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The World On Time

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Colombo summit

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"I don't want to work as a

Nahar's only guardian pre

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needed six stitches in her pri-

Thirteen-year-old Joya (not

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"I don't think we can send her to

work at he garment factory

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to walk. She has severe pain all

over her abdomen. She can only

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less. Doctors say it is the after

All she needs now is conso-

lation, attending doctors say.

on all nations to refrain from

any more testing. Maldives and

Sri Lanka took three days to

come up with a statement and

referred to 'missile and nuclear

tests' in the 'South Asian region'

but did not name India or Pak-

Later, the Sri Lankan for-

eign minister said Colombo was

not opposed to India becoming a

nuclear power and was against

international sanctions

Asian diplomats here said

that while Sri Lanka could sal-

vage the summit, tension be-

tween India and Pakistan

would hit economic and trade

against New Delhi.

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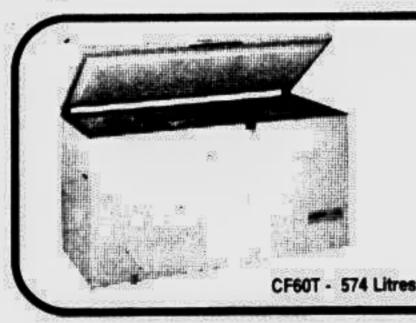
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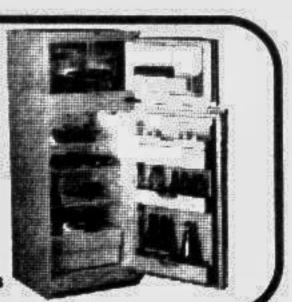
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Horrifying tales of 3 rape victims

By Staff Correspondent

Three rape victims now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital nar-rated their horrifying experi-

ences yesterday. Talking to this correspondent, one of the victims, Bakul (not her real name), now under 'safe custody', said, "I don't feel safe here. None of the accused were arrested yet. The main accused, Alam and Minto are reportedly roaming around but police is yet to take action against them. How do you expect me to be safe? I have filed a case under Women and Child Repression Prevention Act, 1995, accusing four but police noted the names of only two. I see some sort of conspiracy between the police and the ac-

cused". She said, "I was raped several times by Alam earlier before being raped by him and his accomplices on April 29. I had complained to local leaders but none took any initiative to stop the repression on me.'

Bakul, hailing from Kishoreganj, also said, "Alam and Minto are very influential in the area where I live. So, naturally, they are using their power to suppress their crime." Bakul, now five-month pregnant, was allegedly raped by a gang of four in Savar and

left in an unconscious state. Police later took her to the DMCH. Bakul is now improving but not out of danger, doctors

Nine-year-old Nahar (Not

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But Maldives foreign minis-

ter Fathullah Jameel said

heightened tensions following

India's nuclear tests could lead

to a postponement of the sum-

mit, although Colombo's

friendly relations with Pak-

istan and India may weight in

and Pakistan escalate, then

there is a danger of one or both

asking for a postponement of

the summit," Jameel said in a

telephone interview from his

home in the Maldives capital of

this year's summit was to have

economics as the theme, with

proposals for SAARC to take up

a collective position in negotia-

tions with the World Trade Or-

has remained silent on India's

nuclear tests because the char-

ter of the regional grouping pre-

cludes it from commenting on

internal matters of member

states or getting involved in bi-

dian ocean atoll nation of the

Maldives called for nuclear dis-

armament, but made no direct

reference to India or Pakistan,

which is also believed to have a

Pakistan may be keen to attend

the next SAARC heads-of-state

meeting here sometime in July

to mount a campaign against

India on the sidelines of the

been clearly cautious in react

ing to the Indian tests,

Other SAARC members have

Instead, both countries

called for restraint and called

say anything as she was weep-

rescued the girl from the house

with assauli, seab and burn in-

juries and rrested the house-

police. Kohinoor used to beat

Ruma since she started working

there for months back. On

Wednesuay, the housewife con-

fined the little girl in a room of

hinoor confined the maid in-

indifferent ways, police added.

side the room and tortured her

with a kitchen knife resulting

stab wounds in Ruma's hand.

Besides, Kohinoor beat her with

hot kitchen utensils in differ-

ent parts of her body, police

before the CMM's Court yester-

day. The court sent her to the

with Cantonment thana char-

ging Kahinoor under the

Women and Children Repres-

sion Prevention Act 1995.

Central Jail.

Police produced Kohinoor

Police yesterday filed a case

For the next three days, Ko-

The woman stabbed the girl

her house and beat her up.

After being informed, police

According to the FIR filed by

ing intermittently.

wife at about 1:30 am.

Asian diplomats here said

nuclear programme.

Last year's summit in the In-

SAARC, as an organisation,

ganisation (WTO).

lateral issues.

summit.

Sri Lanka's Kadirgamar said

"If tensions between India

favour of holding the meet.



Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal brought out a procession in the city yesterday protesting N-tests - Star photo conducted by India recently.

Uphold true history of Liberation War: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday renewed her government's determination to reach the fruits of independence to the door-step of the people by freeing them from exploitation and poverty, reports UNB.

"We are working relentlessly to build the nation with the spirit of liberation war," she said inaugurating the member collection campaign of the Muktijoddha Jadughar on its

Calling upon all to work with dedication to uphold the glorious history of the liberation war. Hasina said the government has become successful in restoring the real history of the liberation war.

"It's our duty to let the posterity know the true history of the liberation war... it will be unfortunate if the new generation cannot know the sacrifice of their forefathers," she told the function.

Hasina highly praised the trustees of the Muktijoddha Jadughar for their noble efforts to protect and project the glorious history of the nation, and said the government has a plan to shift the Jadughar to the historic Suhrawardi Udyan where the independence monument will be built.

Later, the Prime Minister signed a membership form. Sadeq Hossain Chowdhury and Sukumar Chowdhury be-

BUET teachers

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the PMO 'sometime' this week i

the crisis at the university per-

sisted. Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina is the Chancellor of

ment in resolving the crisis at

BUET," Prof Abdur Razzak

Akand, president of BUETTA,

begins at 9:00 am on Wednesday

will first parade the campus

and then march towards the

PMO to handover the memo-

Chancellor was sought on be-

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statement the tests had also en-

hanced India's capability in

critical data for the validation

of our capability in the design

of nuclear weapons of different

yields for different applications

India's nuclear tests ex-

ploded the equivalent of 56

kilotonnes of TNT, nearly three

times the size of the bomb

dropped on Hiroshima in 1945,

India's chief nuclear scientist

of India Atomic Energy Com-

mission (IAEC), said the com-

bined input of the five tests.

conducted on May 11 and May

13 was almost equivalent to 56

R Chidambaram, Chairman

and different delivery systems.

"The tests . . . have provided

computer simulation.

the statement said.

announced today.

An appointment with the

randum, he added.

The silent procession that

told The Daily Star yesterday.

"There has been no develop-

cooperation. South Asia is to establish a free trade area by 2001, and any concession one country grants came the founding members of to another must be extended to the Muktijuddha Jadughar all members. However, analysts giving Tk five lakh each. said given the Indo-Pakistan relations, it was too much to

BUET.

Attack on CU shuttle train, bus: 7 injured

CHITTAGONG, May 17: A shuttle train and a bus of Chittagong University again came under attack by unidentified people today leaving seven students injured, reports UNB.

This was the fifth attack since May 26. Police said some youngsters wearing masks hurled two bombs while another group opened fire at the university bound shuttle train at Fatevabad station at about 7:30 am.

In another incident, miscreants hurled bombs at a bus carrying teachers and students of the university when it reached Fatevabad in the morning.

Three students were injured as they jumped out of the bus during the attack. They were admitted to Chittagong Medical

Police arrested four workers of Islami Chhatra Shibir from Fateyabad in connection with

the incidents The Chittagong University Teachers' Association expressed

Pre-budget discussion

Ruling party MPs suggest expansion

Ruling party MPs yesterday suggested expansion of the tax network including VAT and measures against tax evasion to raise the revenue income, re-

ports UNB. The suggestion came at a prebudget discussion at ERD when they made a strong plea to curb

corruption in different sectors. The Awami League MPs proposed to increase the allocation for old age pension scheme, Employment Bank and microcredit programme in the next

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Govt pursuing weak-kneed foreign policy: Khaleda

Khaleda Zia yesterday accused the government of ruining the country by pursuing a weakkneed foreign policy, reports

"Instead of protecting the interest of local businessmen, it is working for the Indian traders," Begum Zia said at a meeting at 29 Mintoo Road. where leaders and workers of various parties from Bagerhat district joined BNP in this evening expressing allegiance to her leadership. Referring to a recent state-

ment of FBCCI president Yusuf Abdullah Harun, she said business and share market are on the verge of ruination due to wrong and subservient foreign policy of the government.

their days without food and a silent famine is stalking the country," she said. The former Prime Minister alleged that the government is hatching a conspiracy with the

sources. "We cannot allow this conspiracy to go on. We must foil it

eration," Begum Zia said. Fatulla Jubo

ransacked

NARAYANGANJ, May 17: A group of miscreants tonight ransacked Fatulla Thana Jubo

The miscreants exploded about 10 bombs and fired several gunshots during the incident at about 8 pm.

Police sources said BNP activists brought out a procession this afternoon as a sequel to last Saturday's scuffle between one Shahajahan and Thana Jubo League leader Maksud. The processionists ransacked the Jubo League office, they said.

Fatulla Thana Awami League at a rally tonight blamed BNP for the attack on the Juba League office.

the culprits.

Turning to organisational

activities, she called for strengthening the party in Bagerhat, where BNP failed to get a single JS seat, out of four, in the last elections.

She said people are joining BNP as it is the only party which can protect country's independence and integrity besides realising people's aspirations. The BNP chief called upon

party leaders and workers to make the May 20 hunger strike and June 9 Long March towards CHT a success for protecting the country's integrity. Some 215 leaders and work-

ers of different parties joined BNP in the meeting. They include Adv Khan Amjad Ali and Sheikh Abdul Jalil of Jatiya Party, Alhaj Noor Ali Hawlader of Jamaat-e-Islami. Dr Moslemuddin and Adv Mollah Fazlur Rahman of Muslim League, Moulana Abdul Khalegue of Islamic Shasantantra Andolan, Babu Mallik and Ibrahim Shikdar of Awami League, Abdul Mannan of Freedom Party and Jahangir Alam of Chhatra Moitree.

Bagherhat district BNP convenor Advocate Zillur Rahman presided over the meeting.

Gold ornaments worth Tk 4.31 lakh stolen from city jewellery shop

4.31 lakh were stolen from a jewellery shop at Nazimuddin Road under Lalbagh thana in the city early yesterday.

Police said some unidentified persons entered the shop after breaking a side-wall of the shop sometime between Sunday 8 pm and Monday 9 am. The owner and employees left the shop after its closure at about 8 pm Saturday. There was no employee inside the shop during the incident.

The next morning when the owner of the shop came to open the shop, he found a hole in a wall of the shop.

None, however, was arrested in this regard till filing of this report last night. A case was filed with Lalbagh thana in this regard yesterday.

Mongla EPZ to be laid on Saturday From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, May 17: Prime

Foundation of

Minister Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to lay the foundation stone of Mongla Export Pro-cessing Zone on Saturday next, said an official source. All preparations have been

finalised to set up the country's fourth EPZ at Mongla on about 460-acre of land. The zone will cover 139 acres of land in the first phase. It is learnt that the Mongla

Port. Authority has already handed over the land to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority. Establishment of EPZ at

Mongla was a political commitment of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is also scheduled to address a public meeting at Mongla after laying

First ODI won From Page 1

the foundation stone.

Kenyans executed on their home soil late last year. To put the records straight, Bangladesh has never lost to Kenya outside Kenya.

Rafique gave Bangladesh an explosive start. The southpaw in tandem with his more orthodox opening partner Athar Ali Khan produced 127 runs in 26.5 overs. This is the highest partnership for any wicket, eclipsing Athar and Naimur Rahman's 76 for the first wicket scored against Sri Lanka in the Sixth Asia Cup in Colombo last

Rafique, who relived the memories of his little gem of a knock against the same side in the ICC Trophy final in Malaysia last year, scored a career-best 77 off 89 balls. Rafigue, who took the Kenyan bowlers to the sword, went on to complete his maiden half-century with the help of seven disdainful boundaries and then celebrated his 50 with a huge sixer over long-off against left-Sheikh.

Rafique was eventually out fours sweetly-timed hits across

chasing a non-existent single. Bangladesh lost their third wicket at 166 in 33.5 overs. But Kenya's success for the day was restricted to that point with skipper Akram and his able deputy Aminul Islam throttling Bangladesh close to victory by putting on 64 runs for the

fourth wicket Akram, who missed the first match against India showed no signs of his back injury as he worked his way to a fluent 39 before becoming the last batsman out with Bangladesh seven

Aminul, the more watchful campaigner of the two, remained unbeaten on 20. The victory brightened

Bangladesh's hopes for a possible clash with favourites India in the final of the tri-nation tournament to be played at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta on

Mohammed Rafique was later declared the man-of-the match for his virtuoso allround performance. The gutsyleft hander took three wickets before coming out in the middle to score a whirlwind half-cen-

Speaking at the presentation ntator, said "Bangladesh played

Bad taste From Page 1

Few gardeners who gathered there said they felt very sad begardener.

ple contacted yesterday felt that "destruction" of the Sangsad lawn for a half-day meeting was a hasty decision and taken

Fresh protests in Jakarta: Death toll rises to 500

JAKARTA, May 17: The riot-scarred Indonesian capital today braced for a new round of demonstrations, while President Suharto summoned his military commander to review the country's precarious internal security, reports AP.
Tanks and troops were de-

ployed throughout Jakarta, which enjoyed a day of rest af-ter massive rioting that left 500 dead and swaths of destruction in its wake.

One of President Suharto's former top aides, Surwono Kusumaatmajda, urged the em-battled leader to step down.

The Jakarta Post today reported fresh riots in the central Java towns of Boyolali. Karanganyar and Sukohardjo the day before. A riot in the central town of Solo killed 28. most of them looters trapped by an arson fire in a shopping center.

Jakarta officials scheduled a mass funeral tomorrow for the charred, unclaimed remains of hundreds of looter who were also killed by arson fires in luxury shopping malls they were plundering. The funeral was likely to spur on angry

protesters. The Japanese foreign ministry, in urging its citizens to flee Jakarta, said they feared a new round of riots on Wednesday, the anniversary of Indonesia's independence move-

Thousands of foreigners were streaming out of the country, including Americans, Danes and Malaysians leaving aboard hastily arranged evacuation flights.

Suharto summoned Gen Wiranto, the country's armed forces commander and defense minister, to a meeting tomorrow morning, according to sources at the presidential palace who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. Gen Wiranto, 52, enjoys pop-

PM congratulates Bangladesh team Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina congratulated the Bangladesh cricket team for its first ever victory in a one-day international match against Kenya at Hyderabad, India last night, reports BSS. In a message, sent to

Bangladesh Captain Akram Khan and team manager Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, she wished them all success in the remaining matches.

Nari Samaj From Page 1

terday chanted slogans denouncing the government for its failure to redress incidents of violence against children and women and demanding

immediate resignation of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Dhaka Bar Association President Sardar Md Suruzzaman told the Nari Samaj members that the Association would sit for discussion immediately to take a stand in regard to repeated incidents of rape and

building. The Nari Samaj members expressed the view that if the process of trial could be expedited and some 'bright examples of justice' could be set, such incidents of rape and rape attempt would not recur.

rape attempts inside the court

Those who joined the demonstration include, among others, Shirin Akhtar, Farida Akhtar, Dr Naila Khan, Maleka Begum, Shaheen Anam, Khaleda Khatun, Elina Khan, Sheema Das Shimu, Saida Akhtar, Arifa Akhtar, Fatema Ahmed, Selina Mallik, Deena, Ela Chanda, Lutfa Khatun, Shamshun Nahar, Noorjahan Begum, Saida Parveen, Sajeda Parveen, Shamshun Nahar and Aiyesha Arshad.

Nari Samaj leader Maleka Begum told The Daily Star that in filing the case on Saturday's incident the proper sections of the relevant laws were not ap-

Naming some of the Nari Samaj members, who are lawyers by profession, Maleka Begum said, "they will offer legal support to the victim."

Talking to The Daily Star at his office yesterday. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AK Shamsul Haq said, "I will not comment on Nari Samaj's demand for my resignation". He said that the CMM could not be responsible for everything taking place within the premises of the court as "you know, this premises also accommodates the Deputy Commissioner's office, police control room and so on.

He said, as an immediate action all three accused of Saturday's attempted rape incident had been placed under suspen-

When his attention was drawn to the allegation that CMM's court premises has turned into a place of anti-social activities. Shamsul Haq said, "I've no knowledge of such allegation."

ular support. Yet, Suharto may well hold him accountable for the deaths of six student protesters whose killings on

riots in the capital. Suharto has already promised a speedy reshuffling of his Cabinet. The president is expected to dump a few government ministers who've aroused the greatest public ire as the country staggers through its worst economic crisis in

Tuesday touched off four days of

Suharto is coming under increasing pressure to ease his 32year-old grip over this sprawling country of 202 million people that retains huge strategic importance.

FM leaves for Colombia to attend NAM ministerial meet

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad left Dhaka yesterday morning for Cartagena, Colombia to attend the ministerial level meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), reports BSS.

The two-day ministerial meeting of the NAM Coordinating Bureau in preparation of the 12th NAM summit scheduled to be held in Durban, South Africa will begin on Tuesday.

The Summit will begin on August 29 and continue till September 3.

It will be preceded by a oneday meeting of the senior officials of NAM which has 113 members.

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barricades and arrested six students while they started to damage some vehicles. Police arrested four others from Ice Factory Road while they were damaging passing vehicles.

Meanwhile, the SSC examinees called a 'students strike' in Chittagong tomorrow, protesting the decision of cancellation of SSC examinations on two

They also called a half-day hartal in Chittagong on Tues-

Depression From Page 1

and squalls.

As it moved, the depression turned the Bay rolling, prompting the authorities to issue warning signal number one at the ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla.

The fishing boats and trawlers in the north Bay and the deep sea were ordered to stay closer to coast, prepared to take shelter at a short notice. The maximum wind speed

within 44 km of the depression's centre was about 40 kmph rising to 50 kmph in gust squalls. Under its influence there is likely to be widespread rainfall along the coast today. Elsewhere in the country rain or thundershowers accom-

panied by temporary gusty or

squally wind is likely to occur

at a few places over Khulna,

Barisal and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions today, the Met Office said. Day temperature may re-

main nearly unchanged over the country. But the weather may deteriorate in the next two days, the Met Office added.

WTO meet

From Page 1 LDCs like Bangladesh," the pa-

US imports from Bangladesh stood at 1,431 million US dollars in 1996-97 financial year. Ready-made garments and knitwears accounted for 1,250 million dollars and frozen

foods 90 million dollars. Canada and the EC are also pressing garment exporting countries for compliance with their "eco-labeling" rules.

In the paper, Bangladesh will urge the developed countries to allow duty-free entry of goods from least developed countries like Bangladesh.

"I will urge them to allow duty-free entry of our products to their markets," Tofael Ahmed said while talking to a group of newsmen in his office on Thursday. He said many developing

countries have lost huge export

revenue since the beginning of

Bangladesh, the official spokesperson for 48 least developed countries in Asia and

the new trade regime.

Africa at the WTO negotiations. has also been elected "Coordinator" of these countries. mainly to identify problems in their trade regimes and seek so-Bangladesh's export earn-

ings grew by about 15 per cent over the last couple of years. It earned Tk 15,879 crore in fiscal 95-96 and Tk 18,813 in 96-97. The target for the current financial year is Tk 22,590.

half of BUETTA on May 6 but Bangladesh and Nepal reacted At least four girl students of no response has yet been reonly 48 hours after the first Inthe university were injured as ceived, a BUETTA leader said. dian tests, but did not join the they ran for safety during the international condemnation of Pak cabinet New Delhi.

Housewife held From Page that the little girl was unable to

College Hospital.

concern over the incident

of tax network

kilotons. One kilotonne represents 10,000 tonnes of TNT, a conventional high-explosive used by armies across the world. Meanwhile, several residents of a village near India's

nuclear testing site have complained of nose bleeds, skin and eye irritation, vomiting and loose bowls since last week's underground blasts, a report said today. The government has said

> the desert, in the western state of Rajasthan, as a result of its five tests. But the Sunday Statesman said that more than a dozen people from the village of Khetolai experience symptoms of contamination by radiation

immediately after the last two

of the five devices were exploded

on Wednesday.

that no radioactivity was re-

leased into the atmosphere over

BNP Chairperson Begum

"People have lost their purchasing capacity under this government, many are passing

country's valuable gas resources. They are making their own fortune using the gas re-

for the welfare of the next gen-League office

League office, reports UNB.

Local MP Shamim Osman condemned the incident and demanded immediate arrest of

By Staff Correspondent Gold ornaments worth Tk

CTBT: India for talks

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mit here. "He assured me that he would commence discussions immediately, with a view to coming into the CTBT process and I trust that will be the case.

Leaders of the world's most

Blair told reporters.

powerful nations ended their annual summit today with an appeal to Pakistan not to respond to India's nuclear explosions. But Pakistan said it will hold its own nuclear test. As the leaders held closing news conferences, some of them

repeated rumors sweeping

Birmingham that a test blast

was set off in Pakistan Sunday,

possibly during the closing ses-

JEDDAH (Saudi Arabia), May 17: The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) today expressed its solidarity with Pakistan after the nuclear tests carried out by its former foe India, reports AFP.

US President Bill Clinton

condemned India's five nuclear explosions and the possible response as a "nutty way to go" and said the testing risks draw ing Pakistan, China and Russia into an escalating conflict. In a final communique, eight presidents and prime ministers said the challenge

they face is to ensure that the

benefits of open trade and

closer connections between na-

tions worked to 'improve the

quality of life of people every-

where.

But the heat of a South Asian nuclear arms race and chaos in financially strapped Indonesia overshadowed the annual

summit, which was followed by a meeting between Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin, whose country is now a full summit partner.

The G-8 leaders condemned the Indian blasts and expressed 'grave concern' in a special statement that they repeated in their final communique. But because of reluctance by Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy, they failed to endorse sanctions, as urged by the United States, Japan and Canada.

Tech problems prevent trial production of gas from Sangu By Special Correspondent

off-shore field is likely to be switched on a trial basis in the next few days, official sources said. Gas from the country's first off-shore field was scheduled to be supplied to Petrobangla from yesterday, to beef up power gen-

But technical problems pre-

Flow of gas from Sangu-1

vented the trial production, the sources said. At least 60 MMCFD gas is likely to be produced from Sangu-1. The deposit was struck by Cairn Energy of Britain in Jan-

Halliburton. A 48-km pipeline will bring gas from the off-shore well to Chilimpur near Chittagong.

eration and fertiliser produc-

uary, 1996 and developed in partnership with Shell and without any consideration for beauty and the thousands of people who visit the place every day with their families.

arm spinner Mohammed in the 27th over, edging a quicker delivery from Sheikh behind the wicket, but not before Bangladesh had reached a commanding position. But once Rafique departed, Bangladesh suffered two quick blows with one-down Minhazul Abedin falling for only 10 runs and Athar, on a 92 ball 47 with

the rope, ran himself out while

runs short of the target.

ceremony, the Kenyan skipper Asif Karim said, "We must congratulate Bangladesh for their maiden victory in one-day cricket", adding that Bangladesh fully deserved the victory Akram Khan gave full credits to the opening partnership of Rafique and Athar. The Bangla desh captain was happy to win the first one-day international and also hoped to win the next match. Commending the Bangladesh performance, former Indian Test cricketer Sanjay Manirekar, match commeaccording to a plan and they knew what they were doing. they continue the same way. think they will be a good competitive side in the next five years at the international

cause they had toiled hard over the years to keep the space green and tidy. "They have dug up the area and it would be very difficult to repair the damage and it would take months to restore the beauty of the place," said a Landscape experts, town planners and a number of peo-

decades.