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The World on Time



Some ministers and Awami League leaders listening to party workers at the party central Star photo office in the city yesterday.

When the world is advancing

fast, Bangladesh cannot lag

behind, she observed, calling

upon the teachers to make their

teachers themselves should

evaluate their service for the

whether we are giving our best

service to the nation," she said.

adding that there is no reason

that Bangladesh should suffer

unexplored and huge human

resources to utilise for the ad-

have every prospect to develop,

mands of the Association, the

Prime Minister said the gov-

45 Thai fishermen

sent to jail

From Staff Correspondent

Forty-five Thai fishermen, ar-

rested for fishing illegally in-

side Bangladesh territorial

The Thai fishermen were

waters, were sent to jail today.

caught by Bangladesh Navy dur-

ing its routine patrol in the Bay

near Saint Martin's Island yes-

the Chief Metropolitan Magis-

trate's court today.

They were produced before

The Navy also impounded

two Thai fishing trawlers. The

Port thana in this regard.

terday.

CHITTAGONG, Sept 15:

ernment sincerely wants to

she told the delegation.

solve their problems.

vancement of the nation...we

Responding to various de-

"We have a lot of resources

The Prime Minister said the

"We should ponder over

utmost efforts in this regard.

nation's forward march.

from poverty.

take it forward," she said.

Job-oriented education policy soon: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina vesterday said the government would formulate a scientific, liberal and job-oriented education policy, reports UNB.

The proposed education policy will be a unified one. "For national unity a unified education policy is imperative," she said.

Talking to a 41-member delegation of BCS General Education Association at her office. the Prime Minister said the government was determined to upgrade the standard of education.

Hasina told them without sincere efforts of the teachers this goal could not be achieved. "We, along with the people, want to build the nation and

Ershad

From Page that the government is selling

out the country's interests. Ershad said it is the BNP which had sold it out. The country was made open for Indian goods through SAPTA agreement during the BNP rules, he added.

Turning to Indo-Bangla relations, he said it is not possible to resolve any bilateral problem making the relations hostile. "All the problems will have to be resolved through friendship and bilateral cooperation.

Ending his three-day oganisational tour in the district, the JP Chairman today returned to the capital. On way to Dhaka, he addressed a public meeting at Dhunat Pilot School ground in the afternoon.

He told the meeting that if the government withdraws army from the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the region will no longer exists as part of the country. "It will be a suicidal decision. Don't withdraw the army from the CHT."

Power tariff

From Page 1 not be interested to sell power to

the government at the current "poor" rate. However, 20-year flat rates of power were offered by private power company AES in the case of 300 MW-450 MW Meghnaghat power project and the 300 MW

Haripur scheme. AES quoted Tk 1.16 (2.79 US cents) and Tk 1.14 (2.73 US cents) per kilowatt hour (kwh) respectively. Both these proposals were accepted and contracts were awarded to "These rates are much lower

than that of the Bangladesh Power Development Board and show that the current tariff is already more than attractive," said an energy expert.

Besides, 20-year flat rates of power offered by two private companies, which signed agreements with the government for installing two barge mounted power units, was 5.21 US cents, which also is lower than the current rate. Since barge mounted units use imported fuel as the main raw material, cost of power is usually higher than that in other

Initially, the Asian Development Bank had tagged the increase of power tariff by 25 per cent with its financing of the 9th power project. After a series of negotiations, the government agreed to increase tariff by 15 per cent. It had argued with the ADB that further increase would not be possible as it would mount sufferings of the

people. The government had accordingly increased the tariff by 10 per cent in October, but did not increase it by 5 per cent in December. Instead, it increased the rate by 5 per cent in March and added another five paisa increase under the 'dollar rate fluctuation formula' with that hike (together the percentage comes to around 7 per cent).

Int'l Day of Peace today

The International Day of Peace will be observed in Bangladesh today as elsewhere around the world, report agen-

Secretary General of the

longed to the civil society. President Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday reaffirmed Bangladesh's unequivocal commitment and support to the United Nations in promoting the goals of a meaningful peace and security for the world.

In a message he said: This is the day to reiterate and recognise safety for the human person and successive generations from the scourges of war, repression, poverty and depriva-

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has called for recognising the intrinsic link between peace and its foundations like justice, democracy and human rights to meet the challenges of non-military threats to secu-

IU: Politics

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Treasurer of the university, along with high police officials from Kushtia and Jhenidah were present at the main gate of the University while students and employees were allowed entry after checking their identity cards. All other gates were

closed, witnesses said.

fishermen and the trawlers were handed over to Port police and a case was recorded with

their possession. their government leaders are

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UNGA session

likely to issue stern calls to Washington - the organisation's largest contributor but also its largest debtor — to pay its UN bills.

Despite a pledge from US President Bill Clinton that his democratic administration wanted to clear around one billion dollars in UN arrears, an authorisation bill has bogged down in the Republican-dominated Congress.

But the Clinton administration did not ask Congress to earmark the full 1.3 billion dollars that the United States owed to the United Nations as of December 31.

CHT talks

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The PCJSS delegation is preparing for a longer stay in the capital than four days. planned earlier. They are likely to stay till September 20, the sources added.

The six-member PCJSS delegation had arrived in the capital by a military helicopter from their temporary headquarters at Dudukchhara, a remote frontier hamlet near the

border with Tripura. Tension gripped the hamlet early Sunday when a detachment of BDR had been moving from one camp to another, triggering an alert among the heavily armed members o Shantibahini, armed wing of the PCJSS, deployed to guard

their temporary headquarters. Convenor of the Liaison Committee Hansadhajj Chakma, who acts as go-between the NCCHT and the PCJSS, lodged a complaint with the NCCHT and officials in Khagrachhari, describing the BDR movement as a violation of the ceasefire in force in the CHT since August

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United Nations Kofi Annan in a message yesterday said, building peace and combatting threats of peace in an interdependent world requires the full participation of every citizen. nations, continents govern ments, NGOs and everyone be-

Over 200 policemen led by two magistrates were on patro duty on the campus and its adjoining areas.

Police today arrested one Moshiur Rahman, a first year Honours student of Bangla Department and reportedly a Chhatra League activist along with two outsiders when they were entering the campus. A Chinese axe was recovered from

DCC contractors

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and took shelter outside the Nagar Bhaban, the sources added. Mayor Mohammad Hanif told The Daily Star last night that about Tk 8 lakh was due in arrears. "It is not for the first time we have had fund constraint, but this kind of behaviour is unacceptable," he

Ramna thana police arrested two persons from the Nagar Bhaban in this connection.

The DCC's Chief Executive Officer, Rashidul Alam, termed the attack 'a conspiracy by a

vested quarter'. "We have explained to them in the past that we were having fund constraints. Now the problem is over and we have already started paying them and within the next two weeks all bills would be cleared serially," Alam told this correspondent at

his office yesterday afternoon. Injured Mohammad Ali talking to The Daily Star from his residence last night, said that he had gone to help a DCC officer who was attacked by a group of people. "All on a sudden someone from the crowd threw a stone at me".

Eviction

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leaders in the area to get those. "They assured us of the plots and we paid up the money," said a young hawker from Baitul Mokarram area.

Mayor Mohammad Hanif told The Daily Star that his office had prepared a list of genuine hawkers from Bangabandhu Avenue and Gulistan area through a spot survey. "We will fence the small area for the hawkers and then demarcate the stalls for their rehabilitation," he said.

The Mayor also said that up to 1,500 shops would be allowed on the site. Asked whether this would help rid the two areas of hawkers, he replied in the affirmative. The pavements of Bangabandhu Avenue and Gulistan area would be cleared once "the hawkers are rehabilitated in Osmani Uddyan".

Trade accord with Romania signed

Bangladesh and Romania signed a trade agreement in Bucharest yesterday for bolster ing bilateral trade links, reports UNB.

Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, now in Bucharest, and his Romanian counterpart Calin Popescu Taricenau signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments, according to a message received in Dhaka.

Under the accord, the two countries will initiate all-out steps to encourage, facilitate and expand bilateral trade and economic relations on a longterm basis.

Both the countries have agreed to exchange frequent visits at both public and private levels, participate in trade fairs and exhibitions, and on sharing information.

They have also agreed to provide each other the most nation (MFN) treatment and exempt customs duty on the import of some goods and services used for specific purposes. While signing the agreement,

pave the way for ushering in a new chapter of cooperation between Bangladesh and Roma-Tofael said now the chamber

Tofael Ahmed said it would

houses and other business communities of both countries can take the lead for full ex ploitation of the opportunities

Cabinet

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sources, some foreign companies are expected to start producing power in the private sector in the last quarter of next year. Legislations allowing the DESA, PDB and REB to purchase power will encourage foreign investors to invest in the power sector, the sources added.

Meanwhile, agreements for setting up of two barge-mounted power plants, each having 100 MW capacity, have already been signed between the government and foreign companies, and two more such agreements are scheduled to be signed sometime this month. These four power plants are expected to begin supplying power to the national grid in about a year from now.

Agreements for setting up of two gas-based power plants each having a capacity of 600MW to 750MW are also in the offing, highly placed sources in the Ministry said These plants are however supposed to come into operation in the year 2000.

The cabinet also approved the National Food and Nutrition Policy proposed earlier by the Health and Family Welfare Ministry. The cabinet postponed a scheduled discussion on an issue relating to in ternational copy right laws. A minister attending the meeting told The Daily Star that it was too early to take up the issue for consideration.

UP polls

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Dismissing allegations by an opposition political party that the proposed Gram Parishads would be formed through political nominations, the LGRD minister said there was no room for nomination by the government.

"The proposed Gram Parishads will not be like the Gram Sarkars of the past BNP government with some elements from the ruling party". Zillur cate-

gorically said. The government is now framing by-laws for conducting direct elections to Gram Parishads as well as providing administrative and financial powers to the elected bodies, he

Earlier, Zillur Rahman distributed gold medals among the 93 best Union Parishad chairmen in recognition to their services.

added.

incorporated in the agreement. Through the government of Romania, he invited the businessmen of that country to take part in Dhaka's annual international trade fair.

Speaking on the occasion, the Romanian minister said the agreement would facilitate expansion of industrial and commercial cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier, Tofael Ahmed had official talks with his Romanian counterpart on bilateral issues, including trade and commerce.

The Romanian side expressed eagerness to import raw jute, leather and garments in a bigger way from Bangladesh.

India, Pakistan resume talks today

NEW DELHI, Sept 15: India and Pakistan resume a fragile dialogue here on today to try to build trust after tensions caused by cross-border artillery duels in disputed Kashmir and titfor-tat expulsions of diplomats. reports Reuter.

Pakistani Foreign Secretary Shamshad Ahmad arrived in the Indian capital today and said the two countries aim to activate working groups on issues that divide them during the three-day talks.

But hopes for improving ties have dimmed due to the Kashmir artillery exchanges over the past two months, and expulsions of junior embassy personnel announced over the weekend.

"The cross-border firing and the expulsions on the eve of the talks have made things pretty tense," Jyotindra Nath Dixit, a former Indian foreign secretary

Mowla takes over as JS Sectt Secy

Kazi Muhammad Monzur-e Mowla took over as the Secretary of the Jatiya Sangsad Secretariat on September 11 an official handout said in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Before joining the present post, he was secretary of the Ministry of Defence.

He has been appointed in his present post for three years on contract basis with effect from October 1, 1997, the handout said.

Panic in Bangkok

BANGKOK, Sept 15: The first of 3,000 troops the army plans to move into Bangkok for a military ceremony were to arrive in the capital today amid appeals to the public not to worry about a possible coup, reports

The troops movements coincide with reports a key party in Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh's embattled coalition, which faces a no-confidence motion and a crucial vote on constitutional reform in the next two weeks, is maneuvering to quit his govern-

ment. Senior army commanders pressured Chavalit last week to back down on his opposition to a draft constitution aimed at cleaning up political corruption partly blamed for a national economic crisis felt throughout

Southeast Asia. Thailand has long been prone to military coups. The army has generally kept out of politics since the last military government ended after bloody street protests in 1992.

But rumors of takeover have fluctuated with the worsening of the current crisis, and the military has taken the unusual step of issuing a statement saying troop movements in Bangkok this month were no cause for worry.

BAC to probe scam

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make Tk 1.75 crore available to Baghkahli Fisheries, in which the Rahman brothers and their Beximco Group allegedly have an interest.

The money was needed, according to rescheduling terms. to pay 15 per cent of an overdue loan amounting to Tk 9.93 crore, originally in the form of export cash credit, but later turned into a term loan in violation of banking rules.

Cheques drawn on different accounts to pay for the required sum bounced one after another. All these went against accepted banking practices, according to IFIC sources quoting the central bank inquiry.

Asked, top Bangladesh Bank officials remained tight-lipped. Officials at Bureau were not also forthcoming.

The Baghkhali affair, along with such other transactions, only created new loans of Tk 8.80 crore with the IFIC Dhanmondi branch as on July 30 this year.

IFIC was also found to have agreed to extremely favourable rescheduling terms, which gave Baghkhali Fisheries eight years to repay, from October I 1997 to October 1 2004, with a low nine per cent rate of interest. The usual is 15 per cent. The bank also violated a ma-

jor clause of the Banking Company Act, by not seeking the Bangladesh Bank approval, mandatory when the loan amount exceeds 15 per cent of a bank's capital and reserves. In this case, the loan amount

was 20.57 per cent of the total

Contacted vesterday, managing director Abbas Uddin Ahmed again wouldn't say "anything"

capital of the bank.

"There are so many inquiries done by the Bangladesh Bank. I have no knowledge of any such (the one of Sunday's) inquiry," he said, in response to The Daily Star query. "There are no irregularities," he re-

torted. The Dandy episode was also work of the bank's Dhanmondi branch.

A Tk 70 lakh loan was sanctioned against a *so-called work order" of the mostly family-owned company. The money was received by a firm called Messrs. Anna (pvt) Ltd, which the central bank inquiry found did not exist at all.

The central bank inspectors detected that the loan had been given without any collateral and had never been serviced. The process of sanctioning the loan also ran at an unusual

speed, with the money being

paid before it had been approved, according to the sources. The third episode brought to the notice of the anti-corruption investigators saw Mohammad Yusuf receive a Tk 20 lakh loan against property

already acquired by the gov-

ernment. In this case, the Bangladesh Bank inspectors found, the IFIC executives at the Motifheel branch acted against the opinion of their legal adviser, and had not conducted an on-thespot inquiry.



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Dacoity at Kalabagan: 3 arrested

By Staff Correspondent Dacoits robbed cash, gold

ornaments and valuables worth about Tk 86,000 from a house at Kalabagan under Dhanmondi thana in the city Sunday night. A gang of about six unidentified armed men attacked the

Chowdhury at Lake Circus in Kalabagan area at about 11 pm. Dhanmondi police arrested three persons including a woman as suspects from the adjacent Kathalbagan area yesterday morning. Police were

house of Kutubuddin Ahmed

interrogating them. Quoting the FIR, police said the dacoits first rang the calling bell. The attackers stormed into the house as soon as a family member opened the main en-

Tying up the inmates of the house, the gang took away the gold ornaments, cash and other valuables and left the house after about an half hour opera

The owner of the house, Ku

tubuddin Ahmed Chowdhury

filed a case with Dhanmond

thana in this connection. 50 hurt as storm lashes 7 villages

in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 15: At least 50 people were injured and 500 houses damaged when a storm lashed seven villages in Sadar and Kazipur thanas today, reports UNB.

Officials said the storm, with a speed of about 75 kph, hit Kuralia and Cilgacha in Sadar thana, and Boukhola Shingrabari, Banglabazar and Simantabazar in Kazipur thana at about 1.30 pm. It lasted for about half-an-hour.

Rabiul Haq, a teacher of Simantoabazar Mohila College, was critically injured when the college building raged to the ground during the storm. He was rushed to Dhaka for treatment.

eclipse tonight A total lunar eclipse will take place tonight, reports BSS. According to the Bangladesh Meteorological Department, the

Total lunar

eclipse will begin at 11:8 pm and end at 2:25 am The magnitude of the eclipse will be 1.197 and it will be visible all over Bangladesh, said an ISPR press release.

RB showcause

From Page 1 "guilty persons" has begun. "We have also formed an enquiry committee to probe whether any Board officials are

involved," he said. Of the total 282 colleges at least 15 are government col-

leges, the sources said. The Board Committee at its meeting today cancelled examinations of 456 examinees for committing "major irregulari-

The Committee also took a decision to publish the results of 6,230 retained examinees who changed their colleges without transfer certificates.

DCC concerned

From Page 1 lic," said a DCC press release. The DCC urged all concerned to hold meeting at the places earmarked by the government in the interest of the city

dwellers. Holding such meetings at places other than the selected venues is unexpected, the DCC

release said. The government-designated meeting venues are Golapbagh Stadium, Bashabo Ground. Agargaon Parade Square, Mirpur-I School Ground, Ground opposite to the Azad office, southeastern part of Osmani Udyan and Outer Stadium.

Benazir

From Page 1 ings in Pakistan and the frozen

assets, it said. Swiss authorities will decide if further action is warranted after receiving the formal request.

The Swiss government has also agreed to block accounts of about half a dozen foreignbased firms in which Benazir and her husband Asif Ali Zardari had a 'covert' partnership, said Senator Saifur Rehman, in charge of a government commission dealing with corruption cases.

"It is a major milestone" in the government's drive to unearth a case of 'loot and plunder' by the previous government, he told a news conference. Law Minister Anwar Khalid who was also present at the

news conference said, "the Swiss laws are quite tough" and the authorities there can not be influenced easily, he said. The Swiss government acted on the basis of 'evidence' considered 'reliable'. Anwar said as

transactions were ill-gotten.

Bangabandhu murder

From Page 1 hearing of the case, because newspaper reports revealed that the judge had met a diplomat who observed the proceedings of the case on Wednesday last.

Rejecting the petition. District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul said, "I assure you that I did not have any such meeting with anyone." The reporter concerned apologised to the court saying what had appeared in the newspaper was a

printing mistake. The lawyer then pleaded that continuation of the proceedings after the prayer for adjournment under Section 526 (8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure raised apprehension regarding fair trial for his client.

The judge said, "Please ascertain the authenticity of the incident before blaming the court of its neutrality. I do not see any reason why the proceedings should be adjourned now. The proceedings will continue, till the higher court stops the proceedings of the case or it gets

stopped by some other ways." In his deposition the PW-13 also said that he had seen Mai Khandaker Abdur Rashid of the Second Field Artillery visiting the First Bengal Lancer Unit in the later hours of August 14.

"Maj Farook had left the unit along with Maj Rashid but had returned after sometime. "Because of the scheduled parade of the Second Field

Artillery at Balurghat on that

night, the parade of the Bengal Lancer Unit was held in our own parade ground. "At around 3:30 am, Risalder Moslemuddin, along with Dafader Marfat Ali Shah and ALD Abul Hashem Mridha

boarded a truck and asked me to follow their truck." He further said, "An officer boarded my jeep and some jawans of the Second Field

Artillery also followed him. We reached Mohakhali where we saw Artillery forces. Some forces also boarded the truck of Moslemuddin.

"The convoy reached Mirpur Road via Farm Gate and went to Sat Masjid Road crossing the Dhanmondi field. Then it moved towards the south and stopped after crossing a lake.

Risalder Moslemuddin Dafader Marfat Ali Shah and Abul Hashem Mridha got down from their vehicle along with others and rushed to a two-storied building. I heard noise of gun shots at the first floor of the house and the group returned soon after.

point of Rd No. 32 at the Mirpur Road, I asked Dafadar Marfat Ali whose house was that. He told me that they had killed Sheikh Moni and his wife there. "On arrival at the entry

"As we reached the entry

point of Rd No. 32. Risalder Moslemuddin, Dafadar Marfat Ali Shah and Abul Hashem Mridha had left for the residence of Bangabandhu located on that road," he said. "Maj Farook then came in a tank and ordered me to go to the

Radio Station. He came to

Mirpur Road through Rd No. 32.

We left for the Radio Station as

Risaldar Moslemuddin, Da-

fadar Marfat Ali Shah and Abul Hashem Mridha came back and boarded the vehicle." 60 kg python

caught in Sylhet

Malinichhara Tea Garden in

SYLHET, Sept 15: Workers at

the divisional town caught a python weighing about 60 kg this afternoon, reports UNB. The python, which was caught alive by a group of about 15 workers of the garden, will

be handed over to the Forest

Rail, road barricade

From Page 1 'jeopardising' the country's sovereignty by selling out all national interests to India. Begum Zia afleged "They're acting to turn the country into a vassal state. No such intrigues will be allowed to succeed. We can't sit idle when our indepen-

dence is at stake because we

earned independence through a bloody struggle." In her 28-minute speech Begum Zia dwelt on all major issues of national interest and castigated the 15-month-old government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for its "failure

in all sectors. Blasting the authorities for not granting permission to her party to hold vesterday's public meeting on the road adjacent to the BNP central office, she said the government spoke of democracy but denied democratic

rights to its opponents. In this context, the BNP chief demanded immediate withdrawal of the ban on public gathering around Baitul Mokarram Mosque. Otherwise, she warned, the people would defy the ban just as they did in

holding yesterday's meeting. Earlier, the Dhaka City Corporation denied the BNP permission to hold the meeting on the street and urged the party to use any of the venues it (DCC) had selected for the purpose. The DCC decision was announced last week to 'avoid traffic congestion'. BNP pro-

tested the decision.

did not obstruct BNP in holding the meeting on the street, the first such programme since the DCC decision was announced. The former prime minister charged the ruling party with politicising the administration and using the police for party interests. "The sincere police officials, unwilling to carry out

illegal orders, are either being

transferred or suspended", she

said and announced that such

The authorities, however

police officials would be reinstated once her party returned to power. Begum Zia accused the AL government of telling lies frequently about its performance. its election pledges and the rule

by the previous BNP govern-

Elaborating, she said, the ruling party begged people's apology before the elections for its past misdeeds and promised not to repeat those if voted to power. But, she added, returning to power through a rigged election, it had started the same old practice of working against the interests of the people.

Reminding AL's election pledge to ensure price of jute at Tk 500 per maund, the BNP chief said "now a farmer can't buy a saree or a lungi by selling one maund of jute." It had miserably failed to protect the interests of farmers, industrial workers, government employees and businessmen. In this regard, she criticised the government for not yet implementing the national pay scale for public servants and not taking steps to increase wages of industrial workers.

The former prime minister said they (AL rulers) claimed no industrial development took officials claimed they had docplace under the BNP government but were compelled to umentary evidence to prove the admit in parliament that

Department tomorrow.

82,000 new industrial units were set up during the BNP rule. Referring to the government initiative to resolve the longstanding CHT problem, Begum Zia said, "No extra-constitutional solution will be accepted. Referring to her Sunday's

bridge over the Khowai river was damaged, the BNP leader said greater Sylhet had been isolated from the rest of the country. The government is so incompetent that it could not take any step as yet to repair the bridge, she added. Begum Zia was also critical of the government for the share

market scam, fresh taxes in the

budget, 'liquidity crisis' in the

banks, lack of foreign invest-

visit to Shayestagani, where a

ments in the country and frustration among the business community Chaired by city BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, the meeting was also addressed by, among others, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Prof. Badruddoza Choudhury, party secretary general Abdul Man-

nan Bhuiyan, MP, Abdus Salam

Talukdar, Abul Hasnat, Tarigul

Islam and Sirajul Hossain

UK minister From Page 1 The British minister hoped

that the government would suc-

cessfully implement the development programmes. When her attention was drawn to a ban on import of frozen fish and readymade garments from Bangladesh by the EU countries, Short said Britain

was ready to help Bangladesh

But the quality and standard

of the items would have to be raised, she asserted. She told another questioner that she had discussed with Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad the Bhairab bridge project

in this respect.

to Britain. "I'll proceed with the project during the trip," said the British minister. Replying to a question from BBC correspondent, Sport

during his just-concluded visit

said: "Political consideration is taken into account in giving the Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, who received the British minister at the airport, described the visit as 'significant.' It would further

strengthen the ties between the two countries, he hoped. ERD Secretary Masihur Rahman, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David C Walker and Additional Foreign Secretary Aminul Islam were present at the airport.

The British minister will hold talks with the Finance Minister on bilateral matters, particularly on economic cooperation and flow of the British aid into Bangladesh. Issues relating to embargo

on imports of frozen fishes and

GSP on readymade garments

from Bangladesh into European countries are likely to figure prominently in the talks. Short, leading a 6-member

delegation, will also call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Editor: Mahfuz Anam