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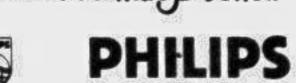
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city in 12 hrs

By Special Correspondent The clouds burst in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country vesterday, cooling the hot and

the capital, affecting normal

The Met Office recorded 117 mm of rain in the city in 12 hours from 6 am to 6 pm.

sewers failed to cope with extra water, which quickly flooded the streets and low-lying areas many houses.

hammadpur, Tejgaon, Gulistan and Motifheel areas went under

roads in Dhanmondi and North-South road were also flooded. Part of the VIP road near the PM's Office also went under water.

The Met Office forecast further rains and said the rains

Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi divisions today.

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 28: Ra-

jshahi City Corporation (RCC) today announced the proposed budget of Tk 134,04,84,622 for the 1998-99 fiscal year without imposing any new taxes.

ference.

The mayor also announced the revised budget of Tk 55,88,81,815 for the current fiscal year.

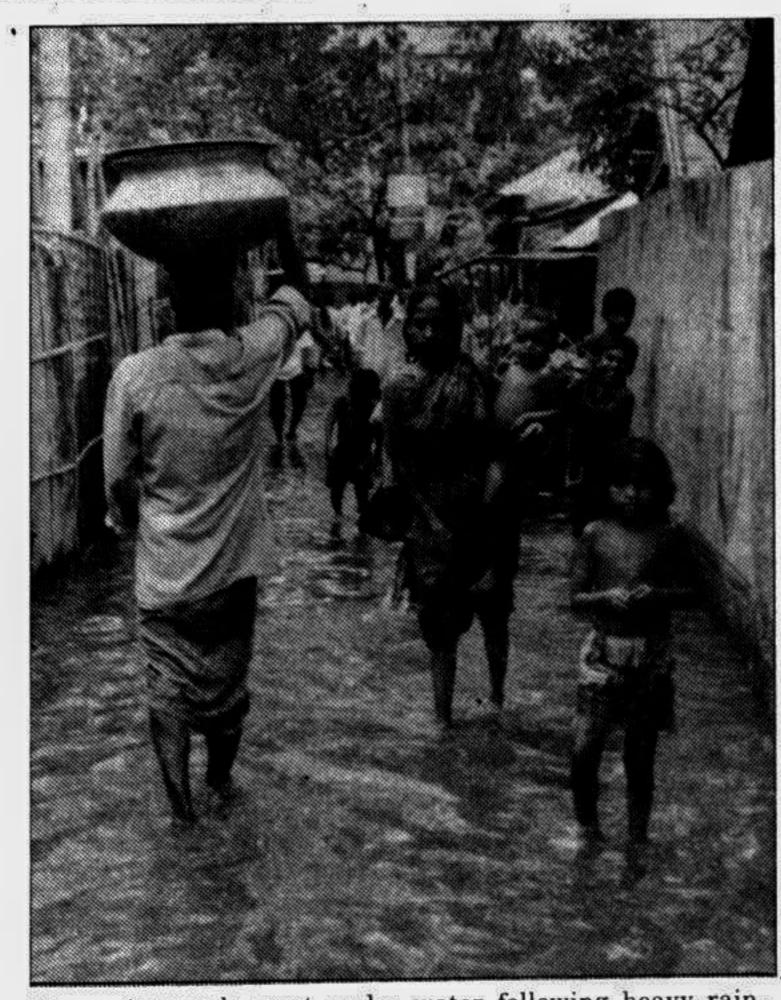
He said the budget has been prepared giving special priority to infrastructural development, health and environment.

Gulshan park

demanded immediate evacuation of the occupiers from the park and an assurance of a healthy atmosphere in the area.

"These people work for the Gulshan and Banani areas, so. with a salary of Tk 1,500 per month a cleaner has to stay near his or her working place, said the official, adding that in the previous government took up a plan to rehabilitate them in Dhalpur area of the city but it was too far away for them.

tion on parks and open spaces in the city. They said among several other parks in the city this Gulshan park was vanishing due to negligence of the authorities.



Many city roads went under water following heavy rain yesterday. This picture was taken from Maghbazar area. — Star photo

Babul Murder: DB looking for 5 more persons

By Staff Correspondent

who hails from Debidwar in

Comilla, had crossed the border

which included the additional

deputy commissioner and an

assistant commissioner of the

DB, received information a few

days ago that a conflict over the

sharing of money surfaced

among some of the accused per-

sons living outside the country.

main accused in the murder

case, Jasad Babu, and his ac-

complices planned to kill Sai-

ful Islam. They took Saiful to a

lonely place at Gangarampur in

the West Bengal state of India

death as some local people

helped him to get treatment at a

that Saiful was returning to

Bangladesh on Monday. Four

teams of the plainclothes po-

licemen were on the lookout for

Saiful at the Gabtoli bus termi-

nal. Zia International Airport

At about 5:15 pm on Tues-

and Sadar Ghat launch termi-

day, DB police arrested Saiful

and started interrogating him.

At one stage Saiful confessed

his involvement in the killing

and identified different places

in and around the spot of the

whole murder episode to the in-

vestigators. He also claimed

that Jasad Babu and Shaha

were the main people involved

recorded a judicial statement

under Section 164 of the CrPC

confessing his involvement and

cused persons in the murder. He

was later sent to the Dhaka

rested accused, Ilias Khan and

Farid, had earlier recorded con-

fessional statements before the

HSC exams

Police said two other ar-

disclosing names of other ac-

On Wednesday, Saiful

in the murder.

Central Jail.

magistrate.

Saiful also described the

However, Saiful escaped

The DB also came to know

and poured acid on his body.

nearby hospital

Following the dispute, the

The investigation team

after the murder in 1996.

The Detective Branch of police is continuing to look for another fine persons for their alleged involvement in the Babul murder in October 1996.

A senior police official said yesterday that police got useful information about the 'clueless' murder after one of the accused. Saiful Islam, recorded a judicial statement on Wednesday confessing his involvement in the killing.

With the arrest of Saiful, police has so far arrested eight people including Ilias Khan, driver Farid and Golam Kibria Tipu as accused in connection with the killing.

A gang of assailants gunned down Obayedul Huq Mollah alias Babul. 45, a politician in Bhola and an industrialist, in front of Anik Plaza under Pallabi thana in the city at about 8

pm on October 10, 1996. Police suspected that Abdullah Al Mamun alias Jasad Babu and Shaha, the two main accused who masterminded the

killing, have fled the country. Acting on a tip off, police arrested Saiful from the Gabtoli bus terminal in the city at about 5.15 pm on Monday. Saiful 28,

KS Nabi

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man, a deputy attorney general talking to The Daily Star last night. Election results of the Bangladesh Bar Council were announced by him yesterday. The decision to remove KS

Nabi will be executed once the Law Ministry's proposal is approved by the Prime Minister and accepted by the President, sources in the Law Ministry

When contacted that night, secretary of the Law Ministry refused to comment on the is-

Barrister Nabi could not be contacted for his comments last night. He had returned to the country Wednesday morning cutting short his trip abroad, the sources said.

The government was considering to replace Barrister Nabi from the post of Attorney General for quite sometime, said the Law Ministry sources, adding that the government had "reservations over his perfor-

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71, Gazipur-55, Narayanganj 36. Munshiganj-46. Manikganj-25, Tangail-124, Mymensingh-87, Jamalpur-107, Sherpur-41. Netrakona-85, Faridpur-55, Gopalganj-46, Rajbari-7. Madaripur-109 and Shariatpur-44.

Jessore Board — Jessore-108, Khulna-60, Barisal-2, Jhalakati-10, Barguna-5, Jhenidah-70, Pirojpur-8, Chuadanga-35. Magura-2. Satkhira-1. Kushtia-54, Narail-15, Patuakhali-3 and Bhola-7.

Rajshahi Board — Kurigram-220, Joypurhat-96, Naogaon-78. Nilphamari-105 and Thakurgaon-57. Comilla Board - Comilla-

128. Brahmanbaria-127. Chandpur-82, and Noakhali-

Chittagong Board — Cox's Bazar-17 and another 315 from different districts.

City corpns

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don't know when and how the election will be held," he told

He said the Election Commission has already requested the Local Government Division to take initiatives about the city corporation elections.

Election to the four city corporations - Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna — were held on January 30, 1994.

The tenure of Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna city corporations will expire in early April 1999, while that of Dhaka City Corporation in early May.

Indus Valley agreement

Legal action to be taken against persons involved

take legal action against those * involved in signing the Indus Valley agreement, reports UNB. "We've asked the Bureau of

Anti-Corruption to institute cases against the persons in-volved in it following the inquiry committee report," Works Minister Mohammad Nasim told newsmen at his office yesterday.

He said the agreement was against the interest of the country and it has been cancelled at the instruction of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

pany, Indus Valley, signed the contract alongwith some ing the BNP government to set up a modern resort centre with all facilities

Nasim quoted the inquiry committee report as saying that former Works Secretary Hasinuzzaman and ex-Chairman of RAJUK Humayun Khadem played main role in the signing of the agreement on approval of former Works Minister Barrister Rafigul Islam Mia.

Ministry to the Bureau of Anti-

Bar Council polls results

Samannay Parishad panel led by Barrister Amirul Islam captured all but one of the 14 posts in the Bangladesh Bar Council elections, according to a press release.

The 74 bar associations across the country participated in the elections of the Bangladesh Bar Council held on May 21 last, said the press release, adding that Attorney General KS Nabi officially announced the election results vesterday. The Attorney General is the ex-officio chairman of the Bangladesh Bar Council

According the release, those declared elected from the general seats are: Barrister Amirul Islam: Sved Rezaur Rahman; Khandaker Mahbub Uddin Ahmad: Abdul Baset Majumder: rister Shafik Ahmad.

seats are: M Serajul Islam Khan; Syed Ahmad; Abul Kalam Azad: Tobarak Hossain: M Abdus Salam Talukder; Golam Arif Tipu and M Nazrul Is-

Cabinet body for reforms of laws for rapid trial

of the accused

The Cabinet Committee on Law and Order yesterday emphasised necessary reforms of laws and their implementation for rapid trial of the accused,

The committee at a meeting reviewed the country's law and order situation and asked all concerned to take all possible measures for improvement of

lam presided over the meeting which was also attended by Education Minister ASHK Sadique, Water Resources Minand Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru. State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Prof Rafiqul Islam.

If more people are found in-volved in the Indus Valley agreement, they will also be brought under the legal process, he added.

About allocation of housing plots in Gulshan-Banani Lake areas, the works minister said another inquiry committee of RAJUK is investigating the

He said if any irregularity is found, all housing plots will be cancelled in the area and legal actions will also be taken.

20 hurt: Violence at Ctg exam centres

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, May 28: At least 20 people including two police personnel were injured in sporadic incidents of violence at different centres here on the first day of HSC examinations, police and witnesses

The injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and some local clinics. The incidents took place at

Raozan, Hathazari, Mirersharai, Banskali and Anwara when some groups of HSC examinees aided by outsiders went on rampage. They damaged the vehicles of thana nirbahi officers and police officials on duty at the centres. When police swung into action to resist the attackers, they

pelted brick bats at police, witnesses said. Police fired rubber bullets at Anwara and Banskali to disperse the mob. At the other centres, they resorted to lath-

icharge. The trouble started at 1 pm when the examinations were over. A section of examinees became violent as they were not allowed to adopt unfair means in the examinations, police

Violence near exam centres in Khulna From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 28: At least six persons were injured and eight vehicles damaged near Boyra Girls' College campus when a group of outsiders went on rampage today allegedly failing to help the HSC examinees adopt unfair means in the examination halls.

Police said a similar incident took place near Khalishpur Mohsin College where the outsiders pelted stones in the examination halls. Police fired three tear gas

shells near Boyra Girls' College and three outside Khalishpur Mohsin College to bring the situation under control. But none was arrested. In another incident, the res-

idence and chamber of Dr Nazmul Ahsan, Asstt Professor of Khulna Medical College Hospital came under attack by some people for resisting them from supplying answers of questions to the examinees at Pioneer Girls College centre.

Cigarettes worth Tk 2.14 lakh looted

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, May 28: Snatchers took away cigarettes worth Tk 2.14 lakh from a truck of British-American Tobacco Company in Fatulla thana area at around 11 pm on Wednesday.



yesterday. This picture was taken from Badrunnesa - Star photo University College centre in the city.

Pak N-tests: US to impose sanctions, China regrets

leaders from Washington to Moscow criticised Pakistan today for testing nuclear devices, propelling the Indian subcontinent further into an arms race. Western officials said sanctions were certain, report agencies. The Indian prime minister,

Atal Bihari Vajpayee, said Pakistan's tests vindicated his decision to explode five nuclear devices two weeks ago. He called on parliament to present a unified front to Pakistan's "challenge.

condemned Pakistan's decision as a lost opportunity, and said: "We have no choice but to impose sanctions.

Wednesday night not to carry out the tests.

ther tests, sign the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and take decisive steps to reduce tensions in South Asia and reverse the dangerous arms race." Clinton China today expressed deep

about the nuclear race in South "China expresses its 'deep regret' over Pakistan's nuclear

From Page 1 fall vacant and fresh election

rules say. According to the changed rules, DUCSU leaders might continue in their offices for another 90 days if fresh elections are not held in time. After this, the union would automatically cease to exist.

The amendments were made following recommendations by a seven-member experts committee headed by Syndicate member Barrister Shawqat Ali

leading student organisations.

The DUCSU had been virtu-

committee for its dissolution.

ment would be able to achieve the growth rate target of 6.3 in 1998-99. The new ADP has a total of 1,219 projects, including 203 new ones, he said.

that of the previous year. He stressed the need for in-

12,200 crore for the current fiscal. Dr Alamgir said local resources of Tk 6,519 crore were involved while project aid was

orities before adopting plans. During the nearly four-hour

meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed activities of almost all the sectors, and directed the oflargest city of Karachi people ficials to implement the projects properly and in time.

attended the meeting.

LONDON, May 28: World Bangzao in Beijing this

US President Bill Clinton

"Two wrongs don't make a right," said Clinton, who had pleaded with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on

"It is now more urgent than it was yesterday that both Pakistan and India renounce fur-

regret over Pakistan's nuclear tests and said it felt uneasy

tests today, said Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Zhu

will be held for the post, the new

The just dissolved DUCSU

was elected in 1990 for one year but continued to exist as there had been no fresh elections. In the last eight years, the university authorities took initiatives for fresh elections, even announced polls schedule once. But the elections could not be held due to resistance from

ally ineffective since April 28 last year when the Syndicate endorsed the suggestion by a

ADP approved

From Page 1 opment of the hill tracts dis-

He hoped that the govern-

Replying to a question, the state minister said the implementation rate of the 1997-98 ADP projects is not less than

creasing domestic savings which, he said, was low compared to other countries of the region excepting Bhutan. About the revised ADP of Tk

Tk 5,114 crore and food aid Tk 567 crore. Addressing the NEC meeting. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina directed the officials to fix pri-

members of the planning commission and officials concerned

would consider imposing stiff economic sanctions against Islamabad, a Japanese govern-'We will consider what we should do in parallel with what

Foreign ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation also condemned the tests, and European Union officials said their nations would be considering sanctions

"We strongly condemn both Pakistan and India's nuclear tests, which have profound implications for the security of the region and beyond," NATO Secretary General Javier Solana told a news conference during a meeting of foreign ministers

French Open

prodigy Anna Kournikova, the 13th seed, brushed aside Katarina Studenikova of Slovakia in the Court Central 6-2, 7-5 to read the third rounds.

The pigtail swinging Russian who now leaves in Florida, clearly indicated that she was among the best of the new generation of women's tennis. Her powerful serves, tremendous forehand supported by a vicious two-handed back hand and a delicate dropvolley were forebearers of a great player. She is destined to go a long why and could be a potential threat to Martina Hingis.

Royals

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The royal pair will travel through the channel tunnel on a regularly scheduled commercial train, in the first class compartment, to see England take on Colombia in Lens, northern France on June 26. The game could be crucial to England's hopes of progressing

in the tournament.

A St James's Palace spokesman, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said final arrangements for the trip were still being made, but that it is thought they will stay overnight in France before Harry returns to Britain and Charles travels to Portugal for a two day state visit.

Kenya win by 69 runs

India date with an incubus

Sports Reporter

Kenya pulled off yet another historic victory over a Testplaying nation when they inflicted a huge 69-run defeat on India in the last robin league match of the Coca-Cola triangular tournament at the Roop Singh Stadium in Gwalior last

With the outcome of the match the East African nation ensured a place alongside India in the May 31 final at the Eden Gardens. Opting to bat first, Kenya piled up a challenging to-tal of 265 in their share of 50 overs and then went on to shot out their mighty opponents for 196 runs.

Shazneen's chehlum today

By Staff Correspondent The chehlum of Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman and Shahnaz Rahman, will be held today. A milad mahfil will be held

dence at House no. NE(J) 4, Road No. 83, Gulshan-2. Relatives, friends and wellwishers have been requested to attend the milad and pray for the salvation of the departed

after Asr prayers at their resi-

Shazneen

From Page 1 Hasan, Badal and carpenter Shoni Ram were placed on remand for a further two days vesterday.

The CID produced the three before the CMM's court praying for five days remand. Rejecting the bail prayers moved on behalf of Hasan and Badal, the court granted two days remand. Youngest daughter of the Chairman of Transcom Ltd.

Latifur Rahman, Shazneen

Tasnim Rahman, 15, was found

dead with more than 20 stabs in her bedroom at their Gulshan residence at about 10:15 pm. A servant at Rahman's residence, Shahid, had already recorded a judicial statement

confessing that he killed Shazneen. Following the murder. maids Parvin and Minu, also recorded separate statements as

Trafficking

From Page 1 Bilquis was rescued by police a year later and she has been staying at the Edhi Home since then, she told The Daily Star

Bazar, who came back with her six-year-old daughter, was

Karachi. Before he could engage her into prostitution police rescued her, she said. In December, a delegation of

With the help of Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad, BNWLA started organis-

ing their repatriation back

Salma Ali, Fawzia Karim and Tawhida Khandaker received the women and the child at the Zia International Airport vesterday.

They will be sent back to their respective homes after their parents and relatives are traced.

সমানিত গ্রাহকবৃদের জ্ঞাতার্থে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সম্প্রতি গুলশান, বনানী ও বারিধারা এলাকাসমূহে ব্যাপকভাবে বহুতল বিশিষ্ট ভবন/এপার্টমেন্ট নির্মিত হচ্ছে যার ফলে উক্ত এলাকাসমূহে পানির চাহিদা ব্যাপকভাবে বৃদ্ধি পাচ্ছে। তাছাড়া সম্প্রতি অনিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহের কারণে উৎপাদন কম হওয়ায় পানির ঘাটতিও বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে। তাই গ্রাহকবৃন্দের ভূ-উপরিস্থিত জলাধারে এবং পানির এবং গ্রাহকবৃন্দের অসুবিধা হচ্ছে।

বিষয়ে জানার জন্য এলাকার সংশ্লিষ্ট ওয়াসার জোন অফিসে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে

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117 mm rain in

humid air of the past few days. Rain waters flooded the streets and low-lying areas in

Clogged drains and storm

of the metropolis, submerging Streets in Shantinagar, Kakrail, Malibagh, Basabo, Mugdapara, Sabujgbagh, Mo-

Elephant Road, different

yesterday had "paved the way for the coming monsoon rains". It said rain and thundershowers accompanied by temporary, gusty/squally wind are likely at many places in Dhaka. Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places in

Tk 134cr RCC budget: No fresh taxes

Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu announced the budget at a press conference at the conference hall of the Corporation in the afternoon. Ward Commissioners and officials of the corporation also attended the con-

leged that the park was a base for terrorists in the area. And one resident said the park's 'landlords' were living a comfortable life with all the utility services offered to them clandestinely. The residents

When contacted, a DCC official said that the cleaners have been living there for as long as 20 years. During the Ershad regime a bid to evict them was foiled when the cleaners started to agitate. He said unless these families were rehabilitated it would be very difficult to evict

Rajuk officials cited the recent order by the Prime Minister to stop filling up of low-lying areas, lakes and construc-

বাংলাদেশ পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারক ও রপ্তানিকারক সমিতি M LINEA বিটি এমসি ভবন, ৭-৯, কাওরান বাজার, সাকা **ज**क्त्री विखि

সুবিধাভোগকারী রপ্তানী নিয়োজিত স্পিনিং, নীটিং ও ওভেন কম্পোজিট (সুতা থেকে পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারী) তৈরী পোশাক শিল্প মালিকদের এক জরুরী আলোচনা সভা মিনিটে মে'৯৮ তারিখে বিকাল ৫-৩০ বিজিএমইএ, ঢাকা সভা কক্ষে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

যথাসময়ে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য অনুরোধ জানানো याटाङ् । সচিব

উল্লেখিত শিল্প মালিকদের উক্ত আলোচনা সভায়

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The government is going to

The Singapore-based com-Bangladeshi businessmen dur-

Nasim said necessary papers will be supplied from the Works Corruption to institute the

By Staff Correspondent The Samillito Ainjibi

Babu Shdangshu Shekhar Halder: Wazaer Faruk and Bar-Those elected from the group

reports UNB.

law and order. Home Minister Ratiqui Isister Abdur Razzak, Commerce

Pak nuclear tests

Quetta.

capital.

world. Sharif said, adding that the West's "lacklustre" attitude only served to embolden India. In an official statement that followed the testing. Pakistan said it was ready to arm its newly tested medium-range missiles with nuclear warheads. The Ghauri missiles are

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(900 miles) and hit anywhere in "The long-range Ghauri missile is already being capped with the nuclear warheads to give a befitting reply to any misadventure by the enemy."

the statement said.

Afghanistan.

able to travel 1.500 kilometers

ried out in southwestern Baluchistan province. Speaking to AFP officials said the tests were carried out at a site believed to be in the Chaghi area, southwest of provincial capital, Quetta, about 500 kms from Islamabad, close to the border with

The details of the explo-

sions, which followed five un-

derground nuclear explosions

by neighbouring rival India on

The nuclear tests were car-

May 11 and May 13, were not immediately known. Sources in Quetta said Pakistani nuclear scientists had been giving final touches to the preparations for the tests in Baluchistan for the last few

Residents in the area said

They told Reuters by tele-

they could feel the earth trem-

bling at the time of explosions.

had cordoned off at least 100 sq km area for the tests. "I felt the tremors two to three times," said a resident in the village of Wat Dostin in

Dalbadin area, about 260 km

south west of provincial capital

ripped through the afternoon

As triumphant gunfire

sky above Islamabad, Pakistan's capital city today ordinary people spoke both of their pride, and their regrets following the detonation of five nuclear devices. People handed out sweets, a traditional means of celebration in Pakistan. Burly men in

beards hugged each other,

clasped hands and danced

wildly in the streets of Pe-

shawar, the frontier provincial

Pakistani," said Sayeed Khan,

30, a taxi driver from the Hi-

malayan state of Azad Jammu

"It makes me proud to be a

and Kashmir. "India is extremely dangerous and economic sanctions won't hurt us. I am very glad we have done it," said Raisuddin, 33, a butcher from the southern port city of Karachi. "It was the right thing to do. If we hadn't then India would have invaded Pakistan. In the streets of Pakistan's

rushed out on to the street. They waved Pakistan's green and Ministers, secretaries. white flag high, shouted slogans in favour of the government and against India.

evening," the official Xinhua news agency reported. Japan, Pakistan's biggest aid donor and trading partner.

ment source said today. we did to India,' the source told reporters. He declined to say exactly what steps Tokyo could

against Pakistan.

from the 16 NATO allies.

From Page 1 witnesses in the case.

> upon arrival at the shelter of BNWLA yesterday evening. Zobeda, a resident of Madhya Nila, Ukhia thana of Cox's

taken to Pakistan by her husband, Nurul Islam, a Rohingya Nurul Islam sold her to an elderly 'dalal' at Musa colony of

BNWLA attending a regional conference at Karachi on trafficking of women and children, found the women and the girl at the Edhi Home.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পাম্প হতে দূরবর্তী স্থানসমূহে পানি সরবরাহ বিঘ্নিত হচ্ছে এমতাবস্থায় নিয়মিত প্রয়োজনীয় পানি প্রাপ্তির স্বার্থে স্ব স হোন্ডিং/ভবনে নির্দিষ্ট মাপের ভূ-গর্ভস্থ জলাধার নির্মাণ করার জন্য উপরোল্লিখিত এলাকাসহ মহানগরীর সকল এলাকার সমানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দকে স্বিশেষ অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। ভূ-গর্ভস্থ জলাধারের অবস্থান, পরিমাপ ইত্যাদি

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