The aim is simply to trans-

The Republican-led Congress

form the organisation," he said.

has refused to pay the 870 mil-

lion dollar it acknowledges it

owes the United Nations with-

The plan does not address

some of the most controversial

congressional demands - such

as reducing the US share of the

budget and crediting the United

States for some of the money it

spent supporting peacekeeping

not address demands from the

developing world for reforms of

the Security Council, through

which the United States and

other permanent members set

the plan requires "clone part-

nership and cooperation with

member states." The report in

cludes measures which Annan

can take now as well as recom

mendations which require ap-

proval from the 185-member

streamlining the cumbersome

UN administrative structure

under a new, five-member Cab-

inet directed by a deputy secre-

JRC meet

Saturday

Bangladesh-India Joint River

Commission begins here on

July 19 at the state guest house

Meghna, an official handout

said in Dhaka last night, re-

Abdur Razzak will lead a 13-

member Bangladesh delegation

while Indian Water Resources

Minister Sheesram Ola will

lead his country's delegation at

arrive here on July 18 Water Re-

sources Minister Abdur Razzak

will receive them at the Zia In-

Singapore, air

chief calls on

president

Major General Goh Yong Siang

made a courtesy call on Presi

dent Justice Shahabuddin Ah-

med at Bangabhaban yesterday.

chief, President Shahabuddin

called for close cooperation

between the air forces of the two

memorandum of understanding

(MOU) signed between the two

countries in February, 1994 and

said Bangladesh Air Force is in-

terested in developing training

cooperation with the Singapore

would be strengthened in future,

Siang thanked the President for

receiving him and members of

his delegation. He said the air

forces of the two countries are

working together in developing

Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed

Clashes leave

over 170 dead

in Rwanda

Clashes between Rwandan

army and Hutu rebels in Rwan-

da's north have left more than

170 people dead, including

civilians, a local official said

The Tutsi-led military had

killed 136 Hutu rebels in two

separate areas in Ruhengeri

during weekend clashes, ac-

cording to Boneface Rucagu,

governor of the northern

Ruhengeri prefecture. He said

the two sides had been "at war"

today, reports AP.

KIGALI, Rwanda, July 16:

was present on the occasion.

Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-

an official handout said.

their professional skill.

He hoped, such cooperation

Major General Goh Yong

The President referred to the

Welcoming the Air Force

Singapore Air Force Chief

The Indian delegation will

the two-day meeting.

ternational Airport.

reports UNB.

countries.

Air Force.

Water Resources Minister

ports BSS.

The 32nd meeting of the

Annan's plan aims at

General Assembly.

Annan said the success of

the organisation's agenda.

The 95-page report also does

out specific reforms.

operations.

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\$10m Italian soft loan for 4 projects

Italy has agreed to provide Bangladesh with 10 million US dollars this year as soft loan for four projects, reports UNB.

The projects are: Chittagong Water Supply Project. Rehabilitation of Main Line Section of Bangladesh Railway (East Zone), Rehabilitation of Main Line Section of Bangladesh Railway (West Zone) and Extension of Inland Container Depot at Dhaka and Procurement of Container Wagon and their Equipment.

The agreement was reached at an official meeting between the two countries at the Ministry of Foreign Aaffairs yesterday.

The two sides at the meeting also agreed to exchange regular high level visits between the two countries to bolster Dhaka-

Rome ties in all fields. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury led the home team at the 3-hour talks that covered the entire gamut of bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues of common con-

Visiting Italian Deputy Foreign Minster Ms Patriza Toiza led her country's six-member team at the talks which also discussed ways for expansion of trade and economic coopera-

tion between the two countries. The Italian side has assured Bangladesh of considering its proposal on Generalised System of Preference (GSP) in tariff concession, an official said af-

ter the meeting. The official also said that an Italian delegation would visit Dhaka shortly to see the investment climate in

Bangladesh has sought Italian financial assistance for setting up a footwear fashion design institute to provide

PSC chairman From page 1

day last he had said, "I will take decision within a week's time

Bangladesh.

ployees.

on whether or not to quit." The PSC Chairman said that the Commission was now looking into some "genuine demands" of the officers and em-

The Secretary, an Assistant Secretary and a Deputy Secretary of the PSC, who were earlier forced out of their offices by the officers and employees on Wednesday last, are yet to attend their offices. Sources said. PSC members are scheduled to meet today to discuss the overall situation. The officers and employees are demanding removal of the secretary for alleged corruption.

Aero Bengal

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24 aircraft in Dhaka-Chittagong route because the Aero Bengal had no ownership papers of the aircraft. It had procured the aircraft on lease. Operation of the two Chinese aircraft were stopped for checkup of their prophellers. "We have procured owner-

ship papers of the AN-24 aircraft and got CAAB's permission to resume services," Islam told this correspondent. "We are sending the pro-

pellers of the two Chinese aircraft to Singapore for thorough examination," he added. The two Y-12 aircraft are expected to join the service in about three weeks time, he said. But a source, who requested

anonymity, said the life of the propellers had run out. A propheller needs overhauling after every five years or 3000 flying hours, it was learnt. The prophellers of the two Y-12 aircraft did not cross the 3000 mark but crossed their fifth year, it was further learnt. Meanwhile other sources

said the Aero Bengal owed Tk 12 lakh to it as landing charge and other charges.

WB loans

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with reforms that will increase savings and investment, attract foreign capital, and thus increase the region's growth rate in a sustainable manner. Disbursements to the region

were 2.668 billion in 1997 with 1.56 billion going to India, 644.6 million dollars to Pakistan, 314.56 million dollars to Bangladesh, 87.72 million dollars to Sri Lanka and 58.42 million dollars to Nepal.

In comparison, disbursements for 1996 fiscal were 2.25 billion dollars composed of India 1.30 billion dollars, Pakistan 521.1 million dollars, Bangladesh 226.6 million dollars, Sri Lanka 108.9 million dollars and Nepal 82.4 million dollars.

In all, the disbursement marked 400 million dollar rise during the 1997 fiscal.

training to workers. During the talks, the Italian DFM appreciated the present government's development efforts and success in microcredit

She also lauded Bangladesh's involvement in the newly formed economic blocks like BISTEC, Developing-8 and the South Asian Qudrangle.

system as well as its policy for

improving relation with neigh-

At the talks, the state minister for foreign affairs was assisted by Commerce Secretary Syed Alamgir Farrouk Chowdhury, Water Resources Secretary ATM Shamshul Huda, acting Foreign Secretary M Aminul Islam and Director General (Europe) of Foreign Of fice Nazim Ullah Chowdhury.

Time for closing shop now 7 pm

The government has refixed the timing for closing shops at 7 pm instead of 8 pm to ease the sufferings of the people in the wake of deficit in power production, reports UNB.

The decision was taken under Shops and Establishment Act of 1965 for limiting the use of electricity in the evening, said an official handout.

The changed schedule will be effective with immediate ef-Dacoity at

city house By Staff Correspondent A gang of dacoits looted money and gold ornaments worth about Tk 2.33 lakh from the house of a businessman at Wari in the old part of the city

Police said, the gang of about five armed men broke their iron grills and entered the ground floor house of Ashraf Ali Chowdhury at about 3:30 am. They tied the family members and took away Tk 45,000 and gold ornaments.

early yesterday.

Sutrapur police arrested the security guard of the house. Faruk Alam, and a maid Shamsun Nahar, for their alleged involvement in the da-A case was lodged.

Khaleda From page 1

She underlined the fact that seven joint-venture projects in Bangladesh in collaboration with Italian entrepreneurs were initiated during her govern-

The BNP Chairperson hoped that trade between Bangladesh and Italy would flourish in future. To this effect, she invited a delegation of businessmen and investors from Italy to visit Bangladesh.

Ms Toia thanked Begum Zia for her remarks and stated that the Italian government is fully committed to helping development of the developing nations in Asia, particularly of Bangladesh. She said she would try to

make all possible efforts in this regard to promote greater cooperation between the two coun-The Italian Deputy Foreign

Minister hoped that the laudable initiatives taken during Begum Zia's regime would be further expanded in future. BNP Secretary General Ab-

dul Mannan Bhuiyan, Advisors M Morshed Khan MP and MM Rezaul Karim were present on the occasion.

The Italian DFM was accompanied by Italian ambassador in Dhaka Dr Raffale Miniero and other high officials of Italian foreign office.

BNP plans From page 1

days for us to reply to the BTV letter". BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP told The Daily Star last night. Earlier on Sunday night,

Mannan Bhuiyan had said that the reply would be sent in a day or two and that he would talk to the BTV authorities about the programme. However, the BNP secretary

general said last night they would hold the planned discussion with the BTV authorities after replying to their letter. We want to discuss not only the programme Begum Zia has been invited to but the BTV's policy and conduct to us as a whole." he informed. Asked whether the reply

would be positive or negative. Mannan Bhuiyan said, "We're ready to participate in the programme as per the authorities' plan but with an assurance of dealing with the matter in a neutral manner."

To another question if his party would put any pre-condition for taking part in the pro-

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Transport strike in Barisal Div continues

the third day today.

Injured passengers were admitted to different hospitals nearby.

owners associations and worker unions of different districts under Barisal division last Monday

be restored

soon: Samad Azad

The Dhaka-Sylhet road link was snapped on July 14 following the collapse of a bridge over river Khowai at Shayestaganj -14 kilometres from the Habiganj town due to onrush of flood

ter the day-to-day affairs of the Prime Minister's routine programme in her absence, said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina always gives priority to mitigating public sufferings and took initiative to mitigate the sufferings of the people of Sylhet, Habiganj and Moulvibazar.

floating bridge would be constructed at the bridge site with the help of the army in a few

Kibria, Communications Minister Anwar Hossain, acting chief of Bangladesh Awami League Amir Hossain Amu. Prime Minister's Adviser on Parliamentary Affairs Suranjit Sengupta, local MP Mostafa Shahid Enamul Huq also spoke on the occasion.

When asked why Gabtoli was not given priority in construction of flyover as the area is often clogged with traffic, a DCC official said they were planning to build four lanes of divider roads with separate 'relief roads' for the local traffic to re-

duce congestion there. "Once traffic get into the divider roads at Gabtoli, it will not be able to turn left or right until it comes to the end of the divider," said a DCC official explaining that the lanes will then enable the travellers to avoid hastle at Gabtoli.

From page 1 the way all low-lying areas were filled up, Dhaka was not even

"Rajuk has overlooked the Master Plan by approving the project which is totally illegal. Moreover, they have also violated the construction law of 1996 by allowing buildings more than six storeys high in a residential area," Wares said. AMA Muhith, Chairman

Institute of Environment and Development, termed the transaction as 'opaque and undesirable'. "With the very little information we have on the project, it is clear that it will have a dangerous environmental effect in the area. This must be discussed at the technical level," he said.

of the project details. "We have coordination committee, pro-

Asia Cup

81 balls with four fours before falling to the same bowler.

Rameez Raja won the toss on a bright sunny morning. Opener Saeed Anwar, who was later adjudged man-of-thematch set the pace for the Pakistanis with a prolific innings of 90 off 94 balls after which Raja (52), Inzamamul Haq (77)

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, July 16: The transport strike in 35 routes of Barisal, Patuakhali, Jhalakati, Barguna and Pirojpur under Barisal division continued for

Meanwhile, two BRTC buses were reportedly damaged by some 20 to 25 terrorists near the Patuakhali bridge at about 3:00 pm today. They also assaulted some 60 passengers and looted money and other valu-

The transport strike was called by the bus and minibus

Dhaka-Sylhet road link to

HABIGANJ, July 16: The Dhaka-Sylhet road link is ex pected to be restored in a few days, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad told a public gathering here today, reports BSS.

water.

Azad, who is also looking af-

The Foreign Minister said a

Finance Minister Shah AMS

Flyovers From page 1

by end of 1998 when an international tender will be floated. Sources said total investment of the WB in this project is likely to be Tk 400 crore of which about 70 per cent will be spent for construction of the flyovers. The remaining 30 per cent will go to the traffic division and other relevant departments.

The flyovers will largely help reduce traffic jam in the intersections, officials at the city's traffic division said.

Gulshan Lake

left with five per cent.

Prof Nazrul Islam, Director, Centre for Urban Studies demanded immediate publication fessional bodies, environmental groups, why should not they have a say on how such a huge project should be implemented," he said.

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and Salim Malik (62) made a mess of the bowlers.

to streamline UN tary-general. That is a new post which must be approved by the

UNITED NATIONS, July 16: Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday unveiled a sweep-General Assembly ing plan to reform the United He will abolish the Depart-Nations, the result of strong ment of Humanitarian Affairs criticism of the world body and transfer its functions to the from its most influential mem-Office of the Emergency Relief ber, the United States, reports Coordinator

The plan consolidates three Annan called the reforms. economic and social offices which aim to streamline the into one; merges two human United Nations for greater effirights offices in Geneva and sets ciency, the "most extensive and up a new drug control and crime far-reaching" in its 52-year hisprevention office in Vienna.

Annan also urged member states to meet to consider changes in the UN Charter and the treaties that established the independent UN agencies such as UNICEF, UN Development Programme and the UN Industrial Development Office, which have their own budgets and directors

Since they were organised by treaties among member states. Annan cannot restructure them by himself.

Annan's Cabinet would include chairmen of the four management groups which oversee UN operations in the fields of peace and security: economic and social; development; and humanitarian af fairs. The deputy secretary-general

would take charge of issues which involve different UN departments and agencies to reduce bureaucratic bickering and improve coordination. That would free Annan to

concentrate on major issues. Currently, 27-undersecretaries general report directly to him.

West urged not to fear Jihad

CAIRO, July 16: An Islamic conference here appealed today for the West not to fear calls for Jihad, or holy war, which it said are often misinterpreted but are legitimate acts of defense recognised by international law, reports AFP.

The final resolution of the international conference on dialogue between Islam and the West, which ended today, said that Jihad is lawful in Islam for dealing with aggression and injustice "It's a legitimate act of de-

fence recognised in principle by international law," the resolution said Delegations from 85 countries participated in the conference, which opened Sunday and

was organised by the highest

Sunni Muslim authority, Cairo-based Al-Azhar. The resolution also called for 'international media not to publish articles which could fan hatred between the members of different faiths."

It also said that academic books should "demonstrate more tolerance for other beliefs. The conference participants

any form" and called on the media "to stop likening terrorism to Islam and Muslims." "It is not necessary to mix the leg timate defense against aggression and occupation with criminal actions perpetrated by fanaticism or racism under the

also denounced "terrorism in

cover of religion," they said. The conference also called for "non-Muslim countries to let Muslims practice their religion in its entirety, that is, not just in prayer but in personal rights, too."

Paribesh Parishad to be formed in all DU halls

Dhaka University authorities have decided to constitute "Paribesh Parisad" in all the residential halls of the university to ensure a peaceful atmosphere on the campus, reports

The decision was taken yesterday at a meeting of the university Paribesh Parisad held at the Senate Hall with DU Vice-Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury in the chair.

Representatives from major student organisations, including pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and rulling Awami League's student wing Chhatra League, attended the meeting.

Among others, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie, Habib-Un-Nabi Sohel of JCD and Khigir Hayat Lizu and Abdul Wadud Khokon of BCL addressed the meeting.

from Friday to Sunday. Heavy exchange of gunfire on Korean border

SEOUL, July 16: In the most serious armed clash in almost a year, North Korean soldiers fired at least 10 mortar rounds at a South Korean border post Wednesday during a heavy exchange of gunfire, the Defence Ministry said, reports AP. North Korea said several of

its soldiers were wounded in the exchange along the central part of the Korean border, the world's most heavily armed. No South Korean casualties were reported in the shooting. which each side blamed on the

other. North Korea accused South Korea of committing a "grave armed provocative act." South Korea called it an "intentional provocation" by North Korea. It was the most serious armed clash since last Septem-

ber, when a North Korean submarine was found aground off South Korea's east coast. In a subsequent manhunt, 24 North Korean occupants of the sub and 13 South Korean soldiers and civilians were killed. South Korean border guards

spotted at least seven North Korean troops on the southern side of the demilitarised zone shortly before 11 am (0200 GMT) and ordered them through a loudspeaker to withdraw, the ministry said. When the North Korean sol-

diers continued moving southward, South Korean soldiers fired some 200 rifle shots into the air as a warning, it added. The North Koreans fired rifles at the South Korean sol-

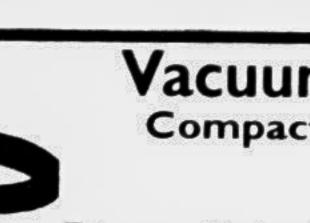
diers, the ministry said, and the

southern guards then directed

fire at the northerners with

machine guns and recoilless ri-Northern soldiers at a guard post across the border returned fire with a round from a recoilless rifle, about 10 mortar rounds and two more rounds of unidentified artillery, the ministry said.

Forty-five minutes after the initial gunshot, South Korean soldiers called for a cease-fire through loudspeakers. The North Koreans stopped shooting shortly thereafter.



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Former minister Sushil Adhikari dead

A former minister and adviser to the President Michael Sushil Adhikari died of cancer Tuesday at a nursing home in Calcutta. He was 73, reports

Michael Sushil Adhikari who hailed from the Adhikari family of Barisal Christian community, was an eminent social worker, litterateur and president of the Bangladesh Baptist Sangha.

He was associated with several philanthropic organisa-He was also linked with a

isations, a press release said. Adhikari who authored a good number of books, was the recipient of several awards including Jatiya Grantha Kendra Award in 1988 and Lions International Award in 1976. He left behind his wife, two

number of international organ-

daughters, one son and a host of friends and well-wishers. The body of Sushil Adhikari is expected to arrive tomorrow and his funeral is likely to be held the same day at Baptist Sangha office in Senpara Par-

bata, Mirpur at 2 pm.

Ataul Huq goes to Singapore today for treatment

By Staff Correspondent The Cabinet Secretary, Ataul Huq, is going to Singapore today for treatment, according to his family sources. Ataul Huq was admitted to

diovascular Diseases on June 25 after a heart attack. JCD calls hartal at Bogra today

the National Institute of Car-

BOGRA, July 16: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of BNP, has called a half-day hartal in the district tomorrow protesting the killing of a JCD activist, reports UNB. Masum, 20, the JCD activist.

tified terrorists at New Market in the town on July 14. Activists of BNP, Juba Dal and Chhatra Dal brought out a joint procession in the town this evening in support of har-

was stabbed to death by uniden-

Jute purchase From page 1

duced in the 1997-98 fiscal year Out of which, 18 lakh bales will be exported and rest will be used in the local jute mills.

Jute Ministry officials said

that they expect that about 10

lakh bales of raw jute will be imported by China. During the first 11 months of the previous fiscal year, the country earned Tk 465.87 crore by exporting 17.80 lakh bales of raw jute and Tk 1075 crore was earned by exporting jute goods.

3 missions

From page 1 ical appointee, Mumtaz Hussain, who is Social Welfare Secretary of the ruling Awami League. The country previously had a mission in Brunei which was closed nearly 10 years

is yet to decide on opening a mission in the Austrian capital of Vienna. The Austrian government is learnt to have expressed its desire to provide free accommodation for Bangladesh embassy. Vienna's importance as a diplomatic hub is internationally acknowledged. After New York and Geneva, Vienna

Meanwhile, the government

houses the headquarters of several important UN agencies and international organisations. making the establishment of a mission there of substantial importance, diplomatic observers pointed out. Besides, Austria is also a gateway to the Eastern European countries. 130 countries have missions in Vienna, iricluding almost all the SAARC countries. Besides Vienna, Dhaka needs to examine seriously the opening of missions in other European capitals including

those of Norway and Hungary.

Both these countries have resi-

dent missions in Dhaka.

Bangladesh is the largest recip-

ient of Norwei ian assistance in

Asia while Hurngary has become

a member of NATO and has one

of the most important emerging economies in East Europe. sources pointed out. Meanwhile. Dhaka is planning to close its mission in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe.

Six killed, 41 hurt in road accidents

killed and 41 others injured in separate road accidents in Naogaon and Khagrachhari yesterday and the day before, report agencies. According to UNB, four peo-

At least six persons were

ple were killed and 40 injured when an overloaded bus fell into a roadside ditch near BSCIC industrial estate in Naogaon yesterday Three of the dead were identified as Sirajul Islam, 40, of

Hatnagar village in Dharnorhat thana and Kobad Ali, 45, of Kashipur village in Patnitola thana of Naogaon, and Zahedul Islam Zahed, 55, of Bhagyakul village in Srinagar thama of Munshigani district

The identity of the other dead, aged about 35, could not be known immediately.

Police said the accident occurred at about 9:30am as the Naogaon-bound bus from Dhamorhat skidded off the road as its driver tried to give passage to another bus coming from opposite direction Three of the injured — Toz-

zamel Haq, Nimai Mohonta and Harun - were rushed to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in critical condition. Others were admitted to Naogaon Sadar Hospital and a local

Korean factory at DEPZ reopens

Youngone Hi-Tech Sportswear Industries Ltd at Dhaka Export Processing Zone in Savar reopened yesterday after four days of unscheduled closure due to labour unrest in the factory, reports UNB. About 70 per cent of the

workers of the Korean company joined their work, said an official of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA) which oversees the country's EPZs. The sportswear manufacturing company, an unit of the

Youngone Group, was closed on

Saturday following the labour

No untoward incident was reported yesterday as the situation was totally normal. The official said and informed that BEPZA Chairman Moazzem Hossain Khan also visited the factory yesterday.

The management of the Youngone company will explain the factory's situation at a press conference here today.

From page 1 moves by extremists among the

PCJSS and its communication to different international organisations, foreign missions and NGO's, seeking help to resolve the CHT issue and repatriation of refugees under the aegis of the UNHCR and ICRC. The government dismissed

saying it did not arise as the UN organisation was not involved in helping the refugees in Tripura, which was denied access by the Indian government. Aug 15 killing

the involvement of the UNHCR

Thakur, yesterday completed their cross-examination of the second prosecution witness of the case, Rama, in the court of

Kazi Golam Rasul, District and

suggested that Rama either had

The defence counsels further

Sessions Judge, Dhaka.

fled before Bangabandhu was killed or that he had blood relation with the assassinated President. Except being emotional at some stages during the crossexamination, Rama firmly replied to all the questions

posed to him throughout the

Advocate TM Akbar, counsel for Lt Col (LPR) Mohiuddin Ahmed, during cross-examining the witness, opined that Rama's age was over for government job when he joined the Livestock Directorate at Gopalgani in 1992.

Advocate Akbar, in an in-

sinuation, tried to bring out

from Rama that there were sophisticated arms of Sheikh Kamal, Sheikh Jamal and chief security Mohiuddin in a room on the second floor of the house. Earlier, plaintiff of the case AFM Muhitul Islam had made his deposition before the court and defence counsels also com-

first prosecution witness. Sharfuddin Mukul will continue cross-examining Rama when the court resumes at 10:30 am today.

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pleted cross-examination of the

9 burnt alive

Mohammadpur and Tejgaon stations took around two hours to extinguish the fire. A fire service official said it was difficult to enter the building as the staircase was narrow. Meanwhile, the Fire Service

and Civil Defence authorities have formed a three-member probe body headed by deputy director Altaf Hossain to investigate the incident. A number of people from Mirpur areas rushed to the DMCH to try to identify the bod-

ies. However, Mirpur police said

none came to the thana to en-

quire about any missing per-

sons till last night

Naogaon Deputy Commissioner, Police Super, local poura chairman and Awami League presidium member Abdul Jalil rushed to the spot soon after the accident and later vis-

ited the injured at hospital. BSS adds: Two women were run over by a truck and another was seriously injured near Panchhari bazar under Panchhari thana of Khagrachhari hill district Tuesday.

Police said the dead were identified as Mejori Tripura, 26, and Karati Tripura, 60. They died on the spot. Dali Tripura, 45, has been admitted to Khagrachhari Sadar Hospital. Her

condition is stated to be critical Police seized the truck and a case has been filed in Panchhari thana in this connection.

policemen suspended

Alleged dacoit escapes from thana hajat in Rangpur From Our Correspondent

spector of Kotwali thana were suspended after an accused in a dacoity case escaped from the thana hajat today. Police Super of the district visited the thana and suspended the onduty sub-inspector and a

constable for their negligence to

Police said Joynal Abedin, a

licemen, including a Sub-in-

RANGPUR, July 16: Two po-

member of an organised gang of inter-district dacoits, fled the thana hajat breaking its lockup at about 1:30 pm. Joynal, arrested from Paglapeer area on Friday, was brought to the thana hajat on a

lowing day. Gas supply to Sunamganj cut off

six-clay police remand the fol-

From Staff Correspondent SYLIHET, July 16: It will take at least three months to resume gas supply to the district headquarters of Sunamgani, said an official of Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution

Systems Ltd. here today. Gas supply to Sunamgani was cut off after the detection of leakage and some technical faults in the gas pipe in Khashiamara area in Doarabazar on the Chhatak-Sunamgani portion last Monday. The faults were detected after the gas pipe

Low-lying areas From page 1

went under flood water.

Louhaganj and Srinagar thanas of Munshiganj district may be inundated by this morning. Low-lying areas of Dohar and Nawabgarij thanas of Dhaka

in Chittagong district improved further following sharp decline in water levels, in different rivers in the north and south, including the Shangu and Dolu. Almost all the people evacuated from the flood affected areas have also returned to their

district may be inundated by

The overall flood situation

the same time.

sources saud here tonight. With the recession of flood waters' the relief operations in the flood affected areas have been geared up.

homes, district administration

ICDDR,B

From page 1 tance, formulating work strategy, maintaining organisational links and appointing and training high officials. The donors now want assurances that the centre would continue to run long-term projects like the plainned 'International Family Planning Training Programme' and a five-year project on infras tructure development, course-d esign and their imple-

Curre ntly operating with an annual budget of 13 million US dollars, provided by more than 25 governments and international affencies, the ICDDR,B has adopted a long-term strategy for international fund mobilisation and structural development. The fund would be spent for two hospitals under the centre and its research activities.

mentatio n.

The ICDDR,B plans to expand its activities in some sectors in the next five years. These include modernising the method of treatment of diarrhoea patien s and prevention of the diseas e. adopting measures to cont rol maternal and infant morta lity, accelerating the EPI and r aising the 'nutrition rate, controlling population growth, taking effective steps to conta in STDs and HIV infection, pro moting population research evolving measures for sust ainable and affordable health management and finding su itable formula to train up people in improved health care.

Pakistan earlier in the day gramme, he replied that they tore apart a weak Bangladesh were still discussing the issue. bowling attack after skipper

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Annan unveils plan