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## Tk 1879 cr suppl budget passed

By Staff Correspondent  
The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday passed the supplementary budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year.  
The House approved by voice-vote the Appropriation (Supplementary) Bill, 1998 providing Tk 1879.99.20,000 out of the consolidated fund to meet the expenditure of the outgoing fiscal year. Finance Minister S A M S Kibria moved the bill.  
Earlier, Kibria and other ministers concerned also moved 77 demands for grants which were also approved by voice-vote.

## Sharif to hold talks with Vajpayee during SAARC confce

ISLAMABAD, June 21: Pakistan yesterday confirmed that Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif will meet his Indian counterpart Atal Behari Vajpayee on the sidelines of a South Asian conference in Colombo next month, reports AFP.  
The meeting at the seven-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) conference will be the first face-to-face contact between the two men since India and Pakistan nuclear tests last month.  
Contacts between New Delhi and Islamabad to revive bilateral dialogue failed last week because of differences over a

## India-Russia sign N-agreement

NEW DELHI, June 21: In a major nuclear deal, India and Russia today signed an accord paving the way for construction of two 1000mw light water power reactors at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu, reports PTI.  
The accord, which is supplement to the ten-year-old agreement with now-defunct Soviet Union, was signed by visiting Russian Atomic Energy Minister Yevgeni Adanov and Atomic Energy Commission Chairman R Chidambaram here, an official announcement said.  
The supplementary accord to the agreement of November 20, 1988 between New Delhi and Moscow on cooperation in the

## Khaleda to address rally in city today

By Staff Correspondent  
BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia is scheduled to address a public meeting at Paltan Maidan in the city at 4 pm today.  
The rally will be organised as part of the party's planned nationwide demonstration to press the demand for scrapping of the CHT peace accord and the laws for its implementation.  
Protest rallies would also be arranged at thana and district levels.  
The Opposition Leader is expected to announce the fresh agitation programmes from the rally.

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## Generation system 'fragile' Countrywide power failure may recur any time

Power supply was restored across the country yesterday but many areas remained without electricity due to 400 MW loadshedding, sources said.  
The country experienced a major power failure Saturday night as all the power plants tripped one after another. A similar disaster also took place in April last.  
The sources said that it was caused by overload of power supply in the East-West Interconnector Power Grid in Ashuganj.

By Sharier Khan  
may recur in the next few months because of the fragile and uncoordinated power generation system," the sources said.  
A committee has been formed to find out the causes of Saturday's disaster. This committee will place a report within next 10 days. However, the earlier committee formed to probe the country-wide power failure in April never came up with any report, the sources said.  
"Saturday's country-wide power failure was an inevitable

incident," said an Energy Ministry source. "In fact, the situation is so fragile that we would not be surprised if such incidents take place every day."  
Against a peak-hour demand for 2300 MW everyday, power plants operated by the Power Development Board (PDB) generated around 1900 MW Saturday, leaving no reserve to avert tripping of all the power plants.  
Normally, PDB should have a reserve of at least 200 MW for use if a distribution line or a plant suddenly trips, one source



Dejan Stankovic of Yugoslavia, top, scores past Germany goalkeeper Andreas Kopke during their World Cup Group F soccer match yesterday. (Story on page 13) — AP/UNB photo

## Hat trick by Batistuta



Gabriel Batistuta



PARIS, June 21: Gabriel Batistuta scored the first hat-trick of the 1998 World Cup today within 11 minutes late in the second-half as Argentina beat 10-man Jamaica 5-0, reports Reuters.  
Argentina's win meant they reached the Second Round along with Croatia from Group H. It equals the best victory of the tournament, the Dutch 5-0 defeat of South Korea on Saturday.  
Argentina's other two goals were scored by Ariel Ortega who broke Jamaica's resistance with the opening goal in the 32nd minute and got a second in the 55th.  
Batistuta scored after 72, 79 and 83 minutes to seal Argentina's emphatic victory.  
Jamaica initially looked as if they were going to make Argentina battle all the way for the points, but they made their opponents' task a lot easier on the stroke of half-time when Darryl Powell was sent off for a second, bookable challenge from behind on Ortega.  
He had been booked as early as the fourth minute for his first clattering tackle and Norwegian referee Rune Pedersen had no hesitation in sending him off for the second.  
With Powell off, Jamaica's

## Bankruptcy court opens in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, June 21: Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Abdul Matin Khasru, inaugurated Bankruptcy and Money Suit court here today expressing government's firm commitment towards bringing back discipline in the economic sector and establishment of rule of law in the country, reports BSS.  
The basic objective of the courts is not to create panic among business entrepreneurs but to restore a healthy and sound discipline in the banking sector, the minister said.  
The inaugural function, held at the newly established court at Liberty Tower, Jubilee Road, was addressed among others by Chittagong City Mayor Alhaj ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, ABM Abul Khasem MP, Secretary of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Mohammad Aminullah, Governor of Bangladesh Bank Lutfar Rahman Sarkar and Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank Chittagong chapter Rabiul Islam.  
The minister said Chittagong is the power house of economic activities of the country and keeping this in view the present government has estab-

## Loadshedding grips Ctg

From Nurul Alam  
CHITTAGONG, June 21: A fresh power crisis has gripped the port city and its surrounding areas as a fall-out of yesterday's failure of the national power grid.  
PDB sources said, as a fall-out of yesterday's failure, two units of the 210MW Raozan power plant remained shut today, causing a loadshedding of about 200MW of power here. The two units will not be operational before tomorrow, the sources said.  
The failure of the national grid also left a transformer at Kulshi power station totally burnt, the sources said.  
Due to overloading, the Hat-hazari-Feni grid line also broke down at 7-20 yesterday evening. It was repaired today, the sources said.  
They said only 225MW electricity was available.

## Power failure 200 out of 237 water pumps didn't operate

Star Report  
Two hundred water pumps out of 237 Dhaka WASA remained inoperative for five hours following Saturday's national grid failure.  
Managing Director of Dhaka WASA Dr Azharul Haq, told The Daily Star last night, at least 18 lakh people did not receive their quota of water during the day yesterday because of the power failure.  
"Water supply to at least 30 people are affected when a water pump becomes inoperative just for one minute," the MD added.

## Constable arrested for mugging in city

By Staff Correspondent  
A police constable was arrested Saturday on charge of attempting to rob a businessman in the city's Gulistan area Friday night.  
The arrested person was identified as Gobinda, constable of Gulistan Police Box, police said.  
Motiheel police arrested him after the businessman, Manik Mia, filed a case with Motiheel thana on Saturday alleging that Gobinda along with three accomplices tried to rob him at about 10 pm. Manik Mia has business at the Bangabandhu Avenue.  
Police also arrested Govinda's accomplice Monir. The identity of Monir could not be known.  
Gobinda was produced before the CMM's Court yesterday. The Court placed him on a day's remand, police said.

## 'Flare test' at Bibiana well by next-week

From Iqbal Siddiquee  
SYLHET, June 21: The 'flare test' of gas at Occidental's exploratory well at Bibiana, a remote village under Nabinjan thana of Habiganj district, is expected to be completed within the next week, sources close to the US company said this afternoon.  
The country manager of the German company Deutag, which is entrusted with the task of drilling in the greater Sylhet region as a sub-contractor of Occidental, visited the site yesterday.  
The flare test is a preliminary test to check the gas flow and its composition. It is expected to be completed within the next week, sources close to the US company said this afternoon.  
The country manager of the German company Deutag, which is entrusted with the task of drilling in the greater Sylhet region as a sub-contractor of Occidental, visited the site yesterday.

## BJMB opening ceremony to cost Tk 3 crore

By Naimul Haq  
The inaugural ceremony of the Bangabandhu Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (BJMB) will cost at least Tk three crore, sources in the Communications Ministry said.  
The tentative budget, approved by the Prime Minister, to cover the expenses of the ceremony is expected to be little over Tk three crore, said a senior official of the ministry while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.  
He said, "The lion's share of the money will be spent for the satellite tower set up at the site for live telecast of the ceremony."  
Originally, a budget of Tk five crore was planned for the

ceremony, sources said.  
According to sources in the communication ministry, the budget will include the cost for lunch for about 2000 invited guests who will be transported to the site from the capital and brought back in 50 air-conditioned buses.  
The guests will include ministers, members of parliament, diplomats, secretaries, departmental heads, Union Parishad chairmen of four thanas of Sirajganj and Tangail districts, press club presidents and Pourashava chairmen of all the districts of Rajshahi division.  
The budget will also include expenditures for a pandit at the

bridge site at Sirajganj, a dais, hiring chairs and other necessary articles, setting up of temporary toilets, arranging drinking water facility, power supply and fuel for vehicles.  
The guests would be supplied with packet lunch and bottled water.  
Besides, foreign guests who will include communication ministers from SAARC countries except the Maldives will be given a reception at hotel Sonargaon on the occasion. The Maldives is yet to confirm participation in the ceremony.  
The invited foreign guests will be accommodated at the hotel Sonargaon.

## Six thrust areas for CHT development

By Special Correspondent  
The two-day international conference on 'Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and Peace' ended in the city yesterday, assessing the development needs in the post-insurgency period to spur growth to deliver peace dividends to its people.  
"We had detailed discussions on six areas... quantifying our contributions and contributions of our development partners to step up development in the region which was out of the mainstream for the past 22 years," State Minister for Planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir told newsmen.  
He said the conference identified the thrust areas as primary education, technical and vocational education, health-care facilities, communication, infrastructure and agriculture, and discussed short-term and long-term plans.  
Besides, relief for the tribal returnees and their rehabilitation are also receiving priority in 48 projects identified, he said.  
The process of setting up the institutions envisaged in the peace accord will also begin, Dr Alamgir said adding that the

accord stresses human rights for all citizens in the hills.  
But he denied that the settlers living in cluster villages, who are surviving on food rations from government since 1988, had been arm-twisted by the government.  
Brushing aside charges brought by Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia at Khagrachhari that the administration had barred them from attending her rally after the 'long march', he said: "We do not believe in the politics of food."  
The state minister however said that the rationing policy would come under review. "We will go for a walkathon in search of peace but not on a 'joy march' to disrupt the peace," he added.  
He told a questioner that the number of security forces had always been increased in the past. "It is not being increased now, he added without giving details.  
Dr Alamgir said the conference laid the basis for implementing the peace treaty firmly and changing the lot of the tribesmen and the settlers. It

## Rajuk officials investigating encroachment at Gulshan 'assaulted'

By Staff Correspondent  
A gang of *mashtans* allegedly attacked and assaulted a Rajuk team surveying Gulshan lake-side plots and snatched away a video camera from them yesterday at round 11.00 am.  
According to Rajuk sources, the survey team consisting of about 15 engineers and surveyors were making on-the-spot checks at Road-16A and near Road-23C when the gang of terrorists, numbering about six, attacked on them.  
Rajuk officials alleged that the gang was led by a former MP who "claimed ownership of a huge chunk of the lake and its adjacent area without any Rajuk clearance."  
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## Rape of minor girl Charge framed against Obaid Matbar

Charge was framed in a court here yesterday against Obaid Matbar alias Mora in the case of violating a minor girl inside Dhaka Court building, reports UNB.  
Mora, the lone accused, pleaded not guilty when the charge was read out by the Special Judge Tapan Kumar Rudhra.  
The Special Court on Women and Children Repression framed the charge under section 6 KA of the Women and Child Repression Act 1995.  
The six-year-old girl was raped on the first floor of the court building on March 10 and Matbar was arrested from his village home in Faridpur on March 18.

## Accused in dacoity case beaten up, dies at DMCH

By Staff Correspondent  
An accused in a dacoity case, who was beaten up by a mob on Wednesday in city's Lalbagh area, succumbed to injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Saturday night.  
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Who will win the 1998 World Cup? Numerology Says ...? will.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Take a look at these historical facts and calculations.

CUP WINNER	YEAR	+ YEAR	= TOTAL
Brazil	1970	+ 1994	= 3964
Argentina	1978	+ 1986	= 3964
Germany	1974	+ 1990	= 3964
England	1966	+ ?	= 3964

**strange facts**

Fill in the blanks and then take a look at the pyramid below.

1966	England				
1970		Brazil			
1974			Germany		
1978				Argentina	
1982					Italy
1986				Argentina	
1990				Germany	
1994					Brazil
1998					?

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