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The World on Time



A week-long art extravaganza 'Picasso and Others' was inaugurated by French envoy -Star photo Renee Veyrat at Shilpangon gallery in the city yesterday.

Thai parliament okays new constitution

BANGKOK, Sept 27: After voting confidence in Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaivudh's unpopular government, the Thai parliament approved a new constitution today targeting rampant political corruption blamed for the country's economic crisis, reports AP.

Many Thais believe restoring the soaring economic growth they enjoyed over the past decade depends on cleaner politics and civil liberties pledged in the new constitution The stock market index rose nearly 10 per cent this week

amid optimism it would pass. But Chavalit's 10-month-old government is also widely blamed for Thailand's economic ills, and the charter's passage ironically ensures he can rule another 240 days as a lame duck before elections are

held under the new provisions. In the interim, Chavalit is expected to try to water down key anti-corruption measures to preserve the traditional system of vote buying and money politics that brought the current government to power.

Chavalit switched from opposing to supporting the charter only under intense pressure

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visit Bangladesh at the time of Gujral's visit. The three leaders at a summit are likely to discuss economic issues of common interest.

The Indian premier expressed his good wishes for the people of Bangladesh and also expressed his sorrow at the death of the wife of Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad.

When asked what issues are likely to be discussed at the 3nation summit, the Indian finance minister was not forthcoming. Responding to another question, he said India would like to pursue a mutually beneficial trade relationship with Bangladesh but that the country had a limited "basket of goods to offer to India". He noted that India had unilaterally withdrawn tariffs on a number of

Bangladeshi products. He expressed his country's interest in at least one sphere where Bangladesh's natural resource base held greater promise for joint economic cooperation — natural gas.

from the public, military and one of his coalition partners. The combined vote in the Sen ate and House of Representa

tives was 578 to 16, with 17 ab stentions. Chavalit left Parliament without speaking to a throng of reporters and later huddled with top officials of his New Aspiration Party and Chart Pattana Party leader Chatichai Choonhavan, a crucial coalition ally who pressed him to

> back the charter. Opposition leaders were jubilant over the constitution's passage and predicted a sea change in Thai politics. It is the 16th constitution since the absolute monarchy ended in 1932 and the first to have sought extensive public input.

2 more ministers meet AL workers

By Staff Correspondent State Minister for Land Rashed Mosharraf suggested Awami League workers to take recommendations of thana and district level AL leaders before submitting applications for solution to their problems.

While hearing the grievances of party workers at AL central office yesterday, the state minister said, "If there are no comments from the local leaders. how could we be able to know that the applicant is a party

worker. The AL central leader said "Lot of people became Awami Leaguers overnight, so we have to sort out who were on the street during the long struggle of the party before coming into

power. State Minister for Law and Justice Abdul Matin Khasru did not turn up though he was also scheduled to be present at "meet the party workers" programme yesterday. Party workers were

told that he might come any other day. Addressing a large number of AL workers who gathered at the party office in the evening to express their grievances and complaints, Rashed Mosharraf said that he was trying his best to restore discipline in the land ministry, destroyed by the pre-

vious governments. The state minister said about 16 thousand flats would be built at Bhashantek in the city for distribution among the slum dwellers.

Khaleda shocked

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia has expressed deep shock at the death of many a people in the cycionic storm and water surge in the constal a cas, reports

In a statement yesterday, the former Prime Minister called upon all to stand beside the affected people and demanded of the government to launch a massive relief and rescue opera-

ADAB for aerial survey of cyclone damage

The Association for Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) in an emergency meet ing yesterday urged the government to conduct an aerial survey to assess the damage caused by Saturday's cyclone in the affected coastal areas.

The meeting, attended by representatives of ADAB, Bureau of NGO Affairs and Disaster Management Bureau, decided to design a rehabilitation scheme based on the assessment report. The members at the meeting also said they will implement the plan on an

Army chief off to US

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Muhammad the invitation of the US Secre-

tary of Defence, reports BSS. Mahbub will call on senior officials of the department of Defence and the US army and discuss issues of common inter-

General Mahbub is scheduled to return home on October

Tourists

district. A tender has already been floated for this. Tourists can go inside the Sunderbans from Mongla and Kuakata.

rest house with prior permission from the authorities.

The state minister said the development programme covers Sonadia island, situated on the This will be an exclusive area for foreigners.

But one source said, "Safety of the islands from storm and tidal surge is a major factor. Due to its low height — only 18 to 24 inches — from the Bay, it is difficult to save it from tidal

Although the government is trying to attract foreign investment in tourism sector, foreigners may not come until local investments are made, he added.

The government declared tourism an industry in 1991 and some foreign investors showed interest in joint ventures in Cox's Bazar, Teknaf and Sonadia island. But the potential investors lost interest as the government 'failed to convince them as to why they will invest,' a BPC official said.

President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Samson H Chowdhury said "if there is law and order in the country, foreigners will be coming to invest.

He said chamber members have interests and they are also able to invest. "But they need he added.

Anisul Hug Chowdhury, Ex-

Indian defence minister says

The Baily Star-

Delhi won't reduce a single soldier on Kashmir border

NEW DELHI, Sept 27: Speaking amid sounds of gunfire from across the border, India's defence minister today said his military would not reduce its strength along the disputed border between India and Pak-

istan, reports AP. Mulayam Singh's statement, made in a speech to soldiers at a forward base, came four days after prime ministers of the two South Asian rivals met in New York and pledged to take immediate action to stop confrontation in an effort to get a peace dialogue back on track.

No specific measures were agreed upon during Tuesday's meeting between India's Prime Minister Inder Kumar Gujral and Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. But Sharif proposed that India reduce its troop presence at the contested border. The leaders were in New

BNP call to launch allout movement

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan has directed the party leaders and workers to launch an allout movement against the "autocratic" government, ignoring all threats and considering people's greater interests.

"This government is loosing ground rapidly. That's why it is now using the branded criminals to spoil the mass agitation against its failures and misdeeds. It is behaving the way autocra! Ershad did in his last days in power, he fold a meeting of the BNP city unit at the Minto Road official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

Recalling Ershad's abortive bid to cling to power through suicidal terrorist activities. Mannan Bhuiyan commented. This government will also fail to cling to power through terrorism. Rather, such a practice will expedite its downfall."

The BNP leader also reiterated his party's allegations that the government had totally failed to rule the country, has shut down the mills and factories leaving thousands of work ers unemployed, ruined the national economy, failed to check law and order situation and price-hike of essentials and has deceived the people.

"Misrule by the Awami League government has resulted in a dreadful circumstance in the country and such a situation cannot be allowed to go on....," Mannan Bhuiyan said asking the partymen to stand by the people in their days of

Chaired by city BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, the meeting was also addressed by other party leaders including Abdul Wadud Master. Kazi Abul Bashar, Ekhlusuddin Mollah, Ilias Ali, Abul Khaer Bhuivan, Jamal Sharif Hiru and DCC ward commissioner Chowdhury Alam.

York for the United Nations General Assembly session.

"Not even one soldier would be reduced on the border in Jammu and Kashmir," Defence Minister Singh said today.

As he spoke, gun shots boomed from across the border in the Himalayan glacier in an area that is claimed by both countries. Singh continued with his speech and the Indian military waited for the meeting to finish before they retaliated with field guns, United News of India news agency said.
"If Pakistani troops con-

tinue to shell our areas, the result would be troublesome for that country," Singh was quoted as saying by Press Trust of India news agency.

India and Pakistan have fought two wars over the control of mostly Muslim Kashmir since Britain granted the countries independence in 1947. India controls two-thirds of the Himalayan territory and Pakistan the remaining one-third.

Bayazid Panni released on bail

TANGAIL. Sept 27: The writer of the controversial book which aroused angry protests from the devout Muslims was released on bail late Friday night, reports UNB.

A scion of the renowned Panni family of Karatia and also a former Provincial Assembly member, Bayazid Khan Panni alias Selim Panni was granted bail when he was produced before the Magistrate's Court under a special arrange-

Later, he left for Dhaka the ime night

Earlier on F. iday, police ar rested him after thousands of 'musullis' (devout Muslims) gathered at the Shaheed Minar here and demanded that Panni be hanged for blasphemy against Islam.

Bayazid Khan Panni, who is homeopathic doctor and heads an organisation called 'Hijbut Tawhid,' wrote the book titled Ei Islam Islam I Noi (This Islam is No Islam at All).

Stampede injures 20 in garments factory

By Staff Correspondent

At least 20 garments factory workers were injured in a fire related stampede in a building in Tejgaon Industrial Area in the city yesterday.

Police said the injured, mostly female workers, sustained minor injuries in the stampede following a spark in an electric switch board on the third floor of a four-story building of Urmi Garments Ltd at about 5 pm.

The injured were taken to Mohakhali Metropolitan Hospital and all of them were released after first aid, police

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Cyclone claims 36 so far

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Meghna, created havoc on a wide swath of water, tossing and twisting everything that lay on its path, witnesses told our correspondents.

Meteorological Department said that the storm had released heavy to medium showers almost all over the country before weakening into a land depression. Its core struck the hills of Sitakundu at 8 am yesterday but its probing wings earlier pulverised the Meghna estuary. including the Bhola. Hatiya and Sandwip and off-shore islands.

The DC of Bhola said at 7:15 pm over telephone that he had received reports of 24 deaths. Fifteen people were missing and hundreds wounded. Communications between the district headquarters and two police stations at Manpura and Char Fashion islands remained snapped until then, he said.

Reports from Char Kukri Mukri and Dhal Char said people who had taken shelter in cyclone shelters went back home. Not much damage was reported when communications were reestablished with these islands. Solar powered wireless sets had ran out of their charges there because of clouds preceding the storm earlier, the DC

He said preliminary reports said that at least eight thousand homes were razed to the ground. About forty thousand people out of 1.6 million in the district took shelter at 155 storm shel-

A helicopter hove d over the ravaged areas at 11 am. apparently surveying the damrges. But it did not land. The DC said he opened his stores distributing 15 tonnes of rice and Tk 25,000 among the homeless.

Succour is urgently needed. our correspondents said as nothing had been dispatched there yesterday. Two fishing boats remained

untraced as it ran into the storm with 22 fishermen on board in the swirling waters of the Meghna, our Barisal Correspondent said. He said a vast area had been flooded in Bhola and its adjoin-

ing areas when embankments were ripped open by surges. damaging at least 50 per cent crops and 35 per cent houses. preliminary estimates said. Uprooted trees and electric

poles were seen scattered everywhere. There was no electricity, he added. Our Barguna Correspondent

said that at least 150 fishermen were missing in thirty fishing boats trawling the Paira, Baleswar and Bishkhali rivers' confluence in the Bay. Rescuers were looking for them until evening, but without any success. Shamsul Huq Bayati, a man in his fifties died when he was buried under the debris of his flattended home and hypothermia due to long exposure to pouring rain in the wake of the storm.

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Crops in 24,000 hactres of land were damaged when an embankment gave in to rushing

waters, rising up to about seven Our Correspondent from Cox's Bazar said that at least 600 fishermen in 40 trawlers were missing since Friday as they failed to report back to harbours or safe places in the coast when storm warnings were broadcast.

There was no casualty due to the storm but a freak tornado left 12 people wounded at Jhilanga Union of Sadar thana at 1:28 am yesterday, district administration said. The two minute local storm that preceded the cyclonic storm ravaged 250 houses.

The storm blew over the district with gusts reaching up to 110 kmph destroying at least 200 houses, levelling trees and

damaging crops in a wide area. At least three lakh people

took shelter in cyclone shelters, he added. Chandpur correspondent

said one person was killed when a tree fell on him and 30 others were wounded. At least 4,000 houses were damaged. Our correspondent from

Barisal said at least Tk two crore worth of fish and shrimps in Barisal and Patuakhali districts were damaged. One person was killed at Dashmina in Patuakhali. Thir-

were razed to the ground. Betel leaf groves were also damaged at Hijla, Mr. digani

ty others were injured in Bari-

and Banaripara. around 3:00 am yesterday, said the deputy commissioner talk-

nyganj in house collapse. The DC also said that losses of human life and property were less as the cyclonic storm had hit the area when there was a low tide in the sea. Besides

"About 40,000 people were taken to safer places and cyclone shelters by the Red Crescent volunteers, piloted by district administration officials. the DC said.

Tidal surge at Nijhum Dip rose up to six feet when the cyclonic storm crossed the area at

The cyclonic storm crossed the area at around 3:00 am at a speed between 100 km to 130 km hitting the Sadar thana, Companyganj, Nijhum Dip, Hatia and Vheramara. The storm ravaged the area for about six hours destroying at least 50 per cent of the kutcha houses. The telecommunication system and power supply was

Obaidul Kader, minister of state for sports and culture visited the affected areas yester-

When contacted Kader told this correspondent over tele-

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been pressing the DSE authorities to keep the floor open on Saturday after some nationalised and private sector commercial banks started keeping some of their branches open on the day. The decision will also help

market and establish new netting system of trading, observers said. According to the new trading settlement system, traded shares and debentures will be settled twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday.

sheet among the affected people. Our Chandpur Correspondent reported that one Nurjahan Begum aged about 48 died on the spot as a tree fell on her during the cyclone at Mukhid-

abad under Hajiganj thana. Thirty people were injured.
The district administration said about 4,000 kutcha houses were damaged by the storm. About 5000 people were evacuated from Haimchar and Matlab thana areas.

Our Staff Correspondent reported from Chittagong that the cyclonic storm that hit Sandwip island at 3 am last night at a speed of 150 km per hour left at least 100 people injured and 800 houses and 30 per cent crops damaged in the island Red Crescent and administra-

tion sources said. The cyclonic storm crossed Sitakundu at 8 am.

In other parts of Chittagong coast and in the port city, trees, crops and kutcha houses were also damaged, administration sources said

Control room officials said last night that total assessment of property damage had not yet reached.

Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Sakawat Hossain told this correspondent that twenty lakh people were evacuated to cyclone shelters and other community centres. They started returning home after the cyclone subsided, he said.

Cargo handling resumed at

Our Staff Correspondent re-

Chittagong Port at noon yester-

ported from Khulna that over

5000 families were rendered

homeless in five thanas of

Khulna district and crops on

about four thousand acres of

land damaged following tor-

rential rain and stormy wind

that blew over the district at a

till Friday midnight was 40

were without electricity from

Friday noon till yesterday af-

low-lying areas and damaged

many embankments. At least

sixty per cent shrimp enclo-

which remained suspended, re-

sumed before noon today. But a

barge 'Kakoli' loaded with 250

metric tonnes of cement cap-

sized in Passur river on Friday

Body recovered

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about 10 am today. The body

Friday night after he left Ri-

Narayanganj sadar hospital

morgue for autopsy. None was

arrested in this connection till

Normal activities

at Ctg, Mongla

ports resume

tagong and Mongla ports re-

sumed yesterday after a sus-

pension declared ahead of the

done by the calamity in the two

Very nominal damage was

cyclonic storm, reports UNB.

Normal activities at Chit-

Toru had been missing since

The body was sent to

bore several stab marks.

shipara closing his shop.

filing this report.

sures were damaged.

The total rainfall recorded

Most areas of the district

The storm surge inundated

speed between 70 and 80 km.

nun, said local Met Office

ternoon.

midnight.

day, officials said.

sal where at least 200 houses

At least three persons died in Noakhali district as the cyclonic storm hit the area at ing to The Daily Star over telephone. Two died in Noakhali Sadar and one died in Compa-

there was sufficient preparedness by the administration along with volunteer teams.

a velocity of 130 km.

also affected, officials added.

phone that he distributed Tk four lakh and 143 bundles of CI

Bourses

Members of the DSE have

bring buoyancy in the stock

seaports due to precautionary measures adopted by the authorities following forecast of the storm, said the Shipping Ministry yesterday. Preliminary information indicated that only a few cranes

and a sidewall were damaged in

Chittagong Port while no such damage was reported from Mongla Port. Against this backdrop. Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rab directed the authorities

concerned to lift the restriction

on ferry services. Wrong statements

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Tk 42.91 cr. Satkhira Fisheries

On the other hand, Janata to December 31 CIB report of Tk 2.54 cr defaulting loans against Beximco Pharmaceuticals and Tk 0.13 cr against Beximco Engineering Ltd, these two companies had no defaulting loans

But the BB has alleged that Janata Bank had given wrong information to both the CIB and the law Secretary, Beximco Pharmaceuticals had Tk 0.89 cr defaulting loans on December 31 instead of the earlier reported Tk 2.54 cr. The BB says Beximco Engineering had Tk 0.13 cr overdue loans which

Janata Bank later denied. The CIB report had shown

version was incorrect. It said BTL had Tk 0.42 cr defaulting loans on December 31, 1996, instead of Tk 1.11 cr as shown in the CIB report, prepared on information supplied by BSB. BB also said despite having Tk 0.42 cr defaulting loan, the BSB official had wrongly said that

But BB said BSB official's

Tk 10.14 cr defaulting loans of Beximco Synthetics Ltd. with Sonali Bank. But later its officials told the law secretary that this was shown because of the bank's mistake in showing the loan repayment period on March 15, 1996 instead of 1997. The officials said Beximco Synthetics did not have Tk 10.14 cr defaulting loan on December 31, 1996.

The BB investigation report said Sonali Bank officials' information to the law secretary was correct. But it alleged that there had been a Tk 3.41 cr advance against merchandise (AAM) defaulting loan against Beximco Synthetics on the date with Sonali Bank which the

The BB investigation showed no defaulting loan of Beximeo Ltd. with Eastern Bank since the issue is pending in the court. EBL had earlier reported Tk 15.83 cr defaulting loan of Bex-

Service at jail gate

From Page 1 Seven small cabins with layers of iron nets and grills separate the visitors from the prisoners by about a foot. Inside the cells. the windows are small. At the landing of the poorly lit meeting room, hardly 100 feet in length and 15 feet in width, a large window gives one the idea of what it is like on the other

side of the window. From inside the grills the prisoners climb on top of others clinging to the nets with their fingers. The visitors, men and women try desperately to get the fence. Many helplessiy complete the conversation repeatedly shouting to the face peeping from top of the window. Inside each of the small cabins up to 15 visitors push each other to have a word with their relatives. "Please move my bail petition quickly. I can't sleep here, there is no space in the prison," shouted a young man to a veiled woman standing helplessly in the cor-

In both corners of the meeting room, two policemen sit inside protective cages and keep vigil on both sides. Prisoners and visitors roll up ten or twenty taka notes and slip it through the nets to the policemen. They want to use his cage as a platform to talk to the rel-

atives inside. At the main gate, a signboard clearly spells out the rules for visitors. Normally, a visitor is allowed to see a pris-

oner once a fortnight. A prison official said "The rules are not followed, there are people coming from different parts of the country. We have to look at the humane side of the

He added there are 6,758

prisoners in the jail, which is five times the capacity. As the official was talking, more handcuffed prisoners were brought in by autorickshaws. and rickshaws, guarded by policemen. "If you have someone inside, try to bail him out from here.

There is no space inside. Prisoners cannot sleep flat on their back, they have to sleep on their sides because the cell which was made for 40 prisoners now has over 200," he said. Not everyone was interested in the humane side of the story. An elderly shopkeeper nearly

termed the jail a 'factory' that 'guarantees a certain quarter a huge turnover every month'. "More prisoners mean more income for a certain quarter in the thanas and prisons," he continued in a Dhakaite ac-

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at loss of lives

By Staff Correspondent

emergency basis.

Mahbubur Rahman left Dhaka for Washington DC yesterday on a goodwill visit to the USA at During the visit, General

From Page 1 motel at Mongla under Khulna

Now visitors do not have enough facilities to stay in the deep forest. The Department of Forest has a rest house at "Hiron Point", about 60 miles from Mongla. Visitors can use the

south of Moheshkhali island. across Moheshkhali channel.

surge and storms."

protection from toll collectors.'

ecutive Chairman of the Board of Investment, said he had got some proposals for joint ventures. But overseas entrepreneurs were shaky about the socio-political situation in the country, he added.

Hong Kong Sixes making his way to the dressing

which played the pivotal role in Bangladesh's poem of a success against Australia. Partho, the southpaw who is known for his pyrotechnics in the domestic circuit, scored an unbeaten 20 embellished with a couple of lusty blows across the rope. While a dark and dapper

the DCC office yesterday.

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Imran Hamid Partho and vice-

captain Aminul Islam Bulbul,

his enterprising unconquered Earlier, Aminul with his offspin finished with a fantastic figures of 2/6 in his allotted six nagging deliveries. His prized scalp included opener Di Venuto (4) and Campbell, who returned

Aminul Islam clouted two sixes

including huge one against Aus-

tralian captain Steve Waugh in

for a duck. Among the Waugh twins, Steve scored only seven before being bowled by his Bangladesh counterpart Akram Khan. While Mark remained unbeaten on 17. Buoyed by the astounding success Bangladesh then went

on to topple a daunting Indian

total of 83 with Partho blazing

his way to a hurricane 31. The

stoically-built left hander, who

took the Indian bowlers to the

sword, clouted two sixes and

three fours in his two-over stay

at the crease. After Partho retired with the scoreboard reading at 50 by the end of third over. Bangladesh suffered a setback with Akram

room after scoring only four. But national right-arm seamer Mofizur Rahman Munna with a rapid-fire 16 and Athar Ali Khan, who flayed the lone

ball he faced for a six, then

propelled Bangladesh to a excit-

ng victory in a nail-biting fin-

built around two 30-plus con-

tributions from openers Sidhu

Earlier, the Indian total was

Mayor Mohammad Hanif exchanging views with the leaders of different political parties at

and Wassan. Both retired after scoring 31 runs apiece. "We don't get to play against the top players very often, so to win our group is a great result for us," said Athar, the manager cum-player of the seven-member Bangladesh team, who are making their maiden appear ance in the tourney, to Associ-

Meanwhile, England won

the preliminary Green Group.

Led by one-day captain Adam

Hollioake, England beat Hong Kong by 15 runs and then scored a comfortable 36-run victory over Pakistan. The Pakistanis also qualified after a 14-run victory over Hong Kong.

ated Press.

SIX.

West Indies won the Red Group with a five-wicket win over 1995 champion South Africa and then beat Sri Lanka by 15 runs. Sri Lanka, having beaten

South Africa by five runs,

joined West Indies in the last

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metropolis. Maya suggested that DCC should issue notices on these parties and start demolishing these structures. Besides, leaders of the eight parties also exchanged views with Mayor about the problems

dead in Karachi

KARACHI, Sept 27: Gunmen

killed two Iranian brothers

of Karachi today in what police said was a religiously motivated attack, reports AP. No one claimed responsibility for the attack, which came two weeks after five Iranian air force technicians were gunned

down outside the federal capital

where they were attending a

training course. Karachi police chief Malik Mohammed Iqbal said Saturday's attack 'seemed to be related to sectarian violence' between Pakistan's Shi'ite and Sunni Muslim communities.

Four gunmen in a taxi employee.

DCC: Venues

parties including AL, BNP and JP had illegally erected structures in various parts of the

of hawkers, water logging, mosquito menace and various civic amenities. 2 Iranians shot

outside the bakeries they owned in Pakistan's southern port city

stopped outside the Subhan Bakery in central Karachi and opened fire with automatic weapons killing the owner Assad Ali, 30, and wounding an

-Star photo

Tk 36.18 cr, Khulna Fisheries Tk 36.09 cr and Mrittika Ltd. had Tk 6.80 cr defaulting loans on December 31, 1996. Bank officials had reported to the law secretary that contrary

with it.

Tk 1.11 cr defaulting loans of Beximco Textiles Ltd (BTL) with Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) on December 31, 1996. But a BSB official told the law secretary that BTL had given an advance cheque for Tk 1.52 cr against this amount that extended the loan repayment period till March 31, 1997. The officials said, for this reason, BTL cannot be termed a loan defaulter.

BTL was not a loan defaulter. The CIB report had shown

bank did not report to the CIB.

imco Ltd.