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The World on Time

Army Selection Board told

Promotion should be competitive: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her gov ernment wants to utilise the skilled, disciplined and welltrained workforce like Army for the welfare of the country

and its people, reports UNB. "You can fulfill this expectation of the nation by improving your efficiency through hard training and regular practice." she told the members of the Army Selection Board at Dhaka Cantonment

The Prime Minster said her government's main goal is to alleviate poverty through rapid economic development.

"We have been working to improve the standard of living and ensure food, education and medicare facilities to the people," she said.

Hasina told the selection board to consider physical fitness as well as education, attitude, sociability and moral character of an officer while promoting him to higher post. "Promotion should be competitive," she said. The PM, also in charge of the

Defence Ministry, outlined guidelines for building a strong and efficient army. She stressed the need for attaining profes-

Hard loans

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among the countries and promote faster economic growth.

"The Bank is supporting the initiatives of Bangladesh. Bhutan, India and Nepal in exploring mutually beneficial investment opportunities in the South Asian Quadrangle (SAGQ)," Sato said. "The government has suggested that certain projects in Bangladesh such as the development of the Mongla and Chittagong ports. deep-sea port at Chittagong, expansion of rail and road links and construction of important bridges, have sub-regional dimension.

Sato said ADB has a dual approach for sub-regional cooperation. Firstly, it will assist in quick implementing projects and secondly, it will conduct indepth study of further possibility in the sub-region by exploring potential projects. We have already identified

some projects in these four countries," said Sato without elaborating. Sato lauded the macro-eco-

nomic management of the government saying the growth was picking up. inflation contained and fiscal deficit declining. He, however, said the bal-

ance of payment situation is not upto the mark.

When asked about his reaction to the recent statement by different trade bodies about a decline in economic activity, Sato said, "Any country has its difficulties at any time. The government has taken painful decisions on many fronts. I want to tell those who are criticising the government that they should not be impatient. Some important decisions have been taken which will take time to have effect."

The ADB chief also supported the recent fuel price hike saying that fiscal discipline was necessary to contain inflation and deficit.

sional skill, leadership quality, discipline, honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness, moral character and physical fitness.

She said the armed forces have been turned into a welltrained, organised and skilled

"We want to make it stronger and more skilled ... Leadership should be vested in qualified, efficient, able, conscious and patriotic officers.

The Prime Minister lauded the role of army in various nation-building activities and resolving different problems of the people.

"Our national army earned fame both at home and abroad by dint of its discipline, profes sional skill and sense of responsibility," she added.

Ovi, 11 others acquitted in murder case

Golam Faroque Ovi and 11 others, accused of killing three Dhaka University students. were acquitted yesterday, reports UNB.

The 11 others who were acquitted include Kamrul Islam Sajal, Khondoker Ashfaq, Monjurul Alam Litu, Zobaidul Hasan Mamun, Mirza Masud The prosecution case is that

on October 27, 1991, Mirza Galib, Liton and Mizan were shot dead in a sudden attack in front of DUCSU building by the accused, led by Ovi. Khairul Kabir Khokan, GS of

DUCSU, filed a case with Ramna thana in connection with the triple murder.

Visa lottery

From Page 1

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family to bear the loss.

Launching ceremony of commemorative volume on S M Ali

Launching ceremony of a commemorative volume on eminent journalist and founder-editor of The Daily Star late S M Ali will be held today at 5:30 pm at the National Museum auditorium

Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui will preside over the ceremony, while Prof Rehman Sobhan, K G Mustafa, A M A Muhith, or A M Chowdhury, Syed Manzurul Islam and Mahfuz Anam, among others, will speak on the occasion.

5 drown in

SYLHET, Aug 26: Five people. three of them children, drowned when two engine boats capsized in haor area under Dirai thana of Sunamganj district this afternoon, reports UNB.

Bala, 7, Amaya Das, 10 and Suiit Dev. 5, of village Paharpur drowned when a boat sank in Baram haor at village Potka. Another unidentified person

drowned in a separate boat capsized in Chapati haor under the same thana

collide: 1 killed From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: One person drowned in the Karnaphuli river this morning when two fishing trawlers collided near Kailar depot ghat, police

Md Hanif, police said.

Habib's condition

was formed Sunday to treat Habib held an emergency meeting last night to discuss his condition and further treat ment.

He did not regained consciousness till 10 pm last night the hospital sources said. The medical board will again examine him today.

Jute, textile

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Tofael Ahmed and state Minister for Jute and Textiles AK

sented the PBSKSP.

The meeting was held after workers began an agitation programme following a cabinet decision last week approving the sale of six SOE's including Karim Jute Mills and Pylon Industries, which produces mosquito nets and nylon fab-

AL city unit

rest of the terrorists responsible for attacking the meetings of Sammilito Nari Samaj and Awami Ainjibi Parishad. It held the "terrorists belonging to BNP" responsible for those attacks on Sunday.

prayed for the early recovery of injured photo-journalist Habibur Rahman Habib.

of the civil aviation authorities and national airlines of SAARC countries begins in the city to-

cials concerned will discuss ways to improve direct air sertoday vices among the seven SAARC By Staff Correspondent capitals, sources in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism said yesterday. The idea of direct air links

follows a proposal by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the 9th SAARC summit in Male in May that the enormous tourism potential of the region could be exploited for the benefit of the member countries. The officials will also dis-

During the meeting, the offi-

cuss how the direct air services can help improve trade in the

The meeting will review the Changes in BCS exam sitting arrangements

The sitting arrangements for the ongoing written part of the 18th BCS examinations. scheduled for September 1 and 3, have been partially changed reports UNB.

According to the fresh sitting arrangement, the candidates bearing reg No. 14913-26123 will sit for examination at Government Titumir College on September 1.

On September 3 (afternoon session), the examinees bearing reg No. 00021-58831 (math) and No. 00013-13578 (applied math) will sit at Dhaka College, No. 13689-45555 (applied math) at Sarkari Biggan College, and No. 45560-58847 and 85004 (applied math) at Titumir College, said a PID handout yesterday The sitting arrangements for

other examinations will remain unchanged, the handout said.

Salman Shah's death CID interrogates

Cantt thana OC

The CID is learnt to have found important disclosures about the alleged involvement of some police officials in arranging the confessional statement of Rezvi regarding the death of film star Salman Shah, reports UNB.

The Criminal Investigation Department got hold of the disclosures during the its day-long interrogation of some police of ficials of Cantonment thana yesterday

The police officials, who were questioned by CID, include officer-in-charge Shahabuddin and SI Badrul, the investigation officer in the case of Rezvi's alleged trespass into Salman's parental house at the DOHS. They were interrogated by

CID officials SSP Abdul Hannan Khan, Additional SP Subodh Chandra Chanda and ASP Khalequzzaman. But the interrogators were tightlipped about the disclosures. Sources close to the investi-

gators, however, said they (investigators) asked the police officials why they arranged the confessional statement by Rezvi and who instigated them to do it.

BNP march

From Page 1

People are now with us", he

Chaired by city BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka. MP, the public meeting was also addressed by among others, party Vice-President MK Anwar, MP, Standing Committee members Abdus Salam Talukdar and Tanvir Ahmed Siddioi. joint secretaries Mirza Abbas, Abdullah Al Noman and Ashraf Hossain. Amanullah Aman. MP. Abdul Hasnat and MA

link among SAARC states begins today By Staff Correspondent The first three-day meeting present position of air links

among the member countries and the economic viability of the proposed "pool services" to link the capitals. The three-day meeting will

also discuss the problems in introducing direct air services as airlines of some member countries home "fleet constraints" to operate among SAARC capitals. In the Male summit, Sheikh Hasina said that Bangladesh would be willing to participate in a 'pool service' involving the airlines of the Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Under the 'pool service', twice-aweek flights linking Kathmandu, Dhaka, Colombo and Male could be introduced initially. She had proposal.

She had also suggested that the SAARC countries could launch another "pool service" linking Islamabad, Delhi and Dhaka. The two "pool services" could be merged into one later.

Trader shot in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: A businessman was shot when armed terrorists, attacked him this afternoon at his shop at Strand Road, police said.

The injured, Sirajul Islam, owner of a fertiliser shop, was admitted into Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Police said the terrorists attacked Islam as he declined to pay toll morey.

Sunset rule From Page 1

about 9 pm. At one stage they confined the on-duty house tutors in a room at the hall's administrative office. Later, Provost Prof Nurun

Nahar Rahman came to the of fice to resolve the problem. But the agitating students also held her hostage.

The authorities said the students started demonstrating against the provost as she was very strict about the closure of the gate by the deadline. They alleged some students often come to the hostel even after 10 pm causing anxieties for the teachers.

The female students forced the hall authorities to change the earlier gate closure time at 7 pm about a year ago.

Police was deployed around the hall following the incident while the proctor of the university went there to resolve the

Train dacoity

From Page 1 dacoits in an attack on the Simanta Express near at Barobazar Railway station

Sunday night. Two of the other injured were released from the hospital

Meanwhile, when contacted police Super of Jessore said that a massive hunt was going on in the area to nab the culprits. But none was arrested till the filing of this report tonight.

Muggers stab

From Page 1 ber of crackers.

Two patrol policemen on duty there tried to catch the muggers but failed as they did not have any vehicle or walkie-

Blood-stained Dara was immediately taken to the nearby Bangladesh Medical College Hospital and was operated upon. Dhanmondi police said they

had heard about the incident. But no case was lodged or none was arrested in this connection till last night.

Bangabandhu Murder Case of a police officer. President From Page 1 told me that it was the body of

Brigade. On my arrival at the Brigade Headquarters, Khaled Mosharraf told me, "The situation is now uncertain. Prepare a plan for the station security." Then I returned to my office and concentrated on preparing the "I went to the residence of

Sheikh Shaheb located at Dhanmondi Rd No 32 on instructions from Maj Gen Shafiullah. Shafiullah gave the instruction over phone at around "As I arrived there I saw the forces of Armoured Corps and

Huda received me at the gate. Hamid was also cross-examined by the lawyers of four of the 14 absconding accused. Adopting the cross-examination of their previous lawyers, the other 10 lawyers of the absconding accused declined to cross-examine him as he did

The deposition of Hamid was taken down by Chief Special Public Prosecutor Serajul Huq and SPD Ramzan Ali Khan. They were assisted by Mosharraf Hossain Kajol and Toheedul Islam Bahar.

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's bullet ridden body was lying on the Begum Mujib's body was lying and Sheikh Russel

in the bath room. The body of Col Jamil was lying in a red jeep parked on the western side of the house. "On my return from Bangabandhu's residence I reported everything I saw there to Maj Gen Shafiullah and over "That day (August 15, 1975), I

"I then ordered the station

duty battallion to report at the station headquarters. After I reached office I sent forces to dig graves at the Banani graveyard and sent a vehicle to the residence of Bangabandhu. "I also phoned Lt Col M A

hu's residence and found Maj Huda there. The bodies were put in separate coffins. One coffin

Bangabandhu. I opened the coffin and found that the body inside it was that of Sheikh Naser. I then separated the coffin of Bangabandhu which was already on the truck and then sent the rest to Banani grave-

Rajshahi protesting withdrawal of Railway HQs

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Aug 26: Several hundred people observed a dawn-to-dusk token hunger

grakkhan Committee to protect the interests of Rajshahi) called the strike as a part of its five-day protest programmes that ended The protesting people gath-

ered at the platform of Rajshahi

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Hossain dead

By Staff Correspondent

Hossain of Dhaka University

died of cancer in the city yester-

of Applied Chemistry, Dr Hos-

sain is survived by his wife, a

held at the central mosque of

Dhaka University after the

Zohr prayers yesterday. He was

buried at the Intellectuals'

on Friday after Asr prayers at

his residence at 59/A Isha Kha

Road on the university campus.

GSP certificates

From Page 1

Leather Exporters Association

AKM Rahmatullah MP, Com

merce Secretary, NBR Chair

man. Secretary of Banking Di-

vision, presidents of FBCC

BGMEA, BKMEA, Frozen Food

Exporters Association, Bankers

Association, Employers Asso-

ciation and representatives of

the government is to ensure the

best utilisation of every oppor-

tunity created out of GATT

Uruguay Round agreement and

WTO declaration with the pro-

active advices from the business

including its inception and sub-

sequent development, the min-

of total exports from Bangla-

ister said more than 45 per cent

desh goes to EU countries. "And

we are enjoying GSP on all the

export items including

garments, frozen goods, leather

country's overall exports as

well as to get EC's support to

duty-free entry of Bangladeshi

products to developed and de-

veloping nations, the govern-

ment would have to respond

positively on the queries of ir-

regular GSP certificates in the

Geneva meeting scheduled for

ing that Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina had requested the heads

of G-8 countries to support

Bangladesh's appeal for duty-

continuing at diplomatic level

and in bilateral discussions to

get this duty-free access which

will be the gateway to massive

Besides, he said, efforts are

free access.

export expansion.

The minister told the meet

He said for the interest of

Stating all regarding GSP

The Industries Minister said

ministries concerned.

leaders.

DCCI, BJMA, BTMA

His qulkhwani will be held

day. He was 51.

son and a daughter.

Graveyard in Mirpur.

Prof Dr Muhammad Altaf

Professor of the Department

His namaz-e-janaza was

loans stood at Tk 240.40 crore till July against the total outstanding loans of Tk 562.76 crore, recovered Tk 83.33 crore and rescheduled Tk 4.91 crore during the period. Arab-Bangladesh Bank re-

covered Tk 91.18 crore and rescheduled Tk 150.65 crore. showing a total overdue of Tk 298.02 crore against its outstanding loans of Tk 807.56

61.27 crore and rescheduled Tk 11.86 crore, leaving an overdue amount of Tk 319.86 crore against its total loans of Tk 617.50 crore.

ered Tk 4.46 crore and rescheduled nothing during the period.

Feni clash From Page 1

Chowdhury and thana Jubo League general secretary Ekramul Hug, who received bullet wounds, were admitted to Feni Hospital

and assistant secretary Zahirul Huq had been missing since the Mintu was shot at about 6 two microbuses were returning

The JCD workers turned violent after Mintu was gunned down. They damaged and set ablaze the microbuses carrying

BNP alleged that the BCL activists shot JCD worker Mintu and left him at the hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Rocket launcher

launchers while the rest were kept by another person whose name DB investigators did not disclose The name of the youth leaders

came up in the press when the DB recovered the rocket launcher on June 27. But the leader later in a press conference denied the allegation.

From Page 1

helter-skelter during the bomb explosions and ransacking. In the afternoon, Shibir ac-

tivists brought out a mourning procession carrying the body of

dawn-to-dusk hartal in the district town on Thursday.

Fresh overdue loans

From Page 1 against its total loans of Tk

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Uttara Bank recovered Tk 24.70 crore and rescheduled Tk 33.70 crore, showing an overdue portfolio of Tk 461.22 crore. The bank's total outstanding amounted to Tk 1225.30 crore

Limited, whose total overdue

City Bank recovered Tk

Eastern Bank Limited recov-

Police said that BCL district president Azharul Huq Arzu

pm when some BCL activists in from Parshuram thana after at tending janaza of AL leader Fakir Abul Kashem Chowd-

the BCL activists.

From Page 1 Later, he kept one of the

Shibir leader

dead. Panic-stricken students ran

Pasha. Tension was prevailing in the town. To protest the killing, Shibir called strike in the educational institutions tomorrow and a

showing an overdue portfolio of Tk 22.97 crore. The bank's total outstanding amounted to Tk 466.96 crore on July 31, 1997.

National Bank Limited whose total overdue loans stood at Tk 490.12 crore till July against the total outstanding loans of Tk 1410.89 crore, recovered Tk 24.52 crore and rescheduled Tk 42.26 crore dur-

ing the period. Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited recovered Tk 149.06 crore and rescheduled Tk 4.22 crore, leaving an overdue amount of Tk 258.73 crore against its total loans of Tk

1540.15 crore. Al-Baraka Bank Limited recovered Tk 41.97 crore and rescheduled Tk 264.30 crore, showing an overdue portfolio of Tk 221.51 crore. The bank's total outstanding amounted to Tk

International Finance Investment and Commerce (IFIC) Bank, whose total overdue loans stood at Tk 490.15 crore till July against the total outstanding loans of Tk 1387.53 crore, recovered Tk 186.17 crore and rescheduled Tk 71.96 crore during the period. National Credit and Com-

602.29 crore on July 31, 1997.

Tk 21.57 crore and rescheduled Tk 6.13 crore, leaving an overdue amount of Tk 107.76 crore against its total loans of Tk 302.35 crore. The banks of which the proportion of overdue loans compared with total loans reduced

during the seven-month period

are Sonali, Agrani, Rupali, Ut-

tara, AB Bank, City, EBL, NBL,

merce Bank Limited recovered

Al-BBL and IFIC. The overdue loans of Janata. Pubali, UCBL, IBBL and NCCBL increased from what were seven months back.

Concern

From Page 1 that are friendly to the environment," said Motia.

Turning to the intellectual

property rights on plant genetic resources, the minister said, developed countries are now eager to establish patent rights or plant breeder's rights (PBR). which the developing countries see as a threat to the rights of farmers. If this is allowed, it will be

highly unfair and contrary to the Convention of Biological Diversity (CBD), which declared sovereign rights of a nation over its biological resources. In this regard, the minister

quoted a report published in The Daily Star on Monday last that says, India compelled the US government to cancel a patent given to two scientists to use turmeric for healing wounds. Referring to the concept of

TRIPS (Trade Related Intellec-

tual Property Rights), intro-

duced by WTO (World Trade Or-

ganisation) through Uruguay

Round, Begum Motia Chowd-

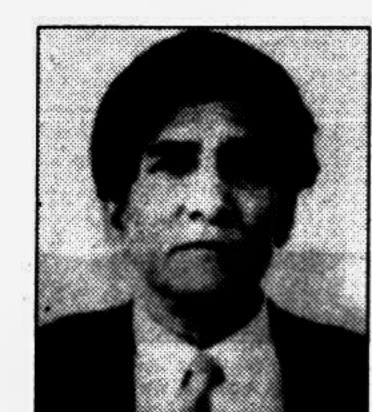
hury said, under the agreement

developing countries could de-

velop their own intellectual property rights. "Our government is closely studying this issue ... Formulation of intellectual property rights regulation requires an

in-depth study," she said.

(भाया यरवाप



দেশের প্রখ্যাত শিল্প গোষ্ঠী ইসলাম গ্রুপের ভাইস চেয়ারম্যান, আলহাজ্ব ওয়াজেদুল ইসলাম গত ২৫শে আগষ্ট, ১৯৯৭ সোমবার রাত ৯:৩০ মিঃ স্থানীয় একটি ক্লিনিকে ইন্তেকাল করেছেন (ইন্না লিল্লাহে.....রাজিউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তাঁর বয়স হয়েছিল ৬৩ বছর। তিনি বিশিষ্ট শিল্পপতি এবং ইসলাম গ্রুপের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা মরহুম আলহাজু জহুরুল ইসলাম সাহেবের ছোট ভাই।

বাচ্চু সাহেব নামে সুপরিচিত মরহুম ওয়াজেদুল ইসলাম মৃত্যুকালে ব্রী, চার কন্যা, বহু আত্মীয়-স্বজন ও গুনগ্রাহী রেখে গেছেন। তিনি ডায়াবেটিক সংক্রান্ত জটিলতায় ভুগছিলেন।

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মরহুমের কুলখানী আগামী শনিবার ৩০ আগষ্ট, '৯৭ বাদ আসর তাঁর নিজ বাসভবন বাড়ী নং-২৫, সড়ক নং-৬৪, গুলশান-এ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। মরহুমের আত্মীয়-স্বজন, বন্ধু-বান্ধব, তভানুধ্যায়ী এবং ইসলাম গ্রুপের সকল কর্মকর্তা, কর্মচারীদের উক্ত মাহ্ফিলে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ জানান হচ্ছে।

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Sunamganj

Sumua Das, 30, Nirmala

Fishing trawlers

The dead was identified as

From Page 1 an unconscious state. The medical board which

Among the labour leaders, Abul Bashar, Shahidullah Choudhury, Shaha Alam, Badrul Alam Khan, Iqbal Majumder. Abdus Salam Khan and Ahsanullah Master, MP, repre-

From Page 1 took some other decisions. The meeting demanded ar-

The joint meeting also

headquarters of the 46th

Artillery deployed around the house. They allowed me to enter after I disclosed my identity. Maj Aziz Pasha and Maj Bazlul

not mention the names of their clients in the deposition.

"I was first taken to the reception room,- I saw the bloodsoaked bullet-hit body of Sheikh Kamal lying on the floor and next to it was the body, was kept at the Varandah. Huda

stairs of the first floor, while near the door of the room on the left hand side and inside the room were the bodies of Sheikh Jamal, Mrs Jamal, Mrs Kamal "In the ground floor, I saw the body of Sheikh Naser lying

returned home at night. At about 3:00 am the same night Maj M A Matin instructed me on phone to make arrangement for burial of all the bodies except that of Sheikh Saheb at the Banani graveyard before sunrise. He said that he was speaking on behalf of the 'highest authorities'.

Matin to reach Banani graveyard and make arrangements for burial of 18 bodies. "Then I went to Bangaband-

Hunger strike in

strike today to protest the withdrawal of the head office of Bangladesh Railway Western Zone from Rajshahi. Rajshahi Shartha San-Committee

Railway Station in the morning, gheraoed the Railway Station and set blockade on the rail track. No train left or reached the station today. The gathering was addressed, among others, by the city Mayor Mijanur Rahman