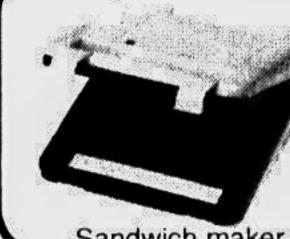


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Probe into alleged army irregularities

JS sub-committee dissolved

By Nurul Kabir

The chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Defence, Maj Gen (retd) K M Shafiullah, yes-terday dissolved a sub-committee, formed to examine allegations of any irregularities or injustice taken place in the army. The announcement of the

dissolution came at the meeting of the parliamentary body held at Sangsad Bhaban yesterday afternoon.

The terms of reference of the sub-committee also included 'making recommendations (to the main body) for investigating into any allegation of in-justice or irregularities taken place in the army'.

The sub-committee was dissolved when it was half way through an inquiry into alleged irregularities in purchasing some 20 ambulances and 700 pick-ups and jeeps for the army last year, said BNP legislator Major (retd) Akhtaruzzaman, a member of the sub-committee.

The three-man sub-committee, headed by the main committee chairman himself, was constituted on July 14 last. Other members were Col (retd) Shawkat Ali of the AL and the BNP MP.

Shafiullah dissolved the sub-committee as Chief Whip of Jatiya Sangsad and AL leader Abul Hasnat Abdullah, a member of the main committee, objected to the idea of examining any allegation of irregularities" by a "permanent" subcommittee, meeting sources

Abdullah argued that the main committee should look into the allegations first and that it could form a sub-com-

From Page 1 regard, sources at the PM's Of-

ness debates on a number of is-

sues like relief operations for

the flood victims, Rubel murder

case, killings at the Hilli bor-

der, reported rape of three stu-

dents and assault of a teacher at

Jahangirnagar University, de-

portation of two BNP lawmak-

ers from Heathrow airport in

London, crisis in the Chittagong

Port and fresh "corruption"

cases against former Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

and some of her cabinet col-

troduce in the Parliament sev-

eral bills including one on rein-

troduction of the Upazila sys-

mentary Party (ALPP) meets

Malkhana

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per Police Rules of Bangladesh

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bunch of keys of the malkhana.

lost by the CSI some two

months back, the sources said.

Duplicate keys were inside to

open the malkhana. This was

also brought to the notice of

Halim did not file any gen-

From Page

The Awami League Parlia-

The government plans to in-

The session is likely to wit-

fice said vesterday.

leagues.

tem, sources said

The Chief Whip also asserted that the sub-committee should not go ahead with the present

Neither General Shaffullah nor the Chief Whip could be reached last night by telephone

Party legislator Golam Mohammad Quader who attended yesterday's meeting admitted the dissolution and said that the members of the committee present at the meeting "found the Chief Whip's arguments'

committee, however, claimed that General Shafiullah announced dissolution of the subcommittee amid "mild protests" from the BNP legislators.

the meeting that the committee should examine the sectoral expenditures of the army on a regular basis, especially when the defence sector has been receiving the second highest budgetary allocation almost on a regular basis.

According to the sources, other members of the committee did not show "any enthusiasm" about the observation

Other MPs who attended yesterdays meeting included Sheikh Helal Uddin and Lt Col (retd) Farook Khan of AL, Lt Col (retd) Akbar Hossain of BNP.

JS session begins today sometime today to decide the party strategy for the session but it was not known till last night whether the BNP Parlia-

> mentary Party would also meet before the session. Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain told The Daily Star last night

> that BNP would join the session BSS adds: Parliament Secretariat sources indicated yesterday that the House may be adjourned today till September 20 to enable the members to remain in their respective con-

stituencies for relief opera-

Speaker Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury returned home vesterday from London at the end of his two week visit abroad. Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid left Dhaka for Moscow to lead a parliamentary delegation.

Ban on rallies, processions on

CHITTAGONG, Sept 6: The Chittagong University authorities have imposed ban on processions and rallies by the student organisations on the campus till September 15, reports

It was decided at a meeting of Mannan.

never look after the malkhana CU campus

the Syndicate today chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof Abdul

DND dam threatened

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high officials of KMP.

For the first time over the last two months of flooding. said WDB executive engineer AT Khandakar, water started flowing over "shoulder of the roadcum-dam" at places.

"But, the Road and Highways Department was prompt enough to respond to the danger. They did put more and more sand bags across the flood-wall line." A flood-wall was built along

the entire dam after the 1988 deluge to give extra protection. Talking to The Daily Star last night, Narayanganj DC Md Abdur Rahman said that he had

written to all concerned ministries and departments of the government yesterday warning of a possible collapse. asked for immediate in-

tervention. WDB and Roads and Highways engineers came in to stop overflowing at Chashara rail track point. The 14th Independent Engineering Brigade of Bangladesh Army also joined."

In his letters to the water resources ministry, the communication ministry, WDB and Roads and Highways Department, the Narayanganj DC gave a vivid description of how people reacted to the imminent danger. He mentioned the Chashara, Godnail and Pathantola points of the dam as the most vulnerable areas.

"Situation is very bad here.

We're in constant fear. We have not seen such rise of flood water after 1988," said Rahman.

point said they were extremely Star Correspondent from Narayangani reported last night that some 200 people

Residents near Chashara

from Chashara rushed to the rail track nearby at 2 am Sunday sensing overflow of flood water and volunteered themselves in placing sand bags. As a deep sense of fear

among people created a chaotic situation in the entire dam area, the district administration sent large contingents of police under supervision of a magistrate as a precaution.

While visiting the Dhaka-Demra portion of the DND embankment earlier on the day, this correspondent saw flood water advancing towards the main road at Kajla, which the WDB officials explained as "inundation of the 'shoulder of the road' due to soakage of wa-

ter through the flood-wall". Another four-centimetre rise will cause water to cross the wall, they said.

Since the advent of flood in early July this year, over 50 points of leakage were detected and taken care of along the DND dam while water also soaked through over 70 other points, said WDB sources.

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PM visits

flood-hit

Maghbazar

area in city

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affected Maghbazar area in the

Prime Minister Sheikh

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mittee to examine a particular case, the sources added. Besides, the Chief Whip asserted that the parliamentary body should first determine which political period it wanted to examine for irregularities, the sources said.

investigation.

after repeated attempts.

When contacted, Jatiya

Another BNP member of the

Meanwhile, G M Quader told

made by the JP lawmaker.

learnt at the camelstables, Gulf News reported. The boy was registered as being eight-year-old but hospital staff told the daily he was more likely to be five, since he weighs no more than 20 kilos (44

city yesterday.

Bangladeshi' boy

used as camel

jockey in UAE

hospitalised

old boy who was illegally used

as a camel jockey in the United

Arab Emirates (UAE) has been

hospitalised after a camel

kicked and broke his leg, a local

daily said Sunday, reports AFP.

be a Bangladeshi national. He

was smuggled out at such a

young age that he does not

speak Bengali but the Hindi he

Mubeen Qasim is thought to

DUBAI, Sept 6: A five-year-

pounds). The Bangladesh consulate in Dubai, in the north of the UAE, told AFP they would investigate the boy's origins and try to locate his parents.

If he was found to be a Bangladeshi he would be repatriated, the consulate said. Despite laws prohibiting the

use of young children in camel racing in the UAE, there are occasional cases of the law being flouted.

The use of children as camel jockeys is common in many other Gull countries where camel racing is a popular sport.

USAID to give another 2 lakh MT foodgrains

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) vesterday announced the intention of the US government to provide Bangladesh with an additional 200,000 metric tons of foodgrains worth Tk 150.56 crore (32 million US dollars) as flood relief.

According to a USIS press release, these foodgrains are in addition to an earlier donation of another 200,000 metric tons.

Body of teenage boy recovered

By Staff Correspondent Police yesterday recovered a partially decomposed body of a teenage boy floating in a ditch at Shahinbagh under Tejgaon

thana in the city. The dead was identified as Ibrahim Khalil, 19, son of Abdus Sattar, a resident of west Nakhalpara, police said, adding that they were suspecting that Khalil died a couple of days ago.

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submerged portions of the

highway will come late as hun-

dreds of trucks had been wait-

ing, many of those for 11-12

about the cattle. He himself is

lacing the threat of a food

shortage as he is running out of

the security. As dusk falls, en-

veloping the vast sheets of wa-

ter on the two sides of the high-

way, the troops return to their

lance, all the drivers pass sleep-

less nights, as decoits were rou-

tinely menacing the truckers,"

people came by a big boat, they

were looking for trucks carry-

ing rice. When they found one.

they took away the rice, said

Forkan Ahmed who is carrying

garments to Chittagong for

said he also saw them taking

other truck, Saiful Islam, both

carrying garments, arrived

Miazuddin, a small trader.

Forkan and his mate in an-

Four or five days ago some

"We are maintaining vigi-

Besides, he is worried about

money, he added.

camps.

Mujibur said.

shipment.

away the rice.

"What can I do", Mujibur said

attack property in Pakistan PESHAWAR, Sept 6: A radiington apologises for the missile strike. He did not set a deadcal Islamic group today threatened to attack US property and kidnap Americans in Pakistan unless Washington apologises

Threat to kidnap US citizens,

to the Muslim world for last month's missile strikes in Afghanistan, reports AP. An estimated 15,000 members of the militant TNSM group marched in the town of

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receiving Dr Md Ibrahim Memorial Gold Medal '98, awarded

posthumously to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at BIRDEM auditorium in the

Peshawar, on the Afghan border, shouting "Death to American" and "Jihad," which means holy war. It was the biggest anti-American demonstration to date in the frontier town, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of the capital, Islamabad.

On August 20, the United States launched Tomhawk missiles against suspected terrorist training camps in Afghanistan, as well as a pharmaceutical plant in the Sudan that Washington feared was being used to make biological weapons.

Washington believes the camps in Afghanistan were run by Osama bin Laden, a Saudi millionaire and Islamic radical the United States blames for funding the terror bombings of two US Embassies in eastern-Africa last month.

During the rally in Peshawar, TNSM founder Maulana Sufi Mohammed threatened to lay siege against all American property in Pakistan, ranging from diplomatic stations to businesses, and kidnap Americans unless Wash-

Floor crossing

From Page 1 Speaker to refer the dispute of BNP MPs' floor crossing to the

EC within 30 days. Earlier BNP Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury filed a writ petition challenging Speaker's refusal to refer the dispute on floor crossing of their party MPs Dr Alauddin and Hasibur Rahman Swapan to the EC.

BNP leaders wrote two letters to the Speaker to refer the dispute to the EC. But the Speaker did not refer the same to the EC and gave ruling that the said members neither resigned nor crossed the floor in parliament.

Dr Mohammad Alauddin and Md Hasibur Rahman Swapan of BNP were elected members of parliament in 1996 national election. Ignoring the party decision they joined the Awami League government and took oath as state minister and deputy minister respectively.

Khandker Mahabubuddin Ahmed Advocate appeared for Khandker Delwar Hossain.

Massive logjam of vehicles

there on September 3 to meet

their shipment deadline on

September 5. Selim. carrying a

load of gunny bags for export,

also had a deadline on the same

angry truck river Ashraful drew

the attention of this correspon-

dent. He was coming from

Chittagong carrying iron rods

to Rajshahi and had been sit-

also angry. He is taking rods to

Faridpur and waiting for six

days. What the government is

doing, he wanted to know from

us. He is running out of money

and finds it difficult to stay any

stay dry on their vehicles. But

auto-rickshaw driver Moshar-

raf Hossain of Manlukpur of

Sonargaon along with Rafiqul

Islam, a rickshaw peddler of the

same village, were wading

through water on their way to

the city to look for jobs, Rafiq

said. He would stay with his

brother-in-law, Abdul Kader, at

Badda and hire a boat to ferry

people on the submerged roads.

The neighbours are going to

The truckers were lucky to

Mohammad Riaz Khan was

ting idle for 11 days.

longer.

Dhaka.

Moving ahead by a boat, an

Virtually all the demonstrators, wearing black turbans and carrying black and white flags, came from outside Peshawar, travelling as far as 250 kilometers (150 miles) to reach the rally.

TNSM stands for the Movement for the Enforcement of Islam in English. It was founded in 1992 to push for the militant enforcement of Islamic law. The fast-growing group's violent actions include attacks on an airport and Pakistani government installations in 1994.

Shibir-called hartal in greater Ctg today

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 6: Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), Chittagong University unit, called a day-long hartal in greater Chittagong tomorrow to press home

its five-point demand The demands include resignation of proctor and assistant proctors of the University, resignation of the provosts of Shah Jalal, Shah Amanat and Abdur Rab Halls, rehabilitation of its party men in the residential halls, withdrawal of cases against its leaders and activists and withdrawal of all police personnel from the campus.

Rubel murder

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handwriting" of the principal accused, AC Akram and two others, Mukuli Begum and Kamruzzaman, according to official sources. Kamruzzaman runs a coaching centre near the Siddheswari residence of Rubel.

"Standard handwriting" is one that a person usually and normally writes in his own style, explained a source. The CID collected the "standard handwriting" (old handwriting) yesterday for further analysis of their handwriting. Earlier, the CID recovered a

hand written 'chit' from the possession of Hayatul Islam Thakur, one of the accused now in custody. The 'chit' described the location of Rubel's residence on one side and the address of the coaching centre on its other

Earlier, the CID also col lected their handwriting samples which were written under instructions.

Mukuli Begum, a local leader of the ruling party is a neighbour of Rubel

Kader also plies a boat instead

Dhaka at Kanchpur bridge, traf-

fic police were trying in vain to

control buses competing to take

disembarking passengers from

from Daudkandi to reach

Kanchpur via Narayanganj.

Even launches from other river

routes have been diverted to

this new route as passengers are

increasing in number, said

windfall gains. Amanullah,

who took us in a small boat for

Tk 40 to make the trip to Mal-

ibagh from Jangal, said he had left his job of carrying fish

from the Meghna two weeks ago

when rising water level made it

impossible for fishermen to

catch fish in sufficient number.

"But I do not work after evening,

fearing attacks by dacoits," he

and from Malibagh to Kanchpur

we did not find a single police

team guarding the trucks loaded

with valuable goods.

said.

He makes Tk 250-300 a day.

During the entire journey to

Boatmen are also making

launch ticket seller Jahangir.

People are using launches

Further ahead on way to

of a rickshaw van.

Hasina said the government is working hard to mitigate the sufferings caused by the prolonged and devastating flood.

By Staff Correspondent

Customs authorities at Zia International Airport (ZIA) seized 320 tolas of gold worth about Tk 28 lakh from a passenger of Biman flight from

Airport sources said, 32 gold bars each weighing 10 tolas. were found inside a music system of the passenger boarding BG-030 flight from Dubai.

about 8 am. But he denied having any gold in his possession. The Custom officials, being suspicious, scanned the system and detected gold inside it. They found the gold bars wrapped with scotch tapes and carbon papers inside the system, air-

Flood situation

major parts of the district towns of Narayangani, Noa khali. Chapainawabganj. Gopalgani. Shariatpur, Madaripur and Narsingdi are still under keen-deep waters.

so far. Official sources said the plying of light vehicles and passenger buses on Dhaka-Aricha Highway has been suspended today since it went under three feet water near Manikganj while the road communications of Dhaka-Chittagong Highway continued to remain suspended.

Asma

From Page 1 Asma's mother. Zohra Begum, expressed her disap pointment about the way the doctors are 'ignoring' her daughter's suffering which per-

sist almost round-the-clock. Meanwhile, Asma's right leg has visibly swollen. Attending doctors refused to comment on

UNB adds: A kidney special ist yesterday declined to comment on Asma who lost her kidney during an operation, but said a kidney should not be operated upon by an ordinary sur

"It is impossible for a gen eral surgeon to perform such an operation without a kidney surgeon," said nephrologist Dr Habibur Rahman of Bangabandhu Medical University when asked to comment about the Asma episode.

Dr Rahman said: "I don' know about the Asma case, but if that is so, it may have been done mistakenly."

NGL plant From Page 1

This is the first such downstream project which involves loreign private investment. RPGCL will be a partner of the selected bidder. The prospective bidders queried about RPGCL's assets and the bidding criterions at yesterday's meeting.

As per the proposal, the Ashuganj Fractionation Plant would be fed 500 metric tons of raw material equivalent to 450 MMCFD gas from the Kailashtilla, Jalalabad and Beanibazar fields. This raw material will generate 39,600 metric tons (MT) of LPG a year. 59,400 MT of motor spirit and 56,000 MT of diesel.

all products except LPG will be sold in bulk locally either to Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation or to other private sector entities. LPG will be bottled and marketed by RPGCL at Ashuganj and other strategic locations. LPG is in great demand as cooking fuel in the northern region of the country.

Plant is to be situated beside the Meghna which is navigable

Khaleda fears famine if govt fails to handle crisis

CHANDPUR, Sept 6: Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today expressed grave concern'at the famine-like' situation in the country which, she said, may aggravate if the government failed to procure foodgrains immediately, reports UNB.

Addressing a gathering at Chandpur railway station after distributing relief among the flood victims. Begum Zia said flood not only has destroyed rice crops and vegetables in the field, but also washed away seeds of farmers.

She apprehended acute shortage of foodgrains if the government failed to procure adequate foodgrains from abroad.

"People will starve to death if the government do not take steps immediately," said Khaleda who is also chairper-

son of BNP. She demanded that the flood victims be provided with interest-free loans, suspension of reand farms.

less and landless.

ernment has stopped imple-mentation of the project." "There is no arrangement for the people to earn a living. Minimum price of rice is Tk 18 to 20 per kg. If the unabated price-hike of essentials is not checked, people's sufferings will

increase," Begum Zia said. Begum Zia renewed her warning of a greater movement against the government if it fails to rehabilitate the floodaffected people, particularly farmers, poultry and fish farm-

Probe into South Plaza clash begins

The police inquiry committee formed to investigate Friday's incident at South Plaza of Sangsad Bhaban, yesterday interrogated policemen who were on duty that evening, reports

The committee found that the trouble ensued as an apprentice constable, Motaleb, asked the skaters not to practice at the South Plaza, sources said. Skater Ishrat and her

friends wanted to know the identification number of Motaleb, but he failed to show the number because he joined the police only three months ago and was yet to get any number. Suspecting some foul play, the skaters ridiculed him as a

take policeman. Furious at the innuendo, Motaleb and his associates assaulted the skaters and others who gathered there. witnesses said They said police also tried to drag the skalers to the police post in the Parliament Build-

agitated, who later clashed with police. The inquiry committee was due to take statements of Ishrat

ing. This made the local people

and Nipu last night. Meanwhile, 17 people who were arrested in connection with the Friday's incident have been freed on bail.

Interim RC

From Page 1 the PCJSS placed their re-

spective lists. The formation of the interim RC was announced yesterday following a meeting at the office of Abul Hasnat Abdullah, Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad, who is the convenor of the CHT Accord Implementation Committee.

According to sources, two representatives of the Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) were present a the meeting. Their names were not available. Kalparanjan Chakma also attended the meeting. After the list of the nominees

was finalised it was placed before prime minister who gave her approval, the sources said. Kalparanjan Chakma said the government would place a bill soon in parliament to

amend certain provisions of the Rangamati District Council Ordinance.

US to airdrop

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from 22 countries and a host of UN agencies and multilateral bodies like Asian Development Bank and IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent).

"Bangladesh is quite happy and encouraged by the response of donors and international agencies," the foreign secretary said adding that the response is 'very positive.' When asked to comment

about lack of response from OIC countries. Rahman said it is not true. Kuwait has announced contribution of 2 million dollars in cash and OIC ambassadors at a meeting in Geneva last week expressed their support and solidarity towards the grave situation in Bangladesh. The envoys have decided to convey appropriate recommendations to their respective countries to respond to Bangladesh's appeal for assis-

tance. Meanwhile, Turkey has expressed deep sympathy for loss of lives and damage to property suffered by Bangladesh due to flood, sources at the external publicity wing (EPW) of the MOFA said. Ankara is currently assessing its capabilities to respond to Bangladesh's appeal and it is likely to make announcement for help by this

Bangladesh embassies abroad are continuing their efforts for seeking assistance from governments and international voluntary agencies for the flood victims, EPW sources

covery of previous loans of the farmers and small traders and owners of cottage industries

"Riverine areas like Chandpur have been affected severely by erosion. The erosion has left a large number of people home-

She said Tk 52 crore was sanctioned to protect Chandpur town from erosion and the work started during her government. "But the present gov-

ers and small traders.

Banks asked From Page 1

fected farmers. "You must ensure that the genuine farmers get the financial assistance."

Kibria favoured increasing the number of branches of agriculture bank, if necessary, for raising the flow of funds to rural areas for the development of rural economy.

The finance minister warned the bankers against corruption and maldisbursement of loans. Each Thana Nirbahi Officer

will receive complaints of cor-

ruption from the farmers and

immediately draw attention of

the government for quick re-Shazneen murder

From Page 1

same thana by the CID investigating officer on the basis of the postmortem report and other evidences collected during the investigation. Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, the youngest daughter of Transcom Ltd's Chairman Lati-

fur Rahman, was found dead in her bedroom at their Gulshan residence with more than 20 stab marks on April 23 night. CID yesterday produced Shahid before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's

Court and prayed for a sevenday remand. The court, however, granted remand for three CID is likely to take him to their custody from Tuesday

next for the remand period.

taken on a total of 12 days remand in three phases in connection with the murder case. Officials investigating the case hinted that the charge sheet in connection with the

Shazneen murder case is ex-

pected to be filed by the end of

Earlier, the accused was

BDR, Nasaka

From Page 1 When BDR challenged, the smugglers fled with two fertilizer loaded boats under the cover of firing by Nasaka from across the border and the other loaded boat was seized as its

and Nasaka fired about 300 rounds, he added. Col. Waliullah said NASAKA had initiated the firing to protect the fertilizer smugglers.

BDR fired about 70 rounds

people fled hurriedly, he said.

Earlier, on several occasions, huge quantities of fertiliser were seized by BDR while those were being smuggled out

through the Naf river, he said. Sewerage

From Page 1 manent pumps at Kalyanpur, Dholai Khal and Narinda which are functioning round the clock, pumping out some 41.4 cubic metres of stagnant water per second," said a WASA engineer.

"The problem has become so

grave that it is very hard to cope with it," he said and pointed out that almost all the manholes were overflowing. "Still I would say the pumps are helping few areas of the city remain above the stagnant water." Once the water recedes, another WASA engineer said, an intensive clean-up drive should

be conducted. "The city areas are mostly concrete, so it would dry up quickly and the government should spread disinfectants such as bleaching powder and all the underground water reservoirs must be properly cleaned before using," the official said. A Department of Environment official said the Dhaka City Corporation must start

this situation. "We should be careful as to how disinfectants should be used because it can cause toxic pollution in an area," the official pointed out. "Once the water is gone we should clean up the deposit and

planning now how to cope with

dispose it safely, away from drinking water source. It is important that they spray the waste with disinfectant in liquid state and in proper concentration," the official said.

suffering continues," she told the distressed people while dis-tributing relief at Modhubagh T&T School flood centre and Maghbazar rail crossing. The Prime Minister dis-

tributed cooked food, roti, rice and flour among the victims. The roads in Modhubagh area went under knee-deep wa-

320 tolas of gold seized at ZIA

Dubai yesterday morning.

After arriving at ZIA, the passenger declared that he was carrying a music system at

port sources added.

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Disaster Management and Relief Ministry sources said with 62 casualties, flood-related death toll in two-month long calamity stood at 584. Besides, diarrhoeal and other water-borne disease claimed a total of 116 lives in the flood affected areas across the country

the matter.

The plan also suggests that

The proposed Ashuganj NGL throughout the year.

city and distributed relief among the victims, reports She assured the flood-hit people of her government's continued help till the flood water recedes. "We are with you, we will remain with you as long as your