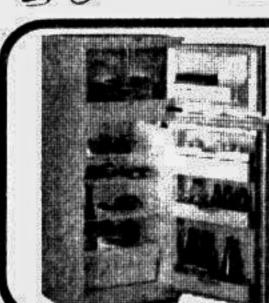
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JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny, who was released from jail on bail recently,

called on BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia at her

members resign from Parlia-

ment, the resignation letters

will be readily accepted and by-

election will be held accord-

alleged that this government is

making Parliament ineffective

in a planned way. "The Speaker

is not behaving neutrally. BNP

MPs are not allowed to speak on

television of distorting the op-

position members' statements

in Parliament, he said the gov-

ernment is using Parliament to

Bangabandhu

Agri Varsity

closed sine die

bandhu Agriculture University

was closed sine die yesterday

due to a tense situation over ex-

pulsion of a student, official

sources said today, reports

asked to vacate their dormito-

dent of Soil Science Depart-

ment, Mozammel Kabir, was

expelled on Monday for bring-

ing out a procession defying

Father's fault

From Page

The OC. Mohammad

Mashiuddin, however, denied

the allegations. When his at-

tention was drawn to the writ-

ten endorsement of the allega-

tion by the UP Chairman Khan

Mohammad Shahin, the OC

quipped "Iman Ali was his elec-

son, who has already surren-

dered to the court and is in jail

as an under trial prisoner, was

not involved in the rape. "But if

my son is really guilty of com-

mitting such a heinous crime.

he should be punished by the

derstand why he was harassed

by police for an allegation

charge sheet against nine

youths in the rape case, the OC

Iman Ali still does not un-

Police recently submitted

court of law."

against his son.

Iman Ali thinks that his

tion agent in the last UP polls.

ban imposed by the authority.

The students have been

Campus sources said a stu-

GAZIPUR, Aug 19: Banga

Accusing the state owned

The BNP secretary general

ingly for the vacant seats.

pertinent issues," he said.

destroy the image of BNP.

Minto Road official residence yesterday.

BNP secretary general Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday

said his party will force a mid-

term election, not by-elections,

resign from Parliament, re-

ports UNB.

decision," he said.

must, no alternative.

from Parliament.

if the situation compels them to

sion on submitting resignation

letters to the Speaker. Our MPs

are depositing their resignation

letters with BNP Chairperson

Begum Khaleda Zia as per party

atabadi Sechchhasebak Dal

near the mazar of President Zi-

aur Rahman, the BNP leader,

however, cautioned "if we are

compelled to submit the resig-

nation letters to the Speaker.

then mid-term election is a

He made the remarks react-

On Wednesday, Prime Minis-

ing to the Prime Minister's open

announcement for holding by-

election if BNP members resign

ter Sheikh Hasina said if BNP

SPP tells court

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saying to Bashar "Sorry

Bashar, I could not inform you

earlier, because it was not pos-

sible for obvious reason," Huq

said "it is an extra-judicial con-

son. Huda has proved that as

Bashar was not in their group.

he was not informed about the

Capt Huda and Subedar Major

Abdul Wahab Joardar by Major

Farooq on August 15 morning

at the place of occurrence, Huq

said the promotions are indica-

tive fact that they were re-

bandhu's residence on August

15 at about 12 noon went inside

the house and finally seeing the

female bodies had asked Joar-

dar "What have you done Sube-

dar Major Shaheb." Huq said

this small sentence indicates

that "when grief is deep words

"What has happened had hap-

pened, we have done it." Huq

termed the reply as also 'extra-

judicial' confession.

Referring to Joardar's reply

The court will resume its

Capt Bashar coming Banga-

warded for their action."

incident," prosecutor said.

"By saying for obvious rea-

Referring to promotion of

Addressing a rally of Jatiy-

"We are yet to take any deci-

BNP will realise mid-term

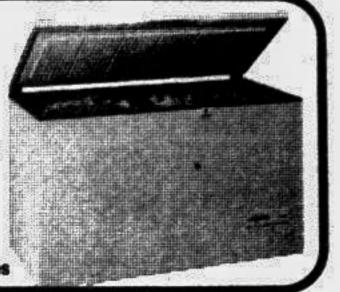
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#### I believe in this marriage: Hillary

## Lewinsky recalled for grand jury appearance

WASHINGTON, Aug 19: Seeking responses from their star witness to President Bill Clinton's testimony, prosecutors have recalled Monica Lewinsky for a second grand jury appearance that could help shape any impeachment report to Congress, reports AP.

Lewinsky was asked to appear on Thursday, three days after Clinton's dramatic televised admission that the two had an inappropriate relation-

With the president and his family on a 12-day vacation in Massachusetts, the political repercussions continued over Clinton's confession. Hillary statement that she "believes in this marriage," and a torrent of statements poured out from Capitol Hill.

Several Democrats expressed disappointment that Clinton misled the nation, a few Republicans demanded the president's resignation, and some members of both parties adopted a wait-and-see attitude. Clinton on Monday became

Huq, the legal counsel of VC

Muslehuddin Ahmad, would

like to state that the services of

the VC Muslehuddin Ahmad

was never terminated by the

Chancellor, the appointing au-

redesignated as VC from the

post of NSU president on Jan-

uary 11 as required by the Pri-

vate University Act 1992 with

the same terms and conditions

which was valid for the post of

uary 1998 the post of president

was abolished and therefore,

there was no question of termi-

nating the services of NSU pres-

new appointment nor a reap-

pointment. It was simply the

redesignation of the post of

NSU president as required by

inated unanimously Muslehud-

din Ahmad as NSU president

which is equivalent to the post

of VC and valid up to March

ter on November 11, 1996 from

the chairman of NSU Founda-

tion Board to the government

to appoint Muslehuddin Ah-

mad as the president/VC of the

university as stipulated in the

Private University Act 1992

with retrospective effect.'

containers.

GD-653

"There was also a request let-

"The founders already nom-

ident by any one as mentioned

"Moreover, it was neither a

"On redesignation in Jan-

"In fact, Muslehuddin was

thority.

president.

in the press note.

the first US president to testify before a grand jury carrying out a criminal investigation of his

Prosecutors want Lewinsky to return to respond to elements of Clinton's testimony, said sources familiar with the request, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lewinsky, a former White House intern, testified on August 6 and, according to sources familiar with her testimony, provided an account of a sexual relationship with the president even describing a particular form of sexual activity.

While Clinton admitted an inappropriate relationship, sources familiar with his grand jury testimony said he declined to provide detailed answers to questions about the explicit nature of the contacts.

#### Proposal for amendment to Constitution for freedom of MPs from party whippings discussed

By Staff Correspondent The Jatiya Sangsad Stand-

ing Committee on Private Members' Bills yesterday discussed a proposal for a constitutional amendment seeking "freedom of the MPs from party whippings" barring only two occasions.

Jatiya Party legislator Go-lam Mohammad Kader had moved a proposal for an amendment to Article 70 of the Constitution in this regard in

November last year. According to Article 70, an MP will vacate his seat if he resigns from his party or votes against his party in parlia-

If the amendment put forward by the JP lawmaker is accepted by parliament, the MPs would be allowed to vote freely. excepting on two occasions: when a party needs to show its majority to form a government, and when the Opposition moves a vote of no-confidence against a government.

Golam Kader, who was invited to explain his position told the meeting that Article 70 was inserted in 1991 to stop floor-crossing by the MPs. He said that if his amendment proposal was adopted by the House, the original objective of the Article would not be affected but the MPs would be able to

Talking to The Daily Star last night, Golam Kader said that such an amendment would effectively help flourish parliamentary democracy.

From Page 1 passed in the Eighth Amendment Case by the Appellate Division was a result of conspiracy by a group of people including President Shahabuddin

terday also directed the persons concerned to appear personally before it at 9:00 am on October

The court order said, "Evidently Mr H M Ershad, a former President of Bangladesh and chairman of the Jatiya Party referred to the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution providing for several Benches of the High Court Division in different places of the country."

Amendment Case.

ple including President Shahabuddin Ahmed (as a judge)".

Earlier, Advocate Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, in a letter requested the Registrar of the Supreme Court to place the matter before the Chief Justice for consideration

hearing at 9:30 am on Monday. mission in support of his letter

are few.

## Rape of JU students

From Page 1

dormitories by 8 pm. None of the provosts concerned, however, could be contacted for

the authorities have not taken such a decision till now.

Meanwhile, JU unit of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front brought out a procession on the campus yesterday protesting the incidents of rape. They also urged the authorities to identify

#### Loan defaulters

classified after six months of being overdue while continued loans become classified from the date of becoming overdue. The circular has been issued

cation. The BRC had also said that the definition of overdue loan vate and public organisations. The committee also felt that the present practice of exempting amount of interest is paid and if

## UNDP launches \$26m SEMP in Bangladesh

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has launched world's largest environmental grant in Bangladesh involving 26 million US dollar, reports UNB.

The grant will be used to implement programme styled as Sustainable Environment Management (SEMP).

Letters of Agreement to this effect were signed between the Ministry of Environment and Forest and the heads of the 20 agencies of the government departments, NGOs and other na-tional and international organisations at a simple ceremony in the city yesterday, said a UNDP press release.

National Director of the programme and the Joint Secre-

### LC proposes

From Page 1 relevant circumstances, includ-

ing in particular -(a) the period of custody, (b) any statement made by the victim as to how the injuries were received, being a statement admissible in evi-

dence. (c) the evidence of any medical practitioner who might have examined the victim and (d) evidence of any magistrate who might have recorded. or, attempted to record, the

statement of the victim." "Of late several occurrences of perpetration of torture on persons in police custody and in a few cases even leading to the death of such persons have taken place.

"In cases of torture on a person while in police custody, one can rarely expect to get eye witnesses to such incidents, excepting police personnel, some of whom themselves happen to be the perpetrators of torture.

"Bound by a sense of brotherhood, these eyewitnesses ofat 29 Minto Road, marking the ten prefer to remain silent in release of JCD president such a situation and even if they speak, they put their own gloss upon the facts often per-Recalling the glorious role of verting the truth. the student community during

"It is an extremely peculiar situation in which police personnel alone and none else can give evidence regarding the circumstances in which a person in police custody receives injuries."

through the two big breaches.

Meanwhile, a team of army

engineering corps with the help

of Water Development Board

and local people dumped sand

bags to protect the 10.76 km

danger level are: Brahmaputra

at Chilmari, Jamuna at Ba-

hadurabad, Sirajganj and

Aricha, Old Brahmaputra at

Jamalpur, Buriganga at Dhaka,

Shitalakhya at Narayanganj

Turag at Mirpur and Tongi,

Kaliganga at Taraghat, Dharla

at Kurigram, Padma at Pankha,

Goalunda and Bhagyakul, Ma-

hananda at Chapainawabganj,

Surma at Kanaighat, and

Sunamganj, Kushiyara at

Amalshid and Meghna at

The rivers flowing above the

#### Flood situation From Page 1

embankment area.

Bhairab Bazar.

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- Star photo

Khaleda urges

students to

launch oust-govt

movement

Khaleda Zia yesterday asked

the student community to build

up a resistance against the gov-

ernment to save the country

from further destruction, re-

"If you fail to play the due

role in protecting the people

from the misrule of this auto-

cratic government, one day you

will have to answer to the peo-

ple," Begum Zia told a student

Shahiduddin Chowdhury An-

the language movement, libera-

tion war and anti-autocratic

movement, Begum Zia urged the

youths and students to launch a

united movement under the

leadership of BNP to oust this

Rubel's mother

inefficient government.

The gathering was organised

gathering here last night.

ports UNB.

nie from jail.

Opposition Leader Begum

did not record her statement earlier, one source said, "She probably was not in a proper state of mind and in good physical condition to give state-

Meanwhile the commission has recorded statements of nine persons who were under DB custody on July 23.

Rubel, a final year BBA student of Independent University, was allegedly tortured to death in DB custody on July 23. The CID yesterday recorded

the statement of advocate Shah Mohammad Badal, a lawyer who had gone to the DB office with Rubel's elder brother soon after his arrest on July 23, sources in CID said.

#### tary of the ministry Abdur Rashid and representatives of the agencies, who will implement this five years programme, signed the agreements on behalf of their respective

Forest Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Forest Sec-retary Syed Margub Murshed and UNDP Resident Representative David E Lockwood were present at the function.

#### Export target

From Page 1 ers and relevant agencies within a week to finalise the certificate issuing authority.

The meeting also discussed about issuing utilisation deciaration for purchasing yarn and fabrics through local back-toback letters of credit and decided to meet with FBCCI, BG-MEA, BKMEA and other organisations shortly to resolve the

It discussed the recommendations of the report on Frozen Food Export submitted by a committee and decided to arrange a separate meeting with the ministries of Land and Fisheries. The meeting also discussed

the implementation of the recommendations for computer software export and expressed satisfaction over the progress made so far in the IT sector.

#### Flood damages

From Page 1 already gone by August 15. "Whatever they try would yield less than the HYV Aman.' The government, mean-

while, has taken up a Tk 8 crore 12 lakh recovery programme. The programme would cover 150,000 families and 50,000

acres of land in 377 thanas of 55 districts. It aims at rehabilitating transplanted Aman, Boro rice,

wheat, vegetables and pulses. Under the programme, all help would be given to marginal and small farmers, to raise

crops in one bigha of land each. They will be provided with money covering 60 per cent of the cost and 40 per cent in the form of inputs, costing Tk 400-700 depending on different varieties of crops.

Union level committees with members, representatives from NGOs and agriculture extension officials would select the farmers needing urgent help.

Thana level committees led by MPs and district level committees with local ministers would supervise and monitor the programme for which money had already been sent to the district administrations. officials said.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister S A M S Kibria has briefed the donors on the flood situation, listing the post-flood rehabilitation needs and food requirements.

He said the government is anticipating a shortfall of 9.25 tonnes of grains because of flood damages. There are half a million tonnes of grains in government warehouses, he added.

#### from making incorrect statements in such sub-judice matters," the press release said.

JS body rejects From Page 1

about and invited to the meeting some three weeks ago," an MP attending the meeting told The Daily Star last evening.

The Finance Minister yesterday went to Habiganj, ministry sources said.

The standing committee also discussed some allegations of irregularities in the Taxation Department and asked the authorities concerned to make adequate efforts to ensure transparency and accountability of the department officials.

Director (Traffic)

Chittagong Port Authority

Chaired by Ali Ashraf of

"Despite all these, the Awami League, the meeting was chairman of the NSU Foundaattended, among others, by tion Board refused to recognise ruling party MPs S M Akram the designation order of the and Chitra Bhattacharya and M K Anwar of BNP. Hon'ble Chancellor. Therefore,

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There was little chance Lewinsky could have seen Clinton's live appearance on television that day. She spent the full day in the court house. entering at 8:29 am. He began

speaking from the Rose Garden at 11:06 am.

Dhaka, which is still pending.

stand that when the chairman

of NSU Foundation is challeng-

ing the propriety of the ap-

pointment of the Vice-Chancel-

lor by the Hon'ble Chancellor,

how his lawyer can issue a press

note stating that the VC's ser-

vices have been terminated. If

the termination was legal and

final there could be no cause for

would request the lawyer to give

out the proper facts in press re-

leases and to desist himself

"Under the circumstances,

such writ petition.

"Moreover, I fail to under-

Statement on NSU VC my client prepared a declaravote as per their conscience. tory suit in the court of the learned Assistant Judge,

### Showcause

Ahmed (as a judge).

The Appellate Division yes-

The Eighth Amendment, as far as it related to the establishment of the seven Benches of the HC, was declared ultra vires by the Appellate Division in the case of Anwar Hossain Chowdhury Vs Bangladesh, well-known as the Eighth

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, now President of the Republic, was a party to that judgement.

The order of the Appellate Division said, "By making the aforesaid statement attributed to you, Mr. H M Ershad, you have prima facie committed gross contempt of court by casting aspersion upon the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in that you have branded/depicted the judgement of this Division as a result of conspiracy of a group of peo-

The court also passed a directive for issuing notice upon the Attorney General and the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association to appear at the court during the hearing of the matter on October 19.

of the Appellate Division. Yesterday, he made a sub-

before the Appellate Division.

#### Nurses

From Page 1

failed to realise that the number of doctors and other staff should be increased in the emergency, the sources ob-Asked if the Directorate of

Health Services has any plan to

improve the facilities at the emergency, the director said, "Not for the time being." In the past few years, the only step taken by the authorities to improve the overall condition of the hospital was to en-

gage an additional 140 nurses.

But that too is not sufficient,

some senior doctors said. On an average, six 'aides' including nurses are assigned to help the medical officers in every shift at the DMCH emer-

The duty roster is at least 15 years old. Today, the hospital needs at least double the existing staff to enable the doctors to attend emergency patients properly," the director said. The doctors cannot cope

with the load during rush hours. So, naturally, they are unable to examine patients at times. The situation turns worse during holidays when the out-patient departments (OPDs) remain closed," he added. In 1992 a total of 15,694 pa-

tients were admitted to the hospital from the emergency en's halls have reportedly imdepartment. The figure rose to posed some restrictions saying 23,185 in 1995, the sources said. the girls should return to their

the incidents and he informed me that he did not get any alleconfirmation of this. gation of rape," Prof Bhuiyan

"If the provosts fail to make any progress regarding the incident, I will call upon the general students to take up the matter as the name and fame of the university is at stake," he con-

Of the three victims, two were raped by five and another by three persons. One incident took place on May 27, another in the last week of June and the third one in the first week of this month, according to allegations. Two of the victims are reportedly residents of Pritilata Hall and another of Nawab Faizunnesa Hall, sources said. A top leader of a big student

organisation at the university is alleged involved in the incidents. Under his protection, some outsiders were also involved, it is alleged. In all the cases, the girl students were moving with their boy friends in lonely areas on

the campus and they were raped

at gunpoint, according to cam-

pus sources. The VC-in-Charge also held a meeting with the provosts of the four women's halls yesterday to decide next course of ac-

The authorities of the wom-

Prof Bhuiyan, however, said

the culprits and ensure exemplary punishment to them.

#### From Page 1

to all the commercial banks. The BB's move to redefine defaulted loans came following recommendations by the Bank Reform Committee (BRC) to do so on the basis of loan classifi-

should be the same both for pricontinued credit from being termed overdue if the total the price of securities on the loan is higher than the amount overdue should also be cancelled.

# সীমিত আয় সম্পন্ন মানুষের স্বপ্ন বাস্তবায়নে ইষ্টার্ণ হাউজিং

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