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### Corruption case:

## Charge sheet against Begum Zia submitted

By Staff Correspondent The Bureau of Anti-Corruption yesterday submitted charge sheet in one of two corruption cases against former prime

minister Begum Khaleda Zia. In the case, the former PM has been accused of canceling a 'final list' of 287 persons for ap-pointment as sub-inspectors of police and appointing persons from her party. BNP, to those

None of those selected by the interim government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed was ap-See Page 12 Col 6

#### BNP guidelines for long march announced

By Staff Correspondent BNP yesterday announced guidelines for its two-day long march towards the Chittagong

Hill Tracts in demand for

scrapping of the CHT accord

and the laws for its implementation. The 20-point guideline, containing details of the programme, was circulated to the party units in all districts yes-

According to the guidelines. the long march will start at 7 pm on June 9 from Paltan Maidan in the city. Partymen from Rajshahi, Khulna and

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#### Bail granted to Sweden Aslam stayed

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday stayed the operation of the adinterim bail granted by a High Court Division Bench on March 29, 1998 to the accused Shaikh Mohammad Aslam alias Sweden Aslam in a triple murder case, reports BSS.

The full bench comprised Chief Justice ATM Afzal, Justice Mustafa Kamal, Justice Latifur Rahman, Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf and Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy Chowd-

On March 29, 1998, upon an application, a High Court Divi-See Page 12 Col 1

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Beauty has become a commodity that quite literally can be bought. Nowadays women are very conscious and regular about their beauty treatments. Every two weeks, a woman may spend TK, 500 on her face, hair, hands and legs. Read this week's cover story on the Dhaka's flourishing beauty business.

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Crime and terrorism on the increase

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Continue 25pc alternative benefit scheme, BTTLMEA urges govt

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## US co to implement it on build-own-operate basis

## Govt okays \$500m Ctg port container terminal project

By Shehab Ahmed

ment project in the country. The government has given a The terminal near Chitgo-ahead to the biggest US contagong Port will be partially optainer port operator, Stevedorerational in one and a half ing Services of America (SSA). years' time and the whole proto set up an international conject will be ready by 2001 and it will handle 600,000 containers tainer terminal near the Chittagong port at a cost of about annually, officials of SSA 500 million US dollars, ship-Bangladesh, the local affiliate ping ministry sources said.

of the US company said. They said the build-own-op-They hoped that it would erate project, which would also help Chittagong Port become a have an inland container ter-South Asian shipping hub. minal near Dhaka, would be the catering to local, regional and largest single foreign invest-

international trade.

The company officials said the inland container terminal will be built at Pangaon, on the other bank of river Buriganga at Pagla, near Dhaka.

Both the terminals will be fully computerised and help ease congestion at Chittagong Port, the main sea port of the country. They will also help boost local trade, they said. The officials said prelimi-

nary work has already been

started and work will begin in full-swing from October this year. The government has formed a project implementation committee to help its

speedy implementation. Congestion at Chittagong Port has reached a choking point as it is currently handling nearly 300,000 containers annually, far above its capacity, delaying loading and unload-

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#### PM's proposed visit Dhaka awaiting response from Delhi, Islamabad

By Staff Correspondent Dhaka is still awaiting the response from New Delhi and Islamabad relating to the pro-

posed visit of Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina. In separate letters to Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vaipayee and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Monday, the Bangladesh Prime Minister said, "I would be happy to visit your great country at an early date to discuss the situation arising out of the nuclear tests and all issues of mutual interests.

Sheikh Hasina wrote the letters in response to the letters from her Indian and Pakistani counterparts explaining their position on the nuclear tests.

Explaining the gesture made by the Prime Minister, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday that Dhaka wanted to play a "pro-active role" in foreign policy mat-ters, particularly in matters related to "our neighbours."

#### Shazneen murder Carpenter Shoni Ram, maid

## Parvin being interrogated

By Staff Correspondent Contractor Hasan, an accused in the Shazneen murder

in Gulshan on April 23, was sent to Dhaka Central Jail yesterday. CID produced Hasan in the Chief Metropolitan Magis-

trate's Court yesterday on expiry of a two-day remand. Our Court Correspondent reported that a bail petition was moved on behalf of Hasan. The

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#### Non-govt pry teachers call off hunger strike

The non-government pri-mary teachers withdrew their hunger strike last night following a fruitful discussion with the government, reports UNB.

The teachers began a fast unto death on Sunday to press their five-point demand, including nationalisation of their service.

They broke their hunger strike at 8:30 pm after an assurance from the government that their demand will be implemented in phases.

Awami League leader Amir Hossain Amu, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, AL publicity secretary Abdul Mannan and Nurul Islam Nahid MP were among those who went to the striking teachers to convey the government assurance.

After breaking the fast, leaders of the Non-Government Primary School Teachers Association, including its president Shamsul Alam and general secretary Akkas Ali Sheikh, called on Prime Minis-See Page 12 Col 5

#### Delhi adds: Prime Minister See Page 12 Col 7 friendship he received on his Thanas in city asked to keep records of people lobbying for cases

By Staff Correspondent had instructed the OCs to take

Home Minister Rafigul Islam yesterday directed all police stations in the city to open separate files to keep a record of 'lobbyists' who interfere in cases unduly.

called for allout efforts by the

government and the people to

curb drug trafficking and drug

They suggested stricter en-forcement of law to punish drug

traffickers and close coordi-

nation among various min-

istries, government agencies

and socio-cultural organisa-

tions to curb the menace. They

said family can play the main

BEIJING, June 3: India is

"targeting" China with its nu-

clear tests, but China will not

resume its own nuclear pro-

gramme, Chinese President

period of time to be the main

power of South Asia," Jiang

said in a meeting with Agence

But "China has no intention

France-Presse chairman Jean

of restarting its nuclear tests,"

he said in his first direct reac-

tion to the series of nuclear

tests carried out by India and

Pakistan, has strongly criti-

cised India for its five nuclear

tests over May 11 and 13. Two

weeks later Pakistan detonated

six nuclear devices in response.

must be firmly blamed on In-

dia," Jiang said. While recalling

the warm welcome and signs of

"The tensions in South Asia

China, a long-term ally of

Pakistan in recent weeks.

India has "aspired for a long

Jiang Zemin said today.

abuse in the country.

In a special meeting with se-nior police officials and officers-in-charge (OCs) of all the 15 thanas in the metropolis yesterday, the home minister asked the OCs to maintain a record of people who lobby for cases and also for undue release

of the accused in various cases. He also asked them to forward these files to the higher authorities for time to time checking. According to meeting sources, the minister told the police officials the names of

'lobbyists' have to be recorded no matter which party they belong to or how much powerful they are.

Held at Rajarbagh Telecom Auditorium in the city, the meeting lasted some two hours. The meeting was convened by the minister against the backdrop of reported sise in incidents of crime in the city. The first meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on Home Ministry on Tuesday had also emphasised gearing up of activities by all the 15 city police stations to prevent deterioration of law and order.

Police officials present at the meeting later told The Daily Star that the home minister

prompt action against terrorists, muggers, toll collectors and those who torture women and children. "You have to be accountable for any failure in taking prompt action", one police official quoted him as saying. The minister also noted that there were some allegations that the thanas did not

take cases. Referring to manpower shortage in police force, the minister said he was ready to withdraw force from all ceremonial duties. Besides, he would not mind a 20 per cent cut in his protection force, he added.

Rafiqul Islam instructed

that from now on, normal flow of traffic would not be halted for giving quick passage to any minister, except the President and the Prime Minister.

The minister urged the policemen to put in their best in checking criminal offences in the city despite all their limitations. He assured them of increasing the strength of police force in the city shortly.

Reciprocating the spirit of the minister's directives, the OCs present at the meeting assured him of their best efforts in matching the expectation of the people. They, however, brought it to the notice of the minister that very often 'ill-

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## South Asian nations should not waste money in arms race: PM

BANDARBAN, June 3: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said countries of povertystricken South Asia should not waste money in an arms race creating a tense situation in the region, reports UNB.

"We don't believe in arms race, we want peace . . . We are deeply concerned over the situation created in the region," she told army officials at Bandarban cantonment this morning.

She said the recent nuclear tests conducted by India and Pakistan have created anxiety in Bangladesh because of her geographical location. Members of the armed

forces will have to remain alert .... If needed, the defence system should be further consolidated and our strategy should be changed in a changed situa-

"What is the justification of the arms race when the whole world is striving for peace," Hasina said, adding that her government is always in favour of peace.

"We believe that any problem can be solved through discussion. The two countries can solve all the problems through negotiation," she said and referred to the tri-nation business summit in Dhaka, participated by both the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan.

Peace is essential for humanitarian causes, said the

Prime Minister, adding that her government would try not to let the situation aggravate further in the region. "If needed, I will visit the countries for the sake of peace.

The money spent in the arms race could be spent for the poor people of the region. This will help improve the condition of

the distressed people, she said. Hasina said peace could be established and development process accelerated through the regional forum of SAARC.

Referring to the restoration of peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, the Prime Minister said for last two decades there was no development in the region

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France '98

COUNTDOWN

## We are optimistic, says envoy

### Colombo preparing to hold SAARC summit next month

By M Anwarul Haq

Sri Lanka is going ahead with necessary preparations for hosting the 10th SAARC summit in Colombo and is hopeful it will take place sometime next month.

Talking to The Daily Star, Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Dhaka S B Autogoda said Colombo is now busy having the dates confirmed from member countries. "We are presently working

on two sets of dates for the Summit. The revised dates of July 10 to 12 and the original dates of July 20 to 22," the envoy said. Sri Lanka earlier gave the revised dates, advancing the

days after 'informal consultations' with all the countries concerned. "We are optimistic that the summit would be held in July to bring together the leaders of the

scheduled summit dates by 10

said Autogoda. Bangladesh, India and Pakistan have already confirmed their participation in the

GERMANY, June 3: A high

speed passenger train derailed

today in northern Germany

killing at least 80 people and

seriously injuring 200 as car af-

ter car of the train crumpled

into the concrete base of an

was going 200 kilometres (125

miles) an hour when it derailed

near the station in Eschede. 35

The Hamburg-bound train

overpass, reports AP.

seven South Asian nations,"

July 10 to 12, the envoy pointed

"Sri Lanka is preparing for hosting the important conference. We are flexible about accepting both sets of dates. We would be in a position to host the Summit on whichever July dates the member-countries agree," Autugoda said.

Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Laksman Kadirgamar was in constant touch with all the SAARC capitals and with the current Chairman of SAARC, Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, regarding the dates, he added.

Diplomatic observers feel that the SAARC summit would provide the leaders of India and Pakistan the "first available opportunity" to meet on a common platform on the sidelines of the summit in an effort to ease tension following the nuclear tests by the two countries last month.

The Sri Lankan foreign minister is expected to arrive in Dhaka next week and also visit the other SAARC capitals to Summit on the revised dates of See Page 12 Col 7

80 killed, 200 injured in

German train accident

## Days Away Del Piero only

halfway to

top form ROME, June 3: Alessandro Del Piero, pegged as Italy's leader at the World Cup, said Wednesday he is only halfway to top form but will not rush his

return from injury, reports AP. The Juventus star was included on the 22-man roster even though a lingering right thigh strain has kept him away from the team practices for two

"It's true I feel good, but on a scale from 1 to 10, right now I am at 5," Del Piero told reporters.

"It is clear that to play I have to be in good form. I don't want to take risks. There is no room for false steps," the striker said. "The World Cup is long; it certainly does not end with the game against Chile." See Page 12 Col 4

#### 3 Shibir activists held in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, June 3: Three leaders of Islami Chhatra Shibir unit of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College were arrested yesterday from their village homes for their alleged involvement in the killing of BCL

activist Soumitra · Biswas. The arrested are, Shahidullah of village Chandipur under Dagan Bhuiyan thana of Feni district, Jahangir Alam of village Kalipur under Banshkhali See Page 12 Col 4

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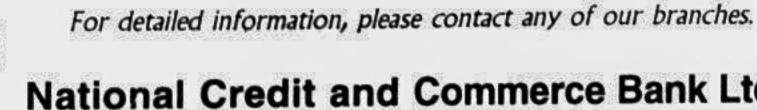
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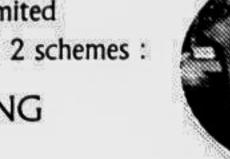
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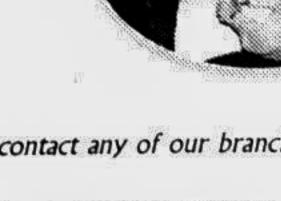




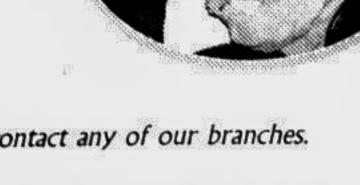




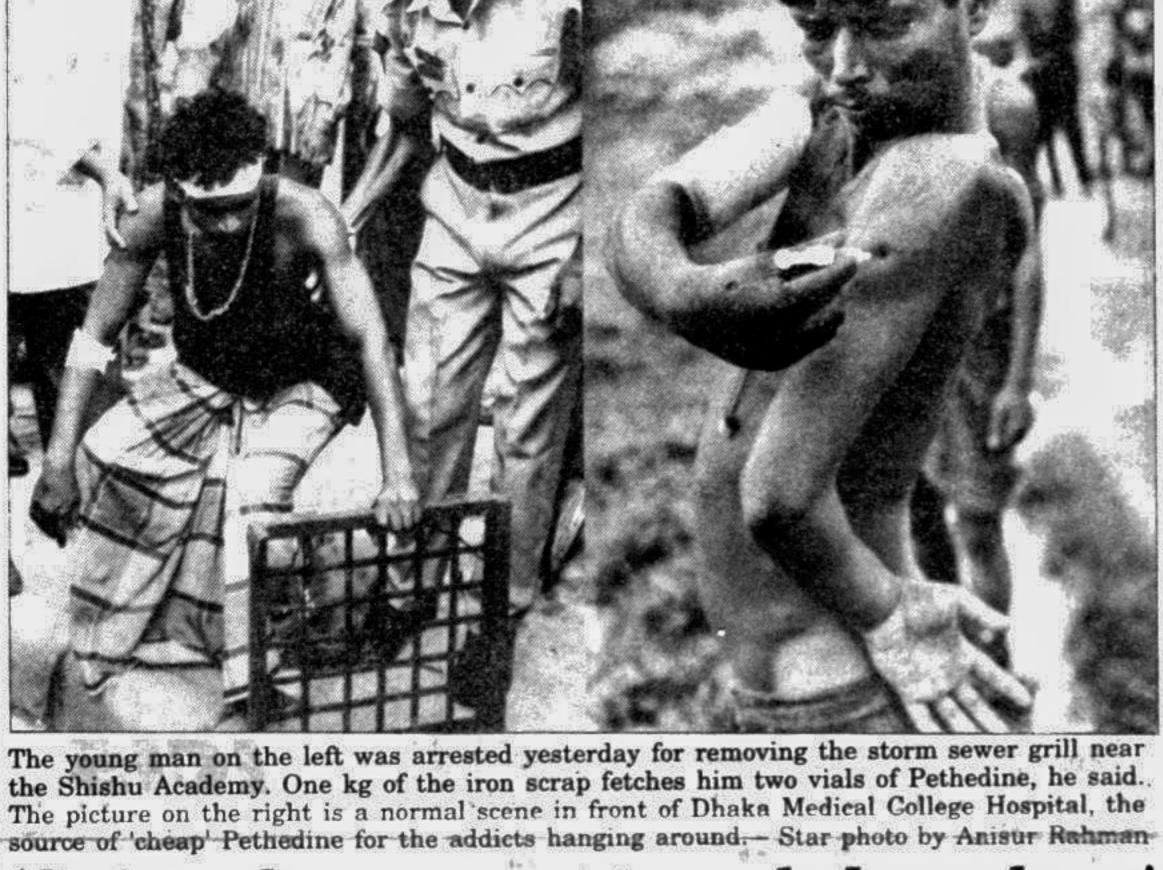








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# 'Stricter laws a must to curb drug abuse'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a roundtable role in preventing people from conference in the city yesterday drug addiction. The roundtable conference on "Drug Abuse Prevention in Bangladesh: A Forward Looking Strategy" was jointly organ-ised by the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP). United Nations Information Centre and the Department of

Narcotics Control at the CIR-DAP auditorium.

Delhi does not want confrontation with Beijing: Vajpayee

Tension in South Asia must

be blamed on India: Jiang

Jiang said he was surprised

"China hopes that Pakistan

by the tests, which clearly

showed that "India is targeting

will not respond and will make

a wise decision. But the Pak-

istani government is faced with

strong public pressure on the

istry reacted strongly to the In-

dian tests, and stated its total

opposition to all nuclear test-

ing, its reaction to the Pakistan

tests was only one of regret, in-

dicating the close links between

tions that Pakistan developed

nuclear weapons through coop-

eration with China, and said

their cooperation was entirely

for peaceful ends and con-

formed with all international

Another report from New

Jiang denied Indian allega-

Beijing and Islamabad.

accords on the subject.

While China's foreign min-

1996 visit to New Delhi.

China and Pakistan.'

subject," he said.

tion plan for Bangladesh to be placed at the UN General Assembly Session on World Drug Problem to be held in New

York from June 8 to 10. National Professor Dr Nurul Islam participated in the conference as chief guest while Programme Coordinator of UNDP Khondakar A. Hafiz, Director General of the Department of Narcotics Control

Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury See Page 12 Col 4

Atal Behari Vajpayee today said

India did not want a "con-

frontation" with China but a

"relationship in which both

sides were responsive to each

a written reply that India

sought "friendly, cooperative

He said. India was commit-

Meanwhile, US President

ted to "resolving outstanding

differences (with China)

Bill Clinton called on the in-

ternational community today

to come together to reduce ten-

sions between India and Pak-

istan and avoid a "dangerous"

arms race in Asia, AFP reports

nity must now come together to

move them to a reverse course

and to avoid a dangerous arms

race in Asia," Clinton said in

"The international commu-

and a mutually beneficial rela-

Vajpayee told parliament in

others' concerns.

tionship with China."

through dialogue.

from Washington.

The roundtable conference was arranged to prepare an ac-