Backed by

where he is chief minister.

to stand down following the al-

legations then, fearing he was

about to lose his job as Janata

minister in April after the

Congress, the second largest group in the hung parliament

after the Hindu nationalists.

ousted the previous United

Front government in an

abortive bid to form its own

Earlier today a Yadav sup-porter admitted a parting of the ways with Gujral was immi-

Two snatchers

caught in city

People caught two youngmen while they were fleeing away af-

ter snatching a gold necklace

from a woman at Shantinagar

in the city yesterday, reports

men snatched the necklace

from one Geeta Saha, 40, in

Shantinagar area at about 8:30

am when she was going to

Fakirerpool by a rickshaw

rickshawpuller raised a hue

and cry, pedestrians chased and

caught the two snatchers - Ja-

mal, 20, and Hanif, 22. They

were later handed over to po-

Khaleda

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people or BNP to refrain from

the ongoing movement. Rather,

the increasing repression will

The opposition leader al-

make the people force the gov-

leged that the government did

nothing for the country's devel-

opment in last one year. It im-

posed a heavy burden of taxes

on the people and local indus-

try to ruin the economy, she

of Bangladesh believe in na-

tionalist politics of BNP. This

tional arena. Begum Zia said

She said the patriotic people

ernment to quit," she said.

When the woman and the

from Siddheswari.

Police said the two young

coalition.

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Down to Earth

Nightmares on City Roads

We are increasingly witnessing a steadily worsening picture of city's transport system. In the short run, we find no silver lining in the gloomy picture. Surely there is some heartening information for the future in the transport sector. For example, we have been told that the Metropolitan city of Dhaka may have eight commuter railway lines and seven sub-way lines to ease the pressure on the existing network by the year 2015, when Dhaka is expected to have a population of 17 million. This future projection and planing offers little solace to the teeming city dwellers daily braving the rigours of a run-down traffic system. They eagerly look forward to some measures which may relieve their distress without further

A project preparatory mission of the World Bank that visited Dhaka last year made observation, among other things, that rickshaws being a major factor discouraging private bus operators to invest in premium services in city routes, besides a dictated tariff environment with low or no profit, a pilot scheme for some premium service bus routes was recommended by that mission. The suggested routes are (i) Uttara-Farm Gate-Shahbagh-Motijheel, (ii) Mirpur Section 10 Motijheel via Bijoy Swarani, (iii) Uttara-Mahakhali-Maghbazar, (iv) Gabtoli-New Market-Shahbagh-Motijheel. The premium bus service in the private sector from Uttara to Motijheel via Farm Gate and Shahbagh has already been in operation since December last which is a welcome beginning, although the limited number of AC coaches operating on this route coupled with the non-queue habit of some waiting passengers at the specified bus stops create some problems, especially for the ladies and elderly

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'code of conduct' are, a) nation's

independence, sovereignty and

cultural integrity, b) propriety

and decorum and c) Plugging the

loopholes for propagating

ommendations were made for

discontinuing the protocol

value that often supersede news

value. "TV camera would not

necessarily move to a spot just

because of the Prime Minister's

presence or to cover a minister

cutting ribbons, rather news

would be covered based on its

importance in national inter-

suggested higher pay for elec-

tronic media staff and en-

hanced rate of fees and royalties

for artists. Besides, it said there

should be at least one ENG

work members of the Commis-

In news value guideline, rec-

party-ideology.

The three basic points of the

What is considered distressing in the light of the prevailing lack of adequate quality bus service is what the reasons are there for the authorities for stopping short with the opening of only one premium bus route after last December. The opening of other premium bus routes suggested in the pilot scheme would have greatly added to the convenience and comfort of other intending passengers on these routes. Therefore, the opening of the other routes is a

the cause of economy and effective use of road space. No transport system can work smoothly depending on small vehicles

According to some keen observers, we, in Dhaka, are regressing from the millennium with increasing rickshaws and autorickshaws, diminutive parking places, static position of mass urban transport and increasing number of bigger and luxury cars in private use. The revolution in reconditioned import is clogging our streets with bigger and more gas-guzzling cars. They upwardly mobile class is going in for big Mercedes, Station Wag-

ons, and other iuxury cars. The practice of hire-purchase is bringing cars within the reach of many business executives and NGO operatives. All of this is said to be impractical in a city where traffic moves at 15 km per hour and road area as percentage of built-up area is

There is no doubt that implementation of the schemes for rapid transit rail is a remote possibility. In this contest, it is widely felt that the concentration of public and private resources on both luxury and utilitarian buses for long distance, middle distance and shuttle service is more vital and urgent in the present situation. The political will of the government has to take care of the serious problem posed by the

rickshaws and autorickshaws. We have been lately told that government has a plan for satellite towns around the Dhaka city designed to reduce population pressure and infrastructural load the metropolis is hopelessly reeling under at present. There is no denying that we have been fiddling with the idea of satellite towns dating back to the cities. The issue of satellite towns seems to brooke no further delay. Those satellite towns, therefore, need be in place for an early dispersal of people away from the metropo-

In ideal terms, the Dhaka city principally should be the work place and the suburban belt the living space with shut tle trains operating between the two for convenient and cheap commutation. The pressure on housing and transport will ease off, also entailing the reduction of the city's pollution level. If this ideal is to be realised and Dhaka city is to be turned into a city of joy, the struggle for it

the government was creating such situation to destroy congenial academic atmosphere to force the students go abroad for education. She urged the people to resist which is bound to be uphill distortion of history in textmust begin now. books" by the government and its steps to "invite cultural aggression and alien culture into

the country," ignoring local performance. Presided over by city JASAS president Khurshiduzzaman Utpal, the meeting was also addressed by JASAS president Rezabuddoula Chowdhury, general secretary Wasimul Bari Ra-

"I don't think we can work together," Ram Kripal, a mem-Yadav defled Gujral's order ber of parliament, told AFP. T think we will split.

While today's dramatic de-Dal president, announced he velopments were unfolding, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya would form his own political Janata Party (BJP), the largest party in India's hung parliament with 180 of the 545 seats. Gujral became the prime

were predicting fresh elections BJP spokesman Yashwant Sinha warned that the Congress would not be able to resist exploiting Gujral's problems by

making another attempt to form its own administration. Sinha said, "the Congress is

certainly taking this country towards a general election." Meanwhile, a special court in Patna today adjourned till

July 8 hearing on the anticipatory bail petition of the Bihar chief minister, Laloo Prasad Yadav, in the fodder scam. The designated judge, S

Lal, also adjourned the hearing on anticipatory bail prayers of Yadav's cabinet colleagues. Bholaram Toofani and Vidyasagar Nishad, besides former union minister, C P Verma, in a particular conspiracy angle case (RS 64 (A)/96) of the multicrore scandal.

Home Minister undergoes surgery

By Staff Correspondent Home Minister Rafigul Islam, Bir Uttam, underwent surgery at the Combined Hospital (CMH) in the city

on Thursday. Sources at the CMH said that it was a minor operation and the health of the minister was improving. They, however, did not give any detail.

BNP, BCL hold protest rallies in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, July 4: The district unit of BNP and BCL held separate protest rallies in the town this evening.

The BNP rally protested the 'police action' on its supports during the hartal hours on Thursday while BCL rally condemned the BNP's act of 'terror ism' in the name of hartal.

Some crackers were also exploded in Sadar road area that left 10 people injured.

BNP held its rally in front of the Aswini Kumar Hall which was addressed by the district leaders. They protested police action demanded withdrawal of 'false cases' filed against the leaders of district BNP and its front organisation JCD.

The BCL rally was held at Sohel Square. The speakers condemned the activities of



The new Philishave

For a closer shave

Pitiable condition of a road in Gulistan area in the city.

-Star photo

One beaten to death in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, July 4: A young man was beaten to death at Choarfari village under Chokoria thana of the district this afternoon.

an autorickshaw driver was seriously assaulted when trying to resolve a feud between two groups of his relatives in the village at about 2 pm. He died on

filed a murder case accusing five people with Chokoria thana in this regard. However, none was arrested in this connection

to Cox's Bazar hospital for au-

JHENIDAH, July 4: A shop owner was found dead inside his grocery at village Uttar Kastosagra in Jhenidah thana this

The victim was identified as Tofazzal Hossain, He used to From page 1

backs and difficulties, according to the citation, she has devoted most of her adult life to the people of Bangladesh.

concern about problems such as racial conflict, human rights her contribution to the im-

oris causa.'

Waseda University also re-

Gas bubbles

the safety situation," Communications Minister Anwar Hossain told The Daily Star on Thursday. He said the BR might restore train services after Occidental gave a safety certifi-

to use the rail line.

gasfield, he pointed out.

Mosharraf Hossain, however, said Occidental couldn't rule out another blow-out.

"It will be wise to keep train service suspended until the situation improves substantially. He further said if the gas bubbles were near the tracks. train operation would not be

safety, BR can run trains."

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ers were undeeded in this championship. The final will be played on

Meanwhile, Jana Navotna, who plays Martina Hingis in the finals tomorrow, has withdrawn from the doubles competition because of thigh muscle pain. But she is expected to be fit for her important singles mat-

Ganges barrage

ample," she added. The prime minister pointed out that her government had enacted necessary laws to establish private export processing zones to facilitate the foreign investors to set up their own EPZ and regulate those in a way

ities being provided by her government to foreign investors and said, "I believe the return of your investment in Bangladesh would be more than that of your expectation.

The prime minister noted with deep appreciation that the government of Japan extended cooperation for rehabilitation and reconstruction of war-ray

aged Bangladesh. Seeking more active cooper-

called the visit of late Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to Japan in 1973 and said the visit was followed by a steady improvement of cordial relations between Bangladesh and Japan.

The honorary degree is conferred on persons who are felt to be particularly deserving of such honour in recognition of their manifest contribution to learning, arts, society and mankind

The first honorary doctorate was conferred upon the then Prime Minister Tanzan lshibashi, an alumnus of Waseda. The other outstanding per-

sonalities who received the degree included Kenzo Matsumura, Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Ghandhi, Herbat von Karaian, J William Fulbright, Corazon Aquino, Ikuo Hirayama, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Kim Young Sam, Nelson Mandela and Roman Herzog.

Hasina was the 48th personality to receive the degree. In her acceptance remarks

Sheikh Hasina said. "I along with millions will raise our voices in announcing that for us there is no ideal more dominant than democracy, that there is no foundation of democracy stronger than freedom and that there is no greater guarantee for freedom than that of civilised law and rule of that

"Our prime objective is to build a society free from poverty and hunger," the Prime Minister said adding "keeping this in view we have laid the highest importance on education as a society free from hunger and poverty is not achievable without educated society. She said that government is firmly committed to rooting out illiteracy from society within the next 10 years.

9 lakh children

From page 1 Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, more than one million children worldwide enter the sex trade every year leaving risk factors

In India, there are between 400,000 and 500,000 child prostitutes, says a survey of the

India Today magazine. Countless numbers of chilsexual behaviour and thus in-

"Social isolation of children orphaned by AIDS was common," it added.

Besides, the majority of the world's refugees are children

To make matters worse, rape and sexual abuse by adult tormentors from within their own communities and from external exploiters taking advantage of these environments in which children's rights are of-

Asking why babies born in poorer countries are at greater risk, the report said the probability that an HIV-positive woman's baby will have the virus is between 25 per cent and 44 per cent in developing countries and between 13 per cent and 25 per cent in an industri-

A depressed immune status, poor nutrition, complications in pregnancy and protracted labour after the waters break may increase a woman's risk of having an infected baby.

if the spread of HIV is not contained. AIDS may increase infant mortality by as much as 75 per cent and mortality in children under five by more than 100 per cent in those regions most affected by the disease.

(electronic news gathering) unit in each greater district. Giving autonomy to Betar The Commission was and BTV is a political commitformed on September 7 last ment of the present governyear. During its nine-month

sion visited a number of countries to gather experience about how electronic media were functioning in those countries. retary, M Mujibul Haque. But, UNDP provided funds for the the recommendations put forwarded by the previous comvisits. The media offices they mission was not implemented.

Economic Cooperation in late

October in Tokyo and hoped

that it would create further op-

portunities for extensive inter-

actions in the field of commerce

could relocate its sunset indus-

tries including textiles in the

Asian region including

Chairman of Japan Chamber of

Commerce and Industry and

President of Yokohama Cham-

ber, who led the Japanese team

appreciated the investment

climate in Bangladesh and said

that in the next century

Bangladesh would emerge as an

important developing country

prosperous Bangladesh in fu-

cluded A S M Quasem, President

of Dhaka Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry (DCCI),

Khorshed Alam of Dhaka Stock

Exchange, M A Haq of FBCCI.

"I want to see a happy and

The Bangladesh team in-

He also observed that Japan

Kajiro Tsushima, Vice

and trade.

Bangladesh.

ture," he said.

Business leaders talk From page benefit immensely by investing

in Bangladesh. Haroon also stressed the need for more interaction bealso held discussions with the tween the business communi-Tokyo Chamber of Commerce ties of the two countries. yesterday. They discussed the Haroon referred to the possibilities of setting up and holding of the next joint meeting of Japan-Bangladesh Joint Committee for Commercial and

Bangladesh. of Japan-Bangladesh Joint Economic Committee and A S M Quasem president of DCCI led their respective sides at the

discussions. The DCCI chief described yesterday's meeting as very fruitful and hoped that the Japanese investment in Bang-

Chandpur

inspector Abul Kasem of Matlab thana were closed after the incident for their negligence to

Local MP Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya today visited the spot and expressed his sympathy to Majeda, the only sur-

family. anced after losing her two children along with her father, mother and other family members, is undergoing treatment under police supervision.

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Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia has strongly protested the printing and publication of derogatory poster by the Zionists on Prophet Hazrat Muham-

mad (SM), reports UNB. In a statement yesterday, she said the Zionists' act of postering and sacrilege of the Holy Quran had seriously hurt the sentiments of crores of Muslims

through this heinous act, the enemies of Islam have shown a serious arrogance. This incident can jeopardise world

peace, she said. Begum Zia demanded exemplary punishment of those in-

Steps to cut down Gujral's security cover

NEW DELHI, July 4: Indian police are to stop blocking roads, closing down shops and herding pedestrians out of the way when Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral is driven around the capital, newspapers said to-

The decision is part of the government's new measures to cut down on the Prime Minister's high-profile security cover in response to increasing public

criticism, officials said. "The new arrangement will be less obstructive, less irritating and less inconvenient to the general public," a government statement said. This would be done "without compromising its effectiveness."

police would no longer stop traffic coming in the opposite direction to the Prime Minister's convoy while vehicles on the same side of the road would henceforth be held up only for

Deadlock

From page 1 our strike until and unless the hatch workers are withdrawn from lighterage works as we are supposed to that job".

Ramal Uddin said that the hatch workers joined the lighterage work violating the agreement reached in April this

court in this regard is settled, Kamal Uddin said. 'hatch workers' association said that the hatch workers were struggling for the last few years to get back their right of

handling lighterage works at

the outer sea. He said that the hatch workers were driven out from their work by the 'merchant' labourers by force in 1986.

Tension has been prevailing in the port area. Additional police force has been deployed.

From page 1 passed to the buyer by a Certifi-The other major suggestions cate of Sale issued by the desig-

notice of the sale and an opportunity to bid at the auction. Notice of the sale should be published in two newspapers - one in Bengali and one in English in the district where the defendant resides or works. A copy of the notice should also be sent under registered post to the last known address of the borrower, and to the occupant or lessee of the property. In addition, the notice should be displayed at a prominent place of the mortgaged property. This will not only give notice, but also encourage payment due to the social stigma attached to such

display. 'A trustee or other individual designated in the mortgage loan document, will conduct the auction. The auction would oc-

or otherwise settle the loan, the designated individual will conduct the auction. The notice should state the date, time and place of the sale. Generally the same place should be used to conduct all the sales - perhaps at the office of the Registrar.

nated individual, which can be recorded with the Registrar. If the bank purchases the property, the amount of the bank's bid will be credited against the amount owed by the borrower.

"If any of the procedures stated above are violated by the bank or by the designated individual, the borrower shall have the right to go to the court for an injunction only after depositing 50 per cent of the defaulted loan amount in court. The court shall dispose of such application within two months from the date of filing.

"If a property is mortgaged for more than one loan to the bank, the bank shall have the right to foreclose any or all loans secured by that property although only one facility is in default. "Obstructing an auction

should be an offence punishable under the criminal law of the country. the bank shall recover first the cost of sale and second the total

there are no further mortgages.

such persons shall vacate the property on receipt of the auction notice. Failure to do so should be an offence punishable under criminal law of the country.

be that of a person claiming occupancy on behalf of the bor-

"If any issues pertaining to possession of the property are challenged it shall be done in the Money Loan Courts. Such applications shall be disposed of according to the summary procedure in the Civil Procedure Code within two weeks from the date of making such applica-

Police said Osman Goni, 28,

Osman's father Ali Ahmed

The body of Osman was sent

Shop owner found dead in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

morning.



A countryboat being taken to a low-lying city suburb as the monsoon has set in.

—Star photo WB: Mortgaged property

"To ensure the borrower a

cur one month after the date of publication. "If the borrower does not pay

"At the auction, bids can be made by the bank, the borrower

or third parties. Title will be

"After selling the property, amount due to the bank. If there is a remaining balance, it shall be returned to the borrower if

"In the event of borrower or any person claiming occupation on behalf of the brorower is in possession of the property.

"If there is a tenancy or lease of the property prior to the execution of the mortgage, the auction shall take place subject to such tenancy or lease. However, if the tenancy or lease was given after the execution of the mortgage, then their position shall

The WB further said that af ter implementation of the proposed legal reforms, stability in the banking sector will increase. The reforms will greatly assist banks in quickly recovering loans and help maintain the confidence of depositors in the safety and soundness of the banks. The reforms do not require major legislative changes and can be quickly implemented, it noted.

natural disasters and an ever increasing population she is facing, it said.

it said, her positive involvement in the movement toward peace and disarmament, her

provement of relations with Inha have all made a significant contribution toward an improvement of relations between the people and nations of this

contacts with Occidental over

The Minister said BR would use goods trains initially to avoid any accidents in the area. but once the area was safe they would permit passenger trains

Petro Bangla Chairman

safe. "But if these are at a distance enough to maintain

Sampras

Pioline of France — both play-

Sunday, July 6.

From page 1 other investors will also come forward to establish industry in our EPZs following their ex-

suiting their own needs. She referred to a package of attractive incentives and facil-

ation from Japan in her government's endeavour for economic development, the prime minister said that the success of her government's sincere ef forts for attaining economic emancipation of the people is mostly dependent on this cooperation.

Doctorate for Hasina

Overcoming countless set

On the international scene, and the status of women, and

"Accordingly, the President Executive Board, Board of Trustees and Faculty of Waseda University are unanimous in conferring upon Sheikh Hasina the Doctor of Laws degree; hon-

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Diverting routes was not an immediate solution because it would take at least two years to move the tracks away from the

for HIV infection among chil-

dren worldwide are at risk of sexual abuse by relatives, other numbers of the child's community or strangers, said the report highlighting that physical and mental abuse of children may increase the likelihood of their engaging in risk-taking

crease their vulnerability to

and women who are forced to live outside of their countries along with millions of people for civil conflict, political persecution and natural disasters. refugee and displaced children are known to be targeted for

ten violated."

The US Bureau of the Census estimates that by the year 2010,

alised country.

By ASM Nurunnabi

crying need. There is also urgency to implement the long pending proposal for introduction of more double-deckers which can comfortably carry 100 passengers at a time. The policy adopted by the BRTC since 1993 for leasing out double-deckers, in addition to their existing number, to the private sector, which was reported to have worked well, may be considered for expansion with some more double-deckers on a priority basis. Besides the double-deckers, there is a strong ground in favour of introducing bigger vehicles (high carrying capacity) which can carry more commuters at a time, thus serving

Autonomy for Radio, TV visited include, home and world services of BBC, Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA), Independent Television Commission (ITC) Bengali service of BBC, Channel One and Channel Two of BBC Department of National Heritage of UK NHK of Japan and some others in India Pakistan

and the Philipines. Other members of the present Commission are, Dr Anisuzzaman, Dr BK Jahangir, KG Mostafa, Saved Hasan lmam, Kalim Sharafi, Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, Jamaluddin Hussain, Ramendu Majumder, Asaduzzaman Noor, an Additional Secretary and a The Commission report also joint secretary of the Ministry of Information, a joint secretary each from the ministries of

> and DGs of Bangladesh Betar and BTV. ment. It was also a commitment of the previous BNP government. A similar commission was formed back in 1991. headed by a former cabinet sec-

Finance and Establishment,

MA Momin of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Nasiruddin Chowdhury. The Bangladesh delegation

developing of small and medium size industries in Uzuhiko Uwatoko Chairman

lådesh would increase.

From page 1 Chandra Roy and assistant sub-

vivor of Hazrat Ali Sardar's Majeda, who became imbal-

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is why, they are rallying round BNP to protest the government move to hand over the country to others. Referring to terrorism and anarchic situation in the educa-

Khaleda condemns anti-Islam poster Leader of the Opposition in

around the world. The BNP Chairperson said

volved in the postering.

day, reports AFP.

The Indian Express said the

three minutes.

As per the agreement hatch workers cannot do lighterage works until the case lodged with Khorshed Alam, advisor of