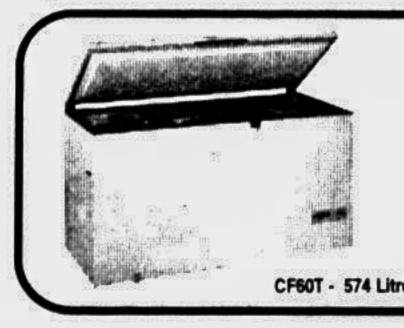


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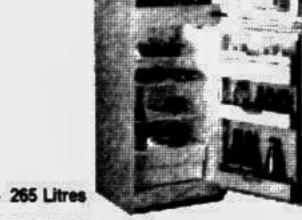
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BUET Syndicate to hold talks with resigning teachers

By Staff Correspondent All 11 Syndicate members of the BUET yesterday held a meeting to discuss the 'mass resignation' of 15 teachers of the Architecture Department on

Sunday. Sources in the BUET said that the Syndicate members decided to talk to the resigning teachers individually "and a letter has been drafted in this regard." The letter would be sent to every teacher who signed the 'mass resignation' letter protesting the introduction of a new admission test system.

Sources also said that BUET's 165-member Academic Council also met yesterday discussing the present crisis at the Architecture Department.

Meanwhile, in a press release signed by the BUET Registrar Md Shahjahan last night, it was alleged that some students of the Architecture Department 'gheraoed' the Dean of Faculty of Architecture and Planning Prof Faruque A U Khan pressurising him to resign from the post of Dean.

The incident happened as the Academic Council was in a meeting. When its members were informed of the siege, they immediately went to the Department of Architecture and later returned to the meeting with the Dean, the press release said.

The Academic Council requested the VC to take action against the students who 'gheraoed' and put pressure on the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, the press release said.

BUET's Vice-Chancellor declined to comment on the decision of the Syndicate, of which he is the Chairman.

Heated debate

From Page 1 order that relate to the Constitution or to violation of the JS

Rules of Procedure. Mannan regretted that the Chair was often found allowing members to speak on point of order regardless of the subject.

The Speaker appreciated the opposition MP's views. Soon after, Haji Mohammad Selim and Abdul Latif Mirza of

AL and G M Kader of Jatiya Party spoke on their points, not related to the Constitution or the Rules of Procedure. Taking the floor, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

quoted from rules relating to point of order. Joining the debate, Commerce and Industries Minister

Minister Abdul Matin Khasru

supported Mannan's views and

Tofael Ahmed also shared Mannan's views. Amidst shouts by the BNP

members, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddoza Choudhury took the floor and requested the Speaker to continue his current practice of allowing a specific number of MPs whose notices on current issues were not accepted, to speak on point of order.

Hands of 2 chopped off in city, one dies

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was killed while another wounded when an unidentified gang beat them up severely and chopped off their arms at city's Postagola area yesterday noon.

Police identified the dead as

Hazrat Ali, 25, son of Shawkat Ali, a resident of Babubazar in Jurain. The injured Masud Hossain, 26, a resident of Shampur in

Demra, was under treatment at the Orthopaedic Hospital, hos-Nasim Biswas died of 'hyper-osmolar

Star Report

syndrome'

After a two-hour meeting yesterday, doctors at the PG Hospital came to a conclusion that Dr Ehteshamul Huq Nasim Biswas MP died due to "hyperosmolar syndrome triggered by gastro-enteritis following a metabolic derangement".

'Hyper-osmolar syndrome' is explained as a symptom of pre-

Nasim Biswas, a BNP legislator and son of former president Abdur Rahman Biswas, died on Thursday at the age of

Earlier reports said Nasim Biswas had dinner at a wedding ceremony in the city on Wednesday night. He had started vomiting with loose motion the following morning. He was rushed to Holy Family Hospital and later shifted to PG Hospital in a state of coma.

One doctor told The Daily Star last night that possibility of "food poisoning" was not rejected altogether but, "we could not confirm it".

The idea of 'mid-brain haemorrhage' as a cause for the death, was not 'well-founded". he said adding, "a post-mortem could provide more scope in pinpointing the exact cause of the death.

Physicians and specialists including Dr M N Alam, Dr Rashiduddin Ahmed, Dr KM Iqbal, Dr Anwarullah, Dr Mahmud Hasan and Dr Taher, Director of the PG Hospital attended the

Jamaat

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of the Jatiya Sangsad." Sayeedi, who was standing beside Nasim, said that the government side assured the Jamaat delegation that there "shall be nothing in the CHT accord which is inconsistent with the Constitution". "Government will amend the accord if any clause is found inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution during the parliamentary debate".

Asked about a tentative date for their return, Sayeedi said the party's policy making body will fix the date. Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed, however, quipped: "They will join the session on March 22."

Meanwhile, yesterday's JS sitting was adjourned at 1:38 pm to resume at 10:00 am on March 22.

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pital sources said.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately. Demra police said last night Hazrat Ali himself was an accused in several cases filed with Demra and Sutrapur thanas.

The unidentified gang of about 10 youths intercepted a rickshaw on which Hazrat and Masud were crossing Botala area at about 1 pm, hospital

sources said. The gang forcibly took them into a room in the area and started beating them mercilessly. At one stage, the gang severed the arms of Hazrat and In a fatally wounded condi-

tion, both of them were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the onduty doctors declared Hazrat dead, police said. Later, Masud was shifted to

Orthopaedic Hospital. Hazrat's

body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. None was arrested in connection with the murder till filing of this report last night Demra police were preparing to

Khaleda

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file a case in this regard.

cept harassment by terrorism price hike, killing and repression on political opponents.

It has failed in all sectors as it is serving the purpose of its alien masters. The subservient, oppressive, and inefficient government has no right to remain in power, she added

"You have to participate in the movement. Your active participation is needed to change the government. Mere support will not do," Begum Zia told the audience.

The former Prime Minister said that while in opposition, the Awami League in a planned way had created unrest across the country over the incident of Yasmin in Dinajpur. "But as the ruling party, the

Awami League now remains silent when a number of such incidents have occurred during its rule," she said.

On the CHT accord, Begum Zia said unrest is prevailing in the hill tracts instead of peace.

The rally was also addressed by Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Barrister Nazmul Huda, Sadek Hossain Khoka, Mirza Abbas. Amanullah Aman, Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Annie and Habib-un-Nabi Sohel City JCD president Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu presided.

Mayor Hanif

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When asked why his office was issuing trade licences for opening hazardous workshops and businesses in residential areas, the Mayor denied issuing any such licence in the last four years. But he said, "We are regularly carrying out demolition of illegal structures.

He said he had asked the police to seize rickshaws plying in the city with authorisation from different trade unions.

When pointed out that there was hardly any transparency in his office because newsmen were denied access to information by DCC officials, the Mayor welcomed the journalists to "meet him any time for any information."

Replying to a question whether he would contest the next mayoral election, Hanif said he did not yet think over it. "I still have a year to go and

will think over it later," he said. The Mayor presented a list of development works undertaken or being carried out in the city and said, "We are alleged to have done nothing but here we are, a lot has been done."

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the country. "I asked some BNP lawmakers that if they are so convinced about a famine-like situation in the country, then why they were not opening gruel kitchens," she said, recalling that "we from the Opposition had opened gruel kitchens when a severe famine hit North Bengal during Khaleda Zia's rule." Focusing on the recent 'arti-

ficial price hike of salt in the country, the Prime Minister pondered, "why this ploy, who are being benefited out of it, we must identify them". She pointed out that to dis-

credit the government, some people made quick bucks taking money out of the poor people's pockets by selling salt at the rate of Tk 20 per kg. "We have knowledge of such

conspiracies to raise prices of some other essentials artificially. I'll not divulge names of those items, but I can assure that measures are being taken to stop this," she said. Justice K M Sobhan, Prof

Kabir Chowdhury and AL General Secretary Žillur Rahman also took part in the discussion. Eminent poets Nirmalendu Goon, Mahadev Saha and Syed Shamsul Haq and cultural activist Asaduzzaman Noor recited poems at the programme that ended with a cultural func-

SI in Ctg

Raju Aktar, wife of one Nu-

February 9 lured her to a resi-

Jubo League factions clash

From Staff Correspondent armed clashes between two facinjured on Sunday night.

used firearms and hand bombs during the hour-long clashes. They also damaged at least

Police lobbed six teargas shells and fired several shots in the air to bring the situation under control. Police said the clashes took

supremacy in the area and toll collection from Banargati market.

3 Jubo League activists hurt in bomb blast

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Mar 16: Three Jubo League activists were seriously injured when the bombs they were making exploded in an abandoned house at Gallamari today. The injured were identified

as Kalam (23). Shahidul (23) and Hemayet (25). They were admitted to

Khulna Medical College Hospital under police custody with serious burn injuries. Police said they were wanted

in a lot of criminal cases lodged with Sonadanga thana.

Allegation of rape by police

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Mar 16: Special Branch of Chittagong Metropolitan Police started an investigation into an allegation of rape lodged with the Additional Police Commissioner here by a woman against a po-lice sub-inspector at Chittagong

rul Islam under Pahartoli thana, used to go to the court building as a complainant in a case, became familiar with Sub-Inspector Delwar Hossain, she said in her petition. The police sub-inspector on

dential hotel in the city promising to help her in the case and then raped her in a room, Raju Aktar mentioned in the peti-The police authorities have

asked the Special Branch to in-

vestigate the allegation.

in Khulna: 6 hurt

KHULNA, Mar 16: Fierce tions of Jubo League at Gallamari area in the city left six persons including a policeman Activists of both the factions

15 vehicles, six roadside shops and set three semi-pucca houses on fire.

place over establishment of

Both the groups lodged separate cases with Sonadanga thana.

to post bonds to visit Singapore SINGAPORE, Mar 16: As part

of a crackdown on foreigners illegally staying in Singapore, visitors from Bangladesh and Myanmar will have to post bonds, according to a news report Monday, reports AP. Quoting Home Affairs Min-

ister Wong Kan Seng. The

Straits Times reported that cit-

izens of Bangladesh and Myanmar "can expect to post bonds . . . to discourage them from overstaying." "The bond amounts can vary

between 3,000 and 5,000 Singapore dollars, and the money will be forfeited if they overstay their tourist visas," the paper said, quoting Wong.

Dhaka's call to set up Islamic Common Market

OIC urged to provide funds for micro-credit in poor states

alleviation," he said.

impact on world economy.

Azad said "The most disad-

vantaged of these countries, the

19 LDCs within the OIC, eagerly

complete agreement prevails

look forward to receiving sup-

marginalised.

challenges.

DOHA, Mar 16: Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad today called for early establishment of the Islamic Common Market to revive the fragile economies of the Least Developed Countries within OIC, reports UNB.

"Now is the time when we must forge ahead in establishing the Islamic Common Market as adopted by a resolution in the Tehran Summit," he said delivering his speech at the

Azad said preferential trade arrangements and movement of labour in an Islamic Common Market would surely help revive the fragile economies of the 19 LDCs and provide an opportunity of shaping a decent and dignified life for their peo-

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister said the least developed members of the OIC are steeped in poverty, malnutrition and many other vices.

"Bangladesh has experienced that providing small loan or micro-credit to poor people in rural areas have resulted in in-

100 shanties gutted at city slum

By Staff Correspondent At least 100 shanties were gutted as a fire broke out in a slum at Shampur area under city's Demra thana early yesterday.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire, originating from the flame of a kerosene lamp, broke out at the slum at Kadamtali at about l am. The blaze engulfed over 100

huts in the slum within half

in the incident.

an-hour. However, there was no information about any casualty work of Bangabandhu. Bangladeshis have messages on the occasion.

would ever be remembered. In her message, the Prime Minister called for greater

prosperous Bangladesh as dreamt of by the Father of the Nation. Sheikh Hasina leaves for Tungipara this morning to lay wreaths at his mazar at 10:30 am. She will also attend a dis-

cussion and milad mahfil there. Prior to her departure, Hasina will garland the portrait of Bangabandhu in the city.

Hasina is also expected to lead a children and juvenile procession which will start from 'Shikha Chironton' and 'Swadhinata Stambha' at

among the member states that come generation and poverty only a strong and united OIC can command the respect of Azad suggested that due con-

sideration be accorded to this countries outside its memberinnovative micro-credit con-Referring to the Middle-East cept and fund be made available through an OIC mechanism for Peace process, he reiterated Bangladesh's wholehearted encouraging and promoting micro-credit ventures in povertysupport to the inalienable rights of Palestinians in having stricken areas of OIC member a homeland of their own with The Foreign Minister said Jerusalem as its capital.

the process of globalisation and "Our sincerity for the cause liberalisation has released new of Palestine was recently reflected in our efforts in the Edand unknown forces of great inburgh Summit of the Commagnitude having far reaching monwealth where our Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina firmly "Unprepared to face this new and pervasive process, many pressed for the inclusion of Palestine as a member of the weaker economies, even within Commonwealth after gaining the OIC, are getting

statehood. About longstanding dispute over Jammu and Kashmir, Azad said Bangladesh is in favour of all initiatives aimed at resolving this volatile issue.

port and assistance from those among OIC family with bounti-"We welcome dialogue beful resources in meeting the tween India and Pakistan as dialogue is the only means to The Foreign Minister said a solve issues that threaten peace

and security in South Asia. 78th birth anniversary legal proceedings.

From Page 1 to mark the day in a befitting The day's programmes in-

clude garlanding the portrait of Sheikh Mujib at Bangabandhu Bhaban in the city, placing wreaths at his mazar at Tungipara, offering fateha, holding and play the recorded speeches milad mahfils, discussion of Bangabandhu through meetings and cultural functions. Bangladesh Television and Bangladesh Betar will put up special programmes while newspapers bring out supplements highlighting the life and

President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate

Paying deep respect to the memory of Bangabandhu, the President said his eventful life. wisdom, farsightedness and immense love for the people

unity of all to fight hunger,

poverty and illiteracy to build a

Suhrawardy Udyan at 8 am on

National and party flags will be hoisted atop central Awami League office and Bangabandhu Bhaban at 5:30 am today. The party will hold milad mahfils, discussions and rallies

microphones across the country. The Cultural Affairs Min-Bangla Academy Shilpakala Academy, National Museum, Nazrul Institute and National Book Centre will

jointly organise a discussion at

Ramna Batamul at 4 pm today. Dhaka University, Islamic Foundation and Bangabandhu Agricultural University, Salna have chalked out separate programmes to mark the day. Chittagong City Corporation

grammes in observance of the Chittagong University unit of Bangabandhu Parishad has also undertaken a week-long

has undertaken various pro-

programme. Aged under-trial prisoner dies in Khulna

KHULNA, Mar 16: An aged under-trial prisoner of Khulna jail died at the General Hospital here today, reports UNB.

Police said Amar Biswas, 60 suddenly fell ill this morning inside the jail. He was rushed to General Hospital where he died students to vacate the hostel.

Verdict on repeal of indemnity: SC begins hearing of appeal petition

By SC Correspondent

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday began to hear the appeal petition against the High Court verdict declaring the Indemnity (Repeal) Act, 1996 as a valid

Barrister Qurban Ali, Counsel for the appellants Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid Khan and Mahmuda Rahman, mother of Col (retd) Syed Farukur Rahman, started to read out the HC judgment at the hearing yester-

The division bench of the HC vide a judgment on January 28, 1997 discharged the rule nist issued upon the two writ petitions and declared the Indemnity (Repeal) Act as a valid law.

The Jatiya Sangsad passed the Indemnity (Repeal) Act on November 12, 1996 repealing the Indemnity Ordinance, 1975.

The Indemnity Ordinance was proclaimed on August 27, 1975 by the then government headed by President Khandaker Mustaque Ahmed validating all action taken during the August 15, 1975 killings of Bangabandhu and his family and indemnifying the killers from all

BNP's protest rally tomorrow

Dhaka city unit of BNP will hold a rally at Ramna Batomul tomorrow to protest the CHT peace agreement, price-hike, deteriorating law and order situation and power and gas crisis. reports UNB.

After the rally, the party will bring out a procession in the BNP will also observe similar programmes in divisional

towns on the same day. Foreign co to invest \$ 30m in DEPZ

Singapore and Malaysia will jointly invest 30 million US dollars equivalent to Taka 141 crore in the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ), reports

The investment will be in the textile sector, a press release said yesterday.

An agreement was signed

here to this effect on Thursday. Rangamati College From Page 1

to bring the situation under control BDR personnel accompanied by police started patrolling

Rangamati town in a bid to foil any attempt of further violence. Meanwhile, Rangamati College was closed sine die and the authorities asked the resident

Bangabandhu murder

From Page 1 cated papers of the Commonwealth Secretariat and editor of the Sunday Times for the copy of one of its issue carrying Fa-

"However, I got the authenticated papers after submitting the charge-sheet," he told the As the prosecution witness

was proceeding with his deposi-

rooq's statement.

tion, the defence lawyers raised objections. "I talked to the plaintiff of the case and other people concerned about the incident. They

ments of the five arrested ac-

cused, he said they confessed

their involvement in the assas-

sination of Bangabandhu when

they were brought to police re-

included officials of army, navy, air force, BDR, Betar, Ganobhaban and Bangabhaban," the IO said, adding that he also recorded statements of the witnesses. About confessional state-

four national leaders inside the Dhaka Central Jail. About absconding 14 accused, the IO told the court that

He said during his investiga-

tion, he found 24 people guilty

efforts are on to arrest them.

of killing Bangabandhu, his family members, Col Jamil, an ASI of police and an army jawan on the fateful night of August 15, 1975. "But of the 24, Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, Mahbubul Alam Chashi, Risalder Sarwar

and Captain Mostafa were not

charge-sheeted as they died," he said, concluding his deposition. Prosecution counsel Serajul Haq, Ramjan Ali Khan. Mosharraf Hossain Kajal, Sahara Khatun and Kamrul Islam and the defence lawyers Abdur Razzaq Khan, Khan Saifur Rahman, Sharfuddin Mukul

and TM Akbar were present in the court. The prosecution witness will be cross-examined by the defence when the hearing resumes

mand in connection with the case of November 3 killing of on March 23. 700 'political cases'

From Page 1 minister on the list and if necessary, discuss the issue with the BNP. Nasim said he did not count the number of cases the BNP list contained but he

added, it might be some 700 as mentioned by a BNP leader. In reply to a question. Nasim, who played the key-role in reaching the recent AL-BNP agreement, said holding a meeting of the five-member parliamentary committee on political cases won't be required for withdrawal of the political cases mentioned in the list. "If needed, we'll consult the BNP leaders concerned on the mat-

Contacted over telephone, Rafiqul Islam told The Daily Star he would do the needful in the light of understanding reached with the BNP. Asked on the process of

tails are yet to be worked out." When contacted, Hafizuddin Ahmed said that the list of some 700 cases against his party leaders and workers were of "political nature." The list almost covered the major "po-

'We've just received the list... de-

litical charges" while another list of the same kind was being prepared for submission soon. The large number of "political cases" against BNP men were complied in a book with the figures for 64 districts and

"We've handed over the list

in accordance with our agree-

460 thanas, he mentioned.

ment with the government and we now hope they would withdraw those by the March 31 deadline." Ruling party sources said, the government will first scrutinise the BNP list of "political cases" to prepare a short list of "genuine" political charges and

then discuss with the opposi-

tion party before deciding on

their withdrawal.

the committee.

Asked if they were told by the ministers concerned about the process of withdrawing the cases, Hafizuddin replied in the withdrawal, the minister said: negative. "It's up to the government as to how it will implement its commitment. We'll definitely

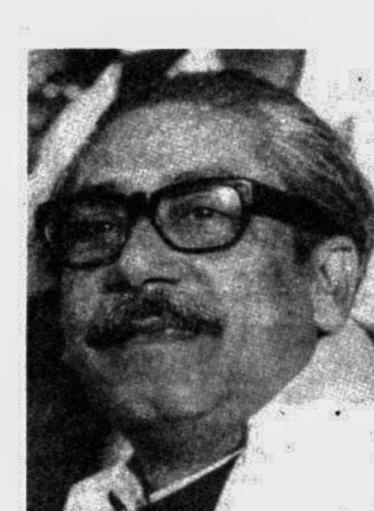
attend the meeting of the par-

liamentary committee on polit-

ical cases, if called," said

Hafizuddin, also a member of

at noon.



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