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Japan to provide loan

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that Japan government was eagerly looking forward to the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to Japan.

During the meeting, Kibria informed his Japanese counterpart about policy initiatives taken by the present government for achieving higher growth rate with equity and social justice.

Mitsuzuka mentioned his government's appreciation to the policies and programmes of Sheikh Hasina's government and hoped that the economic relationship between the two countries would further be strengthened in the days ahead.

Kibria sought Japanese assistance for a number of projects of vital importance to the development of Bangladesh, like Rupsha Bridge project, Sylhet Osman International Airport project and Ganges Barage project.

The Japanese Finance Minister stated that the proposals would receive careful consideration of Japanese government.

He accepted the invitation extended by Bangladesh Fi-

Muggers snatch Tk 1.86 lakh in city

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of muggers attacked an auto-tempo driver and an employee of a company in the city yesterday afternoon and snatched from them money and cigarettes worth Tk 1.86 lakh.

The driver and the employee of Smah Ltd, a marketing company, came under attack when they were distributing cigarettes and collecting money from Natunbazar area in Kalyanpur at about 1:45 pm, according to Mirpur police.

CU strike

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blocking the entrance of the university.

No classes were held till today and vehicles carrying students were not allowed to enter the campus. Only the vehicles carrying teachers were allowed to enter the university today to facilitate them to take part in election of teachers' representatives, the sources said.

Talking to The Daily Star Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Abdul Mannan said, "We are holding talks with the student leaders separately to end the stalemate."

Police has been deployed on the campus to check violence.

BSS adds: The authority of the Chittagong University has constituted a three-member enquiry committee to probe into the incident which took place on the Chittagong University campus centring admission test of the Ka unit on May 5, a university press release said tonight.

Kalparanjan Chakma made Task Force chairman

Kalparanjan Chakma, MP elected from Khagrachhari Hill district, has been appointed Chairman of the Task Force on monitoring and implementing the government-announced package incentive for the tribal refugees, reports UNB.

As Chairman of the Task Force, he will enjoy the status and facilities of a State Minister, said an official handout yesterday.

SP Mahbub

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Hasan Amin yesterday pronounced the judgement on the writ petition filed by Mahbubuddin Ahmed.

After promulgation of Martial Law in 1975, SP Mahbub was detained under the Special Powers Act, 1974, and was also implicated in a number of criminal cases.

Subsequently, his detention was declared illegal by the HC and the criminal cases were ultimately withdrawn for want of evidences.

He was released from Dhaka Central Jail on August 18, 1982.

After his release, he was not allowed to join his service. He was informed that he had been suspended by an order dated March 20, 1975, but the suspension order was not communicated to him beforehand.

It was also stated in the judgement that no departmental proceeding was drawn against him.

SP Mahbub was dismissed from service under the Martial Law Order No-9, of January 4, 1987.

He challenged his dismissal before the Administrative Tribunal and also appealed before the Administrative Appellate Tribunal. But his appeal was also dismissed on the ground that the Tribunal had no jurisdiction to dispose of the impugned dismissal order as it was passed under the MLO.

Barrister Shafiq Ahmed along with H R Sharif assisted by Advocate G S Huq moved for Mahbubuddin Ahmed, while Deputy Attorney General Kaisaruddin Ahmed represented the government.

Summit opens

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Gayoom was elected chairman of the Ninth Summit amidst ovation from the delegates and officials.

Indian Prime Minister I K Gujral, Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandarnaike Kumaratunga, Prime Minister Singye Wangchuk of Bhutan, President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of Maldives and SAARC Secretary General Naem U Hasan addressed the inaugural session.

On the second day of the summit tomorrow, the SAARC leaders are expected to go for retreat at Full Moon Beach resort.

New Ctg port chairman

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When Mahmud was the member (operation) of the Mongla Port Authority (MPA), the Jatiya Sangsad Public Undertakings Committee accused him of being involved in amassing lakhs of taka showing false purchase and use of oil and oil products of the MPA's central depot.

A departmental case was filed by the Establishment Ministry against Mahmud in November 1993 and two increments were held up as a light punishment as allegations relating to inefficiency and misconduct were proved, the minister said in his reply.

Rab added that the parliamentary Standing Committee on the Shipping Ministry, in its report, also held Mahmud responsible for irregularities in maintaining and repairing of two cranes of the port.

The Establishment Ministry also initiated a departmental case against him in March 1994. Hearings of the case have already been completed, the minister said.

He said a newly formed body, the port advisory council, had a number of meetings in last few weeks and suggested appointment of a permanent chairman for the CPA.

The government has taken initiatives to appoint permanent chairmen for both sea ports of the country and an announcement in this respect will follow within a few days, he said.

Jail killing case

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Asked about the number of accused likely to be chargesheeted, an official said, "It probably will not exceed the number in the Bangabandhu murder case".

Asked how many of the accused were arrested so far in connection with the jail killing case, the official said, "The number is not probably more than that in the Bangabandhu murder case".

About the number of witnesses in the case, he said, "we are yet to decide".

The hearing of the Bangabandhu murder case commenced in the Court of District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka, on April 8 with indictment against 20 accused.

Sharif, Gujral

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seven-nation trading bloc into a European-style economic community.

The Indo-Pakistan bilateral meeting capped a progression that began in March when senior diplomats resumed negotiations after a three-year suspension.

The Kashmir issue, however, was not mentioned in the speeches, which were remarkable for their unusually congenial tone.

Gujral said the seven countries of the Indian subcontinent should emulate other models of economic integration. "Our vision for South Asia should reach the contours of a South Asian Economic Community," he said.

Such a community would combine the forces of one-fifth of humanity, which now has nearly half of the world's poorest people and an average per capita income of just over dir 300, less than sub-Saharan Africa.

"We must open up new horizons," said Abdul Gayoom, the president of the Maldives who assumed the chairmanship of the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation.

SSMC

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On Sunday night, the employees also attacked the boys hostel and hurled bombs when the students were holding a rally protesting the attack.

The academic council of the college in an emergency meeting yesterday restricted movement of class four employees in some areas of the campus to avert further untoward incidents like eve teasing.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: The offices of the Sandhani at the Sir Salimullah Medical College were ransacked and its equipment destroyed by class three and four employees of the college, assisted by some hoodlums yesterday, said a press release of the voluntary organisation last night.

The president of Sandhani, A K M Faizul Huq, was seriously injured during the incident, the press release said.



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Attack on JP MP Home Minister assures tough action

By Staff Correspondent

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam told the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that a probe was ordered into a recent attack on an MP and assured of tough action against the persons responsible.

He gave the assurance after Md Shahadat Hussain, a Jatiya Party lawmaker from Satkhira, stood on a point of order to tell the House about the attack on him.

Shahadat Hussain said that a section of Awami League workers of Kaliganj area recently attacked a meeting that he was presiding and seven persons were hospitalised with injuries. "Later, the miscreants also attacked me," he added.

In response, the Home Minister informed the House about the investigation and expressed sympathy for the lawmaker.

Kandupatti

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under control. They also convinced the attackers that the decision to withdraw the brothel totally and legally depends on top level.

Police reinforcements were deployed in an around the troubled but vacant brothel and the deployment will continue until a solution, said DC (South) of DMP, Rahmatjan Sikder.

Witnesses and police sources said the mob was allegedly led by a local ward commissioner, said to be the owner of one of the buildings of the brothel.

Last week, police and Bangladesh Women Lawyers' Association in two separate drives had rescued some 30 underage sex workers from Kandupatti.

Following the rescue operation, DC (South) Rahmatjan Sikder wrote a letter to DMP Commissioner AK Al Mamun for contacting higher authorities to evict the brothel from such a busy point.

The 200-year-old brothel is situated at the crowded and unkempt centre point of Malitola, Nawabpur Road and English Road which is near the deputy commissioner office of Dhaka.

Zakia Akhter secy-in-charge of PM's Sectt

Additional Secretary of the Prime Minister's Secretariat Begum Zakia Akhter Chowdhury has been appointed Secretary-in-charge to the PM's Secretariat, said an official handout yesterday, reports UNB.

Director General of Bangladesh TV Shahriar ZR Iqbal has been transferred to the Ministry of Information as an Additional Secretary while additional Director of Voters' ID Card project has been transferred to the Ministry of Food as Joint Secretary.

Businessman shot in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 12: Muggers shot a businessman, Abul Bashar and snatched Tk 20,000 from him at Sirajuddallah road here today witnesses and police said.

4-pt accord

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Hafiz also criticised Zillur Rahman for passing derogatory remarks about the BNP chairperson.

In reply, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, one of the signatories to the 4-point accord, denied disturbance in the sound system when Khaleda Zia's speech was telecast. "I heard the Opposition leader clearly in the House and through the television. I don't know if she had any problem in her voice," he said.

The minister also pointed out that like the Opposition members deliberations of some ruling party ones are also found missing from the summarized version of the Sangsad proceedings.

Citing live broadcast of the proceedings by the Radio, Tofael reassured that the 4-point agreement would be fully implemented.

The accord was earlier signed following a BNP boycott of parliament to make the House effective and centre of all political activities.

Deputy Speaker disappointed over BNP MP's comment

By Staff Correspondent

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid yesterday expressed disappointment over the 'abusive language' used by an opposition MP against the Chair on Sunday.

"The Rules of Procedure of Jatiya Sangsad clearly asks the legislators not to use any abusive as well as offending words while speaking in Parliament, but what can I do if the lawmakers do not abide by the rules," a disappointed Deputy Speaker said.

Abdul Hamid made the comment following a complaint raised by an Awami League MP, Sharif Khashruzzaman, that Amanullah Aman of the BNP had used some 'filthy words' against the chair while leaving the House on Saturday. "Had the BNP legislator been equipped with a gun, he might have shot you dead," the AL lawmaker also said and demanded that the Chair take action against him.

At this point Amanullah Aman sought the floor. But the Chair said, "I myself heard what the BNP legislator had said and expected that people like former Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali or Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury would say sorry on behalf of the MP concerned."

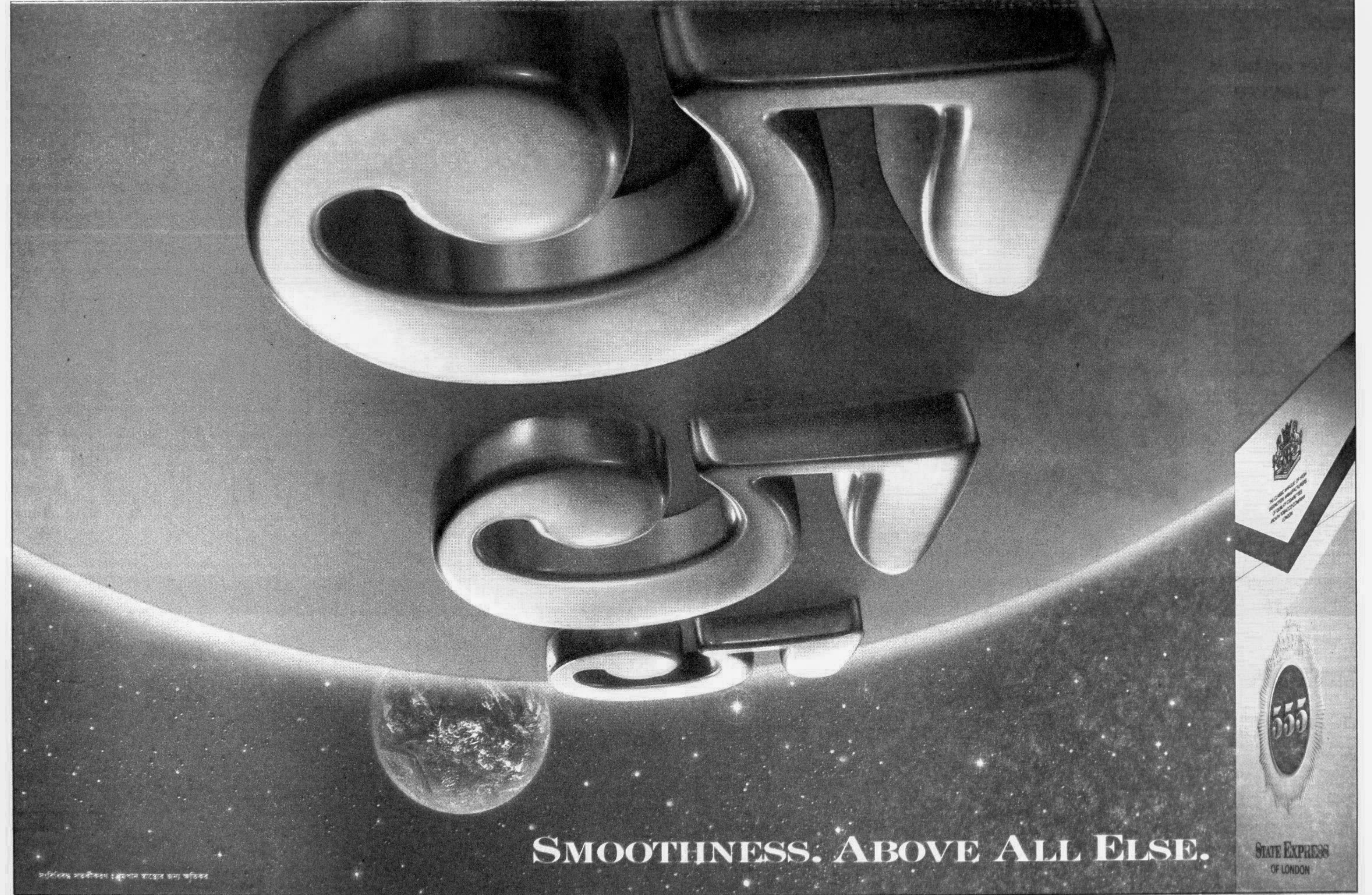
Shaikh Razzak Ali was seen seeking the floor at this point. But Abdul Hamid, who was presiding over the sitting, adjourned the House at 9:45 pm.

CHT talks

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put forward when talks began in the city in January this year. It includes expulsion of settlers, withdrawal of security forces and formation of a regional council with wide powers having autonomous status.

They also objected nomination of leadership of the three present hill district councils when their tenure expires in June.



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