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2 alleged muggers

beaten to death

in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

alleged muggers were beaten to

death and two others injured

when a mob attacked them at

Pahartali bazar this afternoon,

to the microbus used by the

muggers and foiled their bid to

snatch money from a contrac-

tor, Alamgir Badsha, at around

muggers way laid Alamgir at

Pahartali when he reached

there by an autorickshaw from

Halishahar with about Tk four

lakh that he had received from

a hue and cry for help, the local

people rushed to the spot and

caught the muggers and started

The injured muggers were admitted to the Chittagong

Byelection: AL

invites

applications

By Staff Correspondent

yesterday invited applications from intending candidates for

contesting the byelections in

be distributed from 10 am to 5

pm from party central office at

23 Bangabandhu Avenue on

and the nomination seekers

hury, Amir Hussain Amu, Ab-

dur Razzak, Tofael Ahmed, Ab-

dul Jalil and Mohammad

Young man stabbed

to death in city

By Staff Correspondent

death by an unidentified gang at

Sutrapur in the old part of the

Ahmed Ali, 17, a welding ma-

chanic, on Johnson Road near

the Victoria Park at about 8 am

The body bore marks of stab in-

could not be known immedi-

ately. None was arrested in

connection with the murder till

last night, said police. The body

The cause of the killing

A young man was stabbed to

Police found the body of

Nasim.

city yesterday.

Manikganj-3 on June 30.

Bangladesh Awami League

The application forms would

Medical College Hospital.

As soon as the victim raised

According to police, the

4:30 pm today, police said.

a government office.

beating them.

CHITTAGONG, June 2: Two

The angry people also set fire

HC rejects writ challenging M K Alamgir's role in JS

By SC Correspondent The High Court yesterday dismissed the writ petition filed challenging the Cabinet division notification authorising Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, technocrat State Minister for Planning and Civil Aviation to function in the Parliament on behalf of the ministries other than his own ministry.

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice Md Hassan Amin gave the verdict on the writ petition filed by Barrister Nazmul Huda, a BNP MP and former information

Earlier on February 2, the division bench of the HC comprising Justice Md Mozammel Haque and Justice M A Matin See Page 12 Col 1

Govt executing plans coming from across border: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia has accused the government of implementing plans of its 'foreign masters'.

"It doesn't have any plan of its own ... as a subservient government, it just executes the plans coming from across the border", the Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad told a public rally at Moulvibazar in the city yesterday.

Protesting the two-day weekly holiday, Begum Zia said the government decision to this affect was taken bypassing the Sangsad, even the cabinet and ignoring the business commu-

For whose interest the decision has been taken? Begum Zia asked. It was just execution of an order by their (government) foreign masters. "The two-day holiday will destroy the national economy and make it dependent on oth-

ers," she added. Blaming the 11-month-old Awami League government for 'destroying' the economy and sovereignty, the BNP chief called upon the people to get prepared for street agitation for their survival. None could dare to arrest all when the people took to the streets protesting

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Mahbub's death Show cause on 3 ZIA officials

Three officials, including the chief security officer of the Zia International Airport, were yesterday issued show cause notices for their alleged failure to prevent boarding of an airbus by Mahbub and his consequent death, reports UNB.

Official sources said the chief security officer at the ZIA. Major Mizanur Rahman, has been asked to reply to the show cause notice within five days. Two others served with show

cause notices are Biman's general manager (security) Sharfuddin Ahmed and its chief of flight safety Captain Pasha.

Earlier, four security personnel of the ZIA were suspended. They are security officer Hon. Capt (retd) M A Wahab Khan, supervisor Khandaker Nuruzzaman and security men Bayen Mia and Abdur Razzaq.

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Vehicles damaged, police attacked

JAYISTHA 20 1404 BS.

Demonstrators inside Sectt batoned: 12 hurt

By Staff Correspondent

Police used batons on demonstrating Secretariat employees, who retaliated by stoning them yesterday during renewed protest against the new office-timing.

Employees' leaders said at least a dozen people including seven women were injured when police tried to stop the protesters who defied a ban on demonstrations inside the Secretariat. The injured include Abul Bashar, Sirajuddin, Marjina Sarker who were treated at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Eight others -Meherunnessa, Rokeya Islam, Farida, Majeda, Abul Bashar, Jibon Chandra Das, Rubi and

Jesmin — were treated at the Secretariat clinic. Police said some of their personnel were

also hurt. The agitated employees damaged a dozen vehicles during clashes with police, pelting stones, paper weights, ink pads. flower vases and pots.

Police tightened vigilance at the gates of the secretariat, sniffing with metal detectors and directed all vehicles out as a precautionary measure after the clashes. Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina was in her secretariat

office for the second consecu-

tive day yesterday. She was

there until 4-30 pm.

Government as the trouble spread around when the employees, incensed by information that police had charged batons on their female colleagues rushed out, leaving their desks... Work was interrupted and by afternoon, a large number of the employees went home.

Visitors fled the sit of the

Earlier, at about 9-30 am groups of employees began gathering at different corridors and offices. They played hide and seek with police, whose presence was bolstered since Sunday's trouble. The employees, booing at police, tried to

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DMP asked to take action against trouble mongers in govt offices The Dhaka Metropolitan Po-

lice (DMP) has been given order to take legal action against the trouble-mongers in all government offices, including the Secretariat, semi-government offices and directorates, to maintain working atmosphere, reports UNB.

A statement issued by DMP Commissioner A K Al Mamun yesterday said normal working atmosphere was disrupted at the Secretariat for last few days due to unruly acts by some em-

He said chase and counterchase, scuffle and provocative statements by rival employees inside the Secretariat led to disruption of work.

Narrating yesterday's incident, the DMP Commissioner said several policemen, including Police Inspector Mohammad Manirul Huq, were injured during the trouble in the Secre-

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BNP to contest by-election in Manikganj

By Staff Correspondent

BNP has decided to contest the June 30 by-election in the Manikganj-3 Jatiya Sangsad constituency.

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The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting of the BNP standing committee with the party chief Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

Resolutions of the meeting were read out to newsmen by party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan.

The JS seat fell vacant following the death of BNP lawmaker Nizamuddin Ahmed on April 8. The last date for submission of nomination papers for the by-polls is June 8.

Held at the Minto Road official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad last night, the nearly two and a half hour meet resolved that BNP would contest the by-election in view of the Election Commission's assurance of fair polling.

The resolutions further said that BNP decision had also been taken because of the EC's positive responses to nine of the BNP's 10-point suggestions for holding the by-polls in a free and fair manner.

The meet also stressed the need for a neutral role of the government as regards the byelection and said "Government's role in the by-polls would demonstrate its sincerity in ensuring free and fair elections in the future."

First 10 months of export

Earnings by 4 major sectors fall short of target by Tk 1589 cr

By Govinda Shil

Export earnings by four major sectors - garments, leather, frozen foods, and jute goods-fell short of their target by Tk 1.588.51 crore during the first ten months of the current fiscal

According to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), earnings by ready-made garments fell short of its target by Tk 640.61 crore, frozen foods by Tk 382.25 crore, jute goods by Tk 265.31 crore and leather by Tk 300.34 crore. The four sectors normally account for 75 per cent of the country's total annual export earnings.

Exports of petroleum products, tea, handicrafts and electronic goods also failed to reach their targets.

However, some agricultural goods, chemical and engineering products, knitwear and other 'minor sectors' performed 'better than expected' and

helped minimise the gap be-

tween target for the first ten

months of fiscal 1996-97 and

the total earning. Target for the

shortfall of Tk 192.92 crore. The target for fiscal 1996-97 was Tk. 18,396 crore.

Tk 872 crore. The target was fixed at Tk 1,785 crore and the earnings till April stood at Tk 2657 crore, according to the When contacted Commerce Secretary Alamgir Faruk

sectors may not be able to meet their targets this year. The government is concerned about their performance and officials are asking exporters for suggestions how to improve the situation, he said.

He however, said he was optimistic that the overall export target of Tk 18,396 crore for 1996-97 would be fulfilled.

Ahmed Chowdhury said improvement in the minor sec-See Page 12 Col 3

June 4 and 5. period (till April) was Tk 15,330 A party press release issued crore and the earnings stood at last night said, the applications Tk 15,137.58 crore, leaving a will have to be submitted between 10 am and 8 pm on June 5

will have to appear before the Earnings from hosiery and AL Parliamentary Board knitwear exceeded the target by (ALPB) on June 6. The eleven-member ALPB headed by Sheikh Hasina, includes Zillur Rahman, Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Momin, Sajeda Chowd-

Chowdhury said the four major

EPB Vice Chairman Fiasal

Fresh deadlock: Users threaten port boycott

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, June 2: The Port Users Forum (PUF) has threatened to launch a fresh boycott programme at Chittagong Port from next week in support of its demand for the use of private equipment at the

Talking to this correspondent, convenor of PUF Kamal Uddin Ahmed said "we will

"The Prime Minister during discussions with us before going to Male last month, gave a decision to allow use of private equipment and also assured its implement action after returning from Male. As a result, we withdrew our earlier boycott programme," the convenor said. "But nothing has been done in this regard so far.

He further said, "Rather, we wrote to the political adviser to

the PM, the Minister for Com merce and Industries and Deputy Minister for Port and Shipping requesting them to take measures for implementing the decision about the use of private equipment.

Those letters met with no response, forcing the Forum to think of a fresh action programme, Kamal added.

The Port Users Forum had earlier announced the programme to boycott country's main port from May 11 in protest against, what it said, government's failure to give decision on the use of private See Page 12 Col 2

was sent to the Mitford Hospital for autopsy. Ali's mother, Momena Khatun, filed a case with Sutrapur thana.

Bomb hurled on RU bus: 7 hurt

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, June 2: At least 7 persons, including two women, were injured at Rajshahi University, as Islami Chhatra Shibir (ISC) activists allegedly hurled bombs on a university bus this afternoon.

According to sources, two buses with university employ-See Page 12 Col 6

Govt vagrant centre at Manikganj

Children maltreated, often deprived of due food

By Mizan Ali

According to him, an officer Inmates of the governmentof the rank of deputy director of run Centre for Vagrant Children the Directorate of Social Welin Manikganj alleged that they fare was looking after the Cenwere tortured by instructors and often not given the food Local people alleged that the

listed on the menu. children at the Centre were Local people also made simiabused and maltreated. They also complained against the During a visit to the Centre in Betilia Union under Sadar

Jospin new French PM PARIS. June 2: President

Jacques Chirac moved swiftly today to get on with governing despite his conservatives election debacle, naming victorious Socialist leader Lionel Jospin as France's new prime minister. reports AP. But both Chirac and Jospin

were tight-lipped about how

they will share power and battle

record unemployment that

proved the right's downfall in

Sunday's parliamentary vote:

management of the Centre saying that the Dhaka-based officials posted there were not available even on the working Some employees of the Cen-

tre also endorsed this view. On condition of anonymity, they also said that some posts of guard, essential for such Centre, were lying vacant for the last few months. Initially, the children were

unwilling to say anything because two guards were standing near them. But when the guards left on request, the children became relaxed and told their sto-"We hardly get meat and fish

to eat," said eight-year-old Sumon. A group of fellow in mates, who had gathered around nodded their heads in agreement. They all said the food given to them was poor both in quantity and quality. See Page 12 Col 4

2 Ctg plants CHITTAGONG, June 2: Loadshedding again gripped the port city of Chittagong as power gen-

Power generation

disrupted in

—Star photo

eration in Raozan and Shikalbaha power plants was disrupted yesterday, reports Official sources said power generation in two units of the

210-mgwt Raozan power plant was tripped at 6:26 am on Sunday due to a technical fault on the line caused by a violent "It will take at least 72 hours to resume power generation in

the two units," said Abdul

Quader, manager of the power At Shikalbaha power plant in Bandar thana, a 60-mgwt unit of the plant went out of production on Sunday afternoon as its internal breaker shut down due to mechanical

snapped this morning. According to officials, only 120 megawatts of power were today supplied from Kaptai Water Power Plant,

fault. Production in another 66-

mgwt unit of the plant was also

office damages furniture, records

CHITTAGONG, June 2: A fire

furniture, doors and windows and some equipment, Railway and fire brigade sources said. They said the fire had started from 5 am today at a room of chief signal engineer's office which later spread to three other adjoining rooms at the second floor of the Railway building.

> On receiving the informa-See Page 12 Col 8

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, June 2: Normal life was disrupted in Bandarban as a hartal was observed there for the second day today.

committee gave the call for an indefinite strike at Bandarban demanding removal of four officials, including the Deputy See Page 12 Col 5

Fire at Ctg Rly

From Staff Correspondent

broke out this morning at the Chittagong Railway office at CRB damaging official records.

Hartal observed for second day in Bandarban

The district all-party action

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Board of Revenue

Dhaka

 কর দেয়া আপনার নৈতিক দায়িত্ব। প্রদেয় কর যথাসময়ে পরিশোধ করুন এবং

অর্থনৈতিক কর্মকান্ডে আপনার অবদান রাখুন

The last date for advance income tax payment for the 4th and last quarter of the current financial year is June 15, 1997. The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is to be paid through I.T Form No I.T 31(B)(Amended) Challan.

The taxpayers should pay the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual by replacing the figure '74(1)' with the figure '64' in as many places as it occurs in the form. It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax for all classes of assessees is now Taka 1,00,000/- (one lakh).

All assessees concerned are requested to pay their advance income tax for the 4th and last quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1997-98 under this system by June 15, 1997. Simple interest @ 10% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

National Board of Revenue

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BRAHMANBARIA, June 2: At least six persons, including two women, were killed and 25 others injured, in a road accident on the Brahmanbaria-Dhaka highway near Malihata, tonight. According to police and hospital sources, the accident happened when a minibus collided head on with a truck. See Page 12 Col 1 Benapole paralysed due to Indian

truckers' strike From Our Correspondent JESSORE, June 2: All business activities have come to a halt at the Benapole Land Port since yesterday following a strike by the Indian Truck Drivers Association at Petrapole on the other side of the border.

6 killed, 25 hurt

in road accident

From Our Correspondent

The Indian truck drivers called the strike to protest the arrest of one of their colleagues

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lar allegations.

the area.

thana recently, this correspon-

dent spoke to a number of in-

mates, employees and people of

A group of researchers from

Dhaka University, which is

holding a seminar on local gov-

ernments in Manikgani, came

to know about the centre. The

The Deputy Commissioner

correspondent visited the cen-

of Manikganj, talking to The

Daily Star. said that he had

heard some complaints from

local people about the Centre

but nothing had been commu-

nicated to him formally.

tre along with the researchers.

Tk 388cr planting project

Trees facing extinction to get priority

By Staff Correspondent

A community tree planting (social afforestation) project costing about Tk 388 crore will continue for at least another seven years, Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda

Police chasing employees during clashes inside the Secretariat yesterday.

Chowdhury said. Addressing a press conference to announce the winners of the Prime Minister's National Planting Prize yesterday. Sajeda Chowdhury said the government would plant eight crore saplings throughout the

country in the next fiscal year. "This time we will also focus on planting trees which face extinction," she said. "Nim, shimul, aurzun, krishnachura and other trees which are becoming increasingly rare will

be planted. She said under the community tree planting project, people would be encouraged to plant different fruit trees like

mango, jackfruit, coconut, be-

tel-nut and jam, which also have timber value. Re-afforestation will also be

carried out in areas where the recent cyclone uprooted thousands of trees. The minister said as per the Prime Minister's instruction, "We will drop seeds from helicopters in the cycloneaffected coastal areas, and when the saplings sprout our department will transplant them to ensure they are evenly

distributed. She said the aail or land boundary demarcation system, by which owners mark off their respective areas, also hampered the effective use of land. She said the department would plant babla, date-palm, palm and betel-nut trees - which do not block sunlight — on the of-

ten unused plots of land. The minister said the Prime Minister's National Prize was See Page 12 Col 4

Believe it or not!

By Staff Correspondent When KM Gaus-uz-Zaman of 40. Maneshwar Road, Hazaribag in the city received his electricity bill for the month of April last week, he nearly fainted - the bill says he owes DESA Tk 11.75 crore!

This was no joke. Issued to his landlord Md Abul Kalam, the bill, including a government duty of Tk 41 lakh. was signed by the Executive Engineer. Commercial Operation Division of Satmasjid (Paribagh Area) DESA office, Dhaka.

DESA office, he found that it was an estimated bill as his meter was out of order. Zaman said he had brought the problem of the meter to the notice of the DESA and ap-

pealed for an estimated average

bill so long as the meter is not

When Zaman rushed to the

replaced April's bill showed he had consumed 962203 KWH power in one month. "Several dozen Adamjee Jute Mills together could not con-

sume so much electricity in just

one month," he quipped.

The DESA however, issued a new bill for Tk 445, and a new meter has been installed.

again start our action programme of boycotting Chittagong Port as the government has not yet implemented the decision of the Prime Minister" to allow use of private equip-