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Budget may be passed tomorrow

By Nazmul Ashraf and Reaz Ahmed

General discussion on the proposed national budget for 1998-99 is set to end today with the main opposition BNP still insisting on continuation of the discussion even after the budget

is passed. According to sources in the Sangsad Secretariat, the House is due to have a 12-hour sitting from 10 this morning. As the government plans to have the new budget passed tomorrow. the House is scheduled to pass the Finance Bill and complete the budget discussion today.

Discussion on the proposed budget, placed in the Sangsad on June 11, began on June 17 with the BNP lawmakers keeping away from the House. They joined the session on June 25. Before joining, BNP de-

manded of the Speaker that they be allowed sufficient time to discuss the budget. The party proposed that the discussion be See Page 12 Col 5

Indian foreign secy in city, talks today

Indian Foreign Secretary K Raghunath arrived in the city yesterday on a two-day official visit to discuss the entire gamut of bilateral relation, report agencies.

Foreign Secretary Mustafizur Rahman received him at the Zia International Airport in the afternoon. Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Deb Mukherjee was also present.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, Raghunath described his visit as a "short follow-up" of the June 16 Delhi meeting between the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and India.

He said the visit "is to carry on and renew our friendly con-

"It will give an opportunity to review ... and update the existing excellent relationship between the two countries," said the Indian Foreign Secretary.

The "whole range" of bilateral and other issues will come up in the official talks with his Bangladesh counterpart, he said without specifying the See Page 12 Col 1

Oli tells Press

BNP govt took first pragmatic step to build Jamuna Bridge

BNP leader Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed has said Jamuna Bridge is now a reality just because of relentless efforts by BNP gov-ernment and financial help from the people of the country, reports UNB.

"It is the BNP government that first took pragmatic steps in 1992 regarding the construction of the bridge," said the former communications minis-ter while addressing a press conference in the city yester-

Oli refuted the Awami League's claim that they have dreamt of the bridge and fulfilled it, saying it is the result of many ups and downs, hard labours and endeavours of the people. "No particular person, group or party can claim sole credit for it," he said.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan also ad-See Page 12 Col 6

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Sonali Bank favours a company

Loans rescheduled despite allegations of swindling

By Inam Ahmed

Sonali Bank (SB) has rescheduled the loans of a fish processing company on very generous terms and also waived its interests in January this year, although the bank's earlier investigations had found that the company had misappropriated huge quantity of

'pledged goods'. An earlier investigation by the SB itself on May 23 and June 7 in 1993 had detected that the company, Ajmiriganj Fish Industries Ltd, situated in Habiganj, had misappropriated all the goods pledged to the bank Another investigation by the SB had also revealed that the company had swindled the bank by taking out fish, supposedly for export, worth Tk 1.67 crore by giving trust receipt to SB. But the goods never

reached the port and is sus-

pected to have been misappropriated by the company, a re-

cent Bangladesh Bank (BB) investigation said. SB had filed a First Information Report (FIR) with Ajmiriganj thana by registered post against the company on May 29, 1993 for such activities. The

Bureau of Anti-Corruption

(BAC) also filed an FIR in this

SB was also advised by its legal adviser to sue the company. And yet, the company received the generous treatment by the bank allegedly at the request of an influential minister and a

ruling party MP. The story does not end here. The parliamentary affairs adviser to the Prime Minister, Suranjit Sengupta, has made a strong request to the bank to give further concessions to the

company and the matter is under consideration of the bank. SB Narayanganj corporate branch had sanctioned Tk 30 lakh mixed cash credit loan limit to Ajmiriganj Fish Industries Ltd as running capital in 1982. The company was sup posed to procure and process

fish for export. However, the

loan limit was later renewed

and increased to Tk six crore in

1992. The limit expired in De-

cember, 1992. Later in 1993, SB received an anonymous complaint and conducted an on-the-spot investigation regarding the company. The investigation found that the freezer warehouse of the company had a Tk 6.22 crore shortfall in goods pledged to SB. Following this. SB Narayangani branch filed an

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Khaleda, Matin granted bail

Sessions Judge's Court yesterday and was granted bail in a corruption case.

Begum Zia and Abdul Matin Chowdhury appeared before the court of Kazi Golam Rasul at about 11:45 am. Hundreds of BNP supporters and activists gathered near the court.

The Bureau of Anti Corruption in its chargesheet alleged that they had cancelled the appointments of Sub-Inspectors although they were selected during caretaker government in 1991 and recruited 745 Sub-Inspectors in an unlawful way.

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Corruption case

By Court Correspondent Former Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia surrendered before the Dhaka District and

The BNP chief and the Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad and her former cabinet colleague Abdul Matin Chowdhury were accused of cancelling appointments of 247 police Sub-Inspectors by abusing power during BNP rule.

Thierry Henri should have scored in the first half but his effort hit a post. France forced to do without Zinedine Zidane, suspended for two matches, made five changes to the team that played against Denmark in their final group Advocates Khandaker Ma-Didier Deschamps regained

> tian Karembeu, Patrick Vieira, Robert Pires and Vincent Candela were out. Paraguay made two changes from their 3-1 victory over un-

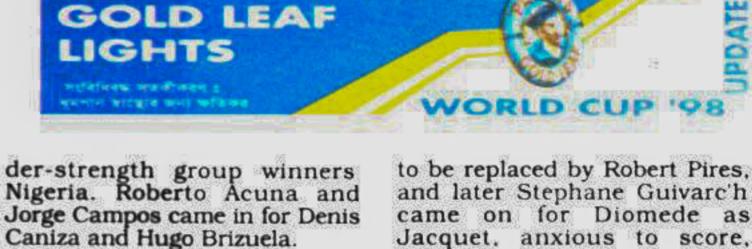
the captain's armband from

Marcel Desailly, and Thierry

Henry, Lilian Thuram, Laurent

Blanc and Bixente Lizarazu

came in. Frank Leboeuf, Chris-



Nigeria. Roberto Acuna and Jorge Campos came in for Denis Caniza and Hugo Brizuela.

French midfielder Didier Deschamps (L) is challenged by Paraguayan forward Jorge Campos

Golden goal saves hosts

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during the World Cup second round match yesterday.

LENS (France), June 28: Laurent Blanc scored the first

golden goal in World Cup his-

tory to give France a 1-0 win

over Paraguay and a quarter-

final showdown with Italy here

ball down to Blanc rushing in

on the right who fired the ball

first time past Paraguay 'keeper

It was Blanc's 14th goal in

France, who scored nine

72 internationals and by far his

goals in their group matches.

suddenly lost their goal scoring

talent against a defence-minded

enough chances to avoid the

match ever going to extra time.

France had more than

David Trezeguet headed the

today, reports AFP.

most important.

Chilavert.

Paraguay.

Paraguay were playing defensively from the start with five at the back, Julio Cesar Enciso just in front of the back four, and high-profile 'keeper Jose-Luis Chilavert was even booked for time wasting.

David Trezeguet, Bernard Diomede and Youri Djorkaeff all tested Chilavert, hitting the side netting, forcing a finger tip save down to Chilavert's left and just missing squeezing the ball inside the left post.

Then the whole French nation had their hearts in their mouths when Henri missed a golden opportunity, with only Chilavert in front of him, he curled the ball round the 'keeper only to see it ricochet off the right hand post to safety.

After the break, coach Paulo Cesar Carpeggiani changed strikers with Juan Carlos Yegros replacing Jorge Campos. Henri went off on a stretcher changed their attacking formation. Alain Boghossain also came on for Petit in midfield.

-AFP photo

A Djorkaeff effort was headed over by Luliio Cesar Enciso. Trezeguet bundled through the defence, checked the ball to wrongfoot the defence, but then fired past the post. France should have had a

penalty when Gamarra put the ball over his goalline with his arm to stop a Djorkaeff header but UAE referee Ali Mohamed Bujsaim was unsighted. Before the match, Chilavert had criticised the appointment

of Bujsaim for such a big match. His side can be grateful FIFA paid no attention to him. Djorkaeff was denied by En-

ciso on the line in the last few

A penalty shoot-out seemed on the cards until Blanc struck in the 144th minute.

Danes thrash Super Eagles

SAINT-DENIS, June 28: Denmark stunned Nigeria 4-1 in their World Cup second round tie today, report agencies. The Danes scored twice in each half of the game. They

within the first 12 minutes. Denmark now plays defending champions Brazil in the quarterfinals on Friday in Nantes.

scored their first two goals

Peter Moller scored on nearly his first touch of the tournament.

Moller, with 11 caps to his credit and making his first appearance in France '98, buried his chance from the top of the See Page 12 Col 8

Pak national arrested on rape charge

By Staff Correspondent A Pakistani national was arrested yesterday on charge of violating a former office secretary inside a garments buying house at city's Uttara area on June 15.

Police also arrested two employees of the firm on charges of cooperating with George Joseph in abusing the young woman. Cantonment police identified the two as Jamal and Ibrahim Mondol.

The victim quit her job at EPR International Buying House, owned by Joseph, at Uttara Sector-1 in last week of

She alleged in the FIR that Joseph often tried to mentally and physically harass her since

See Page 12 Col 3 All 9 accused in

Kanak murder case acquitted By Court Correspondent

All the nine accused in the Kanak murder case were acquitted by court yesterday.

Kanak, a leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (JSD), was gunned down on the Dhaka University campus on February 9, 1989. The incident took place

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Primary healthcare: Tk 123cr programme starts July 1

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia coming out of the

court after she was granted bail yesterday. - Star photo

By Naimul Haq

The government will start a Tk 123 crore programme from July 1 to raise efficiency and effectiveness of primary healthcare services at the grassroots level across the country.

The programme — Essential Service Package (ESP) - will be based on the needs of the poor, particularly women and children and will ensure quality and client-focused services. The main components of the

ESP are child healthcare, reproductive healthcare, communicable disease control and limited curative care and all these services will be available at a single centre called Community Clinic to be set up at union and thana levels. Under the present system, people have to go to different health

centres for these services. "The programme will facilitate more rational use of resources and ensure accountability that will address the needs of the most vulnerable people," a senior health directorate offi-

cial said. Under the programme, more than 13,500 community clinics, 800 union health and family welfare centres, about 1000 doctors quarters at union level and another 419 quarters at thana level would be built by the year 2003. This will bring at least 80 percent of the primary healthcare services under the new programme by that time.

In the first year, 100 community clinics would be constructed. The World Bank will finance the programme, included in the proposed Fifth Five-Year Plan.

"The World Bank (WB) recommended that the programme should be initiated with a small number of clinics in the first year to ensure its best use for reproduction," a WB high offi-

The programme will involve partnership of the community. the private sector and non-government organisations which will play a very vital role in its implementation.

Child health care programme will mainly involve mobilisation of the persons responsible for immunisation. control of acquired respiratory infections and detection of diarrhoea, measles and other deadly diseases.

Reproductive health care services will cover safe delivery, counseling on family planning and proper diet intake, encouraging use of family planning methods, identification of risky pregnancy and making women aware of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. Under the communicable

disease control services, patients and families will be advised in case of detection of TB. leprosy, malaria, filaria, and intestinal parasitic diseases. Limited curative health care

services will involve providing first aid and emergency treat-"ESP has been designed to satisfy client- based services. Its central focus will be on delivering an essential package of services and a few other selected

services. The fascinating part of

the programme will be "one-

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Writ against CHT Acts filed A writ petition challenging

the constitutional validity of

the Chittagong Hill Tracts Acts

was filed in the High Court yesterday, reports UNB. The High Court Division bench comprising Justice Mahmudur Rahman and Justice M Mozammel Hossain is



Today's matches

Round 2 Germany vs Mexico, 8-30 pm Holland vs Yugoslavia, 1-00 am BST

Air Parabat plane crash lands

By Special Correspondent · All the seven people on board an Air Parabat flight from Ishurdi to Dhaka survived unhurt when it made an emergency landing on a jute field near Savar Bazar yesterday. The Czech built L410 aircraft

of the private airline developed trouble in one of its two engines while approaching Tejgaon air-port, where it was scheduled to and at 11-10 am, according to preliminary reports. Civil aviation officials and a

rescue team on an Air Force helicopter rushed to the spot, between Sadhapur and Rajarghat, about 10 km from Savar thana headquarters.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh has ordered an enquiry into the crash land-ing. The four-member probe body is headed by Wing Com-mander Ashraful Azhar, an of-See Page 12 Col 1

পুঁজি বাজারের সাথে সম্পুক্ত পক্ষসমূহের জ্ঞাতার্থে প্রয়োজনীয় গণ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দেশের পুঁজি বাজারের সাথে সরাসরি সম্পুক্ত বিভিন্ন পক্ষসমূহ তথা সিকিউরিটিজ ইস্যুকারী কোম্পানী, স্টক ব্রোকার ও ডিলারদের কর্মকান্ডে অধিকতর কছতা আনয়নের মাধ্যমে সিকিউরিটিজে বিনিয়োগকারীদের মধ্যে বিশ্বাসযোগ্যতা (Confidence) ফিরিয়ে আনার লক্ষ্যে সিকিউরিটিজ এ্যান্ড এক্সচেঞ্জ কমিশন (এসইসি) কর্তৃক সাম্প্রতিক সময়কালে নিম্নোক্ত নোটিফিকেশন ও সার্কুলার/অর্ডার জারি করা হয়েছেঃ

নোটিফিকেশন নং-SEC/Section-7/SER/03/132 dated 22nd October 1997 — প্রতিটি তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানীর বার্ষিক হিসাব বিবরণীসমূহ Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) কর্তৃক পৃহীত International Accounting Standards (IAS) অনুযায়ী সংরক্ষণ বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে এবং উহা পরিপালনের স্বপক্ষে নিরীক্ষক কর্তৃক প্রত্যয়নের জন্যে Auditors Report এর format নির্ধারণ করে দেয়া হয়েছে। এছাড়া প্রতিটি আর্থিক বছরের প্রথম অর্ধ বছরের জন্য নির্ধারিত format এ কোম্পানীর balance sheet, profit and loss account and cash flows statement তৈরিপূর্বক (নিরীক্ষিত কিংবা অনিরীক্ষিত) উহা অর্থ বৎসর সমান্তির পরবর্তী এক মাসের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ এবং এসইসিন্ত কোম্পানীর সিকিউরিটিজ হোভারদের নিকট প্রেরণ বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে। নোটিফিকেশন নং-SEC/Section-7/06/133 dated 12th November 1997 — অনুমোদিত ডিলার

কর্তৃক নিজ নামে/হিসাবে উক এক্সচেঞ্জ-এর মাধ্যমে সিকিউরিটিজে লেনদেন সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি নির্ধারিত

format-এ সংশ্লিষ্ট ক্টক এক্সচেঞ্জের মনিটরিং ও সার্ভাইল্যান্স বিভাগের প্রধানের নিকট নিয়মিতভাবে দাখিল

বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে। নোটিফিকেশন নং-SEC/Section-7/SER-1987-131 dated 30th September 1997 — স্টক ব্রোকার/ড়িলার কর্তৃক Customer দের নিকট থেকে সিকিউরিটিজ ক্রয়-বিক্রয় সংক্রান্ত গৃহীত সকল লিখিত আদেশে (ব্যক্তিগত কিংবা ফ্যাক্স কিংবা ই-মেইল-এর মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্ত) ক্রমিক নং ও টাইম স্ট্যাম্প প্রদানপূর্বক এতদসংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ব্রোকার/ডিলারের সংশ্লিষ্ট রেজিস্টারে অন্তর্ভুক্তি বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে। এছাড়া ক্রয়-বিক্রয় সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি (নির্ধারিত প্রমাণাদিসহ) আদেশ কার্যকর করার এক দিনের মধ্যে লিখিতভাবে ব্যক্তিগত কিংবা ফ্যাক্স কিংবা ই-মেইলের মাধ্যমে) Customer কে নিশ্চিত (Confirmation)

প্রদান বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে। সার্কুলার নং-SEC/Sec-7/98-15.15 dated 22nd January 1998 — সকল তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানী কর্তৃক book closure-এর সময়ে দাখিলের পনের দিন এবং অন্য সময়ে সাত দিনের মধ্যে যথাযথভাবে সম্পাদিত transfer instrument-এর ভিত্তিতে সিকিউরিটিজ সার্টিফিকেটসমূহ transfer করণ বাধ্যতামূলক

করা হয়েছে। অর্ডার নং-SEC/Section-7/98-135 dated 26th January 1998 — সকল তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানী কর্তৃক উহার ইকুইটিতে ৫% কিংবা তদ্ধের্ম ধারণকৃত শেয়ার হোভারগণের তালিকা (কোম্পানীর পরিচালক, কর্মকর্তা ও অন্যান্য beneficial owner সহ) নির্ধারিত format-এ প্রতিমাসে এসইসিতে দাখিলকরণ বাধ্যতামূলক

করা হয়েছে। অর্ডার নং-SEC/Section-7/98-136 dated 26th January 1998 তালিকাভুক্ত কোম্পানীর sponsors (কোম্পানীর পরিচালক, উদ্যোক্তা, কর্মকর্তা এবং অন্যান্য ব্যক্তিসহ) শেয়ার হস্তান্তর সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি

হস্তান্তরের সাত দিনের মধ্যে সংশ্লিষ্ট কোম্পানী কর্তৃক এসইসিতে দাখিলকরণ বাধ্যতামূলক করা হয়েছে। নোটিফিকেশন নং-SEC/Section-7/IPO/97-129 dated 16th September 1997-আইপিও-এর সময়ে দাখিলকৃত সিকিউরিটিজ ইস্যুকারী কোম্পানীর হিসাবপত্র প্রয়োজনে কমিশনের তালিকাভুক্ত নিরীক্ষক কর্তৃক কোম্পানীর খরচে বিশেষ নিরীক্ষার (special audit) ব্যবস্থা করা হয়েছে।

আরও উল্লেখ্য যে, ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ এবং চট্টগ্রাম স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জের বর্তমান Settlement of Stock Exchange Transactions Regulations, 1998-এর রেগুলেশন নং ১৫ মোতাবেক প্রত্যেক ক্টক ব্রোকার/ডিলার স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ ক্লিয়ারিং হাউজ থেকে প্রাপ্তির ১ (এক) দিনের মধ্যে ক্রয়কৃত সিকিউরিটিজ কিংবা সিকিউরিটিজের বিক্রয়মূল্য উহার client কে সরবরাহ কিংবা পরিশোধ করতে বাধ্য। যথাসময়ে বিক্রয়মূল্য পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হলে client কে মাসিক ১.৫% সুদ প্রদানেরও ব্রোকার/ডিলার বাধ্য আছেন।

উপরোল্লিখিত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাদি এসইসি-এর পাবলিক রেফারেন্স রুম থেকে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাবে।

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The Air Parabat aircraft that made an emergency landing on a jute field near Savar Bazar - Star photo yesterday.