Affluent section of

society urged to

help children

tions and Housing and Works

Minister Mohammad Nasim

yesterday called upon the afflu-

ent section of the society to

come forward with a helping

hand for the distressed and ne-

The minister was addressing

Nasim said all children have

the concluding session of the

"World Child Day and Child

Rights Week-97" as chief guest

equal rights to grow as healthy

Presided over by Begum Ivy

citizen, no matter where he or

Rahman, chairman, Jatiya

Mohila Sangstha, State Minis-

ter for Youth and Sports and

Cultural Affairs Obaidul

Qauder, and director of Shishu

Academy Golam Kibria, among

others, spoke on the occasion.

Three tiny tots Swaraj, Kakon

and Nancy also had the privi-

present government attaches

top priority to the proper devel-

opment of children and women.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasi-

na's selection of a day in a year

to spend among the children of

the country. He said Sheikh

Hasina has special sympathy

for the distressed children as

she had lost her minor brother

Russel in a brutal killing in

Occupied link-road

in Motijheel

cleared

By Staff Correspondent

occupied by a group of people

last month, has been cleared of

all obstacles, except for dozens

A group of people had occu-pied the link-road behind Son-

ali Bank headquarters and

built several shops there.

claiming that it was leased out

to them by the Land Reforms

Board under Ministry of Land.

They also put up three separate

signboards which read

'Bangladesh Sramik League'.

'Awami Jubo League Motijheel

Unit' and 'Court of Wards under

admitted leasing the land, say-

ing it was the custodian of the

land, which had once belonged

Rashed Mosharraf intervened

following reports published in

the national dailies and asked

the LRB to immediately cancel

the lease and free the thorough-

found clear and all the sign-

claimed a restaurant worker.

Yesterday, the road was

State Minister for Land

to Nawab Sir Salimullah.

fare of all obstacles.

The Land Reforms Board had

Ministry of Land

of roadside restaurants.

The link-road in Motifheel,

The minister said that the

In this regard he referred to

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glected children, reports BSS.

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Candidates who meet the specific job requirements are encouraged to apply. Only candidates short-listed for test/interview will be contacted. D-1009



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina replying to children's queries on a television programme, 'Shishuder Mukhomukhi', telecast on BTV yesterday. - PID photo

Street children tell their woes to PM on TV programme

A unique programme was presented by Bangladesh Television (BTV) last evening where the Prime Minister talked to a group of street urchins who are surviving by waging a continuos battle against many odds and obstacles, reports UNB.

The helpless but resolute street children told Sheikh Hasina their tales of woes and sought her help for their education and care on the half-hour rogramme, Shishuder Mukhomukhi" (face-to-face with children)

Sagar, who is working as a restaurant boy, told the Prime Minister about the misery of his life, his struggle and his dream for the future. Ruby, who is working as a

maid at a house in the capital, said she had lost her father in a village clash and now worked for food. "But they don't give me ade-

quate food, they beat me and give me a lot of work to do." said the crying little girl, aged about eight, expressing her desire to study and play. Billal, aged about 10, said he

spends the night under the porch of the Parliament Building, and survives by selling chocolate and chewing gum in the adjoining areas. The boy said he attends an

NGO-run school and wants to be a government officer after completing his studies. Tempo helper Alauddin, who

is at school, also wanted the scope for further study. He wants to be a doctor to serve the nation, he told the PM. Abed, another small boy

who earns his livelihood by breaking bricks in the city, wanted the Prime Minister to explain who are the children she meant as the future of nation. "Are we those children, or are they the offsprings of rich people?" he asked.

The Prime Minister was visibly moved listenting to the sad tales of the hapless children and said these were the realities of the country.

These street children are faced with endless problems. they face torture, they have no food and shelter, and they are growing up without care and affection, Hasina said.

'As the head of government, I have a responsibility to take care of these children and thousands others like them, but it is not possible for me alone to take care of all of them," the Prime Minister said and urged the affluent and conscious section of society to come forward in aid of the helpless urchins.

She added, "If one well-to-do family takes the responsibility of one child then lakhs of children will get shelter and food get the opportunity of educa-

The Prime Minister assured the children during the TV programme that her government would do its best to nurture their dreams.

We must do something for them so that they can survive with their beautiful dreams, so that their dreams do not die." she said calling upon all to work for the welfare of the chil-

Road divider at Manik Mia Avenue to be completed in six weeks

By Staff Correspondent

Despite a severe cash crisis. Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has taken up work to construct an island on the road in Manik Mia Avenue in the city.

The work on the divider started Thursday involving about Tk 20 lakh. DCC sources claimed the divider would not only beautify the area but also provide safety to pedestrians crossing the wide road.

The planned island will be 10-feet wide splitting the onekm long and 60-metre wide Manik Mia Avenue road into two sections. The construction is expected to be completed within one and half months. according to sources in the City Builders (Pvt) Ltd., the company given the contract.

The decision to build a series of dividers in the city comes at a time when accumulated arrears of several hundred DCC contractors remain unpaid due to fund constraints.

On September 15, about 200 angry DCC contractors besieged the acting Chief Engineer's office at Nagar Bhaban demanding payment of their arrears. Two persons were arrested after the Mayor's private secretary sustained minor injuries in a scuffle that broke out inside the

engineer's office. A top DCC official said last night that construction of the Manik Mia Avenue road divider was part of a package programme taken up by the DCC six months ago.

"The traffic division of the city put forward its recommen-

Wang Chung Zut.

dations to the DCC in a series of meetings held earlier in the year and the DCC has set out to do the job," the official said. He added that under the

same development programme several link roads, and overbridges would be built in the

The official denied that the DCC was having a fund crisis at the moment and said. "within the last one month just see how much area we have cleared. there is hardly any outstanding bills for the current year," he claimed.

Meanwhile, DCC's Contractors' Association, in a press release last night said that the DCC has come out of the fund problem and was taking steps to pay off the arrears.

US envoy meets Speaker

The US ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman called on Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury at his Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday, reports BSS.

During the meeting they discussed various issues of bilateral interest including matters relating to functioning of Bangladesh Parliament and its committees.

Secretary of the parliament secretariat Quazi Md Manzur-e-Mowla was present on the occasion.

Vhat's on today.

Inaugural ceremony: The inaugural ceremony of World Habitat Day '97 will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 10:30 am. Chief guest: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Organiser: Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

Rally: In observance of the World Habitat Day the Bangladesh Habitat Council will hold a grand rally. Venue: National Parade Square. Time: 3 pm. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend as chief guest.

Seminar: A seminar on 'Future cities' will be held on the occasion of World Habitat Day. Venue: Rajuk auditorium. Time: 9:30 am.

Roundtable confce: A roundtable conference on 'Hazardous child labour' will be held. Organiser: Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum in collaboration with Moitree Parishad. Venue: WVA auditorium, Rd No: 16, Dhanmondi. Time: 1 pm - 5 pm.

Seminar on environment: A seminar on Environment Pollution and its Effect on Human Life will be held. Venue: Hotel Purbani. Time: 5 pm. Organisers: Lions Clubs of Dhaka Angels. Science fair: A 2-day annual science fair and art

exhibition of Oxford International School will begin. Venue: School premises, Rd: 27 (old), Dhanmondi Bangladesh-China Friendship Assoc: On the occasion of the 48th founding anniversary of People's China, the association will hold a discussion. Venue: Jatiya Press Club.

Time: 4:30 pm. Chief guest: Ambassador of China to Bangladesh

Rotary Club of Dhaka North: The weekly meeting will be held. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 5:30 pm. Speaker: Dr M Enamul Huq, President, BAAIGM, will talk on 'Problems of elderly persons in Bangladesh.

Women bodies slate Ershad's remarks

By Staff Correspondent

Women's organisations have reacted sharply on certain remarks about women leadership by deposed president Hussain Mohammad Ershad.

Sammilita Nari Samaj and Samajtantrik Mahila Forum in separate statements asked the former military ruler to withdraw his remarks.

They said, the remarks had insulted the women. The organisation leaders

said, Ershad has been attacking women leaderships in his speech at different public gatherings. He reportedly said, Islam does not allow women politics. "This is highly objectionable. We demand withdrawal of Ershad's remark," leaders of Nari Samaj protested.

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