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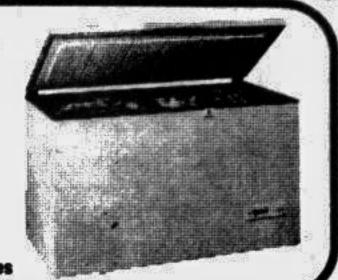
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# Industrialisation must to get rid of poverty: PM

benefited.

human resources.

could be increased.

available in the public sector

industries. In this way, she

said, new industries can be set

up and existing units can be

ensure that the foreign in-

vestors do not face any problem.

She suggested training for the

workers to develop them into

through setting up of small and

cottage industries the purchas-

ing power of the rural people

She said people will con-sume products of local indus-

tries if their buying capacity is increased and this will help the

cottage industries are also help-

ful for employment generation

sue, the Prime Minister called

for evolving easy mechanism

Hasina said the quality of the

sugarcane should be improved

and the workers trained in the

Tofael Ahmed gave an overview

of the activities of the ministry

and of various projects. He also

informed the meeting of the

Young man beaten

to death in city

By Staff Correspondent

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people started beating the vic-

tim suspecting him to be pick-

pocket, near the Dholaikhal

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him to DMCH where the on-

duty doctors declared him dead.

morgue for autopsy. Sutrapur

police said that they heard

about the incident, but no case

was lodged in this connection

till filing of this report last

Infant dies at

central jail

By Staff Correspondent

child of a female prisoner at the

Dhaka Central Jail died yester-

Baby, daughter of Parvin, who

was arrested from the city's

Mirpur area on charges of child

trafficking. Parvin has been a

prisoner at the central jail

to Dhaka Medical College Hos-

pital where the attending doc-

tors declared the infant dead.

Jail sources said. Baby had been

suffering from respiratory

DMCH morgue for autopsy. A

case was filed with Lalbagh

Police sent the body to

Jail authorities rushed Baby

since November last.

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day morning.

problems.

A one and a half month old

Police identified the dead as

When he became uncon-

The body was sent to DMCH

year-old dead till last night.

city yesterday afternoon.

bridge at about 4:30 pm.

A young man was beaten to

Neither police nor hospital

Dhaka Medical College Hos-

Earlier, Industries Minister

for fertiliser distribution.

interest of this industry.

, new industrial policy.

Hasina said the small and

Turning to the fertiliser is

About the sugar industry,

industrialisation further.

for the rural women.

The Prime Minister said

Hasina asked the officials to

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for taking adequate steps for rapid industrialisation to get rid of poverty and boost economy.

Reviewing the activities of the Industries Ministry at a high level meeting at Shilpa Bhaban, she said, "we're committed to eradicate poverty and generate employment, for which industrialisation is essential.

With this end in view. Hasina said, the industrial sector should be expanded further to attain self-reliance.

She said benefit accrued from the industrial sector should be reached to the grassroots level. She was happy to note that the ministry has given emphasis not only on big industries but also small and cottage industries for poverty alleviation.

The Prime Minister advised the officials to give more emphasis on joint ventures, particularly where excess land is

### Two stabbed in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent Muggers stabbed two persons and snatched Tk 35 thousand in two separate incidents in the city yesterday.

A gang of about four snatchers intercepted a rickshaw on which Arif Hossain, 25, a businessman, was travelling near Doel Chattar at about 2 pm. They stabbed Arif, a resident

of West Rampura, in his left hand and fled the scene with the bag containing the money. Arif was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In another incident, a gang of muggers waylaid the rickshaw in which are Jewel was travelling near the BRTC bus stand at about 10 am.

The attackers dragged down Jewel from the rickshaw and stabbed him several times. The snatchers forcibly took Tk seven thousand from Jewel and escaped the scene

### Pak N-scientist

From Page 1 Michael J Wildes said Wednes-

day in a statement from his New York office.

But the Pakistani government said today in Islamabad that first-strike strategy would not be discussed with scientists. or Khan, who they say was a low level civil engineer who did not have access to such informa-

Khan arrived in New York on May 22, saying he feared for his life and requesting protection. His wife remained in Pakistan and is being held against her will, Wildes said.

#### Hartal

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started from Paltan Maidan. She also announced that her party would gherao the Bangladesh Television (BTV) Bhaban on July 9 to protest against BTV's "partisan" role. Jamaat-e-Islami and Jatiya Party (Z-M) also announced similar programmes at separate rallies in the city prior to their processions.

# Australia deports 15 Bangladeshis

Australia has deported 15 Bangladeshis who entered there unlawfully by boat in May, reports UNB.

Australian Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs Philip Ruddock said those who arrived in Australia illegally have already been returned to Bangladesh, according a press release issued by the Australian High Commission in the city yesterday.

A group of 15 persons reached Ashmore Reef in Australia aboard two small boats without having any visa and necessary document in May.

The release said that it is unfortunate that people who may already be economically disadvantaged have again lost substantial sums of money to individuals organising such travel when there was no real chance of being allowed to remain in Australia.

"The Australian government has no desire to keep unauthorised arrivals in detention for any longer then necessary and this is evidenced by the quick and effective removal of this group of people who had no claim to be in Australia", it

#### 14 fall sick allegedly after drinking contaminated tubewell water

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, July 1: At least 14 people of seven families fell sick allegedly after drinking contaminated tubewell water at Dakkhin Sheharchar in

Fatulla Tuesday night. Neighbours rescued the sick persons breaking open the doors of their houses as they were late to get up, police said. The victims are Shahidul

lah, 50, Nizamuddin, 12, Ainal Haq. 30, Anwar Hossain, 25, Mizanur Rahman, 18, Arunnesa, 40, Hosneara, 22, Julia, 25, Fatem, 25, Rahima, 26, Zakir Hossain, 25, Monir Hossain, 22, Suman, 14, and Aleya,

Four of the sick persons are still under treatment at the Narayanganj Hospital while ten were released after first aid. doctors at the hospital said. The real cause of the poison

ing will be confirmed after a chemical test of the tubewell water, the doctors said.

#### Khaleda

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Apart from the leaders and workers of BNP and its front organisations, professionals including lawyers, doctors, traders, university teachers and trade unionists also participated in the programme.

Begum Zia moved in an open-roof jeep amidst thunderous slogans mainly demanding adequate supply of water, power and gas. They also chanted various anti-government slogans demanding resignation of the two-year-old Awami League government and mid-term elec-

Begum Zia led the sevenkilometre procession till it was terminated near the New Market at 7.40 pm after parading Purana Paltan, Kakrail, Malibagh, Maghbazar, Bangla Motor, Hatirpool, Elephant Road and the Mirpur Road areas.

Standing in the open-roof jeep, Begum Zia, clad in a white saree, waived at people who assembled on both sides of the streets as well as on roofs of road-side buildings. The people also reciprocated.

Her jeep was surrounded by two vehicles carrying security personnel, BNP's central leaders followed her in a truck turned into a mobile dais from where the processionists were guided through a loud speaker. The marchers carried

colourful banners and placards with various demands, portraits of late President Ziaur Rahman and of Begum Zia. Replicas of hurricane and empty jars were also carried to symbolise the crisis of power and drinking water.

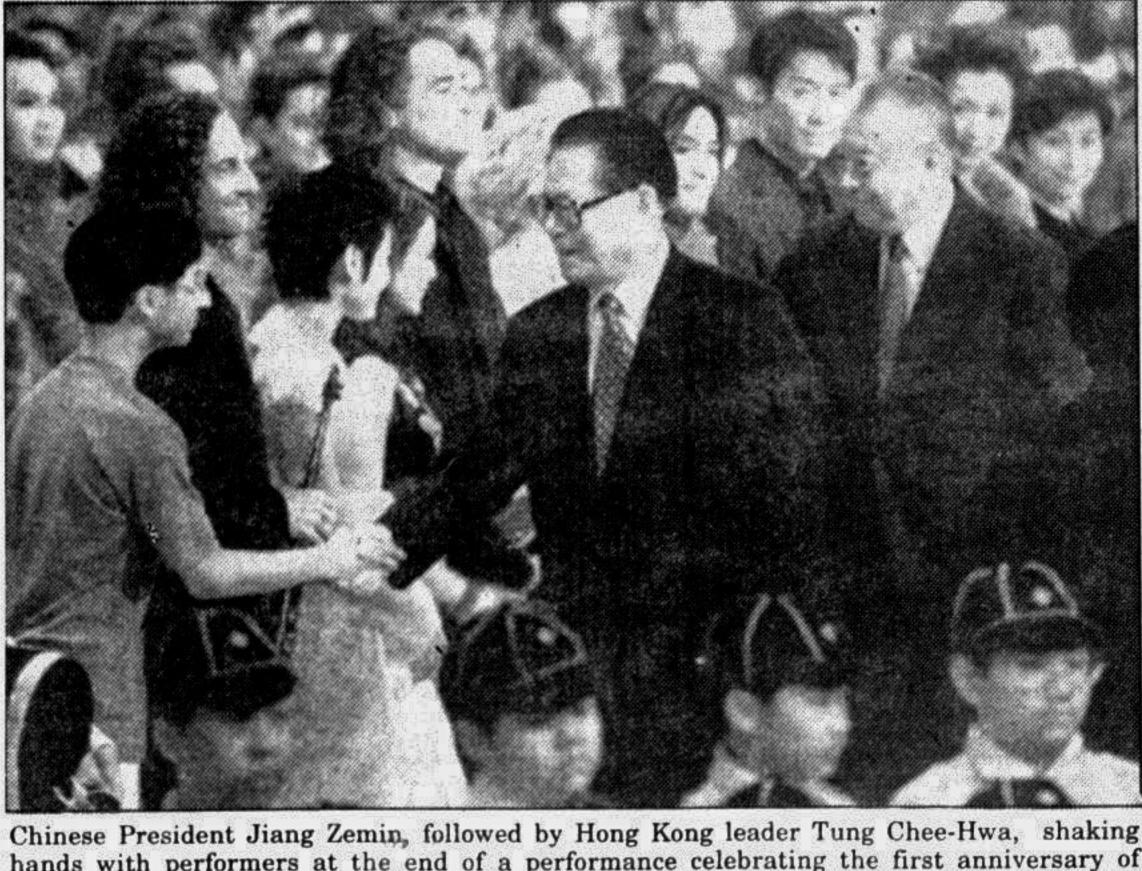
#### Overdue loans

From Page 1 this, a loan will be classified

within three months of becoming overdue. The committee said this definition of defaulted loan would clear all confusion in this regard.

The committee also said the BB should issue specific circular on restricting fresh loan facilities to a defaulting company or any related company. The circular should clearly spell out the definition of 'loan facilities' and 'organisation related to the interest of a defaulting company'. It said all kinds of 'funded' and 'non-funded' financial facilities should be included in the 'loan facilities' term.

The committee also spelled out that any person or organisation controlling a defaulting company through ownership. partnership or directorship will be considered as an organisation related to the interest of a defaulting company. The person, in this case, will also include the members of his/her family, like husband, wife, parents and dependent children.



hands with performers at the end of a performance celebrating the first anniversary of Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule, held in Hong Kong yesterday. - AP/UNB photo

#### The boy who averted train accident missing

Abul Khair, the wonder boy who saved lives of hundreds of passengers by averting a major train accident two years ago. has been missing since June 21, reports UNB.

Khair's father Abdul Matin of Hajiganj in Chandpur said his son left the house after he scolded him for not being serious in studies. Before leaving home. Khair

told a friend. "I will go to such a place where no one will be able to trace me," said Abdul Matin. He said he is not sure whether he has been kidnapped or has just gone on an adven-

Ministry have been informed of the matter, said a press release On October 8, 1996, Khair intercepted the Meghna Express train on Dhaka-Chittagong route by hoisting a red cloth

Police at Hajiganj and Home

for Today" by the world's largest circulated English magazine Readers' Digest. Scores of other organisations and Bangladesh Railway also gave him awards.

#### Gayoom in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 1: Mal dives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom today called for concerted efforts at the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to create regional harmony, reports

Gayoom arrived here from India on a two-day visit during which he will hold talks with Pakistani leaders on bilateral cooperation and multilateral issues, officials said.

#### Gold seized at ZIA By Staff Correspondent

Gold worth about Tk 25 lakh was recovered from three passengers of a Singapore Airlines flight at Zia International Airport on Tuesday night.

Airport sources said the three who came by the flight from Singapore informed customs personnel that they had 15 kg of silver with them. As their movement was suspicious customs personal searched their bodies and recovered gold bars weighing about 330 totals.

# girls found at By Special Correspondent

A delegation of Bangladesh Jatiya Mahila Ainjibi Samity visited Tanbazar brothel at Narayanganj on Tuesday in search of a garments worker, abducted from the city's Mirpur They could not find the vic-

tim. Najma, but came across a least 50 underaged girls, kept in hiding in secret chambers in the brothel, on a multi-storyed flat said to be owned by a person identified as Zakir Khan, according to a press release of the Samity However, they failed to win

freedom for the helpless girls as police did not show any interest. They were told that many more underaged girls, provided with licence for prostitution were languishing there. The delegation led by Execu-

the situation at the brothel as

# Many underaged Tanbazar brothel

tive Director of the Samity

Salma Ali also included Janice G Raymond, Executive Director of the Coalition Against Trafticking in Women-Interna tional, from the USA. Ms Raymond later described

#### 3 killed in Feni road accident FENI, July 1: Three people

were killed and 25 others injured in a road accident on Choumuhani-Feni road near Setubhanga Bazar in Begumganj thana today, reports UNB. The accident took place at about 3 pm when a Feni-bound coach fell into a ditch while giving side to a speeding truck.

The victims could not be identified immediately. The injured were sent to different clinics and hospitals. SOFA

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Chowdhury said "Signing of SOFA is under consideration. The draft is still under study."

A high official of the foreign ministry said it is not correct that Dhaka has given a negative response to Washington regarding reaching the accord. "We are trying to take a decision. We have neither said yes nor no." Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad in response to a

question by newsmen if India was pressurizing Bangladesh not to sign SOFA had said on Tuesday that it was not correct. Said he: "We will go ahead with our own policy. We will go ahead with our own thinking. US ambassador to Bangladesh John C Holzman told journalists in Sylhet on

Tuesday, "We are expecting a positive response from the Bangladesh government in respect of signing the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) between the governments of Bangladesh and the USA." He also said that US volun-

teers under the Peace Corps programme are expected to arrive in Bangladesh later this year. A spokesman of the US em-

bassy told The Daily Star yesterday that negotiations between the two governments "are still going on." A veteran western diplomat

commented: "Signing of SOFA is crucial in determining the future shape of US-Bangladesh relations. The SOFA establishes agreed

procedures governing the movement of US personnel and supplies into a host nation for exercises. Bangladesh and US conduct joint military exercises each year. This year's exercises between the two countries focus on among other things, disaster relief and air-sea rescue opera-

Dhaka has already received some military hardware and supplies from Washington. It procured some T-37 trainer aircraft and is expected to receive some C-130 transport planes shortly.

### World Bank

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health services to make them more cost-effective and efficient, and laying the groundwork for broader health sector reform. The programme will also

address the "unfinished" population and health agenda: poor maternal and child health and nutrition, unmet need for family planning, and a potential HIV/AIDS epidemic. The project will also finance

improvements of public sector hospitals and develop partnerships with or commission services of non-profit and NGOrun hospitals. It will also examine options for cost-recovery and introduction of user charges. In addition, the project ad-

dresses other pressing public health problems, which include health problems resulting from exposure to hazardous industrial waste. The total project costs are

2.9 billion US dollars. The government has allocated 2.2 billion dollar to support the programme and the World Bank will provide the rest 250 million dollars equivalent credit from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's concessionary lending affiliate.

that has passed, and now I will do the utmost to continue the French adventure," said Zidane. "Now that I am off the bench, I will try to give something back." After earning his red card against the Saudis, the Juventus midfielder vowed it would not happen again, whatever the provocations. There could be a few on Friday, when he is expected to be manmarked by either Dino Baggio or Juventus teammate Gianluca

Pessotto. "Whoever, it will be really tough," Zidane said.

Jacquet is convinced Zidane will not have second moment of rash anger.

"He faces provocations in each game," the coach said. The whole of Italy's defensive strategy will be centered on Zidane, who has had two ster-

ling seasons in Serie A. While Zidane is more than match-fit after a two-week forced rest, the other French players are still recovering from the 114-minute ordeal against Paraguay. France won 1-0 with the World Cup's first "golden goal. "Many suffered badly, but

the recovery is going well now," said Jacquet. Jacquet lamented the extra

day of rest the Italians had at their disposal. Italy beat Norway 1-0 on Saturday in just 90

#### Non-tribals

Officials estimated the num-

ber of landless non-tribal in the district at around 3,000. These people, they said, have been living in different parts of the dis-Rai Prue Aung Chowdhury,

chairman of Rajvila union parishad, told this correspondent that there is no necessity of UP Chairman if the resident

chairman or member is the right person to certify as to who are the residents of his area.

One-way passenger fare per this route, the officials said.

have no involvement in the transshipment of passengers by

has been constituted to conduct a survey on the pattern of traffic movement in the area.

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tween August 1996 and June this year, said officials of the Home Ministry, adding that correspondence between the two governments regarding their

Railway

The Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue was the sixth of its kind to be held and was co-organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh and the Centre for Policy Research, India.

former prime minister 1 K Guiral, who is now the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs, K C Pant, Chairman of the Task Force on National Security and former defence minister . Muchkund Dubey, former foreign secretary, Professor B G Verghese, Kim Gangte, an independent Lok Sabha member from Manipur, N N Jha, chairman of the Foreign Policy Cell of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Lt. General (Rtd) V K Nayar and Ved Marwah of the Centre for Policy Research.

The Bangladesh team comprised Abul Kalam Azad, MP, Suranjit Sengupta, MP. Dr S A Malek, political advisor to the Prime Minister, Saifur Rahman, former finance minister, Anisul Islam Mahmood, former foreign minister. Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, ambassador Rezaul Karim, adviser to the BNP chairperson. Morshed Khan, MP. Dr Moyeen Khan, MP, and former state minister for planning. Enayetullah Khan, editor of The Holiday. Rashed Khan Menon, Secretary General of Workers Party, Farooq Sobhan, Chairman, Board of Investment, and Abul Ahsan, former

During the three-day dialogue former Indian prime minister Gujral delivered a lecture on the theme of "South Asian security perspective".

### Latino challenge nation into the final eight.

From Page 1 went on to win both titles. The Argentines, suddenly unabashed enthusiasts of the spot-kick roulette wheel, would like to follow the same trail.

"It's the most dramatic way

to end a game," said Argentina's coach Daniel Passarella. "It's very hard to watch it from the sidelines. ... It's very sweet to send the English back home. Very sweet. Argentina's victory completed the quarterfinal pair-

urday. Croatia, which defeated Yugoslavia 1-0 in Tuesday's other game, will face Germany in Lyon, also Saturday. Friday's games are Italy-France at Saint-Denis and Brazil-Denmark at Nantes. Wednesday and Thursday are the first off days since the tour-

ings. The Argentines will play

the Dutch at Marseille on Sat-

nament began June 10. At Saint-Etience, Argentine goalkeeper Carlos Roa made the stop on David Batty's penalty kick to win the shootout 4-3 after 120 minutes of gripping action left the score 2-2. There were three goals, in-

cluding two penalties, in the first 16 minutes. England played the last 75 minutes with only 10 men after David Beckham was ejected for kicking Diego Simeone in retaliation.

There's no doubt it was the toughest second-round match of the World Cup," Passarella said. Of course, any winning coach will say that, including

Croatia's Miroslav Blazevic,

who expressed superlative glee

after leading his seven-year-old

"Never has a country as small as Croatia produced such a result as we did today," Blazevic said. "We have eliminated a team with a great tradition. Our players achieved a big goal. We're happy, happier, the hap-

Croatia is the first country to make the quarterfinals in its World Cup debut since East Germany in 1974.

The lone goal in the victory was Davor Suker's penalty kick in first-half injury time. Argentine referee Javier Castrilli called the foul on midfielder Gabriel Popescu, whose legs became entangled with those of Aljosa Asanovic as they chased

the ball in the penalty area. "The penalty was imaginary" Romanian defender Dan Petrescu said. "Or if the referee wanted to give a penalty on that play, we should have gotten at least one, if not two."

In a tournament in which sport and politics are hope lessly intertwined. Croatia's match with Germany will be a friendly non-friendly. Germany was one of the first countries to recognise the Balkan nation's independence in 1991. However, two teams have al

ready met once in the quarter-

finals of a major tournament -

the Germans won 2-1 en route to

capturing the 1996 European

Championship. "We will do everything to get revenge," Blazevic said. "Let us not forget that Germany is a friend of Croatia, but as everyone knows, there is nothing sweeter than beating your friends.

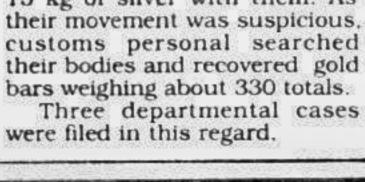
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while he saw that some portion

of rail track were uprooted.

Khair was awarded the "Hero





Janice G Raymond, Executive Director of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women-International, along with Salma Ali of BNWLA, talking with some under-aged inmates of -BNWLA photo Tanbazar brothel at Narayanganj on Tuesday.

# Pvt pathological labs

Most of the centres on contact services on the condition that qualified pathologists would sign the report sheets in advance without seeing the actual report. "Such diagnostic centres, do-

ing business without qualified

staff pay very high fees to those

doctors who refer patients to

them," said the owner of a reputed diagnostic centre. "There are a number of such pathological laboratories where they would give you test reports without even conducting any tests," said Col (Retd) M N Nurul Islam, who has been in

the profession for over 25 years. Patients who have little knowledge on the subject and are mostly poor ultimately suffer. Most of the diagnostic centres offer cheaper rates for a costly test. Patients are at the mercy of doctors who advice the patients to have tests done in a laboratory of their choice. The patients, completely un-

aware of the fact that poor quality tests are conducted go to the laboratory of doctors' choice for giving specimen. "I have had four tests for urinary tract infection (UTI) in four different laboratories. Doctors are yet to detect the

symptom," said Goutam Deb, a

He added, "My doctor advised

small trader from Chuadanga.

me to go for more tests to confirm the UTI case. I have already spent quite a lot of money. I don't know how much more I would have to spend on this. Except a few reputed city diagnostic centres, none of the

laboratories follow proper 'waste disposal' process. Almost all of those wash off the culture plates, slides and test tubes containing blood and other specimen in the common basin using water and ordinary washing detergent as cleansing agents.

The unhygienic method of cleansing contributes to spread of various diseases in the city. During an investigation it was found out that there was no arrangement in most of the laboratories for 'safe' disposal of the wastes: All the basin water runs to open drains. Normally, a pathological laboratory should have an 'au-

steam pressure. The Directorate of Health Services, responsible for action against such illegal business, seems to be completely in the dark regarding the matter. There has been no inspection by

toclave' - a device that ster-

ilises things in it under high

the authority since April. When contacted, Director of Hospitals Dr Manindra Chowdhury said. "We cannot

istered laboratories. For those which are registered, we have only a three people for inspec-tion. We are unable to monitor their business with such a small inspection team." He added. 'The law does not allow us to take action against

take any action against unreg-

such laboratories." The ordinance, however categorically mentions that if the owner of a private laboratory contravenes any provision of the ordinance, he shall be penalised with a maximum fine

of Tk 5000.

Asked if he had written to the authorities concerned for strengthening of the inspection team, Dr Chowdhury replied, "No, I have not formally asked for raising the manpower, but discussed the matter with the director general of health services several times. An official of the health di-

rectorate, however, mentioned that the directorate has prepared a questionnaire to check if the diagnostic centres posses a specific equipment. During our visits we inspect

those but we are unable to take any action against those for not having the required equipment. There are hundreds of diagnostic centres without having proper equipment," said Aklima Khatun, one of the three inspectors.

# France: Thierry Henry

From Page 1 play," said French coach Aime Jacquet of his 20-year-old forward, who has been the French revelation of the tournament so

Henry sprained the ankle during the second-round victory over Paraguay on Sunday.
"If I can, I will play," Henry said. "If not, we are not going to

take any risks." Jacquet, however, will be able to count on star playmaker Zinedine Zidane, back after sitting out a two-game suspension for kicking an opponent in France's opening match against Saudi Arabia.

Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez also put a scare into the team Wednesday when he abruptly stopped training because of pain to his right thigh. He was kicked during Sunday's game, but should be fine by Friday. Midfielder Emmanuel Petit, who left the Paraguay game

string, is recovering well and should be ready to play alongside captain Didier Deschamps. In what is widely expected to be an extremely close game with little space available, the

with a pain in his right ham-

French hope Zidane will finally start working his magic. "I have forgotten everything

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dren as well will not get government employment and other facilities available to other cit-

trict since their birth.

certificate is to be given by DC. He also said that the UP

#### Passenger train From Page 1

nate at Bangabandhu East sta-

person from Rajshahi to Bangabandhu East station has been fixed at Tk 70 for economy class and Tk 205 for first class. Transshipment cost from Bangabandhu East station to Dhaka was also taken into account while fixing the fare on

"A selected number of buses will be parked at the Bangabandhu East station to facilitate the Dhaka-bound passengers," an official said. The Railway authorities will

The BR is now working out arrangements and adjustment for connecting trains in its Western Zone, and a committee

# Myanmar

repatriation did not yield any positive result yet. Ctg can emerge From Page 1

The Indian team included

foreign secretary.