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#### Demolition of Shahnawaz Bhaban

### Teachers, students to be consulted, assures VC

not be demolished without consultation with the teachers and students of the Fine Arts Institute. Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University AK Azad

its place.

The four-day agitation programme includes class boycott, wearing black badges, procession and rallies, cartoon exhibition on July 8, street drama on July 9 and painting on the street halting traffic movement

storied building will not be a complete market. There will be a modern art gallery at the top of the building. There will also be a modern library for the students of the Fine Arts Institute.

apartments, the VC said.

The VC said that fund for the multi-storied building will be collected from banks as loans The students of the Fine Arts Institute have been opposing the initiative from the very be-

They demanded building of a

# injured

residential hall for the students

The VC said that the site was not suitable for a residential hall as it is situated beside the New Market. "Moreover we cannot collect funds from Bank for constructing a residential

of the institute at the same

The students of the Fine Arts Institute will be rehabilitated in the proposed 500-seat dormitory, the VC said. The university authorities have already undertaken the project of constructing two new residential halls - one for male and another for female students.

The VC said that the funds generated from the shopping centre will be used for the development of the Fine Arts In-

will not do anything which will go against the interest of the university and the students," the VC said.

The present capacity of the Shahnawaz Bhaban is 120. The hall came under the university authority in 1984 with the Fine Arts Institute. The hall is now an extension of the AF Rahman hall of the university.

The building was named Shahnawaz Bhaban after Shahnawaz, a student of the Fine Arts Institute killed during the Liberation War.

The proposed multi-storied building and the gallery will also be named after Shah-

Foundation

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gallery and national music and

dance centre will be built at the

Shilpakala Academy premises.

Independence Monument at the

Suhrawardy Udyan, sculpture

garden and open stage at Ramna

Park, and modern art gallery,

music and dance centre and na-

tional theatre with spacious

auditorium at the Shilpakala

be constructed to link Suh-

rawardy Udyan with the Ramna

Park — the focal point of the

government to ensure cultural

freedom, Hasina said within

one year, it has repealed the

century-old Drama Perfor-

mance Act. "This is an historic

step towards ensuring cultural

also has a plan for infrastruc-

tural development of the

Shilpakala Academy at the

district and thana levels to cre-

arena across the country.

ate a dynamism in the cultural

The foundation laying func-

tion at the Shilpakala Academy

auditorium was also addressed

by eminent musician Kalim

Sharafi, State Minister for Cul-

tural Affairs Obaidul Quader,

State Minister for Planning Dr

Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, act-

ing secretary of the Cultural Af-

fairs Ministry Syed Yousuit

Hossain and Shilpakala Aca-

demy director general Sham-

cultural activists were present.

question by BNP deputy Sham-

sul Alam Pramanik, the Prime

Minister said there are plans

for introducing 'mono-rail' in

the city and constructing a ring-

road around it. Introducing

tube-rail will be costly but the

government is thinking over it,

from AL lawmaker Kama

Ahmed Majumder, Sheikh

Hasina said, irregularities re-

garding issuance of driving li-

cence has been in practice for a

long. She said her government

is trying to streamline it and

has a plan to introduce comput-

Another Treasury Bench

erised driving testing system.

deputy, Kazi Sekander Ali,

wanted to know about the fate

of a plan for office, private sec-

retary, personal assistant, typ-

ist and peon for each MP in his

constituency. The Prime Minis-

ter replied that the government

was actively considering to

a project titled 'Strengthening

Parliamentary Democracy', co-

financed by the government

and the UNDP, and said a pro-

ject document was signed on

from BNP legislator Prof

Shahidul Islam, she informed

the House that Tk 58,79,18,858

remained unpaid as compensa-

tion to owners for acquisition

Answering another question

In this regard she referred to

provide those facilities.

March 19 last.

of their lands.

Replying to a supplementary

Ministers, MPs and noted

suzzaman Khan.

she said.

She said the government

Mentioning the steps of her

Two artistic overbridges will

Academy premises.

cultural complex.

freedom, " she added.

The project plan includes an

### Mahdee wants to

BARISAL, July 8: Mohammad Mahdee Mahmood from Barisal Cadet College stood first in Social Science group under the Jessore Board securing 871

army officer.

#### Pass percentage

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ful this year which is 14 percentage points higher than that of last year. The percentage was

Pass percentage increased by 2 percentage points in the Rajshahi Board. This year the percentage is 49.16 compared to 47.02 per cent of the last year.

47.45 this year.

In Chittagong board, the pass percentage this year is cent of the last year.

system was first introduced with question bank, the average

the system of question bank was abolished.

# at DU: Eight

At least eight students of Dhaka University were injured vesterday in a clash between BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Pro-Awami League Chhatra

Witnesses said the clash started at around 11 am on the DU campus when some supporters of Chhatra League hurled abuse at a procession brought out by some students under the banner of 'Ingilab Readers Fo-

The Forum, formed by JCD supporters recently, brought out the procession to protest the decision of the university authorities banning advertisement to the Daily Ingilab.

Habibullah Mizan, Rafigul Islam Liton and Atiar Rahman were admitted to the Dhaka Medical Collage Hospital with head injury. Rest of them were given first aid.

phone the Forum brought in for holding a rally. During the half-an-hour clash, JCD supporters reportedly damaged some window

Faculty. Three vehicles of teachers were also damaged during the

### July 11

Committee (ALCWC) will be held in the city at 7 pm on July Prime Minister and AL chief Sheikh Hasina will preside

Gonabhaban, says a party press release.

#### Sayem dead From page 1

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chief Justice ATM Afzal, his former colleagues and well wishers rushed to his

The namaj-e-janaza was attended by, among others President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. Chief Justice ATM Afzal, former Chief Adviser Justice Habibur Rahman, Justice Badrul Haider Choudhury Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, Judges, former vice-

Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed as President on November 6. 1975 following a coup that toppled Mushtaque's government. President and Chief Martial

November 29, 1976. When he was succeeded by then deputy tor and army chief Major general Ziaur Rahman.

try. He said, the country has lost a worthy son at the death of

salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family, said an offi-

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia has expressed profound shock at the death of former President

In a message of condolence she recalled his contribution. Begum Zia said the late President had helped to restore stability and lead the country towards democracy by playing an important role during the transitional period.

he said.

"I heard a deafening explosion and within seconds the coach was engulfed in fire and nauseating smoke," said Beera Kaur, who escaped with minor injuries, but lost her husband, Lakshman Chari. The family was traveling to the Hindu holy town of Hardwar on the Ganges river to perform the last rites of a dead relative.

claim of responsibility. Punjab was the scene of a 10-year secessionist revolt by Sikh militants who wanted to carve out an independent homeland. The rebellion was crushed in the early 1990s, but sporadic violence

Twenty-seven of today's train bombing victims died at the scene, and six people, including three children died later at Bhatinda District Hospital, according to Avtar Singh Shekon, a doctor at the hospital. He said 67 people were ad-

The blast was the fourth in Punjab this year.

### SSC exam results

From page 1

peared at the examinations, of whom, 1,07,730 came out successful. The pass percentage is 49.97. Of them, 40,702 got first division, 64,379 second division and 2,649 third division. Kazi Mohammad Shamim-

Al-Mamun of Ideal School and College topped the combined merit list in the Science group under Dhaka Board securing a total of 966 marks. He was followed by Sakeb Arefin Khan of Mirzapur Cadet College who scored 962 marks. Aparajita Goswami of Vigarunnesa Noon School jointly secured third position with Sazedul Islam of Mirzapur Cadet College. They scored 947 marks each.

Saddam Hussen Mallik of AK High School, secured the first position under the board in the Social Science combined merit list securing 896 marks. Mallik was followed by Mohammad Jobayed Hossain of Balla Coronation High School securing 883 marks while the third position was secured by Mohammad Shaokat Hossain Touhid of Ideal School and College with 879 marks.

Under Rajshahi Board. 1,83,345 students appeared at the examinations. Of them 90,133 came out successful. The pass percentage is 49.16. Of them, 27,193 secured first division, 59,460 second division and 2.649 third division.

Md Khairuzzaman and Md Anwarul Abedin of Rangpur Cadet College jointly secured the first position in the combined Science Group merit list under Rajshahi Board. They secured 944 marks each. Taslima Nasreen of Rangour Cantonment Public School and College stood second, securing 941 marks. Md Ashraful Islam of Rangpur Cadet College and Mollah Rezaul Islam of Thakurgaon Govt Boys High School jointly secured third position securing 932 marks each.

Jannatul Ferdous of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College secured the first po-

#### Mithi wants to become an administrator

From Our Correspondent RANGPUR, July 8: Jannatul Ferdous Mithi of Rangpur Cantonment Public School and College stood first in combined merit list of Social Science group under Rajshahi Board. She secured 845 marks with five letters.

She wants to become an administrator. She is the daughter of Shah Anisuzzaman, Editor of local

#### Daily Ranga Probhat. Determination is most important,

says Saddam By Staff Correspondent Saddam Hussain Mallik of A K High School has secured the first position in the combined merit list in the Social Science group of SSC examination under Dhaka Board. He obtained

896 marks. "I was expecting such a result," said a happy Mallik while talking to The Daily Star yesterday. "I believe that determination of a student is the most important factor for such a good result," Mallik added.

His mother, Sehely Nasrin, a housewife, who had a lot of contribution to his success, said, "My son was very serious about studies. On an average he studied 12 hours a day. He did not have any tutor but he consulted his school teachers from time to time.

Mallik's father, Md Shariful Islam Mallik, an engineer, said, "I had enough confidence in my

Mallik wants to be a teacher. His hobbies are reading books and collecting stamps.

sition in the combined Social Science Group. She secured 845 marks. She was followed by Mosammat Shiuly Ara Begum of Chirir Bandar Pilot High School. She got 842 marks. Umme Ruman of Ikkshu Gabeshana High School stood third securing 820 marks.

In Comilla Board, 1,19,472 candidates appeared in the examinations and 83,090 came out successful. Of them, 27,171 got first division, 44,353 second division and 1,566 third divi-

Musfiq Niaz Rahman of Zia Sarkarkahna College topped the combined Science Group merit list under Comilla Board. He secured 924 marks. Rivadh Hossain and Tarekul Islam of Comilla Cadet College stood second and third securing 923 and 922 marks respectively.

**Qumrul Hasan Chowdhury** of Comilla Cadet College stood first in the combined Social Science merit list. He got 881 marks. Md Mahbub Alam of the same institution secured the second position and got 880 marks. Shuhash Ranjan Das Shimon of Charipara High School stood third, securing 845 marks.

A total of 1,36,129 students sat for the exams under the Jessore Board and 64,587 came out successful. Of them 20,939 got first division, 41,948 second division and 1,700 third division. The pass percentage is 47.45 per

Md lftekhar Alam of Jhenidah Cadet College obtained the first position in the combined Science Group merit list in Jessore Board. He secured 943 marks. He was followed by Abdullah Al Reza of Barisal Cadet College, securing 931 marks. Nilufar Akhter of Govt Coronation Secondary Girls' School secured the third position securing 928 marks.

In the combined Social Science Group, Mohammad Mahdee Mahmood of Barisal Cadet College topped the merit list. He secured 871 marks. Syed Walid Reza of Jhenidah Cadet College and Rumman Mahmud of Barisal Cadet College secured second and third positions securing 870 marks and 869 marks respectively

A total of 62,315 students appeared in the exams under Chittagong Board, of whom, 38,242 came out successful. The pass percentage is 61.37. Of them, 12,754 obtained first division, 24,202 second division and 1286 third division.

Ehsanul Haque Emon of Chittagong Public School and College occupied the first position in the Chittagong Board with 921 marks. Three students jointly secured the second position. They are Abdullah Al Muhit of Nasirabad Govt High School and Farhana Khanam and Md Mohsin Kabir of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser School and College. They got 919 marks each.

### Aparajita had no tutor

By Staff Correspondent Aparajita Goswami of

Vigarunnesa Noon School topped the merit list of female students and got the third position in the combined merit list of the Science group under Dhaka Board.

She got 947 marks with letter marks in six subjects. Aparajita, daughter of C R Goswami and Chhabi Goswami.

wants to become a bio-chemist. Aparajita did not have any tutor at her house but took coaching in batches. Her hobbies are reading novels and singing songs.

#### Arson attack

From page 1 headquarters of the US fifth fleet which patrols the oil-rich Gulf region.

An official said today a restaurant was destroyed in an apparent arson attack the previous day. No one was injured.

### Commentary: Don't go at it alone

From page 1

debates it is clear that there is tremendous public interest about what our representatives do in the parliament. This again is new. However more to the point

about the parliamentary committees, the decision by Sheikh Hasina that ruling party ministers will NOT head the parliamentary committees meant to oversee the work of various ministries is one of historic importance for a healthy growth of our committee system and for the watch-dog role of our legislature over the execu-

But all these good decisions may come to nothing if the committees are formed without the opposition. In fact instead of seeing any qualitative improvement in the functioning of the parliament, we may see a drastic deterioration of it, if the ruling party goes it alone in this matter. And here we would urge Sheikh Hasina that she not make the mistake that Khaleda Zia did during her days in power. Don't be inflexible in running the parliament if it does not go against the fundamentals of our State and of democracy. It is our view that it was some fatal flaws of the BNP chief, especially her stubbornness and inflexibility about not accepting the opposition demand that led to her fall. She could have accepted the demand for a neutral and caretaker government in exchange for which the opposition, at one stage, was willing to guarantee her undisturbed tenure for five years. But instead she kept on herping that it was not in the

Constitution and as such if

take for the ruling party leader not to see the merit of the demand and be accommodative. There is an intrinsic value

to the present opposition's demand for proportionate representation in the committees Even if what the AL is offering is better than what the BNP had given to it when in opposition, yet public sympathy will likely swing the BNP's way if a major trouble occurs in the functioning of the Sangsad on this particular issue. The question that people will ask the Treasury Bench is simply this - WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU AG-GREE TO THE OPPOSITION'S DEMAND? Would the parliamentary system be harmed? Would the ruling party run the risk of facing defeat in any noconfidence motion? Would the Parliamentary Committee system suffer an aberration if the proportionate system is introduced? Is the BNP demand contrary to the basic principles of either democracy or of representative government? So what is the BIG REASON why Awami League should risk its hardearned victory — that also after 21 years — and the satisfaction of giving the country a working and effective parliament? Why should AL earn the stigma of not being able to run the parliament and of not trying hard enough to accommodate the opposition? Just as it happened a few

years, and for which we suffered so much, again it is the inflexibility and stubbornness of the ruling party which is prevent-

ing it from seeing the intrinsic value of the BNP demand. If AL

We urge AL and especially Sheikh Hasina not to risk her why fall into the trap of jeopterest above its short term committee system. We ask this we did so during BNP's days in power, we believe that it is the liamentary democracy. BNP did it lost. Will AL be different?

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By Staff Correspondent

PM's question

hour may be

extended

replies to the questions of MPs.

for 15 minutes once a week. Yes-

terday, the Prime Minister's

question answer time stretched

Chowdhury later drew the at-

tention of the MPs to the matter

and said, the 15-minute time al-

lotted for the Leader of the

House to answer questions was

not enough. He proposed ex-

tending the time for 30 minutes.

sponded immediately saying

"If the Chair so desires, I accept

4 BNP activists

detained in

Barisal

From Staff Correspondent

and JCD activists of Barisal

have been given one month's de-

tention under the Special Pow-

ers Act of 1974. They are, Ma-

jibar Rahman Nantu. Sheikh

Md Abdul Malek, Sarafuddin

jected. They were arrested dur-

ing the hartal on July 3 al-

legedly for assaulting the po-

Raquib Uddin Ahmed

new Education Secy

Raquib Uddin Ahmed has been

appointed as the education sec-

retary while Education Secre-

tary Abdullah Haroon Pasha

has been appointed as the secre-

tary of Women and Children Af-

fairs Ministry, according to an

Children Affairs Ministry M

Akmal Hossain has been ap-

pointed as the Information Sec-

retary while Officer on Special

Duty (Secretary) of the Estab-

lishment Ministry M Mokh-

lesur Rahman has been appo-

inted as Social Welfare Sec-

Touhid wants to

be CA

By Staff Correspondent

of Ideal High School secured

third position in the combined

merit list of Social Science

Talking to The Daily Star.

Touhid said, "I was expecting

better results than this. My

mother's contribution was the

Touhid studied about four

His mother, Khurshid Jahan

Touhid's father is an assis-

Touhid, who wants to be a

Touhid supports student

Khusi, a school teacher, said, "I

am very happy and proud to-

tant general manager in a bank.

chartered accountant, said, "

believe seriousness is a major

factor behind such successful

group under Dhaka Board. He

obtained 879 marks.

most behind my success.

hours a day.

day.

result.

politics.

M Shawkot Hossain Touhid

Secretary of Women and

official handout.

retary.

Information Secretary Kazi

Their bail petitions were re-

Babu and Mainul Islam Pulak.

BARISAL, July 8: Four BNP

The Leader of the House re-

Speaker Humayun Rashid

over half an hour.

the proposal".

Prime Minister Sheikh the FIR at his residence, typed it Hasina yesterday agreed to the at his office and filed it with the Speaker's proposal for extend-Dhanmondi thana in the ing the duration of her question evening of October 2 last year. answer time in the Jatiya He denied that the contents Sangsad.
The Leader of the House of his FIR were provided by the

he never met Sheikh Hasina.

"The CID had instructed the

#### PM's remarks

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There she created an "embarrassing" situation in Bangladesh-Japan relations since the Awami League after assuming power had voted in the UN Security Council in favour of India against Japan, violating a Bangladesh commitment given to Japan earlier. Bhuiyan cited.

He refuted the Prime Minister's allegation that "Japan-Bangladesh relations severely deteriorated in last two years of lost Japan's confidence." It is "a blatant lie ... " he said.

In essence, Bhuiyan contin-

He said the prime minister's deliberation misquoting BNP

about to be destroyed during Awami League rule whereas Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman built it as a strong, disciplined and modern one. The changes which were

Zia's 1991-96 tenure were nothing contrary to rules and regulations of the Army, he pointed

### days of hostile" shutdown.

From page 1

Jhonson Road, Dhaka. The trial of Bangabandhu murder case is going on in the two storied red building at Naz-

Azra Ali appeared for the peti-

vocate-on-record Maulvi Wahidullah appeared for the

#### JS bodies

rent session of Parliament.

tary Affairs Minister Abdul Matin Khashru also told this correspondent last night that the ruling party had "no intention" to unilaterally announce the JS bodies. "For a more functional and more effective parliament, the Treasury and Opposition benches need to work together — on the basis of consensus," the minister said. BNP leader and Chief Whip

of the Opposition Khandaker Delwar Hossain told this correspondent at this parliament chamber last evening that the BNP had consistently been demanding formation of the committees. "With the committees not being formed, the government is eventually going unaccountable to Parliament, the Opposition Chief Whip said posing a question: "Why should the BNP be deprived of due share of membership on the

parliamentary bodies?"

Mahitul denied the charge.

Mahitul told the court that Replying to questions from the lawyers he also said he did not know that the Indemnity Ordinance was a barrier in filing the case.

DGFI to provide relevant in-

official one," he claimed, saying she went there on her own.

BNP regime and Bangladesh

ued, Japan's confidence, belief and friendship with Bangladesh remained in tact during the said period like any other

Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia was tantamount to spreading malice in the Army and ignoring rules and disciplines of the institution. He alleged the Army was

brought about during Begum

About BNP-enforced hartal, the opposition lawmaker said it is really astonishing to make such a remark about a peaceful agitation for the cause of country's independence and sovereignty, by the Awami League chief who sponsored "about 170

#### Farooq's appeal

Nazimuddin Road in place of sitting Sessions Judge Court, at

imuddin Road, Dhaka. Advocate Khan Saifur Rahman and Advocate-on-record

tioner Col (retd) Faroog Rah-Attorney General K S Nabi, Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan and ad-

From page 1 sion". He, however, said that if a consensus could be reached by a couple of days, the committees would be formed during the cur-

Law, Justice and Parliamen-

Replying to another question, the Opposition leader said that it was a legal obligation of the Leader of the House to take consent of the legislators concerned before announcing their names as members of a committee. "There is no scope for the Prime Minister to unilaterally announce the name of any BNP legislator without the

member's consent," he added. Meanwhile, back-stage parleys were on between the ruling party and the opposition to resolve the crisis. Sources in both the camps admitted that Mohammad Nasim and Khandaker Delwar Hossain had a meeting exclusively on this contending issue last night.

formation regarding these army officials," Razzak Khan said quoting Lt Col Mohabbat Hossain, the then DG, DFI who also recorded his statement under Section 161, as a witness in

this case. "I do not know." Mahitul

replied. "Was the day of the incident the last day of the BKSAL government?" asked Khan Saifur

Rahman. "I do not know whether the next government continued with that or not."

When the judge ordered for giving division in jail to the five accused, lawyers of the prosecution side objected to it. The judge said, "I order the division for them, so that they may remain in good health to

"Capt Emdad, an accused in the Manzoor murder case, was already enjoying division in

The prosecution also raised objection to the supply of food to the accused by their relatives during the recess. The court observed that it will consider the

#### SSC results within 30 days By Staff Correspondent

All concerned have been requested to inform in writing the controller of examination of the board concerned within 30 days if any mistakes are detected in the SSC results, an official announcement said last night.

No complaint will be entertained after the expiry of the 30day period, it added.

The board authorities reserve the right to change, amend or completely cancel the results of the examinations if any mistakes are discovered in the published results after that date, the announcement said.

### sent to Chief Justice

A senior judge of the High Court, Justice Kazi Shaffuddin Ahmed, sent Delwar Hossain Saidee's case to the Chief Justice as the second judge of a twomember bench felt embarrassed in hearing the case yesterday.

"Since the second judge of bench feels embarrassment to hear the case, the case is being sent to Chief Justice to get it heard by any of the division benches," he said in passing the

order. Justice Gour Gopal Saha, second judge of the bench, felt embarrassed to hear the Ja-

maat leader's case. The reason was not disclosed. Earlier, an appeal was filed against the judgment of Piroipur district election tribunal

#### tion as MP void.

father married in his family and my daughter has been mar-

ried to his son..." Without naming the High Commissioner designate, Hasina explained that he had been chosen not because of being her relation but for his career as a qualified diplomat. "Finally, I would like to disclose, he has

In a written reply to Dabirul Islam of Awami League, Home Minister Rafigul Islam said. one Abdus Salam of Baliadang thana in Thakurgaon district was detained under the Special Powers Act (SPA) on May 25 and was freed on June 30 following recommendation by the district review committee.

score by asking LGRD Minister Zillur Rahman, who represented the home minister in the House if Salam's release proved that the SPA was being abused. "The Special Powers Act is exercised in special circumstances ... So was the case of Ab-

when such circumstances did not exist," was the smart reply from the minister. A chaotic situation prevailed in the House for quite sometime as a good number of lawmakers from the AL, BNP and JP were shouting to speak on point of order during the

cumstances and was released

ments at each other. Winning the tough contest for getting the floor, Shahidul Islam of BNP commented, "The JP members won't get the chance to speak, no matter how

"Unlike the BNP, JP doesn't stage walk-out without any rea-Then AL deputy Haji Mo-

### By Aminul Islam

The Shahnawaz Bhaban will

Chowdhury told The Daily Star. The students of the Fine Arts Institute started an agitation programme from Monday as the VC recently ordered the demolishing of the residential hall of the Institute for building multi-storied supermarket in

on July 10. The VC said that the multi-

There will be a sophisticated shopping centre in the first. second and third floors of the building. The teachers and employees will also be offered

ginning.

#### be army officer From Our Correspondent

Mahmood is the youngest son of Md Shamsul Haq of Mirpur, Dhaka. His hobby is stamp collection. He wants to be an

cent students came out success-47.02 last year.

In Jessore Board, the percentage was 43.99 last year. The percentage has increased to

61.37 compared to the 44.20 per The overall pass percentage is still far less than that of the 1994 and 1995 despite an increase of ten per cent this year. In 1995, when the objective

pass percentage was 71.46. The percentage was 73.20 in 1995. But the pass percentage recorded a sharp fall in 1996 as

Sheikh Hasina, however, added that there was nothing wrong in appointing one's relative to a post as long as the person concerned possessed re-

quired qualification. "He is a

career diplomat and served the

UN, ILO, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone," she said. bandhu," said Hasina and added, "I treat all people of the

tled to get a job even if we possess the qualification required?" In reply to a question from AL lawmaker Mirza Azam the Prime Minister informed the House that to ease traffic-jam in Dhaka city, the government has planned to construct three fly-overs at Sonargaon, Jatrabari and Mahakhali. The Communications Ministry is studying the project in cooperation with the Dhaka City Corporation, Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and

Replying to a supplementary

construction of the fly-overs.

the World Bank (WB) for design-

ing, assessment and prepara-

tion of tender documents for

**Editor: Mahfuz Anam** 

# JCD, BCL clash

League (BCL), reports UNB.

The BCL activists allegedly damaged the mike and micro-

panes of Mass Communication and Journalism Department. Department of History and some classrooms of the Arts

By Staff Correspondent An emergency meeting of the Awami League Central Working

residence to pay their last respects. They consoled the members of the bereaved family. Sayem is survived by his wife and only daughter.

president Maudud Ahmed. Mainul Hossain, and Ziaur Rahman Khan, MP. Justice Sayem succeeded Justice Sayem had remained Law Administrator until

chief martial law administra-In a message condoling the death of ASM Sayem, President Shahabuddin Ahmed recalled with gratitude the contribution

Shahabuddin prayed for the

roof of the coach were blown up.

continues. mitted with injuries.

could not be considered. Begum Zia refused to see the intrinsic value, if not the popularity, of the demand that the opposition was making. It was a fatal mis-

accedes to the demand it will lose nothing — just as BNP would have lost nothing if it had acceded to the AL demand in '93. On the contrary AL will gain sympathy of a tired and weary public who are sick to their bones in seeing AL and BNP seeking votes on the promise of running the country properly and then getting at each other's throat on petty and partisan fights within months of having procured their votes totally forgetting their con-

victory, and thereby her chance to show us that she is truly a different type of leader whose concern is the welfare of the people. BNP is not likely to gain the earth if it gets proportionate seats in the committees, nor is AL likely to lose any thing of substance. Ruling party's hold will remain just as strong. So ardising the smooth running of the parliamentary committees and also risking the chance to prove that AL can run the country better than BNP. We urge AL to put its own long term self-inhaughtiness and accept the proportionate formula which will give us an effective and efficient of the ruling party because, as duty of the ruling party to go the extra mile when question of accommodation arises in a parnot follow this tradition, and so

## Bangabandhu murder

the FIR at the instance of the government. He told the court that he wrote

He also informed the court that relatives of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman did not ask him anything about the

face the trial.

File complaints

Saidee's case

reports UNB.

### which declared Saidee's elec-

JS snippets From page 1 Sheikh Hasina said, "Yes, he is my relative on many counts. He is my father's cousin, my grand-

been selected by the foreign minister, not by me," she noted.

dus Salam of Thakurgaon. He was detained under special cir-

In a supplementary, Fazle

Rabbi of Jatiya Party tried to

zero hour. At that time, some members of the BNP and JP were also found hurling com-

much they shout .... Getting the chance next. JP MP Abdul Mukit Khan retorted.

hammad Selim added, Whenever an opportunity for walkout comes, BNP does not miss it."

## PM: Zia rewarded

country in various capacities in "I am the daughter of Bangacountry as my relations." Reminding her family's sacrifice for the cause of democracy and people's rights, Sheikh

Hasina said, "Are we only for

shedding blood? Aren't we enti-

Dhaka Metropolitan Police, she added. A consultant has been appointed with financing from

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Three of the injured —

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of the late justice as Chief Justice and President of the coun-

cial handout.

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There was no immediate