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Long March. She asked them to

mobilise mass support against the 'undemocratic and fascist

long march, Begum Zia said, "It

is aimed at protecting the

grachhari to express our soli-

darity with the people and de-mand a fresh accord which will

want peace and were in favour

of an accord which would pro-

tect country's integrity and

strike by the non-government

primary school teachers, Be-

gum Zia said when the teachers

were in movement during BNP

regime, the present ruling party

encouraged them and commit-

ted to resolve all their prob-

lems. But now the government

of taking Tk 4,000 crore loan

from banks. The people will

have to bear the burden of this

The conference was presided

over by Akhtaruzzaman, Presi

dent of Dhaka City unit of

BNP guidelines

From Page 1

Barisal districts and from

Dhaka division have been

asked to report to the reception

committee before the start of

Sylhet, Habiganj, Moulvibazar,

Sunamganj, Comilla, Feni,

Noakhali and Laxmipur have

been asked to join the

marchers at their respective

receptions for the marchers and

provide first-aid and other fa-

cilities at different points on

way to the CHT. Local units of

the party have been directed to

keep vigil for smooth passage of

the marchers through their re-

in Chittagong city, the

marchers will start for Kha-

grachhari from the outer sta-

dium at 8 am in the morning

They will reach Khagrachhari

by noon. The long march will be

concluded after Begum Zia ad-

Party leaders who have cars

have been asked to use those for

the long march. The party's

thana and district units have

been directed to manage as

many vehicles as they can for

asked to carry dry food, drink-

ing water and other necessary

things. During the June 9-10

long march, demonstrations

thanas and districts.

বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক

প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা

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will also be organised at all the

The marchers have been

dresses a public meeting there.

After a night halt on June 9

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the purpose.

The partymen will arrange

Sechchhashebak Dal.

the march.

She accused the government

retreated from its pledge.

Appealing all to join the

"We shall march on to Kha-

Begum Zia said, "We also

Referring to the hunger

government.

motherland.

sovereignty.

be acceptable to all."

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# Khaleda warns against any govt bid to foil long march

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday warned the government of a serious consequence if any obstacle is created to the June 9 Long March towards Chittagong Hill

Tracts, reports UNB. She said the long march, intended to make the nation aware of the perils of CHT accord, will be peaceful.

Begum Zia was addressing the conference '98 of the Dhaka City unit of Jatiyatabadi Schchashebak Dal at the Engineers' institution in the after-She said by signing the CHT

accord the government has virtually handed over one-tenth of the country's territory to the terrorists who had waged a bush Issuing a stern warning Begum Zia said the entire move

the government if it tries to prevent the long march. The Opposition leader said BNP had no alternative to the arduous course to protect the

ment will be directed against

# Brojen Das cremated

The funeral of celebrated swimmer Brojen Das was held at the city's Postagola cremation site last night, reports

Brojen Das died in Calcutta on Monday morning. His body was flown in here by an Indian Airlines at 6:10 pm yesterday. State Minister for Informa-

tion Prof Abu Saveed, State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader and Swimming Federation President and Naval Chief Rear Admiral M Nurul Islam received the body at the airport. Later, two ministers con-

veyed the condolence messages of President Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the wife of late Brojen Das, who also came from Calcutta by the same The body was then taken to

Mirpur National Swimming Complex and kept there for few minutes. Later, his body was kept at

Jatiya Press Club, National Sports Council (NSC), Sree Sree Loknath Asram at Swamibagh in the city before the funeral at Postagola. At the NSC premises, State

Minister Obaidul Quader announced that the proposed swimming pool to be constructed in Fatullah will be named after Brojen Das.

# Sweden Aslam

From Page 1 sion Bench granted ad-interim bail to Sweden Aslam in a triple murder case.

The state filed leave petition for appeal along with an application for stay of the operation of the ad-interim bail order. Sweden Aslam and three

others are the accused in a criminal case and the police submitted charge-sheet against Sweden Aslam is in custody

in connection with a series of criminal cases.



said only the illegal arms and drug dealers can oppose the CHT peace agreement and laws that posed a threat to their interest, reports UNB. She said it is beyond her re-

CHT accord poses

alisation as to why long march has been called against CHT acanger arms smugglers and drug traffickers," she told a public meeting at Rajbari Maidan

Hasina said people heaved a sigh of relief both at home and abroad after the historic accord was signed.

The hill region, including Bandarban, will be developed as special tourist zone, she added.

Hasina thanked the local people for their help in establishing peace in the region. The meeting was also ad-

dressed by Environment and Forest Minister Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Awami League Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu and Agriculture Minister Begum Motia Chowdhury. AL district unit president Prasanta Kanti Tangchanga presided. Earlier, addressing devel-

opment coordination meeting at the local circuit house, the Prime Minister asked the officials to identify the problems of the region for taking proper and specific steps.

# Dacoity at a house in Keraniganj

By Staff Correspondent A gang of dacoits looted Tk

Party chief Begum Khaleda 30 thousand and valuables Zia will address the marchers worth about Tk 60 thousand at the Paltan Maidan before from a house in village Bhawal they start the march boarding Monoharia under Keraniganj cars, buses and minibuses. thana in the early hours of yes-Party leaders and workers in terday. Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Brahmanbaria,

Equipped with pipegun and sharp weapons, the gang of 15 to 20 robbers swooped on the house of Matiur Rahman Bhuyian, a retired teacher, at around 1 am. They entered the house breaking open the collapsible gate, police said. The dacoits also beat up the

teacher and his son Khalilur Rahman Bhuiyan. When the villagers chased them, the dacoits fled the scene firing gunshots. A case has been filed with

Keraniganj thana. However, none was arrested till last Local people said that the

incidents of dacoity have increased alarmingly in Keraniganj area recently.

# Thanas in city

From Page 1 paid' police constables have to work for 18 hours at a stretch and that their accommodation problem has become acute.

The police officials also pointed out that many criminals roam around boarding sophisticated and speedy vehicles, police personnel have go on patrol duty boarding tempos or

They, however, expressed their happiness that the minister gave a patient hearing to them and assured of sorting out the problems faced by policemen in the city.

The Inspector General of Police, Additional IG of Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Additional IG of Special Branch, Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and other senior police officials were also present at the meet-

# Govt okays

From Page 1 Growing foreign trade is

creating congestion at the port, forcing ships to wait for at least 17 days to berth instead of the average 12 days, shipping sources said. As a result, shipping com-

panies often slap surcharge to recover their costs, making the country's imports and exports expensive. Officials of the company

said the container terminal near Chittagong Port will handle ships having 10.5 metre draft. The port currently handles ships having 8.5 metre draft which is another problem facing the port, located deep onshore on the Karnaphuli river. The container terminal

would be located only one kilometre from the open sea at Patenga, SSA. Bangladesh officials said. A World Bank feasibility

study had recommended the place, they said. They said a barge service, run by 10 vessels, will ferry the containers down the riverways to Pangaon. It will significantly reduce

the cost and time of transporting containers by train. The 1070 metre container berth will eventually be expanded to 1500 metres, they said.

The World Bank recently congratulated the government for "taking a pragmatic decision in approving the proposal". In a letter to the shipping ministry. the World Bank said it may provide assistance for building necessary infrastructure and funds to the developer.



yesterday where the teachers were staging a hunger strike. They withdrew their strike - Star photo last night.

## India test-fires naval version of 'Trishul' missile dent carried by the Hindu God NEW DELHI, June 3: India

test-fired the naval version of its short-range, surface-to-air "Trishul" missile for the first time today, the Defence Ministry said, reports Reuter. "The naval version of the Tr-

ishul surface-to-air missile was flight-tested from INS (Indian Naval Ship) Dronacharya in Cochin at 3:20 pm this afternoon," a ministry statement India tested the anti-air-

craft, 50-km-range missile from land on May 11, the same day that it conducted its first underground nuclear tests for 24 years. "Trishul", named after a tri-

Shibir activists

From Page 1 thana of Chittagong district and Tojammul Hossain of village Purnasri under Chatkhil

thana of Noakhali district. Police brought them to Sylhet and produced them before the magistrate's court today. They were sent to jail. BCL activist and student of

the medical college Soumitra was hacked to death in the morning of May 24 after the killing of a Shibir activist and medical college student Mohsin on the previous night in the Zia Hostel of the Osmani Medical College during a BCL-Shibir

Following the killings, the college was closed sine die. Two cases were lodged by the Islami Shibir accusing the BCL activists of killing the Shibir activists while one case was lodged by the brother of Soumitra accusing the Shibir activists of killing him. Police of Sylhet Kotwali

thana earlier arrested two BCL activists and one Shibir activist for their alleged involvement in the killings.

# Del Piero

From Page 1 Italy, the 1994 runners-up,

depart for France on Friday and open Group B play against Chile at Bordeaux June 11. Del Piero will work one-on-

one with the team trainer Thursday. The healing process is going

well. It's all going according to plan," said Del Piero, 23. "But I can't say any more than that. We'll wait until the work intensifies and we will see how I hold A healthy Del Piero, who

scored a career-best 31 goals for Juventus this season, would start in attack alongside either Christian Vieri or Fabrizio Ravanelli. Del Piero was injured in the

Champions' Cup final May 20.

## two rifles Shiva and first test-fired in A gang of dacoits stabbed two 1983, can carry a 15-kg war-

AFP adds: India today said plans to increase the range of its largest indigenously-developed missile were going ahead.

Defence minister George Fernandes told parliament in a written reply that proposals to develop Agni-II, a ballistic weapon with a range of 2,500 kilometres, had been cleared. with the incident. The arrested

## Non govt teachers From Page 1

ter Sheikh Hasina at Ganobha-

The Prime Minister told them that the government will take all possible measures so that the teachers can lead a respectable life. Teachers are involved at the

grassroots level to make the future generation worthy citizens," she said. The teachers invited the

Prime Minister to be the chief guest of their planned national convention to be held in September. The Prime Minister accepted the invitation. Meanwhile, an official an-

nouncement said the government is actively considering the implementation of the teachers five-point demand in phases. It said the government grant for the non-government pri-

mary teachers has been up-

graded in line with the new pay scale for government primary teachers. Three categories of non-government teachers will now get Tk 812.50, Tk 1007.50 and Tk

1153.75 per month instead of Tk 525, Tk 651 and Tk 745 paid. They will receive arrears from July 1997. The government has granted additional Tk 31.47 crore to pay

the upgraded grants in the current fiscal year. Moreover, the Prime Minister has directed to raise the

teachers' salary and allowances in phases in every budget.

### Shazneen murder From Page 1

Additional CMM rejected the bail prayer.

Meanwhile, the investigators were interrogating carpenter Shoni Ram and maid Parvin, concentrating on the statements by security guard Humayun Kabir. Humayun said last week that

six people including him and confessed killer Shahid were involved in the brutal killing of Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, the youngest daughter of the Chairman of Transcom Ltd. Latifur Rahman.

### Stricter laws needed cent of them are students. From Page 1

UNDCP Consultant Dr Syed Kamaluddin Ahmed, Executive

Directors of Voluntary Health Services Dr. Nasiruddin, former director of the National Institute of Mental Health Dr Hedayetul Islam, and psychiatrist Prof M.A. Sobhan, former IGP Dr Enamul Haq. General Secretary of Mahila Parishad Ayesha Khanom, President of University Women's Federation Selina Malek and OCAB President Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, among others, took part in the discussion. Home Secretary Saifur Rahman presided. Prof Nurul Islam said the

best way to build a drug free society is to make the people conscious about the problem through a vigorous campaign. He said there should be stricter international laws and united efforts by the world community to "eliminate" the druglords. "They (druglords) control every-

thing with money from behind the scene and they are beyond the reach of the law enforcing agencies", he said. Quoting from a study report, Dr Hedayetul Islam said 80 per cent of drug addicts are below

the age of 30 years while 20 per

Around 45 per cent of the addicts begin taking drug out of curiosity, 10 per cent out of frustration and another 45 per cent without any reason, he

Nazmul Ahsan Chowdhury

said the Department of Narcotics Control cannot effectively work in combating drug abuse due to shortage of manpower and necessary logistics.
"There are only 1274 posts of officials and employees in the DNC, of which some 385

posts are vacant and some offi-

cials are under suspension" he Dr Nasiruddin said drug traffickers often take shelter under political personalities. So a decision by the political parties in this regard is a prerequisite to curb drug traffick-

ing and drug abuse, he said. Ayesha Khanom said the existing rules should be amended to control drug trafficking.

The home secretary said that new drug control laws have been drafted by the law ministry and those are likely to be placed before the Jatiya Sangsad in the forthcoming budget

# Dacoits stab two policemen, snatch By Staff Correspondent

policemen and snatched two loaded rifles from them in Konapara area under Demra thana in the city late Tuesday night. Constables Noor Hossain, 48, and Asaduzzaman, 50, were

under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Orthopedic Hospital. Demra police said they arrested five people in connection

five, aged between 24 and 31, were wanted in various cases filed with Demra thana. The injured constables said a gang of about 10 attacked them when they were on 'footpatrol duty' in front of a textile mills at Deilla near Konapara police outpost at about 11:45 pm. A microbus carrying the gang stopped near them and the

driver got off the vehicle and pretended to repair it, the policemen added At the time, some of the gang members approached the policemen hiding their sharp weapons and all of a sudden started stabbing them indis-

gang members said they were

attacked by snatchers. The

As the injured policemen fell down the gang snatched two point 303 rifles with 10 rounds of ammunition from them and

criminately.

### Corruption case From Page 1

pointed as sub-inspector, according to the charge sheet. The case, which also involves the then home minister

in her government, was filed soon after she resigned in March 1996. The charge sheet was filed

with the CMM's court yesterday. The other case in which Begum Zia has been accused of abusing her position to decorate her private residence at government expenses, is now under investigation. Meanwhile, BNP Secretary

General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in a statement last night said the charge sheet against Begum Zia was based on "false and ridiculous" allegations. He strongly condemned submission of the charge sheet and demanded its immediate withdrawal

Mannan Bhuiyan alleged it was politically-motivated and designed to harm Begum Zia's popularity and public image. The charge sheet was submitted at a time when she called for a movement to 'protect the coun-80 killed

# From Page 1

on Germany's premier high-

speed ICE line, inaugurated in 1991, and the deadliest rail crash in western Germany since World War II. At least 13 cars derailed, pil-

ing into each other and crashing into the base of the overpass; collapsing it. The force of the pile-up pushed cars metres (yards) high into the air. Several of the rail cars were demolished, and splintered

glass covered the scene. Luggage was piled next to the wreckage as workers struggled to pry passengers from the train. A crane was positioned to lift chunks of the bridge to

reach buried rail cars. Officials said the auto had crashed through the guardrail of the bridge running over the train tracks.

Although it remained unclear, evidence at the scene suggested that the car struck the train as it passed under the overpass. The nose of the train had cleared the bridge, while the cars behind derailed and jackknifed into each other. The German border patrol

sent helicopters and 80 person-

nel to help emergency workers free passengers trapped inside the rail cars. Officials feared many inside were dead. The high-speed trains carry more than 65,000 passengers lieved to be staying abroad.

The judge took his seat at the special ejlash near Dhaka Central Jail at 10:25 in the

Abdul Kaher Akand, an ASP of Criminal Investigation Department, continued for a brief period yesterday before the judge adjourned the court till

that PW-3 M Selim alias Abdul told him that Major Aziz Pasha, an absconding accused in the case, had shot and killed Begum Mujib and others at the bedroom on August 15, 1975.

name of any army personnel directly ... But he told me that three black uniformed people pulled Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," the IO said,

# From Page 1

the White House Rose Garden following a meeting with Secrebright.

Geneva of the five declared nuclear powers on the mounting tensions between India and Pakistan.

their differences over the state of Kashmir. But she said the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) would not be amended to recognize India and Pakistan as nu-

From Page 1 hand over personally letters o invitation from President

State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, said "Bangladesh is eagerly looking forward to the holding of the Colombo sum-

cerned said Gayoom may take Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and

It is a convention for the

## case trial resumes replying to advocate Jasimuddin, state defence for Aziz

murder case resumed at the special ejlash of Dhaka District Pasha. and Sessions Judge's Court yes-terday after a 42-day recess, re-The trial was postponed on April 22 after Judge Kazi Golam Rasul fell sick with hepatitis.

Bangabandhu murder

Investigation officer of the case, who is the last of 61 prosecution witnesses, was being cross-examined by the defence lawyers The District Judge under-

went treatment at the Combined Military Hospital.

The trial of Bangabandhu

morning. The cross-examination of IO

Akand informed the court

"Abdul didn't mention the

tary of State Madelaine Al-Albright was due to leave later in the day for a meeting in

She pledged American leadership in helping to pull India and Pakistan away from the brink by persuading them to stop nuclear testing and resolve

clear weapons states. SAARC summit

Chandrika Kumaratunga.

When his attention was drawn to reports in some Bangla newspapers that Dhaka had asked for postponement of the summit in view of heightened tension between India and Pakistan, the state minister dismissed the reports as "figment of imagination".

Meanwhile, the Maldivian President postponed his planned visit to Pakistan and India which was due to begin on Tuesday. However, diplomats con-

the trip on a new date as the SAARC summit was still several weeks away. Gayoom had already visited

SAARC Chairman to visit all member countries before handing over the chairmanship.

The trial started early last

year at the special ejlash after Awami League returned to power through June 12, 1996 general election and parliament scrapped the Indemnity Act that barred legal action against the coup plotters.
But 14 of the 19 accused are

still absconding. They are be-

## Cab drivers create panic at ZIA By Staff Correspondent

A section of cab drives created chaos and panic at the parking area of Zia International Airport yesterday by obstructing inter-city buses from carrying transit passengers to Chittagong and Sylhet. They demanded that the

transit passengers be carried in their vehicles. They threatened that they would put up barricade on the road and create further trouble if their demand is not met, sources at the ZIA said. A senior official of ZIA said some international airlines

have arrangements to carry

their transit passengers to Chit-

tagong and Sylhet in inter-city

buses for which the airlines do

not charge any extra money. He said the ZIA authorities also encourage the airlines to carry the passengers in intercity buses as the taxi cabs or microbus rental companies charge thousands of taka from a passenger going to Chittagong or Sylhet.

## PM: Arms race From Page 1

for want of peace. "Peace has been established

here and now massive development work will be started in the region," she said, adding that the government has identified education, health and infrastructure as the priority sectors for the development of CHT The government has taken

long-term plans involving over Tk 2000 crore for the development of the region, she said and mentioned the contribution of army, members of law enforcing agencies and others to the establishment of peace. The army will also have to

immediate, short, medium and

plementing the development plan following the peace agreement, she added. Terming the armed forces as the symbol of country's independence and sovereignty, Hasina said the government plans to build up strong, mod-

ern and disciplined armed

play an important role in im-

The present government is also taking all possible steps in this regard, she said and mentioned steps for establishing National Defence College, Armed Forces Medical College and Military Institute of Science and Technology. Chief of Army Staff Lieu-

tenant General Mohammad

Mustafizur Rahman and GCO of

the 24th infantry division also

spoke on the occasion. From the cantonment, the Prime Minister went to the Circuit House, attended a meeting of local Awami League leaders and addressed district officials.

ঢাকা হডানভাসাঢ

এলামনাহ

কনভেনশন '১৮



আগামী ৬ জুন ছাত্র শিক্ষক কেন্দ্রে (টিএসসি) অনুষ্ঠিতব্য ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় এলামনাই কনভেনশনে যারা রেজিস্ট্রেশন করেছেন, তাদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আজ ৪ জুন বিক'ল ৩টা থেকে সন্ধ্যা ৬টা পর্যন্ত এবং 🖁 আগামীকাল ৫ জুন সকাল ১১টা থেকে সন্ধ্যা ৬-৩০মিনিট পর্যন্ত পরিচয়পত্র, কুপন ইত্যাদিসহ রেজিস্ট্রেশন ব্যাগ ছাত্র শিক্ষক কেন্দ্র (টিএসসি) হতে দেওয়া হবে।

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