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## Down to Earth

## City's Parking Problems

By AS M Nurunnabi

It is a regrettable reality that in the Dhaka city, there are no definite rules and regulations governing parking of cars and other motorised vehicles. The present practice in this regard is that parking is done helter and skelter on the roads, and where there are shopping centres, in their immediate vicinity.

In modern cities of developed countries, there are provisions for parking lots for the busy areas like the commercial zones, shopping arcades and the like. In places where there are highrise, multi-storied buildings. specific facilities for parking are provided. In many cases, they have underground parking lots and even multi-storied ones above ground level.

Such kind of indiscriminate parking as seen in Dhaka city not only impedes the movement of comparatively slow-moving traffic but also creates problems for pedestrians. From an onthe-spot survey, it has been found that previously when shopping complexes or markets were set up, no facility was provided for car parking. Similarly business establishments were set up in earlier times. As a result, no discipline evolved in the matter of car parking, leaving the main thoroughfares for use as parking zones.

Ownership of the Dhaka roads belongs either to the government or the Dhaka City Corporation. Under the City Corporation there are only four registered parking zones in the city. They are surrounding areas of New Market, Mohammadpur Town Hall, Kawranbazar and Uttara Bank Bhaban. The City Corporation reportedly earns about Taka 24 lakh by leasing them out. Attempts were made previously to set up a couple of additional parking places, for example, in Gulshan and Luxmibazar areas. But such proposals did not materi-

Besides these four registered parking zones, the City Corporation has no control over other areas of the city, which come under the domain of regulation by the traffic department of the police. It is understood that the traffic department, taking into

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aid and boosted the food pro-

Asian countries Bangladesh is

relying more on private initia-

tives and free markets as the

foundation of a growing econ-

omy and less on state enter-

prise and controls. He said the

country is a strong candidate-

member in the community of

States and Bangladesh enjoy

cordial productive and expand-

ing relations even though the

two countries are on opposite

ment led by Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina came to power

just a year ago through a free,

fair and fully contested elec-

tions. He said the government's

BCL expels 2

The press release said that

the two persons were involved

in killing, terrorism, extortion

and were collaborating with

Madaripur faction of the BCL

ousted the activists of Gopal-

ganj faction of the organisation

from Fazlul Haq Hall of Dhaka

ties in a press release said that

the university authorities had

no responsibility in connection

with the killing of Tonai as he

was never a student of the uni-

not take place in the university

area, the press release said.

There is no scope for outsiders

to enter the residential halls of

the DU as policemen are there

to check identity cards of stu-

Fazlul Haq Hall is situated out-

side the main building, the

children of employees of the

hall and some outsiders come to

watch television, the press re-

lease said. There is no police

guard in the TV room of the

thorities have formed a probe

committee headed by Prof. Ab-

dul Kader provost of Fazlul Hug

Hall to find out whether Tonai

was in the TV room of the hall

on the night the incident took

its report within seven days.

The committee will submit

place.

However, the university au-

But as the TV room of the

dents while entering halls.

Moreover, the murder did

Dhaka University authori-

University Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, the Shariatpur-

He said the present govern-

Holzman said the United

market democracies.

sides of the globe.

He said like other South

consideration the volume of vehicular traffic and commercial importance of any area, set up traffic post in that area with signboards indicating 'parking' or 'no parking' zone. For such traffic post locations, a number of traffic police are posted.

It is understood that for shortage of manpower in the traffic police department, it has not been possible to man the traffic posts with required personnel. Particularly in the busy commercial areas of the city, the parking arrangements break down partly on this account and partly on account of the heavy concentration of vehicles during business hours.

Sources say that in the Gulistan-Fulbaria area of old Dhaka, about two thousand buses operate on the 26 bus routes including the inter-district ones. Also 400 tempos operate from this area. But for the large number of vehicles operating from the vicinity of the nearby markets in this area, no arrangements for parking exist.

If we look at the principal commercial centre at Motifheel we will find the magnitude of the tribulations caused by freestyle parking in that area. Existence of kutcha bazars and indiscriminate parking of staff buses here and there are also causing deterioration of proper environment of this important commercial centre.

Except for the parking space in front of the Uttara Bank Building, there is no parking space in the whole commercial area. As a result, motor vehicles belonging to banks, insurance companies and other commercial concerns and also to visitors who come to their offices are parked in several rows on both sides of the main roads. Similar scenes may be observed before Islam Chamber, Janata Bank, BCCI, Rahman Chamber, Dhaka Stock Exchange and MCCI buildings. In the Dilkusha area and on the roads adjacent to Bangabhaban, the offices located there have no parking space of their own.

Beside New Market, which provides some parking space, a good number of other shopping

challenge is to work with the

opposition parties to establish a

more stable and sound political

climate in which the country

can develop and achieve more

by the present government have

created new opportunities for

private investment fostering a

new entrepreneurial spirit. He

said American businessmen

have responded with significant

investments in the petroleum

even stronger business ties

between Bangladesh and US

business communities will be

"one of my highest priorities."

He said the US is also

Bangladesh's major export

Bangladesh garment manufac-

turers export association for

concluding an agreement with

ILO to educate children who

worked in the garment indus-

try. He said Bangladesh pro-

grammes to stimulate micro en-

terprise have been used as

the Bangladesh soldiers in the

international peace-keeping in

Haiti, Somalia, Angola and

married and has three daugh-

Ambassador Holzman is

PM leaves

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A six-member Bangladesh

team, led by Education Minister

ASHK Sadique, left Dhaka for

Hamburg last night to attend

the Bangladesh Prime Minister

will call on German President

Roman Herzog. She will also

meet with the speaker of the

The Hamburg Mayor will

parliament of the west Euro-

host a reception in honour of

the Bangladesh Prime Minister.

She will also attend a reception

to be hosted by Bangladeshis

view to Die Zeit and Deutsche

Welle Bangla Service in Hum-

burg and attend a reception to

She will seize the opportu-

nity to explain investment scope

in Bangladesh to the represen-

tatives of the German industri-

be hosted in her honour by ex-

Hasina is likely to give inter-

During her stay in Hamburg.

the conference.

pean country.

living in Germany.

patriate Bangladeshis.

alists and businessmen.

He also lauded the service of

models in the United States.

Holzman also praised the

He said establishment of

He said reforms undertaken

rapid economic growth.

and power sectors.

Holzman on Bangladesh

complexes have come up which have no parking space. They are Chandni Chowk, Gowsia Market, Noor Mansion, Chistia Market, Ismail Mansion, Dhanmondi Hawkers' Market. It is estimated that the total number of markets in this area will be about 15. The shopkeepers in this area express concern that for want of adequate parking space in this area, incurring business loss is a constant

In the non-commercial areas also, it seems there is a general lack of awareness of the need for parking space for the multistoried structures coming up or already completed. Examples in this respect are the new Central Hospital located on the western end of the Green Road and the Gonosastha Hospital on the Mirpur Road across Road No. 5. Dhanmondi Residential Area. both under process of construction.

It is felt that in the interest of easing traffic congestion in the city, there is an urgent need for a change of outlook in the matter of provision of parking space. For this purpose, the question of using ground floors of spacious buildings, where possible at the time of construction, may be considered. Such vacant spaces as are still available in the Motifheel Commercial Area may be considered for construction of multi-storied parking facility. For such projects, both the Dhaka City Corporation and the private sector

may be associated. It is further suggested that a system of realising parking charge may be introduced through a suitable agency for stay at fixed places in every commercially important area of the city. It may be noted that in many cities in western countries, parking charge is realised for use of parking lots owned by private parties.

The bottom line is that in the absence of proper rules, freestyle car parking in the city has assumed such ominous proportions that it behoves the authorities concerned take remedial measures on an urgent ba-

died in the city yesterday afternoon. He was 69, reports BSS. He left behind his wife, three sons, four daughters and a host of relatives, friends and admir-

The first namaj-e janaza of Kaiser Rashid Choudhury will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at House No 31, Road No 2, Dhanmondi Residential Area.

held at Kurmitola Golf Club. His body will be taken to Sylhet the same day and will be buried at Hazrat Shah Jalal (RA) Dargah after Asr prayers.

Hailing from Sylhet, he was son of late Abdur Rashid Chowdhury, who was a member of the Indian central assembly prior to partition. His mother, late Begum Serajunnesa Chowdhury, was a member

renowned social worker. Sangsad while younger brother Farook Rashid Chowdhury was

Born on September 22, 1928, he attended the St Edmond's College in Shillong and the Aligarh Muslim University. He joined the Pakistan Foreign Service in 1951 and served with

mar and Australia. Kaiser was director to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He resigned his post in 1966 and served in several business capacity thereafter. He was a golfer and very instrumental in promoting golf throughout Bangladesh. He was very active

Lieutenant General Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman, President of Kurmitola Golf Club, and all its members condoled the death of Kaiser Rashid Chowdhury, one of the

## Mahbub

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Mahbub, who hailed from Suriakathi village under Swarupkathi thana in Pirojpur district, was found dead in the wheel carriage when the Biman airbus landed at Riyadh airport in the early hours of May 24. The airbus took off from ZIA at about 9 pm on June 23.

State Minister for Jute and Textile, Faizul Huq, senior officials of Bangladesh Biman and Civil Aviation authorities were present during the handing over

## Govt destroying agri sector: Khaleda

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said the economy of the country is on the verge of ruination due to the 'subservient policy' of the government, reports UNB.

She alleged that the government in a planned way was destroying every sector to make the economy dependent on others. "It was almost ruined garments, leather and jute sectors and is now destroying agriculture of the country.

Addressing the leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Sechchhashebak Dal at her 29 Minto Road official residence, she said farmers of the country are now the most hapless community as they are being deprived of fair price of their produce for last one year.

The Leader of the Opposition said the government has increased prices of agri-inputs, including fertiliser to jeopardise the agriculture sector. She said, the government's

agriculture policy is to destroy the sector and encourage smuggling. Agricultural production might decline in future if the present policies continued, she apprehended.

The BNP Chairperson said it seems that the main task of this

### Woman stabbed to death in Sirajganj SIRAJGANJ, July 11: A

woman was stabbed to death allegedly by her close kin at a village in Kazipur thana of the district on Thursday, reports

Police and hospital sources said Asma Khatun, 30, of Salabora Kankunju was admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital after being stabbed at her residence on Wednesday. She succumbed to injuries the following day. Asma's husband, a butcher

in profession, was also killed by unknown assailants at his home a year back and the case was still pending at the District and Sessions Judge Court. A case was filed against

some people of the village, including her husband's nephew Chand Miah, with Kazipur police. Chand went into hiding.

## Flood situation in Assam,

Tripura worsens

GUWAHATI, July 11: The flood situation in Assam took a serious turn today with the Brahmaputra rising above the danger level following incessant rains in eight districts inundating vast tracts of farmland and human habitation. The army continued rescue

and relief operations in Tinsukia district. The floor affected districts

are Tinsukia. Dibrugarh, Sibsagar, Dhemaji, North Lakhimpur, Jorhat, Kamrup and Sonit-The flood situation in

Tripura worsened today with the alarming rise of water level in all major rivers following incessant rains during the last three days. Official sources said around

400 people, living in the lowlying areas of the state capital and on its outskirts, had already been shifted to safer places.

Sources said water levels in Manu and Deo rivers of north district had crossed danger marks.

In south Tripura district. rivers Feni and Muhuri and the Howrah in west district were also swelling alarmingly, sources added.

government is to destroy the BNP. In fact, she said, the ruling party wants to introduce oneparty rule and this is why, repression came down on the

She said the BNP and its front organisations are being obstructed in every step in carrying out its political programmes across the country. Begum Zia said the govern-

ment has completed all arrangements to make Bangladesh a 'vassal state' and its all activities, including the foreign policy, are being dictated by others. The function was also ad-

dressed by Sadek Hossain Khoka MP. Sechchhashebak Dal president Rezvi Ahmed, general secretary Fazlul Haq Milon, joint secretary Kamruz-zaman Ratan, Mohammad Akhteruzzaman and Chhatra Dal president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney.

## 3 arrested on charges of raping girl

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, July 11: Three people including a police constable were arrested on charges of raping a girl at a hotel in Cox's Bazar town early to-

Police said constable Musauddin along with two others identified as Shamsuddin and Abu Taher raped the 20year-old girl at Hotel Jilani at midnight Thursday.

All the three were arrested from the spot. The constable was suspended and sent to Cox's Bazar jail while the two others were taken to sadar thana for interrogation.

It was alleged that the three accused picked up the girl from a suburban area and took her to the hotel Thursday afternoon. Later, she was gangraped in a hotel room.

When the hotel management informed the police about the incident, an emergency police team rushed to the spot and arrested the three. The victim filed a case with Cox's Bazar sadar thana.

### Jubo League leader killing: 3 BNP activists held

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 11: Three BNP activists were arrested last night in connection with the killing of Jubo League leader Kabiruzzaman, police said. Acting on a tip-off, a police

team raided a house in the town and arrested Moslemuddin, Liton and Arup while two others managed to escape.

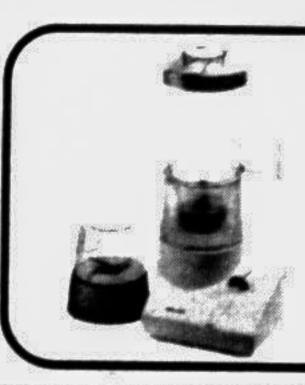
## Karachi

From page 1 outside Malir district while a

22-year old shopkeeper was also killed in sniper shooting in the same area. More than 250 people in-

cluding dozens of activists of rival factions of the ethnic based Mohajir Qaumi Movement have been killed in the past four months of violence in this southern Pakistani port

Police have arrested more than 1,000 people in a crackdown launched after Karachi power company chief Malik Shahid Hamid was murdered last week.



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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurating the Tongi-Ashulia highway at Tongi yes--PID photo

### Sierra Leone suspended from Commonwealth

LONDON, July 11: Punishing a military regime. Commonwealth foreign ministers today suspended Sierra Leone from the association of Britain and its former colonies, reports

However, an eight-nation Commonwealth group that monitors democratic lapses in member-states took no new action against Nigeria's military regime, which is suspended and faces possible expulsion.

### 9 fall sick after taking Mirinda Nine members of a family

fell seriously ill after drinking Mirinda at a marriage ceremony at Shaaghat under Keraniganj thana in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS. The victims were identified

as Nasim, 35, Shamima, 32, Arafat, 10, Joly, 18, Eeti, 15, Imran, 6, Rabbi, 4, Nitika, 4, and Rakib, 5. The children fell uncon-

scious while the adults became seriously ill. They were admitted to a private clinic.

### Hotel fire From page 1

Police declined to speculate on the cause of the inferno, but hotel officials suggested a leaking gas canister in the kitchens was possibly at fault. One man jumped to his death

trying to escape the flames in the hotel tower, local radio reported. There was no immediate independent confirmation of the report. The radio said he was thought to be from a Middle Eastern country.

Officials could not immediately confirm the identities or nationalities of the casualties. Most of the hotel's guests were believed to be Asian tourists. A hospital spokesman said a

Finnish woman had been treated for burns and released. Her identity was not immediately available. Media reports said the

hotel's sprinkler system was inadequate. In some areas, there were no sprinklers at all while in others the system was defective, the reports said.

## PM opens Tongi-Ashulia road Massive plan to develop

### rural road network TONGI (Gazipur), July 11: strengthen the rural economy

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said her government wants to build a planned communication network in the country for achieving overall economic development, reports

while inaugurating the Tongi-Ashulia section of the 18.6 km Tongi-Ashulia-Zirabo-Savar EPZ road project this after-

Under the first phase of the Tk 58 crore project, the 5.5 km Tongi-Ashulia metalled road costing Tk 32 crore was completed in fiscal 1996-97 under the special directive of the Prime Minister and supervision of the Communications Minis-

Construction of the remaining 13.1 kilometres of the road is going on.

Three bridges, two box culverts and 20 pipe culverts will be built on the road.

ease road communication between Chittagong and the northern parts of the country. opening a new route from Savar EPZ to Chittagong port and

alternative to the busy Dhaka-Aricha highway. It will also facilitate transportation of the pilgrims of Biswa Ijtema at

function near Tongi bridge, the Prime Minister said the government attached top priority to the infrastructure development, especially the construction of roads, bridges and culverts to build a smooth road network throughout the coun-

She said a good communication network would help

## Major rivers

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Sunamganj, the Kushiyara at Amalshid, the Manu at Manu Railway Bridge, the Khowai at Habiganj, the Someswari at Durgapur, the Muhuri at Parshuram, the Halda at Narayanhat, the Sangu at Bandarban, and the Matamuhuri at Lama and Chiringa crossed

that flood situation in Manu, Habiganj, Durgapur, Parshuram, Bandarban, Lama and Chiringa is likely to aggravate further.

The Surma at Sylhet, the Kushiyara at Sheola, the Manu at Moulvibazar and the Gumti at Comilla may cross their respective danger marks today.

the Flood Information Centre, the Jamuna at Aricha may cross its danger mark as it is likely to rise further in the next 48 hours.

The river Ganges marked rise at all the points, but flowing below the dangers levels. All the rivers in the Ganges basin are also flowing below their respective danger levels.

the Ganges is likely to rise by 41 cm at Goalando and by 29 cm at Bhagyakul today. The Brahmaputra is also expected to rise at all points.

### Landslides From page 1

Three of the injured persons were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and the rest were released after first

terday.

In Kaptai, four children were killed when a big chunk of earth fell on their house near KMP Video Club at Chandraghona in the early hours

and set up export-oriented in-She said the government has

at Ishwardi in the northern re-Sheikh Hasina said the gov-

ernment has a massive plan to develop union-to-thana and In the last fiscal year, Tk 983

jects for construction and reconstruction of 1,700 km roads. she said, adding that this year the allocation rose to Tk 1.433 crore for 75 projects, including the previous ones.

tion of roads and bridges, including the long-cherished Rup-

were also present.

## held in city

Detective police arrested four alleged extortionists when they entered a house in the city's Lalmatia area todemanda toll of Tk two lakh Thursday

Police said the arrested are members of an organised gang

The team also seized a private car and a mobile phone from the arrested persons.

## BNP supports

ing it. BNP and other political

In another resolution meeting also expressed profound grief at the death of former President of the country Justice Abu Sadat Mohammad Sayem and party's central leader

Kaiser Rasid Chowdhury. The meeting also took stock of the latest situation in the

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that Occidental's activities were not being monitored by any representative of the government. A Joint Review Committee

consisting of three government representatives and three representatives from companies concerned is supposed to monitor, supervise and control the activities of foreign companies.

Some experts have expressed doubts whether Occidental had Blow Out Prevention (BOP) equipment at the site as required under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC). Occidental officials have, however, refuted this saying that such

equipment were kept standby. However, the experts also said that gas field explosion was not an unusual phenomenon. "In fact, there will be such

world. This is a built-in hazard of hydrocarbon exploration." Occidental had begun the

erating in the Surma valley under a PSC signed on January 11, 1995

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## Kaiser Rashid

Kaiser Rashid Chowdhury

and popular in the social cir-

of the body. The body was sent to Mahbub's village home by a Biman

## Chy dead

The second janaza will be

of the Pakistan National Assembly in the 1960s and a His elder brother Humayun Rashid Chowdhury is the current Speaker of the Jatiya

a state minister.

distinction in France, Myan-

## oldest members of the golf club, said a press release.

vehicle.

Road communication snapped

points of the flood protection embankment. Low lying areas of Gangachara thana of Rangpur were inundated by flash flood, caused by incessant rain, official sources said yesterday.

The Met office recorded 300

have also developed at different

mm rain since Wednesday. The badly affected areas are: Nohali, Kochuya, Alambiditor, Mohipur and Salapak. In Lalmonirhat, torrential rain coupled with onrush of hill water flooded low-lying areas

Sadar thana was devoured by the river Teesta yesterday. The worst-hit areas are: Khuniagach in Sadar thana. Mahiskhocha in Aditmari thana, Votmari in Kaligani thana and Dawabari, Sindurna and Gandimari in Hatibandha

thana.

district.

yesterday.

and Chongadara high school of

of Nalitabari thana were submerged by waters of the river Bhugai. The situation aggravated due to onrush of hill waters from India's Meghalaya province following incessant rain in the

In Sherpur, low-lying areas

The embankment on the riverside was also washed away by the flood water at two points inundating the low lying areas. Thana office premises including the Dakbanglow and Ambagan roads went under knee-deep water.

According a report from

Comilla, a breach has developed

at Gumti river embankment in Mirpur area in Brahmanpara thana following erosion due to onrush of hill water last night. Our Cox's Bazar Correspondent quoting official sources said, Abul Kalam (25), Manik (27) and an unidentified man of Ramu thana, and Nurul Alam

The snapped road communi-

cation between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar could not be restored till yesterday evening as two bailey bridges on the highway were still under water.

Our Correspondent from Sylhet says, road communication between the district and rest of the country was snapped as flash flood threatened the Shahistaganj bridge in Habiganj district.

Hundreds of vehicles were

stranded on Sylhet-Shahista-

ganj-Habiganj road. The flood water has inundated 50 villages under five thanas of the district. The road communication between the district headquarters and Beanibazar thana was also snapped yesterday afternoon as ferry service through Sheolaghat stopped. The road

ters remained cut off for the second day yesterday. In Moulvibazar, at least 20 villages of five thanas were inundated due to torrential rain coupled with onrush of hill wa-

link between Sylhet and

Gowainghat thana headquar-

ter in the last two days. Standing crops and seedbeds on 10,000 acres of land were damaged and road communication in the district was disrupted due to the flood, official sources said. Breaches developed in dif-

ferent points of the Monu river

thanas of Sunamgani were in-

undated yesterday due to rain.

Low-lying areas of three

embankment.

official sources said. Some 2,000 thatched houses, besides launch ghat, police outpost and standing crops were damaged by the onrush of hill water. Sources said four unions in

Tahir thana, one union in

Chhatak and two unions of

sadar thana were submerged. (18) and Syed Alt (7) of Sadar thana drowned in flood water In Feni, 40 villages of sadar and Porshuram thanas of the district were inundated due to torrential rain, official sources

Road and rail communica-

tions between the two thanas were cut off and standing crops on nearly 2,000 acres washed away by the flood, they said. UNB adds: Flood situation in Bandarban aggravated further

yesterday claiming lives of two

people and affecting some

A 50-year-old man and a 16-

year-old boy were washed away by flood waters in Ali Kadam thana, police said. Identity of the two could not be immediately known. Almost all parts of the dis-

trict's seven thanas, including

80 per cent areas of the town,

were submerged as the onrush

Officials said the district re-

of hill water continued.

75,000 people.

mained cut off from the rest of the country as a vast portion of the Chittagong-Bandarban road went under flood water, triggered by incessant rains over the last four days. Six thanas — Ruma, Thanchi, Lama, Roangchhari, Ali

Kadam and Naikkhongchhari —

were detached from the district

headquarters as roads on the

hill were damaged, either by

flooding or landslide. The sources said the flood water remained only one foot below the Sangu bridge. BSS adds: Flood situation in Durgapur thana of Netrakona

district deteriorated as more ar-

eas of all the seven unions as

well as the pourashava were

submerged by waters from the Someswari river. Officials said a large portion of a road-cum-embankment known as 'shakhait' along the bank of the Someswari was washed away at Birisiri point. Road communication be-

tween Netrakona and Durgapur was threatened as flood waters started flowing over the highway yesterday at Palashkandi. they said.

The Prime Minister said this

On completion, it will help

Dhaka international airport. Besides, the road will be an

Addressing the inaugural

The Surma at Kanaighat and

danger marks. The bulletin also forecast

According to the experts at

But the experts forecast that

The labourers, Belayet Hossain, 34, and Rafique Ahmed. 31, died on the spot while six others of the colony were injured.

According to another report. one person was killed in a landslide in Kalarmarchara union of Moheshkhali thana under Cox's Bazar district yes-

yesterday The dead were identified as Shahara Begum, 9, Mariam Be-

gum, 12, Mohammad Yusuf, 6 and Sheuli Akhter, 12.

dustries and export processing zones for attracting foreign indirected to set up another EPZ

thana-to-district communication network to boost up the rural economy and increase the buying capacity of the rural crore was allocated for 41 pro-

Referring to her recent visit to Japan, the Prime Minister said three agreements were signed during the six-day trip. Under the accords, Japan will provide Tk 525 crore loan to Bangladesh for the construc-

sha bridge. Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Monju also spoke at the function. Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury, local MPs M Rahmat Ali and Ahsanullah Master

## 4 extortionists

By Staff Correspondent

in Mohammadpur area. They were identified as Liton, Sattar, Shipu and Babul Mollah.

of Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world are anguished by that heinous act and the Jatiya Sangsad has unanimously adopted a resolution condemn-

parties has also condemned the incident, the press release said.

## country, the press release said.

Gas fire

was purely accidental. Allegations were also made

incidents anywhere around the

said an expert of the Petrobangla drilling at that spot on June 2. its first in Bangladesh. It is op-

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