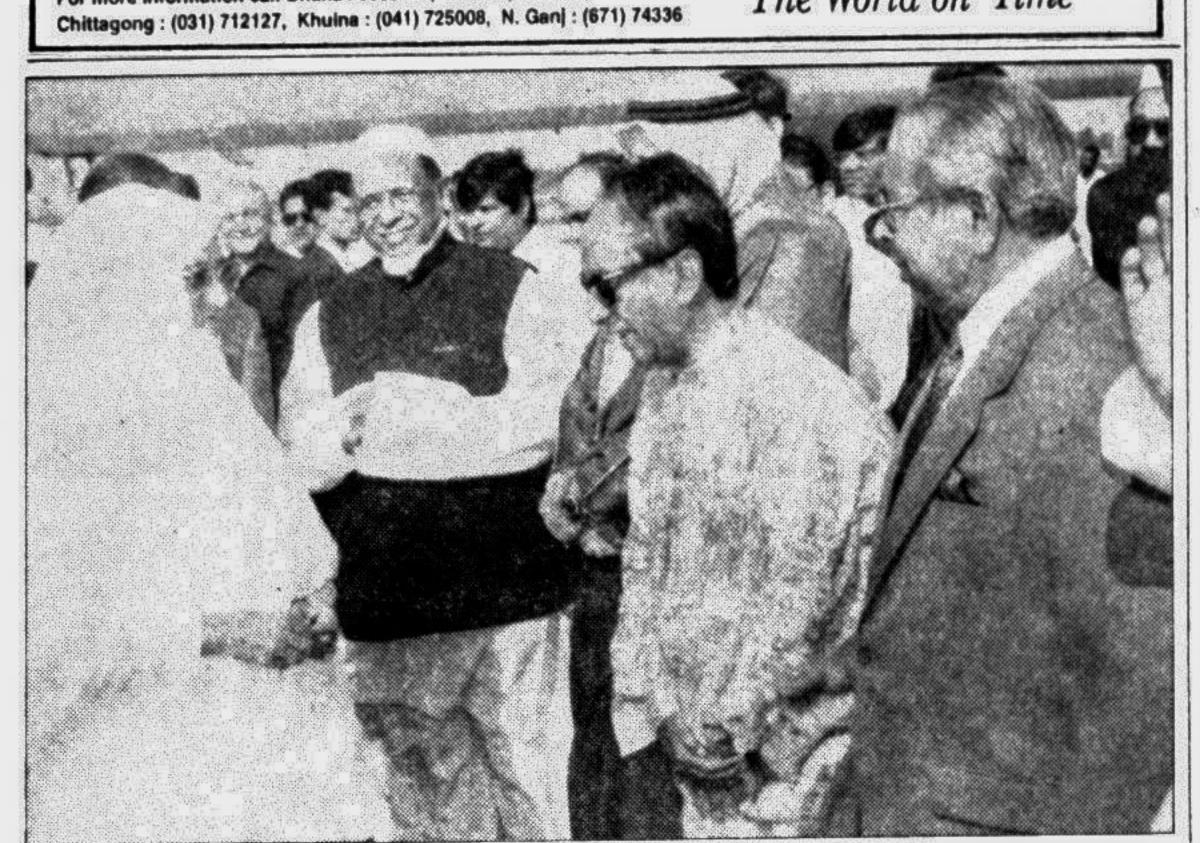


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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina returned home yesterday after performing Hajj.

Hasina returns

7 rifles, one revolver recovered in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Apr 21: Police arrested two terrorists and recovered seven rifles, one revolver and 356 bullets after an exchange of gunshots with the notorious Nasir group during a raid in its hideout in Kotwali thana this evening, reports

The arrested were identified as Mohammad Manik, son of Delwar Hossain of village Dharmapur in Fatikchhari thana and Nurul Islam, son of Abdul Motaleb of Barapul area in Doublemooring thana of the city. They are now under interrogation.

The recovered arms and ammunition include one G-3 rifle, two Chinese rifles, one AK-47 rifle, two MARK-4 rifles. one MARK-4 sawed off rifle. one .302 bore revolver, and 356 bullets of rifle and 6 of revolver. Police said acting on a tip-

Nor'wester

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Deputy commissioner of Sylhet said Jaintapur thana of the district is the worst hit. About 20 villages of the thana were hit by the nor wester.

Besides, houses and trees, it damaged standing crops. The extent of damage in other areas of the district is yet to be assessed, the DC said.

Meanwhile two metric tons of rice and Taka ten thousand in cash were distributed among the affected people of Jaintapur thana, sources said.

accounted for 65 per cent of the

Bangladeshi working popula-

tion in 1995, the report said

tracted only USD 125 million

in FDI compared to 5,800 mil-

lion in Malaysia, 4,500 million

in Indonesia, 1,750 million in

India and 639 million in Pak-

Australia and New Zealand as

the region's three developed

countries and classified

Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal,

Myanmar and Laos as least de-

Daily Star later that continued

overcrowding of the agricul-

tural sector and poor living

conditions in rural areas meant

that people were moving to the

in the manufacturing sector

was creating employment and

taking some of the pressure off

rural regions, rural-to-urban

migration was further crowding

cities, creating slums with poor

health conditions and increas-

cial later told The Daily Star

that industrialisation alone

would not solve Bangladesh's

economic woes and help the 'ul

tra-poor'. Development of the

agricultural sector should be

the cornerstone for economic

development in the country be-

cause it will benefit small

farmers, contribute greatly to

the GDP and also feed the man-

ufacturing and transport sec-

20 per cent of the population —

has little or no access to health

and education services. Better

services in the two sectors will

encourage donor agencies to

border transport and coopera-

tion in telecommunications are

also important for regional de-

velopment, the ESCAP survey

countries to increase aid to

countries that cannot attract

investment. Developed coun-

tries should also not use anti-

dumping measures to protect

their own markets, it said.

Turning to Bangladesh's macro-

economic balance and stability.

the report says Bangladesh has

been successful in reducing the

It also urged developed

UNB adds: Increase in cross-

He said the 'ultra-poor' — 10-

A top Finance Ministry offi-

He said that although growth

city to find work.

ing the crime rate.

tors, he said.

provide funding.

Dr Aminul Islam told The

The survey identified Japan.

In 1995. Bangladesh at

quoting statistics.

off, a team of plainclothes DB personnel raided a house adjacent to Suhrawardy hostel of Chittagong College at about 6:15

pm today. The police fired 12 rounds of gunshots in the encounter with the armed gang who tried to re-

sist the policemen. At one stage, the members of the gang including its leader Nasir tried to escape, but two of them failed.

Police later recovered the arms from the house. Nasir, hailing from Hathazari, was wanted by Fatikchhari police in 10-12 cases of terror-

demanded

BANDARBAN, Apr 21: Fire

fected people. The stock has al-

Chairman Mongku Ching

gency relief materials including

average annual inflation rate

1990 to just above 4 per cent in

1991-95. The most recent trends

indicate a tendency for infla-

tion to stabilise at that low

have emphasised continued

price, stability along with

greater mobilisation of domes-

tic resources. To that end, mon-

etary and fiscal reforms have

been carried out, the report

stepped up and expenditure

growth restrained to reduce fis-

cal deficits, it added. The ES-

CAP report observed that gaps

between domestic savings rates

and the modest investment

rates prevailing in the economy

as well as between the public

sector revenue and expenditure

remained too wide. It, however.

said efforts to accelerate domes-

tic savings and investments

were being further strengthened

in Bangladesh.

Tax collection has been

Recent policy initiatives

level or to come down further.

from about 10 per cent in 1981-

Chowdhury demanded emer-

food for the distressed people.

Local Government Parishad

short, reports UNB.

ready been finished.

ESCAP survey report

Prime Minister Sheikh ism, murder, snatching and Hasina, on completion of 'Repossessing illegal arms. turn Tawaaf' in Makkah Muazzema, went to Madina Relief for Ruma Manwara on Saturday and performed Ziarat at the Rouza Mubarak of Hazrat Mohammad fire victims (SM). She also offered prayers

at the Masjid-e-Nabubi. During her stay in Mina, the Prime Minister also had a meeting with Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud at his

home

Hasina returned home yester-

day from Saudi Arabia after

performing the holy Hajj, re-

ports UNB.

airport.

Dhaka on April 14.

Prime Minister Sheikh

The Prime Minister arrived

Foreign Minister Abdus

Samad Azad, LGRD and Coop-

eratives Minister Zillur Rah-

man, Finance Minister Shah A

M S Kibria, City Mayor Mo-

hammad Hanif, State Minister

for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan,

Dean of Diplomatic Corps

Shata Zarab, Army and Navy

chiefs, high civil and military

officials were present at the

at the Zia International Airport

at about 8:15 am. She left

victims of Ruma thana of the palace on Thursday. district are facing acute shortage of food as the government JP rebels await allotment for them has run withdrawal Meanwhile, the district administration distributed some 1225 kg rice among 1100 afof Zafar's

By Staff Correspondent The conflict in the Jatiya Party hierarchy continued as the three rebel leaders were expecting withdrawal of the expulsion order against Kazi Zafar Ahmed prior to a dialogue with Party Chairman HM Er-

expulsion

shad, according to sources in the party-high command. "Withdrawal of the expulsion order is yet to be thought about." said Naziur Rahman Manju, additional secretary general of the JP, talking to The Daily

Star last night. The issue may come under consideration "only if the two senior leaders seat across the table with the party chairman," said Naziur Rahman, adding "If they make a request, it will be

honoured. Shah Moazzam Hossain, spokesman for the three rebel leaders told this correspondent last night that they were expecting withdrawal of the expulsion

order within a week. Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Shah Moazzam Hossain, the three senior leaders of the JP, have challenged Ershad's leadership in the party. Of the three, Kazi Zafar was expelled on grounds of anti-party activities.

No change in economic, foreign policies: Gujral

NEW DELHI, Apr 21: India's new prime minister, Inder Kumar Gujral, said today that he would press ahead with openmarket economic reforms pursued by the two previous gov-

ernments, report Reuter, BSS. Gujral told reporters after taking the oath of office that he would keep the foreign and finance ministry portfolios for himself in his new centre-left government.

"We will continue the economic reforms and strengthen

them," Guiral said. Asked to comment on relations with Pakistan, Gujral, who was foreign minister in Deve Gowda's cabinet, said: "Our foreign policy will continue to be the same.

The new prime minister said he would announce his government's plans for the 1997-98 (April-March) budget to parliament, scheduled to reconvene later today

Lok Sabha Speaker PA. Sangma said today that Gujral had indicated he supported the government budget presented in February by former finance minister P. Chidambaram.

Sangma told reporters after a meeting with Gujral that the new prime minister wanted to push a budget covering the entire 1997-98 (April-March) fiscal year through parliament "His (Gujral's) indication is he will go by the old budget, Sangma said, referring to Chidambaram's plan.

Gujral said that he would try to serve without fear or favour.

The 78-year old leader told a questioner that he would per-

Pakistan NDC team in city

A 12-member team of the Pakistan National Defence College arrived in the city yesterday on a six-day study tour to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

Headed by Rear Admiral Ma-

sood M Bia Bani of the Pak-

istan Navy, the team includes high civil and military officers from the USA, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. The team members will place wreaths at the Shikha Anirban (the eternal flame) at

the Dhaka Cantonment and visit the Defence Services Command and Staff College at Mirpur. They will also visit military training establishment in

Chittagong, Kaptai, Jessore and

Tea Research Institute at Sri-Besides, a tour of the Sundarbans have also been ar-

The team members are also expected to make a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

suade the Tamil Manila Congress (TM€) to join in the United Front government. 'I will make very effort to per-

suade them to join," he added. The TMC whose leader GK Moopanar was in the race for the post of prime minister refrained from taking part in the new United Front government but supporting it from outside.

Another report says, Gujral today expressed confidence that India will "succeed" in improving relations with Pakistan particularly after the resumption of the stalled foreign secretary level talks between the two countries last month.

"I am sure we will succeed," asserted Gujral to a pointed question at the annual session of Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) here.

"I am fundamentally a perennial optimist," he said adding the very fact the bilateral talks had begun, augured well for improving relations."

Gujral as India's external affairs minister, is known to have promoted what has come to be known as "Gujral doctrine" to promotion good neighbourly relations with all the South Asian nations.

Reaffirming this policy, he said one of the aims of India's foreign policy was to promote friendly relations with neighbouring countries and added that India was doing whatever it could to promote SAPTA in this context.

PARIS. Apr 21: French President Jacques Chirac today announced the dissolution o the National Assembly and early legislative elections in

two rounds on May 25 and June

French parliament

 reports AFP. Speaking on television, Chirac appealed to voters to give him a majority in parliament "which will have the strength and the necessary duration to meet the challenges of today.'

Young woman abducted in Patiya

CHITTAGONG, Apr 21: A young woman was kidnapped from in front of Kusumpura union parishad office in Patia thana around noon on Sunday, reports UNB.

Police said one Ferdausi Begum. 18, daughter of Badiul Alam of Binimehera area in the thana was kidnapped by one Tauhidul Alam alias Manik Mia, son of Abdul Jabbar Saudagar of Kusumpura when she was returning home from a relative's house by a

Law Commission

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need not be altered. About enactment of a new section, Section 364 (kha), suggesting death penalty or imprisonment for life and fine for similar offences as are covered by section 364 of the Code, the LC observed. The new section need not be enacted as the acts mentioned therein are covered by the proposed amendment to

Section 364. The Home Ministry has suggested enactment of new sections, 383 (ka), 383 (kha), 383 (ga), 383 (gha), 384 (ka), 384 (kha), 384 (ga) and amendment to section 384 and defined 'mugging and toll collection'. By these proposed sections, punishment for offences as are covered by Sections 382, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 392, 395 and 397, has been sought to be enhanced.

The LC observed that the proposed Sections 383 (ka) and 383 (kha), which respectively defines 'mugging' and 'toll collection' were 'redundant and not necessary'.

It also observed that there does not appear to be any legal bar against 'enhancement of punishment' and fixing of 'minimum punishment' for the offences covered by the provisions, 'as may be deemed fit by the legislature.

About the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 the Home Ministry proposed amendments to Sections 3, 3A, 4 and 5 of the Act, for enhancement of punishment. The LC observed, The punishments may be enhanced as proposed by the Committee (of the Home Ministry) or to such extent as may be deemed fit. The Home Ministry also

proposed amendment to Section 4 of the Arms Act, 1878 by including 'Chinese arms' in the definition of 'arms'. The LC in its recommendation said, "The word Chinese axe," being unidentifiable, cannot be included in the definition of "arms in Section 4 of the Arms Act 1878". "Axes" can be so included, "if deemed fit by the Parliament.'

As regards the Motor Vehicles Ordinance (MVO) 1983, the Home Ministry proposed amendment to Sections 137 to 158 besides the Twelfth Schedule of the Ordinance, suggesting a maximum fine of Tk 100,000 and a minimum of Tk 10,000. "The rate of fine proposed is too unrealistic and is likely to result in non-realisation of the fine," the LC observed.

The LC recommended a maximum fine of Tk 10,000 and a minimum of Tk 2000 and imprisonment for a maximum period of five years and a minimum of two years'

Without suggesting any amendment to the Women and Children Repression Act, 1995, the LC observed that there is "inconsistency between the proposal for enhancement of punishment under Section 364 of the Penal Code and the punishment prescribed for a similar offence under Section 13 of the said Act".

Gujral faces confidence vote today

Devendra Prasad Yadav, was a

The swearing-in ceremony was attended, among others, by vice president KR Narayanan, outgoing Prime Minister. HD Deve Gowda, former prime ministers, PV. Narasimha Rao, AB Vajpayee and Chandra Shekhar, Speaker, PA. Sangma, Congress President, Sitaram Kesri, Chief Ministers, M. Karunanidhi, Laloo Prasad Yadav and PK. Mahanta and TMC

leader GK. Moopanar. The Prime Minister has retained his earlier portfolio of External Affairs and kept Finance with him obviously in the hope of persuading the TMC to participate in the ministry in which case Chidambaram may get back finance ministry.

All the other ministers have been allotted their old portfolios. Of the 33 ministers 16 are of cabinet rank and the rest ministers of state. Minister of state Magbool

Dar, heading the Hajj delegation, could not take oath though his name was called. Immediately after taking oath, Gujral went straight to

Kesri and shook hands with Moopanar arrived at the Ashoka Hall at the last minute. Those who took oath as cabinet ministers were Balwant Singh Ramoowalia, Beni Prasad Varma, Birendra Prasad

Baishya, CM. Ibrahim, Chaturanan Mishra, Indrajit Gupta, Janeshwar Mishra, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Murasoli Maran, Saifuddin Soz, RL Jalappa, Ram Vilas Paswan, SR Bommai. Srikanta Kumar Jena, TG Venkataraman and Yarren Naidu. The ministers of state are: Bolla Buli Ramaiah, Chan-

dradeo Prasad Verma, Dilip Kumar Ray, Capt Jai Narayan Prasad Nishad, Mrs Kanti Singh, MP Virendra Kumar, Muhi Ram Saikia, NVN Somu, Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Ramakant D Khalap, Dr S Venugopalachari, Saleem Iqbal Sherwani, Satpal Maharaj, Shees Ram Ola, TR Baalu, Dr U Venkateswarlu and Yogendra K Alagh.

The previous United Front government, under Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, collapsed on April 11 after 10 months when the Congress withdrew its backing and made an abortive bid to form its own coalition administration.

Guiral was given the goahead to form a government

late Sunday after the UF coalition and Cong-I told the President they were committed to making the partnership work.

Talking to newsmen after the swearing in of Gujral Congress president Sitaram Kesri said, 'I am very much satisfied with the new government.

He expressed the hope that the new government would take necessary measures to fight communalism and strengthen forces of secularism.

Kesri said 'only an illiterate can say this,' when asked whether the Congress has extended unconditional support to the Gujral government. Under Sunday's agreement,

Gujral will meet regularly with Congress Party leader Sitaram Kesri to discuss policy. The prime minister also will head a committee comprising five lawmakers each from the United Front and from Congress to coordinate strategy in parliament.

The Congress will not officially be part of Guiral's government, but their plans to work closely together will give Congress significant influence. In an interview with Star TV, a regional station, Guiral

acknowledged Sunday that the arrangement would not be easy. "I think we must gradually

create an impression and a relationship in this country where cooperation, whether participating in the government or not, becomes the basis on which a healthy democracy can be built and sustained,' he added.

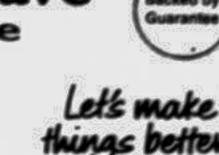
The Congress move, which forced the United Front to replace Gowda with Gujral, was seen by many as an attempt to set off an internal power struggle that could destroy the front, opening the way to a Congressled government.

Hindu nationalists today renewed their call for fresh elections shortly after Gujral was sworn in as the new prime minister.

Lal Krishna Advani, president of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), said new nationwide polls would be better than a 'theatre of the macabre' minority multi-party government running the country. "The cost of instability and

non-governance would be many times more than the cost of elections at the present juncture," Advani told a meeting of business leaders in Delhi.





Let's make things better PHILIPS

3 killed in city incidents

By Staff Correspondent Three persons were killed in separate incidents in the city

vesterday. One Gifari, 22, and an unidentified youth, aged 27, were killed in two road accidents in Lalbagh and Gulistan areas respectively in the early hours of vesterday.

Meanwhile, Tejgaon police began an investigation into the mysterious death of another unidentified youth.

Our DMCH Correspondent reports, one youngman took an unconscious man aged about 24 the to the Suhrawardy Hospital yesterday afternoon from where he disappeared shortly afterwards.

The Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Tejgaon thana told The Daily Star last night that a friend of the unidentified youth left the hospital saying he was staying in Hotel Modern at Nababpur Road. But police could not find him there.

The OC also said that before the youth had left the hospital he had told doctors that his friend was killed in a road accident at Mirpur. Police were interrogating the

hotel manager, who said the boarder did not leave his permanent address. 58 more Rohingyas

return to Myanmar COX'S BAZAR, Apr 21: Fiftveight more Rohingya refugees of 12 families returned to their Myanmar homeland from the refugee camps in the district today, reports UNB.

With this, a total of 228,877 Rohingyas, who took refuge in Bangladesh territory, have been repatriated. The remaining 22,000 Ro-

hingya refugees in the camps of the district are awaiting return home. The Rohingya repatriation agreed upon by authorities of

Myanmar and Bangladesh remained suspended for the last three weeks due to New Year and Eid-ul-Azha, said officials here. A high-level meeting between officials of the two countries in Chittagong on January

However, another batch of Rohingyas is likely to be repatriated next Thursday.

8 resolved to complete the repa-

triation process by March 31,

Preparations for holding HSC exams complete

The government has taken all necessary preparations for holding in a fair manner the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination beginning May 8, reports UNB. An announcement of the Ed-

ucation Ministry yesterday said preparations had already been completed to prevent unfair means in the coming exams. Punitive measures have been planned against those who will be involved in dishing out ru-

mours on question paper leakage, the ministry warned. Actions were also taken against some teachers or institutions found guilty in the question paper leakage scandal dur-

ing the last SSC examination in different parts of the country. The Education Ministry sought cooperation from students, guardians, teachers and mass media in holding the examinations smoothly and

They paid tolls From Page 1

group of farmers was beaten up and at one point was forced to unload their cattle at an open field, he alleged.

"We came with 25 bulls in two trucks. At every major intersection we were stopped and asked to pay tolls ranging from Tk 50 to Tk 2,000," said Azizur Rahman who was trying to sell his cattle at the Banani cattle market on Wednesday last. Describing the plight of his

journey, Rahman said after overcoming numerous difficulties en route to Dhaka his team was stopped by 50 to 60 stickwielding youths at Khilkhet Bazar. "In the presence of the policemen they demanded that our trucks be unloaded and the cattle sold at their market," he said. "One by one the bulls were

unloaded and taken to a nearby field. I ran to the thana but was told to sell my cattle at the site which did not have any facilities, let alone buyers," Rahman said, adding that some of his team members had to smuggle out 12 cattle and come to the Banani market. "Whenever the police stopped

us they first threatened us with things like 'accompany us to the thana, where are your papers, then finding us helpless they asked for the money," Rahman said showing his account book. He said the group had to pay

tolls of Tk 400 at Baidyanathpur, Tk 50 at Kushtia, Tk 800 at three different points of Gorai Ghat, Tk 400 at Kumarkhali police station. Tk 800 at Pangsha, Tk 350 at Khuksha, Tk 850 at two different points of Rajbari, Tk 50 at Daulatdia, Tk 800 at two different points of Aricha, Tk 400 at Manikganj, Tk 400 at Nabinagar, Tk 750 at three places near Tongi.

Bangabandhu murder

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ment. The defence lawyer informed the court that he had a petition pending with the High Court for quashing the charge against his client under Section 561 A of the CrPC, which will be taken up on the reopening of the HC on April 27. The HC went on Eid vacation on April 10, he

The judge enquired if there was any vacation bench for this period.

He was told that there was a

single bench for the vacation period, but a division bench was required to deal with the cases of the defence. Khan Saifur Rahman, lawyer for accused Farook, prayed for an adjournment of

the proceedings to enable him to move a writ petition in the High Court on its reopening on April 27 questioning the sitting of the court in a jail annexe. Besides he expressed apprehension about getting fair justice for his client.

The court rejected the prayers for adjournment observing that they were free to go to the higher court but the trial should continue. According to his observation, the question of any prejudice in the case is immaterial as the case will not end by the time the High Court reopens on April 27.

When the prayer for adjournment was rejected, the counsel for Zobaida Rashid placed another petition under Section 526 of the CrPC saying they were apprehending that they would not get fair and impartial trial in this court and would move the higher court for transferring the case to another

SAARC body meet begins in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Apr 21: A twoday meeting of the committee on economic cooperation (CEC) of SAARC began here today, reports BSS. It reviewed the progress of

implementation of the decisions the SAARC commerce ministers took in their last meeting. Bangladesh Commerce Sec-

phasized the need for scaling down the value addition norms in the intra-SAARC countries for re-export purposes.

Chinese troops

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expected to arrive in the last days of British rule, paving the way for a garrison that will be stationed here after the union flag is hauled down on midnight, June 30.

leader of the advance party, Major-General Zhou Borong, stepped from a black saloon to shake hands with British and Chinese officials and wave to the press

high-rise barracks on the waterfront on Hong Kong island, where they were greeted by the commander of the British forces here, Major-General

Brayan Dutton.

The trial court then adjourned the proceedings of the

It is mandatory to adjourn the proceedings of a trial when a petition is moved under Section 526 of the CrPC, the judge

observed. The court allowed the relatives of the accused persons to witness the proceedings of the

Of the nine witnesses summoned by the court, five appeared during yesterdays proceedings. They are: Mahitul Islam, the complainant, Nurul Islam, a former SP, Maj (retd) Shahadat, Habilder Kuddus and Niaz Ahmed Gorjan.

Iran to help preserve rain, surface waters

Iran has assured help and assistance to Bangladesh in preserving rain and surface waters and its proper use for increasing the country's agricultural production, reports UNB.

The assurance came from Iranian Minister for Construction Golam Reza Furoges, who is also the co-chairman of Bangladesh-Iran Joint Economic Commission, during a meeting with Agriculture and Food Minister Motia Chowdhury in Tehran on Sunday.

During the meeting, Motia Chowdhury, who is leading a delegation to an international conference on rainwater preservation being held at the Iranian capital, gave a resume of the constructive programmes taken up by the government of Bangladesh for agricultural development. Both sides also discussed the

fields of increasing cooperation

in agri research and decided to

take necessary steps in this re-

gard, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday. Two Iranian deputy ministers Taki Aman Power and Rasul Lahijanian met separately

with the Bangladesh Agriculture Minister. Waste treatment

From Page 1 tries which use various types of chemicals may cause harmful retary Syed A F Chowdhury. effects on air and water. who is leading a five-member Waste water from these facdelegation to the meeting, emtories affect the marine life, sewerage handling systems and agricultural land, she observed.

tal of about 502 textile indus-The value addition norms tries including 20 public sector for re-export of intermediate units discharge waste water of and finished goods imported 40,000 cubic meter per day. The from other SAARC countries pollution load of these textile are fixed at 50 per cent.

mills may have detrimental effects on environment. The three major effluents emanated by

hazardous for both human Several other PLA groups are health and environment. These are liquid waste water, gaseous

Beaming and relaxed, the

The vanguard then drove to a

were gutted. An hour-long clash was also

waste and solid, they added.

the sugar industries are serious

The DOE officials said a to-

industries is 26,000 kg per day.

Waste released from 16 sugar

Maniknagar

From Page 1 leged that a commissioner led the group who set ablaze the slum in which 200 shanties

occurred over capturing land and establishing supremacy on the slum before the arson. DMP Commissioner AK Al Mamun visited the spot yester-

day and directed police officials

to arrest the miscreants imme-

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পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন

লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, বিদ্যুৎ সংকট বা পাম্পের যান্ত্রিক গোলযোগের জন্য সাময়িকভাবে পানির পাম্প বন্ধ থাকার কারণে পানির সংকট হলে পাম্প সংলগ্ন এলাকার লোকজন পাম্পে চড়াও হন এবং নানারকম অবাঞ্ছিত ঘটনার সৃষ্টি করেন। এসব ক্ষেত্রে পানি সংকটের ব্যাপারে তদন্তে দেখা গেছে যে, অধিকাংশ ক্ষেত্রে যাদের বাড়িতে ভূ–গর্ভস্থ জলাধার নাই তাদেরই পানির সমস্যা হচ্ছে। এ প্রসঙ্গে উল্লেখ্য, ঢাকা ওয়াসা উহার বিভিন্ন পানির পাম্প হতে মহানগরীতে স্থাপিত সরবরাহ লাইনে গ্রাউভ লেভেলে নির্দিষ্ট সময়সূচী মোতাবেক পানি সরবরাহ করছে। এমতাবস্থায় সরবরাহকৃত এ পানি সংরক্ষণের জন্য প্রতিটি হোডিংয়ে নির্দিষ্ট মাপের প্রয়োজনীয় ভূ-গর্ভস্থ জলাধার নির্মাণসহ বহুতলবিশিষ্ট ভবনগুলোতে গ্রাউভ লেভেলের উর্ধে পানি উত্তোলনের নিজস্ব ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করার জন্য মহানগরীর সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল গ্রাহক সাধারণকে বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। এতদব্যতীত ভূ-গর্ভস্থ ও ছাদের উপরস্থিত গ্রাহকসাধারণের বিদ্যমান জলাধারসমূহ স্বাস্থ্যসমতভাবে নিয়মিত পরিষ্কার করার জন্যও সংশ্রিষ্ট সকলকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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