

## Diarrhoea breaks out in cyclone affected areas

By Staff Correspondent

Two more people died of diarrhoea in cyclone-affected Noakhali district, raising the total to six so far.

Giving the figure at his regular press briefing yesterday, Prime Minister's Press Secretary Jawadul Karim said that diarrhoea did not spread in epidemic form.

Till yesterday, relief worth Tk 34,52,73,000 in cash and kind was distributed or sanctioned among the people affected by last Monday's cyclone that hit vast areas of 10 coastal districts, he said at the briefing held at the PM's office.

Of the total, Tk 16,30,07,000 was given or sanctioned for various relief goods, Tk. 10,51,56,000 for CI sheets, Tk. 6,47,15,000 for VGF (vulnerable group feeding) and Tk. 1,23,95,000 in cash, Karim said.

Besides, various political parties, organisations, Red Crescent Society and NGOs had also distributed relief, he said and gave some statistics.

The press secretary said that till yesterday Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received Tk. 47

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## Effective links with emerging nations of Asia needed: Fujimori

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori has emphasised the importance of a "realistic outlook" for the future to forge effective links with emerging nations of Asia, reports UNB.

The reorientation of the world economy, the logic that now push us seek national development, also needs a new concept of diplomacy and bilateral links," he said.

Speaking at a banquet hosted in his honour by President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban last night, Fujimori further said that "today, we do not wait for current foreign trade to come to us; we plan for a new relationship to face the challenges of the twenty-first century."

He said Bangladesh has been successful in forging a programme of small-scale credits, an interesting solution to fi-

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## One found dead in wheel carriage of Biman aircraft

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was found dead reportedly stuck in the wheel carriage of an aircraft of Bangladesh Biman at Riyadh in Saudi Arabia in the early hours of yesterday.

A message in this respect from Saudi Arabia reached Dhaka yesterday. The man was identified as Mehsub, 22, a garments worker, according to official sources at Zia International Airport.

However, details about the incident could not be known immediately. Biman officials could not be contacted for confirmation of the report till the filing of this report late last night.

Airport sources said the Biman aircraft from which the body was found took off for Saudi Arabia at about 9 pm Friday.

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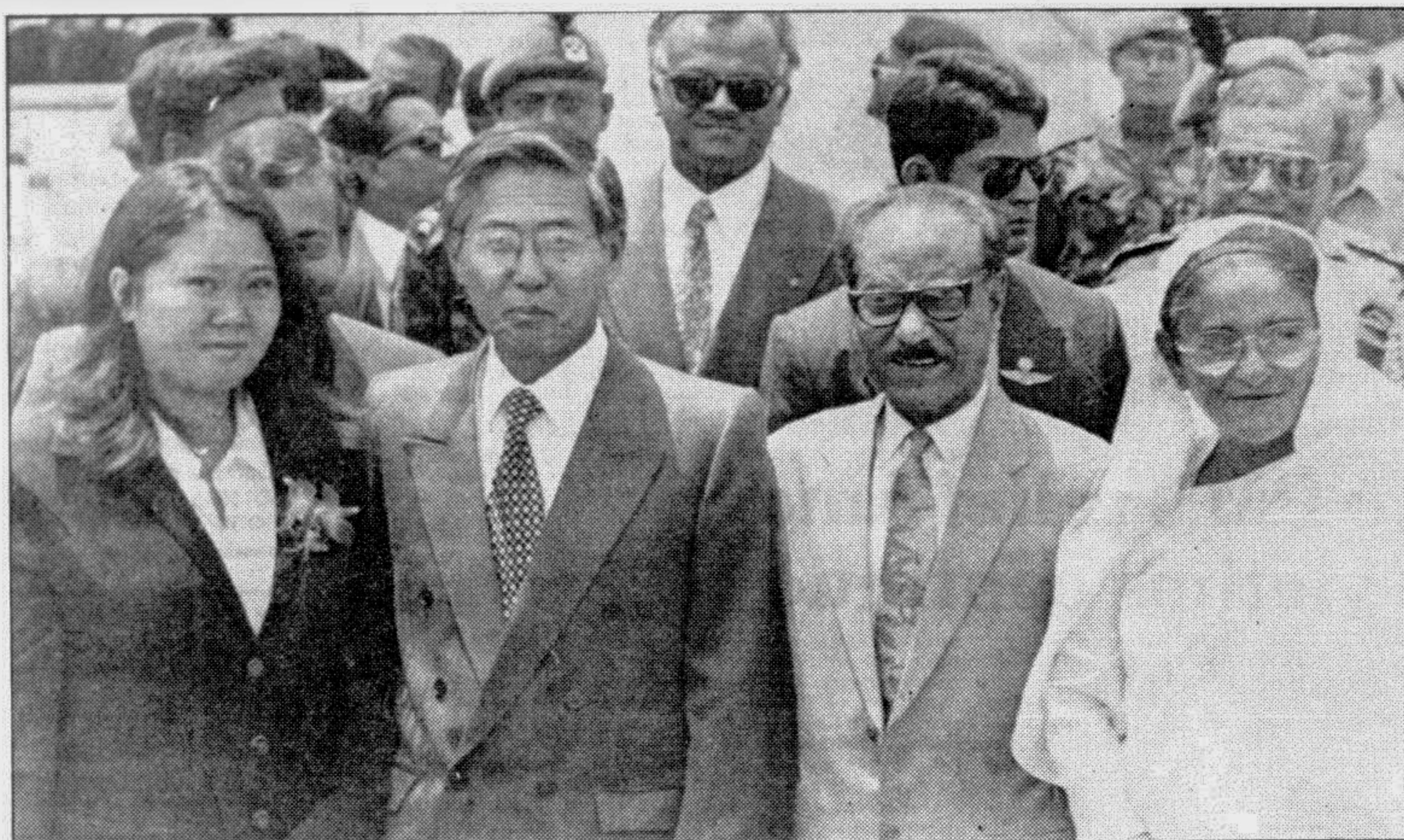
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President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receiving Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori and his daughter Miss Keiko Sofia Fujimori at Zia International Airport yesterday. — Star photo

## Fujimori given warm reception

## Formal talks today, two accords to be signed

President Alberto Fujimori of Peru was given a red-carpet reception when he arrived here yesterday on a two-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the distinguished guest on his arrival at the Zia International Airport at about 1 pm.

The Peruvian President is accompanied by his daughter, Miss Keiko Sofia Fujimori, and an entourage of 34 members.

A 21-gun salute boomed in the air as soon as he alighted from a Thai Airways aircraft. Two tiny tots presented the Peruvian President with bouquet.

Ministers including Zillur Rahman, Abdus Samad Azad,

Hasina at the International Conference Centre today.

During his visit, two accords on bilateral scientific cooperation and expansion of trade will be signed between the governments and chambers of the two countries.

President Fujimori will visit Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi and Grammen Bank project in Narayanganj.

The Peruvian President will also place wreath at the National Mausoleum at Savar and join a tea party to be hosted by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).

He will hold official talks with Prime Minister Sheikh

### Unfair means in mufassil HSC centres

## Teachers are helpless in acting as invigilators'

By Mizan Ali

Leaders of two major college teachers' associations as well as a number of other teachers have expressed their 'helplessness' in carrying out their duties as invigilators at the mufassil centres in the on going Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations.

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Hamida Bano, talking to The Daily Star, said that the circular was issued recently following specific allegations of adoption of unfair means by the examinees in some centres.

Such allegations in writing were received from at least two centres in mufassil areas, she said, adding complaints from other mufassil centres were made verbally. She, however, did not give any statistics about the verbal complaints.

Some officials of the Directorate, however, claimed that examinees in at least 25 per cent centres in mufassil areas resort to unfair means during public examinations. According to them, some of these centres were set up due to undue pressure from various quarters, including influential political circles. They, however, declined to give the number of such centres.

According to official sources, leaders of teachers associations and invigilators, local influential people, irrespective of their political differences, were active behind most of the troublesome centres.

Classes and examinations have remained suspended and almost all offices closed during the last four weeks.

Education Secretary Abdul

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### Stalemate at RU continues

From RU Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 24: The situation in Rajshahi University remains unchanged with no initiative from any quarter to resolve the crisis.

Today was the 28th day of continued strike enforced by the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) protesting the new admission system and alleged police harassment.

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