahan Haq MP, Amanullah Aman MP, Abdullah Al Noman, Barrister Abui Hasnat, Barkatullah Bulu MP, Rezabullah Chowdhury, Fazlul Haq Milon, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee and Afroza Abbas.

After the meeting BNP brought out a procession which paraded different city streets.

#### Unite against communal forces'

By Staff Correspondent

Some distinguished citizens of the country yesterday emphasised the need for organising a national conference of all political parties and socio-cultural organisations against fundamentalism and communalism.

They were speaking at a discussion meeting organised by the Daily Ajker Kagoj at its of-

The participants observed that fundamentalism and communalism had become a big threat and it should be faced politically.

They demanded repeal of the fifth and eighth amendments to the Constitution and ban on the political parties based on reli-They demanded investiga-

tion into the conspiracy and subversive activities of the communal forces and sought exemplary punishment of those involved. The anti-liberation forces

are hatching conspiracy against the Shikha Chairantan, they said. They urged the people from

all walks of live to resist the fundamentalist forces and to take up coordinated programmes. Participants at the discussion included, among others.

Mazharul Islam, Mahadeve Shaha, Khondkar Mazharul Karim, Zillur Rahman Siddique, Lutfur Rahman Riton. Harun Habib, Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, Khushi Kabir, Shawkat Osman and Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury.

#### Verdict today

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der Special Powers Act. Attorney General Barrister KS Nabi told the court that the prejudicial acts of the detenus provided sufficient causes to pass order of detention against

however, pointed out that this He mentioned prejudicial concept is absent in the process acts as beating journalists. hurling bombs on police, breakof the plan for sub-regional ing and ransacking vehicles "India needs this regional and shops and establishments, cooperation for the sake of its and activities of sabotage for geographical hegemony and disrupting continuous power supply throughout the country.

Nabi placed before the court a secret file kept by the special bench which was maintained against the detenus in support of his submission.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed. counsel of the habeas corpus petitioners, said that the orders of detention had passed with malafide intentions only to harass political rivals.

The ground served upon the detenus are all vague and indefinite and having no legal basis and the detenus are not in a position to place effective representations against the order of detention as such liable to struck down, he said.

After the hearing, the court fixed today as the date for pronouncing the verdict.

#### Biman seeks

From Page 1 ferry them.

Meanwhile nearly 3000 pilgrims yesterday staged a sit-in from 10 am to 4 pm in front of Motijheel Biman Sales Office demanding their flight to Jeddah by Biman to perform hajj.

In the afternoon they held a rally in front of the national Press Club, a press release of the Bangladesh Pilgrims Welfare Association said.

#### Four-tier local govt amount may be, from the elec-

power.

torate concerned.

at the Thana level.

M K Anwar, another BNP

MP, said, for powerful as well as

effective local government bod-

ies, the parliament members

would need to be accommoda-

tive and tolerant in terms mak-

ing a legislation providing the

local bodies with adequate

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal sug-

gested that the local govern-

ment should have their own po-

lice and the system of elected

magistracy' could be introduced

said, without powerful local

bodies development was im-

possible. "The local bodies must

have access to adequate re-

sources and they should be au-

thorised to raise taxes from

their constituencies con-

cerned," he said adding that

without resources the local bod-

Talea Rahman of Democracy

Watch was very critical about

the composition of the LGC it-

self. "It is surprising that there

is only one woman in the eight-

member commission," she said

adding how could one expect

that the Commission would do

justice in proposing women

representation in the future lo-

pated in the discussion included

Maj (retd) Akhteruzzaman, MP.

AKM Jahangir, MP, Prof Ma-

habbat Khan of DU, Azhar Ali.

a retired secretary and member

of the LGC, Akhtar Hamid Sid-

diki. MP. Gazi Shamsur Rah-

man, MP, Farook Khan, MP

Prof Shawkat Ara Hossain and

Prof Habibur Rahman. Feroz M

Hassan of MSS also spoke on

Among others who partici-

cal bodies.

ies could not be powerful.

Kazi Farook of the ADAB

Sharif Nurul Ambia of the

and jurisdictions of the village, union, thana and district level

governments. "We have also addressed the need for coordinating the development efforts to be taken up by the NGOs and the local bodies, relations among the different tiers of local bodies, representation of women in the local governments and se on," Rahmat Ali said.

Earlier, Suranjit Sengupta. Parliamentary Affairs Adviser to the Prime Minister and a member of the LGC, said that the Commission had proposed everything to meet the consti-tutional obligations in this regard. Referring to the constitutional obligations in this regard, Sengupta said, "all the local bodies are to be run by the elected representatives of the

Barrister Ziaur Rahman, an MP of the BNP, said that his party had apprehensions that the ruling party would try to get a law regarding the local bodies passed by the strength of sheer majority. Referring to the passage of a law during the last session of Jatiya Sangsad that empowered the government to hold Union Parishad elections whenever it decides, the BNP legislator said, "Sometimes actions speak more loudly than

Critical about the Commis sion's refusal to disclose the content of the report it has already prepared, Ziaur Rahman. however, suggested that there should be no such provision in the future law under which a DC can supersede the elected representatives of the local governments. He also proposed that there should be a provision for the local bodies to raise revenue, whatever little the

Australian DPM

arrives today

Minister Tim Fischer arrives in

Dhaka this morning on a three-

day visit to Bangladesh, reports

Minister for Trade, will hold bi-

lateral talks with Commerce

and Industries Minister Tofael

tralian Deputy Prime Minister

is expected to call on President

Shahabuddin Ahmed, Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina and

Energy Minister Lt General

(retd) Noor Uddin Khan, while

the State Minister for Foreign

Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury

Farakka

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of a Director of Indian Joint

Rivers Commission and a

Deputy Secretary of the Indian

Foreign Ministry. Bangladesh

was represented at the meeting

by senior officials of the

Bangladesh Joint Rivers Com-

was convened as the ministe-

rial level meeting of JRC, which

was scheduled to be held on

April 10, was cancelled follow-

ing political developments in

NAM ministerial

confice today

officials of the Non-Aligned

Movement (NAM) countries on

the second day of their meeting

today cleared four themes for

discussions at the ministerial

conference to be inaugurated by

Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda

PM's directive

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need for completion of most of

the works before this year's

LGRD Secretary Hasnat Ab-

Sheikh Hasina also gave

dul Hye gave an overview of the

projects aimed at solving water-

specific directives with regard

logging problem of the city.

rainy season. \*

here tomorrow, reports BSS.

NEW DELHI, Apr 6: Senior

The official level meeting

mission and water experts.

The Indian team comprised

Ahmed this afternoon.

will call on him.

Tim Fischer, who is also

During the visit," the Aus-

Australian Deputy Prime

#### the occasion. Samad Azad leaves for Delhi

Foreign Minister Abdns Samad Azad left Dhaka last night for New Delhi to attend the Foreign Minister-level meeting of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), reports UNB.

The meeting will begin today in the Indian capital.

During his stay in Delhi. Azad will meet the foreign ministers of different member states of NAM and exchange views on bilateral, regional and international issues. He is expected to return home on April

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#### Body to probe incidents of violence at DMC

By DMC Correspondent

The authorities of the Dhaka Medical College (DMC) vesterday formed a five-member inquiry committee to probe the recent incidents of violence on the college campus.

The committee: headed by Prof Harun-ur-Rashid, was formed at an emergency meeting of the Academic Council of the college in the morning. Vice-Principal of DMC Prof Md Shahidul Islam presided over the meeting, according to sources in the Academic Coun-

The meeting was called following two incidents of violence on the college campus in last one week in which at least five activists of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) were injured. Besides, a group of unidentified outsiders ransacked at least ten rooms of Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall on Saturday.

#### AL rally From Page 1

istering protests against, what the party said, throwing of brickbats at the motorcade of Palestine President Yasser Arafat, destructive activities in power and other sectors and attempts to create anarchy in the The ruling party is planning

to publicly clarify its position on issues like the water treaty, power shortage, providing transit to India acts of sabotage and sub-regional grouping. Besides, the AL leaders would also protest against the "conspiracy against spirit of Liberation War, Shikha Chirontan and Shikha Anirban." a party source said.

## 7-point objective

From Page 1 poverty, eradication, employment and income generation, social welfare and improvement in the quality of life. As envisaged in the plan-

ning, the growth quadrangle

will constitute an additionality

to and not be a substitute for bilateral, regional or multilateral cooperation. A prioritised, practical, action-oriented, time-bound and incremental approach should be followed in selection, devel-

opment and implementation of projects. The resources and expertise within the subregion will be given priority and use to the maximum extent possible with resort to international resources and agencies depending on the requirements of specific projects and availability of in-

The meeting took the following pian of action:

ternal resources.

In phase-1, working groups consisting of officials and experts from the participating countries in the identified core economic sectors will be set up to examine and recommend specific projects.

In phase-II, a steering committee consisting of foreign secretaries of the participating countries will examine the reports of the Working Groups and identify high priority pro-

In phase-III, the steering committee, will recommend projects for approval to the meeting of the ministries concerned of the participating countries, who will then launch the implementation phase of projects. The first, second and third phases are expected to take about one year, two years and five to ten years respec-In the Kathmandu meeting.

the Bangladesh delegation, led by foreign secretary Farooq Sobhan, emphasised that Bangladesh would be more than willing to allow other member states to join or be associated with this growth quadrangle, if they wish to do so.

The delegation also reiterated that Bangladesh feels that the four countries of this growth quadrangle should maintain complete transparency in their activities, specially during preparation of feasibility studies and implementation of specific projects.

It was also agreed that, as and when necessary, depending on the project, other countries in the region, such as China and Myanmar, could be associated with the project. Bangladesh would, in the

meantime, fully support similar subregional cooperation or growth triangles/quadrangles undertaken by other member states of SAARC.

The Bangladesh delegation expressed the view that development of other subregional cooperation or growth triangles in South Asia would reinforce regional cooperation among member states of the associa-

The meeting decided that the growth quadrangle of the four countries would pursue independently their cooperation within the framework of It observed that such cooper-

ation should complement and supplement regional cooperation among the member countries of SAARC.

The four FSs considered the terms of reference for the study on subregional cooperation and the modality for its funding. timeframe and mechanism for appointment of national or international consultants and participation of private sector.

# कन धरे विगु९ मश्कि।

## প্রিয় দেশবাসী,

এই দেশ আমার, আপনার, আমাদের সবার। দেশের সমস্যা ও সাফল্যে আপনিও সমান অংশীদার। তাই আপনাকে জানাতে চাই - কেন এই বিদ্যুৎ সংকট।

বিগত বছরগুলোতে ক্রমবর্ধমান চাহিদার সাথে সঙ্গতি রেখে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন এবং গ্যাস সরবরাহ বৃদ্ধি করা হয়নি। যার ফলে আজ সারা দেশে লোড শেডিং হচ্ছে।

### এই সংকট মোকাবেলায় বর্তমান সরকার সর্বাত্মক চেষ্টা চালাচ্ছে

এপ্রিল মাসের মধ্যে ৫৮ কিলোমিটার দীর্ঘ আগুগঞ্জ-বাখরাবাদ গ্যাস পাইপ লাইনের কাজ সমাপ্ত হচ্ছে। এর ফলে দেশের উত্তর - পূর্বাঞ্চলের গ্যাস চট্টগ্রাম অঞ্চলে সরবরাহ সম্ভব হবে এবং গ্যাস চালিত বন্ধ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রগুলো পুনরায় চালু হবে। ফলশ্রুতিতে মে মাসে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন উল্লেখযোগ্যভাবে বৃদ্ধি পাবে।

মনোহরদী-নরসিংদি এবং মেঘনা-বাখরাবাদ এই দুইটি গ্যাস পাইপ লাইনের নির্মাণ কাজ দ্রুত সমাপ্তির পথে। এ নির্মাণ কাজ শেষ হলে গ্যাস চালিত বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র সমূহের উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধি পাবে।

> এ বছরের জুলাই মাসে রাউজান-এর নতুন দিতীয় বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন কেন্দ্ৰ চালু এবং বেশ কয়েকটি বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন কেন্দ্রের পুনর্বাসন সমাপ্ত হলে শীঘ্রই আরো অতিরিক্ত বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ সম্ভব হবে।

এছাড়া সরকারী এবং বেসরকারী উদ্যোগে বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন ও গ্যাস সরবরাহ বৃদ্ধির লক্ষ্যে ব্যাপক কর্মসূচী হাতে নেওয়া হয়েছে।

বিদ্যুতের এই সংকটকালে কৃজ্ঞতা সাধন করুন। প্রয়োজনের অতিরিক্ত বাতি, ফ্যান, এয়ারকুলার বন্ধ রেখে বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে মিতব্যয়ী হোন এবং আমাদের সহযোগিতা করুন।

## ध अश्कछ का छत्व

বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড 🔳 ঢাকা বিদ্যুৎ বিতরণ কর্তৃপক্ষ 📕 পল্লী বিদ্যুতায়ন বোর্ড

#### to the movement of slow and fast moving vehicles on some important roads

The conspiratorial meeting venues include the Dhaka Cantonment house of Col Rashid, BARD in Comilla, Shalna in Gazipur, the Daudkandi village home and city's Aga Mashih Lane residence of Khondaker Mostague Ahmed and Dhaka Cantonment residence of Col

the court reading out the charge. "By doing so the accused

They were further charged with dishing out false, baseless, untrue and motivated informa-

After killing Bangabandhu others at Banani graveyard to destroy evidences, Serajul Huq

submitted. The accused, by doing so, committed crime under Section 120-B of CrPC, which is also a punishable offence and should them and fixed today for fur-

Judge Golam Rasul also gave decision that the hearing on charge-framing be completed by

The six accused arrested are former military officers Syed Farookur Rahman, Shahriar Rashid Khan, Wahab Joarder and Mohiuddin, Zobaida Rashid wife of absconding accused former military officer Abdur Rashid Khandaker and Taheruddin Thakur former minister of state for informa-

The 14 absconding accused one: Lt Col (Dismissed) Khan-Md Bazlul Huda, Lt Col (retd) SHMB Nur Chowdhury, Lt Col

## Bangabandhu murder

From Page 1 Bangabandhu and his family members in series of meetings

in March, 1975 and earlier in different places of the country.

Shariar. They, allegedly to execute the conspiracy, had assembled at Balurghat in Dhaka Cantonment on the night of August 14. 1975, hours before the nexus went for final strike to kill Bangabandhu, Serajul Huq told

committed crime under section 201 of CrPC, which is also a punishable offence and should be tried," the special prosecution lawyer said.

tion through various media to destroy evidences of their and others, the accused, without taking any legal measures and not performing religious rituals, hurriedly buried the body of Bangabandhu at Gopalganj and

be tried in the lawcourt. Earlier, the court rejected prayers of the accused seeking time in charge-framing against

ther hearing on charges.

daker Abdur Rashid, Maj (retd) (relieved) Shariful Huq Dalim, Lt Col (retd) Md Aziz Pasha, Lt Col (relieved) AM Rashed Chowhdury, Maj (relieved) S K M Mohiuddin Ahmed Risaldar Moslehuddin alias Hiron Khan alias Muslemuddin Khan alias Rafikul Islam Khan (retd), Maj (relieved) Shariful Hossain alias Shariful Islam, Capt (relieved) Md Kismet Hashem, Capt (retd) Nazmul Hossain Ansar, Capt (retd) Abdul Majed, besides Marfat Ali Shah and LD Abul Hashem Mirdha.

The four accused who are dead are former president Khandaker Moshtaque Ahmed, Mahbub Alam Chashi, a bureaucrat, Capt. Mostafa and Risalder Sarwar.