SNS opposes govt move to sign SOFA

By Staff Correspondent

Sammilito Nari Samaj (SNS) brought out a procession and held a rally in the city yesterday protesting the government move to sign the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) with the US.

Urging all political parties to unitedly oppose the agreement, SNS also demanded that government immediately cease all discussion regarding the SOFA agreement with the US government.

In a written declaration of their programmes, SNS said Bangladeshi women will be subjected to repression if the SOFA is signed.

"Women had to face extreme dishonour in countries across the world which permitted US to set up military bases."

"Women repression, rape and using women as a commodity are very frequent as well as a normal practice in military

Pakistani singer Farida

Rahman rendering songs at

the National Museum

auditorium in the city

SECTION .

arrest of CHT

leaders

have expressed concern over the

indiscriminate arrest of their

In a joint statement yester-

leaders, workers, reports UNB.

day, leaders of the three organi-

sations demanded immediate

and unconditional release of

their arrested leaders, workers.

Prasit Khisha, general secre-

tary of Hill Peoples' Council.

Dipayon Khisha, president of

Hill Students' Council and

Kabita Chakma, president of

30 leaders and workers have so

far been detained while a num-

ber of "false" cases filed against

Bank official held

with forged notes

bank official and recovered 88

forged notes of Tk 500 from his

possession at Atish Dipankar

road in the city's Sabujbagh

ficial of Agrani Bank, was al-

legedly involved in making

forged money for a long time in

collusion with an organised

group, police said. He is being

Subrata Kumar Saha, an of-

area, reports UNB.

interrogated.

Police yesterday arrested a

They alleged that more than

Hill Women's Federation.

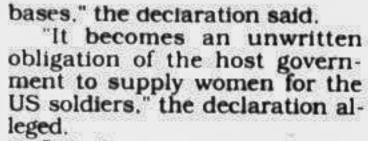
The statement was signed by

Three hill organisations

Concern over

Star photo

yesterday.



Pointing to women repression at US military bases in the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, Korea and Japan, SNS said the bases also helped spread sexual diseases including AIDS in those countries.

Following a rally in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh, the SNS procession paraded city streets and ended in front of the National Press Club.

The rally was addressed by Farida Akhter, Dr Naila Khan and Shamsunnahar Jostsna while Advocate Khaleda Khatun read out the written declaration of the rally.

"The government will betray the people and the sovereignty

among others by Shaheen Anam. Hazera Sultana, Fer-

dous Akhter Lily, Seema Das Shimu, Natasha Ahmed, Saida Akhter, Arifa Akhter, Sajeda Arshad, Deloara Begum, Shamsun Nahar, Norrojahan Begum, Sanoara Begum, Mahfuza Touhida, Noorun Nahar, Rushia Begum, Lopa Ahmed and Selina Mallik.

Acute water crisis grips Sylhet Pourashava

SYLHET, July 21: The dwellers of the Sylhet Pourashava have been facing acute water scarcity since long. reports UNB.

Official sources said 10.50 lakh gallons of water are supplied through the eight deep tube-wells at 13, wards two times everyday which is half of the total requirement. The pourashava authority

collects Tk 4.50 lakh as revenue by providing water every When contacted an official

of the pourashava said an ambitious project is being implemented to ensure smooth supply of water among the dwellers He said the work of the pro-

ject for water supply and sanitation development financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) at a cost of Tk 6.10 crore is expected to completed by the year Ten more deep tube-wells to

be set up by this time. Besides. 1300 water pumps will be set up in the pourashava area.

He further said with the implementation of the project the pourashava will be able to supply 30.90 lakh gallons of water everyday.

JS body reviews activities of Industries Ministry

The first meeting of the Par liamentary Standing Committee on Commerce and Industries Ministry was held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with committee president Raziuddin Razu in the chair, reports UNB. The meeting discussed over-

all activities of the ministry and related departments and directorates. Draft import and export

policy, ways of expansion of trade and commerce in CIS countries, currency value, and prospects of extensive business in computer industry came up for discussion.

The meeting expressed satisfaction over successful settlement of the existing problems of GSP and child labour in garments industry and export of frozen food.

Besides, the meeting laid emphasis on the role of TCB in controlling price hike of essential and reactivation of the ex-port-oriented industries.

International **Tender Notice**

Govt of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka

No: GS/1/98

Dated: 16/7/98

International sealed tenders are hereby invited for purchase of 2(two) luxurious VIP cars of 4000 CC & above, 1 (one) Nissan Infinity Car, 15 (fifteen) 1300 CC & above luxury cars & 7 (seven) fifteen seater microbus for use during the forthcoming D-8 summit. All cars & microbuses of above description are to be of latest model, genuine & fitted with built in A/C.

Tender schedule can be obtained during office hours on payment of Tk 2000/- or equivalent amount in US dollar/pound sterling only (nonrefundable) from the office of the undersigned on or before 5th August, 1998.

- 2. Tender schedule/offer shall have to be dropped on or before 12 O'Clock on 6th August, 1998, alongwith 3% bid bond (refundable) in the tender box kept at the office room of GS-1 Section at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka.
- Tenders will be opened on the scheduled date in presence of tender committee & the tenderers or their authorised representatives.
- Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Syed Mahbub-e-Jamil

"We do not believe the country which opposed our Libera-tion War, will help us in our distress and danger," they said.

"Presence of military in the CHT has jeopardised the security of women and hundreds of women have been raped and repressed at the hill," they added.

of the country if it signs the

SOFA treaty and permits US to

set up military base." SNS lead-

The rally was attended Begum, Sharmin Akhter, Aisha

Month-long fair of Iranian goods begins in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, July 21: A month-long exhibition of the Iranian goods began at the IFCO Complex at Nasirabad here yesterday, reports BSS.

Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mahiuddin Chowdhury inaugurated the fair expressing the hope that this would positively help strengthen the existing relationship between the two Muslim countries especially in the fields of trade and com-Presided over by leader of

the International Furniture Company (IFCO), the inaugural function was addressed, among others, by representatives of Iranian business team Engineer Mohsin Magrey, Golam Reza. Ashadullah Haidari and local businessman Dost Mohammad. The mayor said the Iranian products, being exhibited in the fair will greatly help Bangladeshi people familiarise with the standard of the Iranian goods.

DU authorities defend increase in tuition fees

By Staff Correspondent The Dhaka University authorities have defended the enhancement of tuition fees at the university saying the increase

was necessary to ensure the A meeting of the DU authorities on Sunday resolved that the increase of tuition fees was

justified, says a press release. The meeting chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury was attended by syndicate members, deans, provosts, departmental heads,

proctors and directors of the institutes. It noted that the monthly tuition fees were increased to Tk 24 from Tk 12 from this year. annual examination fee by Tk

200 and registration fee to Tk 150 from Tk 100. The meeting said the identity card fee has been raised to Tk 50 from Tk 10 as laminated identity card is being intro-

duced from this year.

The authorities also introduced a Tk 300 academic development fee payable at a time for four years. The meeting mentioned that the tuition fees and other charges for students of Arts, Law and Social Science faculties had been increased to Tk 2020 from Tk 2730 - an increase of Tk 710.

The meeting said that stipends had been increased by Tk seven lakh to help the poor students.

The authorities pointed out that the university has to spend Tk 25,000 to 30,000 per student every year and 90 per cent of the total expenditure comes from government funds.

Sammilito Nari Samaj held a protest rally in the city yesterday against govt move to sign SOFA. British university to open

DOMINATION

London, July 21: A British university will open a centre for 'Indian food' -- as South Asian cuisine is referred to in this country -- in the wake of its massive success in Britain, re-

The Asian Centre of Culinary Arts will be opened by the Thames Valley University in west London near Southall. The new centre will be funded by a British government grant of 285,000 pounds.

'Indian food' is already a 2.5 billion pound (4 billion US dollers) a year business in Britain. More than 15,000 restaurants and take-away shops now sell South Asian cuisine in Britain. That is besides the massive sales of readymade Indian food in su perstores. The new academy will be "the only one of its kind in the UK," a spokeswoman from the Thames Valley Uni versity said. The centre will provide

training for new recruits entering the catering industry as chefs or food service staff and also offer opportunities to those already in the industry to "update and extend their skills, not only in food preparation and service but also in business and managemantechniques." The Thames Valley University is not, however, a traditional university. It is among the hundreds of polytechnics renamed university by Margaret Thatcher to attract foreign students by upgrading their status.

The new centre is being funded by the government amid political disputes. British immigration has made it difficult at present to bring chefs and other staff over from South Asia. Officials are keen to promote opportunities for local people rather than importing talent through fresh immi-Bangladeshi restaurant owners are actively campaigning to oppose the title 'Indian' food. About 85 per cent of restaurants serving Indian food are at present owned by Bangladeshis. The centre has taken the safe option of describing Indian food as South Asian

A statement from the Thames Valley University acknowledged that there are "massive skill shortages in the hotel and catering sector" and that this is "acute in the Indian and Asian food sectors."

Apart from the growth in restaurants, the university says

centre for Indian food "demand for outside catering at events is growing at an even faster rate and the demand for curry meals is no longer restricted to Asian communities. Andrew Ward, head of corporate relations at the university said: "The Indian food sector is now a major industry and deserves the kirld of support that other industries receive. The Thames Valley University is de-lighted to have won this award so that with partners in

- Star photo

Southall and throughout the country, we can create a centre that develops skills the sector so urgently needs." The centre will work in association with the Southall Regeneration Partnership that aims to promote and develop the restaurant and cafe sector in Southall as a major attraction. The funding will be used to

re-configure training kitchens with equipment needed to prepare South Asian food and also to develop a restaurant where trainees can develop their skills in a professional environment. Those already in the business will be offered a range of courses ranging from a day to a wramew tourist guide to Britain has proclaimed Indian food as the new British cuisine. It says: "There are those who say Britain has no national dish. Others will tell you, with a misplaced sense of island-nation tradition, that it is fish and chips. They are all wrong. Britain has a national dish all right, and it is a world-beaterthe Indian curry." Britain, the official tourist booklet says, is "turning into a nation of curryholics." One study by the Good Curry Guide figures that the total number of Indian restaurants in London alone - 3,800 - is more than the number in Delhi and Mumbai put together. A survey by the BBC Good

Food show revealed that 70 per cent British people visit an Îndian' restaurant at least once a month. Three out of four Britons now cook 'curry', as the British still choose to call South Asian food.

A survey by the magazine Tandoori devoted to the Indian good' business shows that 'Raj' is the most common name in such restaurants, though the growth of South Asia cuisine in Britain in the seventies and eighties has little to do with the Raj. There are 342 restaurants called Raj something or other. There are 130 Taj Mahals and a couple of hundred 'Gandhis.'

novel in English LOS ANGELES, July 21: Once-banned "Ulysses" was named on Monday the greatest ty's Rainbow." novel in English this century in

at the top. Modern Library pub-lisher Chris Cerf is delighted by Second on the list was F. English language novels but we have succeeded in getting people

In fifth place was Aldous Huxley's bleak novel of a future The Modern Library web site was flooded with complaints from readers wanting to know why Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison and popular archconservative novelist Ayn Rand "Darkness at Noon." were left off along with writers In ninth place was "sons and from Africa, India and Aus-

There were also complaints that the cult favourite "Night wood" by Djuna Barnes, a novel once hailed as among the century's best by TS Eliot, was not

DU Authorities'

statement

protested

By DU Correspondent

sity students yesterday pro-

tested a statement made by the

DU authorities on Monday

regarding increasing the tuition

quoting newspaper reports,

claimed the authorities gave

some fabricated information

regarding the increase of differ-

ent student fees. Citing an ex-

ample, a student body pointed

out that the authorities said

that the course examination fee

was increased by Tk 200, which

was actually increased from Tk

Oikyo (GCO), a platform of some

left leaning student bodies, ear-

lier called a students' strike on

the campus on July 23 to protest

the planned increase in educa-

tionple costs in a press confer-

ence at Madhu's canteen on the

campus yesterday reiterated its

demand for the removal of DU

Treasurer Prof M Shamsul Hug.

budget for 1998-99, the Trea-

surer proposed that each stu-

dent should pay Tk 10,000 a

year for his educational ex-

penses instead of Tk 2600 now.

eral students under a platform

to resist the increase in educa-

tional costs, has announced

launching of a campaign on DU

and bring out processions on

campus to drum up support for

materialising their demand of

cancelling the move to increase

New chairman of

Land Appeals

Board

By Staff Correspondent

OSD (Secretary) in Establish-

ment Ministry, has been ap-

pointed as the Chairman, Land

Appeals Board, an official

Khan Amir Ali, another OSD

(Secretary) has been appointed

A K M Shamsul Huq, Mem-

as the Director General of Anti-

ber, Planning of Water Devel-

opment Board has been ap-

pointed as the Chairman of the

handout said yesterday.

board, the handout said.

corruption Bureau.

Dr Kamaluddin Siddiky,

fees and other charges.

They will collect signatures

campus today.

Meanwhile, a section of gen-

In his last speech on DU's

The Ganotantrik Chhatra

250 to Tk 800.

The protesting students.

A section of Dhaka Univer-

tralia as well as "Gong with the

Wind," one of the century's most

a 100-best list that doesn't in-

clude a single woman until

number 15 and doesn't get to

Ernest Hemingway until num-

The list voted on by the 10-

member Board of the Modern

Library, the Random House im-

print that specialises in classic

literature, may be more notable

for what it omits or relegates to

the bottom than for what it puts

"No two people are going to agree on a list of the 100 best

talking about classic literature

ber 45, reports Reuters.

the controversy.

again," he said.

successful books.

chon, another of "V" and "Gravi-

Ulysses century's greatest

James Joyce's "Ulysses" was ranked number one in voting by the Modern Library Board, which includes such distinguished writers as William Styron, Gore Vidal and AS Byatt. Bennett Cerf. Chris Cerf's father, was instrumental in getting the book published in the United States, where it was once considered obscene. The book is about one day in the life of several Dubliners.

Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" followed by Joyce's "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young man." Fourth was another book that had to fight the censors, "Lolita" by Vladimir Nabokov.

utopia "Brave New World," sixth was William Faulkner's "The Sound and the Fury," seventh "Catch-22" by Joseph Heller and eighth was Arthur Koestler's

lovers" by DH. Lawrence and 10th was John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." Steinbeck's popular "Of Mice and Men" did not make the list although Erskine Caldwell's "Tobacco Road" (Number 91) and Booth Tarkington's "The Magnificent

FEMA interim

report on

Barisal-5

constituency

by-polls

ing Alliance (FEMA) observed

poll through its network of vol-

unteers headed by Dr Shawkat

Ara Hussain, chairperson,

FEMA Media Committee at 69

polling stations out of 93 setup

in constituency No. 125

Barisal-5 by the Returning Offi-

the local chapter of FEMA at

Barisal, the arrangements

made by the election adminis-

election appeared to be ade-

quate. Despite that fact the pro-

cess of taking poll was disturbed

in a number of polling stations

by the candidates and their

At about 11:45 am, 6 boxes of

ballot papers were snatched

away from the Presiding Officer

by the supporters of a candidate

at Kader Chowdhrufy Govt. Pri-

mary School polling station.

One of those 5 boxes were recov-

ered by the member of the law-

tration to ensure free and fair

As per report received from

cer, says a press release.

The Fair-Election Monitor-

Ambersons" did (100).

The first novel by a woman to make the list was Virginia Woolf's "to the Lighthouse" in 15th place. In all there were only eight women writers on the list: Woolf, Carson Mc-Cullers, Edith Wharton, Willa Cather, Jean Rhys, Irish Murdoch, Elizabeth Bowen and Muriel Spark.

Among the women writers left out were Doris Lessing. Mary McCarthy, Nadine Gordimer, Alice Walker, Morrison and Harper Lee, whose "To Kill a Mockingbird" was a favourite of on-line readers.

Hemingway, credited by generations of English literature critics with reshaping the language, does not make the list until number 45 with "The Sun Also Rises.

Bombay-born, British resident Salman Rushdie's "Midnight's Children" ranked 90th but his "Satanic Verses," the book which earned him a death threat from Iranian religious leaders, did not make the list.

Joseph Conrad, whose first language was Polish and second French, is the writer with the most books on the list — four but his "Heart of Darkness," a standard classic in any course, ranked 67 behind "Of Human Bondage" by W. Somerset Maugham.

Role of women in

bringing up kids as worthy citizens stressed KHULNA, July 21: State Minister for Social Welfare,

Women and Children's Affairs Dr Muzammel Hussein has stressed the role of women in bringing up children as good citizens, reports BSS. He said, mothers can build

up children as worthy citizens. The minister was addressing as the chief guest a two-day workshop on 'resisting repression on women' at the Zia Hall on Monday. Directorate of Women's Affairs organised the workshop. The state minister called

upon the people to build up social resistance against repression on women and children, a section of half educated people are behind the repression of women and children and it is the responsibility of the enlightened to root out the evil forces, he added. Khulna Deputy Commis-

sioner Iftikhar Ahmad presided over the opening session of the two-day workshop where Director General of the Directorate of Women's Affairs M Ashraf Ali and Project Director Mukhlesur Rahman also spoke.



Mongla Port Authority Office of the Chief Engineer (M)

Re-Tender Notice

Docking-repairing of FFT Agniprahari. Name of work Tender Notice No MPA/M/05/98.

Estimated cost

Cost of tender

Earnest money

Bank Draft/Pay Order in favour of Mongla Port Authority. Mongla Port Authority's Marine

Class of tenderer

Tender to be had at

Last date of selling

Date & time of submitting tender

Date of opening

11. Time limit for

completion of work 12. Paper to be produced/submitted at the time of purchasing/ submitting tender

13. Other terms & conditions of tender

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Chief Engineer (M)

Swiss govt hands over documents on corruption allegations against Benazir, Asif The transactions made by her from this account revealed

ISLAMABAD, July 21: The Swiss government has handed over a set of documents to Pakistan on corruption allegations against former Premier Benazir Bhutto and her husband Asif Ali Zardari, officials here said today, reports AFP.

The documents handed over by Swiss Ambassador Mare Andre Salamin on Monday include an original indictment order of Swiss judge Daniel Devoud against Zardari, they said. The indictment order will

now be served on Zardari who has been in jail since the ouster of Bhutto's three-year-old gov-ernment in November 1996 on

One killed in

Mymensingh

road accident

government official was killed

in an accident near Sham-

buganj Bridge in Haluaghat

thana on Mymensingh-Halu-

aghat road on Monday, reports UNB.

MA Matin, 45, Sub-Assistant

Engineer of Public Health De-

partment.

opposite direction.

The victim was identified as

According to police, the ac-

cident occurred at 6 pm when

his motorcycle rammed into a

roadside tree as he was trying to

give side to a truck coming from

MYMENSINGH, July 21: A

charges of corruption and misrule by then president Farooq Ahmed Leghari.

The government accountability cell led by Senator Saifur Rehman said the papers include documents "showing proofs" of corruption charges against Bhutto and Zardari.

It alleged the couple stashed away millions of dollars "extorted through kickbacks and commissions" in award of preshipment inspection contracts to two foreign firms, SGS and Cotecna. The documents revealed that

the former Prime Minister and her spouse had a secret account

in Switzerland in the name of the Bomer company. The account was operated by

their agent, Jens Schelegilmilch who maintained a handwritten ledger to conceal the real identity of the beneficiaries, it alleged. The agent however testified

before the investigating judge that Bhutto and Zardari "shared the account on a 50-50 basis," the accountability cell claimed. The Bomer company's ac-

counts were allegedly at the disposal of Bhutto who used the money to purchase expensive jewellery, it said.

the purchase of a jewellery set costing 117,000 pounds, it further alleged.

banking system, it said.

authorities.

Obituary

mer Chairman of Nalcity Municipality died of heart attack Monday night at Holy Family Hospital, reports BSS. She was 85. Mother of Kazi Maksudul

also suffering from old age complications. She was daughter of late

e-Bangla A K Fazlul Hug. Qulkhwani of Afia Khatoon will be held on Friday after Asr prayers at her 40/A Purana Paltan Lane residence.

Tk 2.25 lakh allocated for flood victims

cash for Chapainawabganj dis-Disaster management and relief ministry yesterday allo-cated Taka two lakh and twentyfive thousand in cash and 175 50 metric tones (MT) of foodmetric tons of foodgrains along grains while Chandpur, Chawith high calorie biscuits and clothes for the flood-hit people across the country, reports BSS.

The ministry earlier granted Taka 33 lakh in cash and 2,225 metric tones of foodgrains for distribution in the flood affected areas. The ministry granted Taka 50,000 each in cash for flood affected people in Jamalpur, Bo-

gra, Chandpur and Comilla

districts and 25,000 Taka in

Jamalpur and Comilla districts administrations received

painawabganj and Bogra districts got 25 MT of foodgrains. Apart from that, 200 tins of high calorie biscuits were sanctioned for Mymensingh and Madaripur districts.

Some 1400 pieces of sarees and lungis were allocated for the affected people in Mymensingh, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Magura, Gopalganj, Dhaka and Comilla districts.

Syeda Afia Khatoon of Nalcity Kazi Bari (Jhalakathi), wife

of late Kazi Sirajul Huq, a for-

Syed Abdul Huq. (Gotarer Bari of Chakhar) and niece of Sher-

The documents handed over by the Swiss government confirm the couple used the screen of offshore companies allegedly "to launder the ill-gotten wealth" through the Swiss

Bhutto, currently in Dubai, earlier denied corruption and kickback charges, claiming the Pakistan government and its accountability cell chief provided "forged and concocted" documents to mislead the Swiss

Hasan, News Editor of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), Syeda Afia Khatoon was

enforcing agency.

supporters.

Mongla, Bagerhat

Tk 7,45,930.00 (Taka Seven lakh forty-five thousand nine hundred thirty) only.

Tk 200.00 (Two hundred) only (nonrefundable).

> Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of estimated cost should be deposited with the tender in the form of

Engineering Division enlisted.

(1) Office of the Cheif Engineer, MPA, (2) Office of the Executive Engineer (B-4), MPA, Khalishpur, Khulna.

23-08-98 (08-05-1405BS) up to office 24-08-98 (09-05-1405BS) up to 12-00 Noon in the box kept at the said two

The tenders received will be opened on 24-08-98 (09-05-1405BS) at 1500 hours at the two offices mentioned at SI No. 7 in presence of tenderers (if any).

45 (forty-five) working days.

Original copies of trade licence, VAT certificate, TIN (Taxpayers' Identification Number) certificate should be produced at the time of purchasing tender and attested photo copies of the certificates should be submitted with tender at the time of

Bangladesh Form No. 2911 will be available with tender document. Mongla Port Authority reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without assigning any reason. Tender No. & subject should be distinctly superscribed on the sealed cover.

MPA/Board PR/PR/1436

submitting tender.

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Sr Assistant Secretary (GS-1)