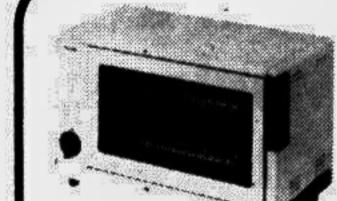
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Thrust on short-term

By Staff Correspondent

accidents.

In such cases, 54 per cent of

the deceased and 34 per cent of

the injured were pedestrians. 17 per cent of the fatalities were

among the people who died in

autorickshaw accidents while

11 per cent were among those using rickshaws. Bus and truck

accidents comprise five per cent

of the deaths caused by city road

grammes include capacity

building of DCC and DMP, in-

troduction of pilot projects for

traffic management and signal

installation and pavement

management plan for major

Hanif, in his speech, said that

the city was under an enormous

pressure of population. He said

that he had always advocated

istration in order to ease the

were more frequent on high-

ways than in the city. The

drivers should be thoroughly

tested prior to awarding them

driving licences, added Hanif.

He appealed to all to help make

Representatives of the

the city a better place to live in.

Bangladesh Road Transport Au-

thority (BRTA) and Dhaka

Metropolitan Police were also

Diagnostic centres

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diagnostic centres the centres

print 'investigation slips' and

supply those to their 'business

partners'. An investigation slip

"When asked why was it neces-

also mentions "referred by Dr .

sary to mention who referred

the patient, the doctor said,

"You have to interpret it to un-

ation (BMA) President Dr Mah-

bub-e-Rashid, when asked to

comment on the issue, said,

have no idea about the referral

fees. I cannot believe that there

are doctors who involve them

selves in such activities. It is

BMA take against those who

were found to have been engaged

in such activities, he said, "If it

is proved, a member can face

expulsion from the association

but so far no member faced such

asked about this, refused to

talk, saying, they did not have

tres employ 'business represen-

tatives' to promote 'sales'. "We

have five such sales promotion

officers. They visit doctors'

chambers and ask them to refer

patients to our laboratory," said

the administrative officer of a

Abdur Rahman from Laxmi

Bazar, said, "I aware of the fact

that underhand deal is in-

volved, but we patients are help-

less. If you complain, doctors

would tell you that without the

tests, the cause of the disease

fering from severe liver func-

tion said, "Some doctors study

their patients. If they under-

stand a patient is rich, they

me to have bilirubin, SGOP and

other tests at two separate

places. I cannot understand

why the same tests had to be

conducted twice. It is surely a

She said, "My doctor asked

A patient from Khulna suf-

cannot be pin-pointed."

keep on advising tests."

Asked on the issue, a patient

reputed diagnostic centre.

any idea about the matter.

A number of doctors, when

Most of the diagnostic cen-

Asked what actions would

Bangladesh Medical Associ-

derstand the meaning."

highly unethical."

present in the workshop.

He observed that accidents

decentralisation of the admin-

pressure on the capital.

DCC Mayor Mohammad

The proposed action pro-

get 'top priority' while formu-lating any road safety action

This was observed at a workshop on Road Safety Action Plan for Dhaka organised by the Ministry of Communications under the World Bankaided Dhaka Urban Transport Project. The workshop, held at the DCC conference room at Nagar Bhaban, was inaugurated by Mayor Mohammad Hanif.

Jativa Party. to be held on July 24. The seat fell vacant follow-

on March 12. The other AL contestant is Mahiuddin Ahmed, president,

Meanwhile, supporters of BNP candidate Majibar Rahman Sarwar and JP candidate Maniruzzaman Faruk and AL candidate Mahiuddin Ahmed have started election campaign.

Taka devalued

Pakistan, in a bid to support the falling reserve level and to sharpen its competitiveness in the face of US sanctions, has devalued its currency by 4.7 per

The Indian rupee is now under pressure following the US sanctions and experts said this had prompted Bangladesh to go for the devaluation.

Road reopens

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tion claim of the Power Development Board for the damaged power line remains unsettled,

settle the claim soon," he added company, represented the Occidental while two Executive Engineers represented PDB at

the meeting. compensation amounting to Tk 1.39 crore for reconstructing the power line along the 15 km bypass road. But with the reconstruction of the original road, PDB modified its claim and the amount now stands at

the damaged electric lines, he added.

Scholastica School, Shazneen

Tasnim Rahman, 15, was found

dead inside her bedroom at

about 10 pm on April 23. Her

body bore more than 20 stab

side her room when her parents

and others would be busy in a

programme on the first floor

would kill her. Minu was carry-

ing at that time and is now in

an advanced stage, said CID

wounds.

concerned.

sources.

JS body for necessary reforms in share market

The parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Finance at a meeting yesterday reviewed the country's share market situation and stressed the need for undertaking a reform programme, reports BSS.

man Prof Mohammad Ali Ashraf, the meeting took up necessary measures for removing the existing problems in the share market.

lined the importance of restoring the stability of the share market.

called for coordination among different organisations like Se-curities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges for infusing dynamism in the capital market.

A three-member sub-committee headed by Syed Abul Hossain was formed in the meeting to monitor the developments in the SEC, Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB). Other members of the committee are Syed Masud Reza and A H M Mustafa Kamal.

The meeting also reviewed the activities of the ICB, SEC and the two stock exchanges.

Tension in Sectt as two employees clash over subscription

By Special Correspondent

ployees traded blows with another over the collection of subscription of Tk 10 for the welfare fund of the Establishment Ministry Employees Associa-

Later, police and other employees brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, the leaders of Bangladesh Sachibalaya Karmakarta O Karmachari Sangjukta Parishad could not meet the additional secretary of Finance Ministry Maniklal Samaddar yesterday to discuss their demands.

The meeting has been postponed until 3 pm Sunday, a press release of the Parishad

Young man

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relatives rushed to his room and found him lying with critical stab wounds in his abdomen at about 4:30 am Saturday, po-

since the killing. A blood-stained knife was recovered from added.

Chest Disease Hospital. As his condition was deteriorating, he was shifted to DMCH Wednesday where he succumbed to his injuries at about 5:30 am.

3 vessels

and it had been asked to submit its report within a week. PS Gazi was recently dam-

aged by a shoal while PS Kiwi Officials of the Directorate has been anchored in the of Health Service, when con-Sonachara dockyard for the tacted, said they can't investilast 20 years, a dockyard offigate into a matter unless one formally files complaint." cial said.

Autorickshaw drivers and owners held a rally at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday -Star photo protesting 'police harassment'. Their vehicles are seen parked nearby.

OECF keen to provide more assistance for rural electrification

Japan's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) has expressed its special interest to provide further assistance for the rural electrification programme in Bangladesh, reports

The positive response came on the basis of findings of an OECF mission that visited Bangladesh from June 24 to July 2, officials said.

Kikto Nakagawa, the leader of the fact-finding mission, told

AL-BNP clash at Rangamati: 5 injured

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG , July 2: At least five persons were inured. one of them seriously, in a clash between the activists of Awami League and BNP in front of Rangamati college this

as BNP activists, was admitted to hospital with stab injury.

erupted in front of the college gate at 10-45 am. Both the groups made chase and counter chases during the clash.

The clashing groups were dispersed when police and army patrol teams rushed to the spot.

the Economic Relations Division (ERD) that it was impressed with the general performance of Rural Electrification Board (REB) and Pally Bidyut Samity (PBS).

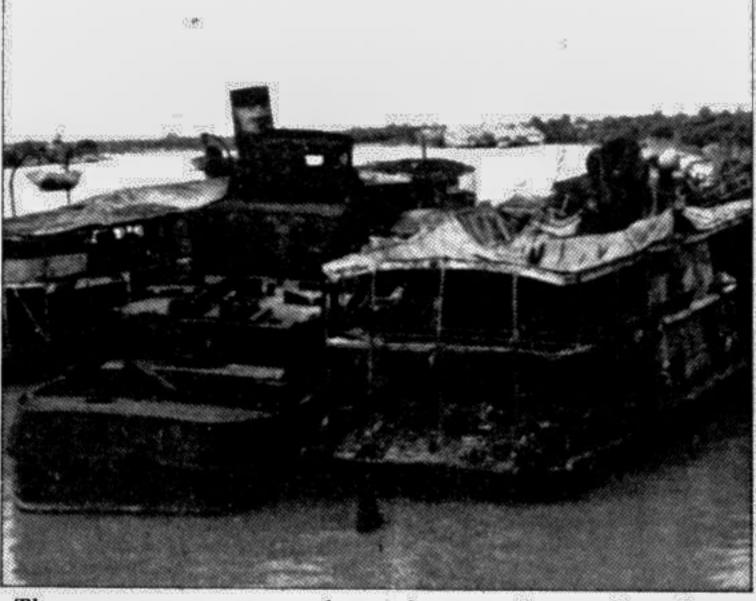
During the visit, the OECF mission examined the seven projects proposed by ERD and said that it is particularly interested to finance in the areas where there are more take-over of PDB and DESA facilities and where a remarkable reduction of system loss is expected after

It said OECF is keen on providing further assistance for the rural electrification programme as it contributes to socio-economic development of rural communities.

The mission expressed its satisfaction over the proposed 7,000-km intensification and expansion project and Phase V-A and B project of the REB.

It said the REB should continue necessary preparations for these two proposed projects and make a formal request to the government of Japan soon for a further discussion during the next appraisal mission.

credit programme, the mission suggested selection of the most appropriate one for assistance as there is a number of similar programmes in this field.



Dockyard in Narayanganj district were damaged in a fire on Wednesday night. - Star photo

Autorickshaw drivers protest police harassment'

Several hundred auto-rickshaw drivers, workers and owners, yesterday demonstrated in the city to protest 'police harassment in the name of controlling air pollution, reports UNB.

Police intercepted them at Zero Point on their way to Prime Minister's office and used clubs to disperse them, leaving at least 10 injured, alleged AMM Sher Shahadat general secretary of Auto-rickshaw Owners-Traders Associa-

Shahadat said two of the badly injured persons were rushed to the hospital. Police also picked up at least five of He said the association de-

cided to go for road barricade programme in the city on July 16 to protest the 'police excess' and to realise their demands. Their road barricade pro-

gramme coincides with countrywide half-day hartal called by the BNP-led 7-party alliance. The Association, a platform of 4 organisations of auto-rick-

shaw workers and owners, earlier held a rally at Paltan Maidan and brought out a procession of auto-rickshaws toward PM's Office at Tejgaon. They wanted to submit a memorandum containing 14-point demand to the Prime Minister. Later in the evening, the As-

sociation leaders called on BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia at her Minto Road residence.

They briefed her about their problems and informed her of their plan to launch a vigorous movement against the government move to restrict plying of auto-rickshaws on the city

Begum Zia assured them of her support in realising their demands.

Business Advisory body discusses allotment of time for pvt members

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of Jatiya Sangsad yesterday discussed the issues which may come up for consideration before the House during the current Budget Session, reports UNB. Chairman of the Committee

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Choudhury presided over the meeting at the Sangsad Bhaban. Allotment of time for private members also came up for

the tournament. "My players were able to develop the style of play that I

give wing backs Roberto Carlos and Cafu more freedom to join the attack on the overlap, while Ronaldo's central striking partner Bebeto may play in a wider role in a bid to pull part the tight Danish defence.

The Brazilian team looks to

have two weaknesses the Danes could exploit. Centrebacks Junior Baiano

and Aldair may be fragile against fleet-footed attackers who run at them at angles — presenting players like Brian Laudrup with an enticing invitation - while veteran goalkeeper Taffarel can be suspect

beat the World Cup appearances record for goalkeepers in today's match.

The 32-year-old, who has won 108 caps, will be playing in his 16th World Cup game, one more than compatriots Gilmar

11 more killed in Karachi violence

KARACHI, July 2: Rival factions of a militant ethnic group terrorised central and eastern neighbourhoods of this southern port city today, killing 11 people, including two policemen and two paramilitary soldiers, reports AP.

In separate incidents, seven other people, including a local government politician, were

Police officials said all the deaths were linked to the ongoing dispute between rival factions of the militant Mohajir Quami Movement.

Two paramilitary Rangers were killed when gunmen opened fire on their vehicle. At the time of the shooting, they were on patrol in eastern Liaqatabad neighbourhood.

Home minister

incidents of snatching took

keep watch in plainclothes in the locality to round up the trouble-mongers.

The young boy and some 10 others, all in their teens, were arrested early yesterday with a number of cocktails, petrol bombs and lethal weapons in their possession.

jbagh thana said they were searching for the hoodlums who made these children to get involved in criminal activities. The home minister at the

dent at East Rampura where on May 22 some miscreants snatched earrings and gold chain from a woman and assaulted her brother in broad daylight. They also attempted to violate the victim who later lodged a complaint seeking help from the home minister.

The officer-in-charge and the second officer of the thana failed to give the minister instant information about the inagree with one another.

home minister also visited an acid-burnt young man from Dhunat thana, Bogra, Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Four men threw acid on Al Helal, the eldest son of a former, leaving his face and other parts of the body seriously burnt on June 5.

fly for Saudi Arabia on June 20 to start a new job there, was attacked on the middle of the night following a dispute over land at his Nandiarpara village.

Dhanmondi Lake From Page 1

has notified these residents several times but most of them did not bother to answer the department's notifications while a handful said they had applied to the ministry seeking permission to buy the 'addi-

dents even denied the surveyors' access to their premises. PWD sources said since the survey was conducted more names have been added to the list of illegal occupiers. They said PWD was now en-

gaged in conducting an overall survey to determine the use of plots in Dhanmondi area. In spite of expensive and

notifications, no government step has been taken to recover the lands from the occupiers. "In the beginning of the on-going project DCC showed a lot of enthusiasm. But soon they started to give less importance to the issue because they knew they were dealing with very influential individuals," a PWD source said.

once the project was over the authorities would have very little to fight for the public land. He said it was the last chance for Dhanmondi residents to ensure the lake retains its original

at the lakeside, the walkways can not be extended as we had *Once we finish our work, demarcation on Dhanmondi lake would also be finalised, so you

JCD leader Pintu released on bail

Senior Vice President of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Nasir Ahmed Pintu was released from Dhaka Central Jail yesterday upon a bail from High Court, reports UNB. After his release Pintu went

to the mazar of late President Ziaur Rahman and placed wreath on the mazar. At the brief rally, held at the

mazar premises. BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan said the government has arrested thousands of BNP activists for fear of mass movement against its misrule.
BNP Dhaka city unit Con-

venor Sadek Hossain Khoka, Aman Ullah Aman, Barkat Ullah Bulu, Nazim Uddin Alam and Abdul Khaleg were present at the rally. Police arrested Pintu on

April 15 from Azimpur area during a hartal.

Launch clerk shot dead

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, July 2: One Anwar Hossain 42, succumbed to bullet injuries when he was accidentally shot by an Ansar

at a launch on the Dhaleshwari

river at Dharmaganj under

Narayanganj at around 9:30 am A bullet accidentally banged the chest of the launch clerk while Ansar Rahul Amin was toying with his rifle at the

launch The Ansar was on guard at the launch MV Tipu-2 which was returning to Munshigani after unloading passengers at

Sadarghat. The victim Anwar Hossain was declared dead after being rushed to Munshiganj Hospital. Police, later arrested the

New law secy

From Page 1 tariat to grant him a contract for two years, sources added.

Aminullah was made joint secretary in charge of the ministry when Awami League came to power two years ago. He replaced M Habibullah, additional secretary, who was in charge of the ministry.

Experts visit

From Page 1 around the Jalalabad-1 and Jalalabad-2 wells located in the Lakkatura Tea Garden area and the under construction gas processing plant at the nearby Alurtal, four kilometres off

Sylhet town, the sources added. Mother kills son

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Nargis lived in the rented flat along with her husband, son, step-son, mother-in-law Maksuda and domestic helps Sumon and Rezia, 34.

The incident took place

when Hasan was at his firm and Imran was at school. Nargis sent both Rezia and Sumon for shopping just before the incident. Maksuda was saying her prayers in another room. Rezia came back at about 2

pm and rang the calling bell. As none was responding Maksuda opened the door.

As Nargis was staying in her bed room with Naim for quite some time, locking the door from inside. Maksuda and Rezia became suspicious and opened the door with a duplicate key.

They found Nargis lying unconscious on the floor with deep cut wounds in her throat. Naim, a student of class two, was lying dead inside the bathroom. Police recovered a blood-stained kitchen knife from the room. Nargis was first taken to

Holy Family Hospital and as her condition was deteriorating, she was shifted to DMCH. DB interrogated a number of persons, including the maid, a DB official said

The body of Naim was sent to Mittord Hospital morgue for autopsy. His father filed a murder case with Motijheel thana, accusing his mother.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Rafika Hasan 69 years.

W/o. Justice Late Nurul Hosein & mother-in -law of Brigd. (Retd.) Gyasuddin A Chowdhury, Ambassador in Bahrain, died of old age ailments on 1st July 1998 (Innah |Lilla----) Qulkhani of Mrs. Rafika Hasan will be held on Friday, 3rd July, 1998 after Asar Prayer, at her residence. Friend, relatives and well-wishers are invited to join Doa Mahfil for her departed

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measures

Short-term measures should

It was stated that the framework for a road safety action plan should be ambitious, but not unrealistic. The plan should take up ten accidentprone spots every year. It is bet ter to be successful on a limited number of actions, rather than just launching a massive pro-

While analysing the accident situation in Dhaka, it was said that in 1996 alone 1,001 accidents occurred in the city Some 1,270 people sustained injuries while 449 lost their lives. In the city, however, pedestrians were the worst victims of road accidents.

Barisal-5

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The by-election is scheduled ing the death of BNP MP Dr Ehteshanul Haq Nasim Biswas

district AL unit.

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the Munshibazar-Dewrachhara road was also reconstructed in the face of public agitation. Meanwhile, the compensa-

said an official of PDB. Both the parties sat at a meeting Wednesday last at the TNOs office at Srimangal, but it did not yield any positive result, he said. We are expecting to Afzal Hossain, Community Relations Officer and Mizanur Rahman, Law officer of the

The PDB last year demanded

Tk 58 lakh, PDB officials said. Meanwhile, the General Manager of Moulvibazar Palli Bidyut Samity came to a set tlement with Occidental officials at a meeting held at Srimangal also on Wednesday, the TNO said. Occidental will pay Tk six lakh to the Samity for

Presided over by its Chair-

The Committee also under-

The committee members

Tension was created in the Secretariat for some time vesterday when two class-four em-

lice and hospital sources said. Babu has been absconding

inside Babu's luggage, sources Shahadat was rushed to

From Page vard official. The BITWC chairman said he had formed a seven-member probe body headed by the DGM

Three passenger vessels under repair at Sonachara

World Cup quarterfinals kick off today the champagne football yet, but

Italians haven't particularly impressed me so far--but as usual, they are still there". Desailly, Zidane, skipper Didier Deschamps, striker Youri Djorkaeff and star defender Lilian Thuram provide the other twist to this friendsturned-enemies encounter in

as AC Milan's French defender

Marcel Desailly put it: "The

that they all play in Italy. Deschamps, who has no fewer than five Juventus teammates in the Italian squad, admits: "We owe a great deal to Italy. But on Friday we have to go out and beat them. We want to prove we can win things on our own." For France, much will de-

good day, whether he is muzzled by Dino Baggio and whether he can avoid venting his emotions by stamping on opponents: the source of his red card against Saudi Arabia. It may have been so easy for Brazil as they close in on a record fifth World Cup title, but that could change when they

pend on whether Zidane has a

quarterfinals. They are aware, though, that anything less than total effort could be fatal against the tough, determined former European Champions. The Danes seem unperturbed

face feisty Denmark in the

by the size of the task that will confront them and have vowed to attack in the same way that they did in their memorable 4-1 second-round destruction of Nigeria. "For us this is just a wonder-

ful bonus and we have nothing

Michael Laudrup.

real thing.

to lose," said veteran midfielder

against Brazil in a World Cup

quarterfinal would be a won-

"Even if we lose, playing

derful way to end," added the 34year-old, whose glittering international career will end when Denmark exit the tournament. The Danes boasted that they played like the Brazilians against Nigeria. Now they find

themselves confronted by the

pean Champions' game, though,

The key to the 1992 Euro-

is that they close teams down effectively and do not allow them the time and space to be creative. They then counter swiftly. The Danes also have the bonus of the world's best goalkeeper, Peter Schemichel, if the

Ominously for Denmark, though, the Brazilians may be peaking at the right time, coach Mario Zagallo believes their second-half performance against Chile was their best of

defence do get things wrong.

like," Zagallo said. "Now I'd like

to see us play a whole game like Zagallo has said he believes the way to beat the Danes is to attack them down the flanks. The Brazilian coach may

"We will need to use the whole field and move well," Zagallo said.

when put under pressure. Taffarel is, ironically, set to

and Emerson Leao.

From Page fired at him. Locals informed that most

place on Biswa Road, adjacent to the Inland Container Depot at Kamalapur railway station. Home minister Rafiqui Islam suggested the local people get organised against such criminals by strengthening community policing. He also instructed the policemen to

"I am not involved in any crime. A youngster of Maniknagar forced me to carry bullets and explosives," a 13year-old boy told the minister at Shabujbagh thana.

Police officers at Shabu-

thana inquired about an inci-

cident. After scanning different registers, the thana officers, however, found a general diary, which was lodged by a Sub-Inspector following the incident. But the woman's complaint to the minister and the GD did us In the late afternoon, the

Helal, who was scheduled to

their holding numbers and pinpoints the amount of land encroached upon with a map. The document says that PWD

tional land In several cases, the resi-

time-consuming surveys and

An architect of Vitti said With the present situation

planned," said an architect have to act now.

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sources said quoting the confes-From Page 1 confession. Minu used to do sional statement. household chores for Shazneen. CID sources said. The youngest daughter of the Chairman of Transcom Ltd and guard Humayun Kabir also ena student of class nine at tered the room.

Shazneen murder case

In her confession, Minu said that on the day of the incident. contractor Hasan came to her when she was ironing clothes in a room in the afternoon. Hasan told Minu that Shazneen would be abused in-

tonight, according to sources Earlier on May 28, guard Humayun in his confessional Minu said that Hasan instatement said he himself, confessed killer Shahid, contractor structed her to guard the corridor when Shazneen would be at-Hasan, his supervisor Badal, carpenter Shoni Ram and maid tacked. The contractor also threatened Minu, saying that he Parvin were involved in the

the Dhaka Central Jail.

Minu became afraid after being threatened by Hasan. At Shazneen murder. about 10 pm on the day of the incident, she was standing on yet to question some more peothe corridor near Shazneen's ple before submitting the bedroom, as asked by Hasan, chargesheet.

At one stage, she saw that Shahid entered Shazneen's room, following which security

About 15 minutes later,

Minu saw Humayun leaving the

room. Sometime later maid

Parvin came to Minu and said

that Shahid was sitting on

Shazneen's body inside the bed-

Minu and her sister Parvin immediately went to the room and did not find any one except the blood stained body of Shazneen on the floor. After this, the two came out and started screaming.

The court, after recording

Minu's confession, ordered that Minu be sent to the Dhaka Central Jail.

CID has arrested 11 people and questioned more than 50 others in connection with the A CID official said they were

killing. All of them were now at

From Page 1 predicts that France, under enormous pressure which has built up on them since before the tournament even started are condemned to attack. As a result, he argues, they will be susceptible to the kind of counter-attack which enabled him to score the winner against Norway, his first goal against Cameroon and the opener against Chile. Italy captain Paolo Maldini

takes heart from the despera-

tion with which France flung

themselves forward in their

second round tie against

Paraguay, culminating in Lau-

rent Blanc's golden goal after 15 minutes' of extra-time play. He also dismissed the crowd factor, pointing out that Serie A clubs are used to playing cup ties all over Europe in front of packed home crowds baying for Italian blood Italy's other advantage is that, like Germany and unlike

England, they know, what it takes to go far in the World Cup finals. They have won it three times, finished third in 1990 and were the losing finalists in 1994--the likes of Maldini, Alessandro Costacurta, Dino Baggio, Demetrio Albertini and Roberto Baggio all know the name of the game. They may not have uncorked

the takeover.

morning, police said. One Kamal Uddin, identified Police said that the clash

About the proposed micro-

