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Their homes shattered, hopes lie in finding work

By Naimul Haq, back from Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi

Hundreds of thousands of flood-hit people in Chapainawabganj and Rajshahi districts wait to rebuild their houses shattered by floods but cannot afford building materi-

All the kutcha houses in the five thanas of Chapainawabganj and Godagari thana of Rajshahi were completely damaged, throwing thousands of families under the open sky.

According to local officials, there are some six lakh people in the Chapainawabganj and 80,000 in Godagari, of whom over 90 per cent was affected.

During visits to parts of the devastated areas, the affected people were found collecting bamboo, palm leaves and other house building materials from open fields. They are very hard to find though. "I have lost everything. My

only valuable property -- a bed and an almirah -- were also washed away by the fierce current of the flood," lamented a 54-year-old Shahjadi at Chapainawabganj's Chaklampur village. "I have no money to build another house. In the remote char areas, the

stories were similar. "I had a lovely home. It cost me a lot of effort to build the house. But it took a few minutes to vanish,' said Raju Mia in deep despair. "I have no savings to rebuild

my house. The small savings I had were used to cover day to day expenses during the two and a half months of flooding. I am now completely broke and badly in need of work."

Raju is living in the open with wife and his four children in char Durlabpur.

In Godagari, many people who had taken shelter on the Rajshahi-Chapainawabganj have returned home. But scarcity of house building materials has not let thousands of them start life afresh. Lack of work does not give them any hope for the near future.

Many people cannot afford buying bamboo, palm leaves. steelwire, CI Sheet, nails and

BNP decides

From Page 1 ernment's "limitless acts of re-

pression on the opposition,

failure in facing the flood and

in the post-flood management,

conspiracy of implicating the

party leaders in various false

cases and increased of corrup-

tion to the government, which

retaliated with increased op-

pression", he said asking what

BNP Secreatry General Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan told waiting

reporters that NSC discussed

the whole range of post-flood

socio-economic and political

situation and the government's

lease the resolution of the NSC

Sultry weather

One low lazying off Andhra

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coast with its trough extending

up to North Bay near the south-

western coast is showing no

sign of movement. "We are

watching it as there is a possi-

bility of at least one cyclone

roaring from the Bay during the

month, out of two or more de-

in the Andaman sea is also

causing concern. Meteorologists

say the sea near the Andaman

is the traditional brewing

ground of storms that visits

Bangladesh during the two cy-

cles of March-May and October-

Two lows are also lying over

the Arabian sea and the Gulf of

Siam. These are having influ-

there is likely hood of the low

sagging down," a meteorologist

ence on the low near the south-

If one of those dissipitate,

The one which has emerged

meeting to the press today.

He also said BNP would re-

else his party could do.

role in this regard.

pert said last night.

pressions, he said.

December.

western coast.

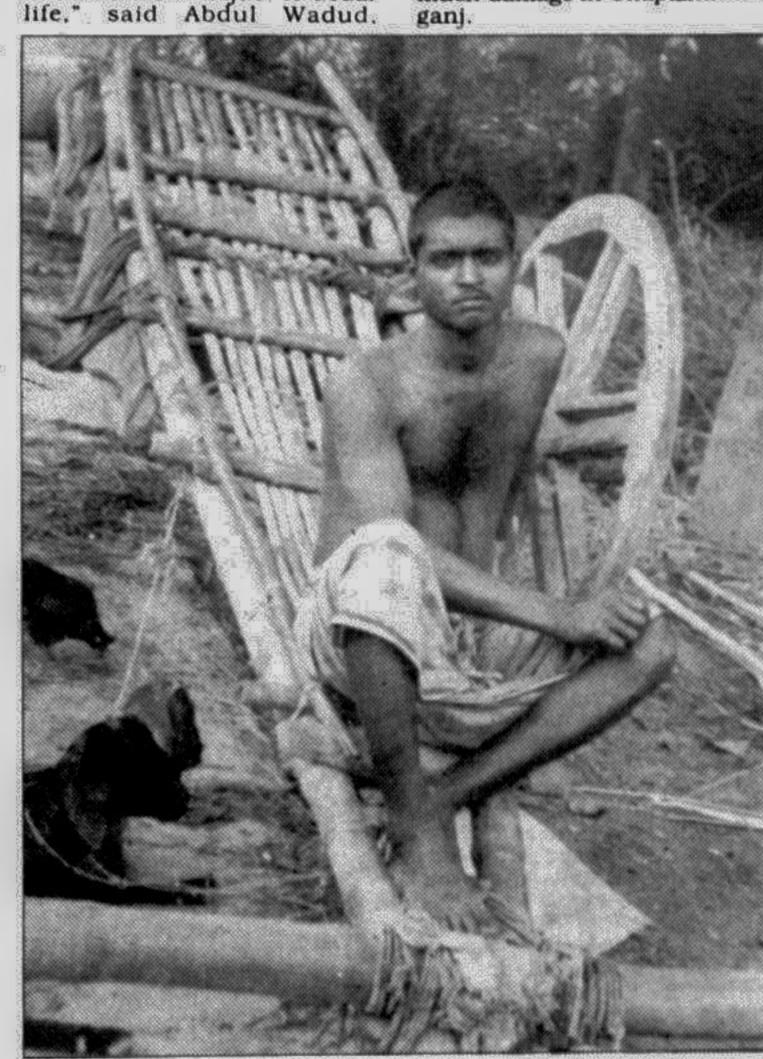
"We extended our coopera-

Emerging from the meeting,

other house building materials to build new houses. "The flood has crippled us. It would take a long time to rebuild the economy because people in this part of the country are not used to floods. Those who lost property have to treble their income to adjust to usual

Chairman of Maharajpur

union in Chapainawabgan The last time the district faced such a devastating flood was way back in 1938. According to local journalists, teachers and mango traders, the 1988 and 1991 floods did not cause much damage in Chapainawab-



WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS! A cart-puller in Shibganj thana of Chapainawabganj waits for work which is not there. Thousands like him have been rendered jobless due to recent flooding that has virtually stopped economic -Star photo by Naimul Haq

Directive to curb trafficking of women, children

A high-level meeting of the Home Ministry yesterday directed the law enforcing agencies to take strict steps and gear up patrol in the bordering areas to stop trafficking of women and children, reports UNB.

The directives came following rescue of a large number of children and women from the hands of traffickers in the capital and other places of the coun-

Home Minister Rafigul Islam presided over the meeting which was attended by Home Secretary Shaffur Rahman, IG Borhan Siddiqi, the Additional Director General of BDR and high officials of CID, SB and the ministry.

The meeting decided to strengthen the CID cell, formed last year to stop trafficking of women and children. It also expressed satisfaction over the CID drive in rescuing a large number of women and children

in recent days. In the meeting, directives were also given to submit monthly monitoring report to the Police Headquarters on various crimes, including repression on women and domestic help, rape and acid throwing. said an official handout.

Minister's car

for CHT

UNB adds: Chakma wi have an informal meeting with Shantu Larma here at 8 pm to-

Shantu Larma, the chairman designate of the Regional Council, agreed to join the meeting when the minister telephoned him tonight, offi-

From Page and burnt an effigy of him.

They also raised slogans against the Regional Council

morrow.

DAM TT'II PM: Killers to be tried

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by the flood affected people?" she said adding that the opposition leader is demanding release of those who were arrested in connection with the killing of four national leaders in jail. Hasina called upon the leader of the opposition to work

for the flood-hit people, saying. "Let us jointly serve the distressed humanity." Referring to the Zia murder

case, the prime minister said it is pending in the court at Chittagong. "During the five-year rule of BNP, Begum Khaleda Zia did not try to hold the trial of the killing of her husband."

While she was in the government she did not try and when in the opposition, she is also not trying for the trial of that killing," Hasina said adding "What is the mystery?"

She said the opposition leader neither wanted the trial of killing of her husband nor the trial of other killings. "Rather, she is giving threat of movement to protect the

killers." The prime minister first

visited Dhamrai. From there.

she went to Nawabganj and fi-

nally to Dohar to see the condition of the flood affected people. She addressed spontaneous gatherings of the flood-affected people and gave relief including rice, saree, lungi, baby food and

Local people demanded better road communication between the capital and Dohar-Nawabganj.

Hasina said the government is taking steps to improve the communication system of the country and added that this year's flood also severely damaged the roads, bridges and cul-

"We have a long term plan to connect unions with the thanas and the thanas with the district headquarters and develop a communication network across the country," she added.

Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak, Awami League joint secretary Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, publicity secretary Abdul Mannan, office secretary Abdul Mannan Khan also addressed the meetings.

10 killed in Andhra

ple were killed and 26 others in jured when nine compartments of a train derailed in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh today, the Press Trust of India said, reports AFP

condition.

Zillur

From Page 1 of all political killings for the last 23 years, but the previous governments ignored their demand.

"So. Begum Khaleda Zia and her party should extend allout cooperation in carrying out proper investigation into the killing of former President Ziaur Rahman," he told the meet-

Organised by Sonargaon thana unit of Awami League. the meeting was presided over by its president Abul Hasnat. Among others, AKM Sha-

mim Osman MP. Shegupta Yasmin MP and district Awami

train accident NEW DELHI, Oct 8: Ten peo-

He said: No conspiracy of any vested quarter can foil the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu and those involved in the jail killing.

League president Prof Nazma Rahman were present.

A defence counsel in Banga-

bandhu Murder Case yesterday

said Taheruddin Thakur was in

confinement at Bangabhaban

and just carried out orders be-

coming a victim of the circum-

innocent, defence counsel Shar-

fuddin Mukul said Thakur was

a politicians and for that he be-

came a state minister and con-

tinued to discharge his duties

era, the counsel contented that

Thakur became inactive in pol-

itics. He didn't join the Demo-

cratic League of Mushtaque, the

BNP of Zia or Gano Forum of Dr

as a state minister and when all

the big ministers like Abu Say-

eed Chowdhury, Mohammadul-

lah. Abdul Mannan and other

senior ministers along with the

top brasses of the armed forces

joined hands with Mushtaque.

he has got nothing to do, the

man after the killing of Banga-

bandhu," Mukul told the court

was virtually under military

rule on August 15 and army was

in full command and there was

ruled by Mushtaque in the

name of the generals or by the

concluding his argument.

no movement of civilians.

"He virtually became a dead

The counsel said the country

"Either the country was

Thakur was a very small fry

After the end of Mushtaque

during Mushtaque regime.

Kamal Hossain

lawyer said.

Claiming that Thakur was

stances, reports UNB.

The news agency said 14 of the injured were in a critical

Maoist rebels killed 16 police-

The news agency said 15 others were injured in two landmine blasts which occurred in the state's Bastar district.

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The alleged dacoits numbering five decamped with gold ornaments and money.

Bangabandhu Murder Case

Taheruddin Thakur was a victim of

circumstances: Defence Counsel

generals in the name of Mush-

taque," the lawyer said and

urged the court to judge the situ-

ation of that time and to see

whether Thakur had power

chiefs were at Bangabhaban for

three days for drafting the

proclamation of Martial Law

and none of them were in con-

finement, rather they were

controlling their respective

forces and state affairs from

Pointing to some illegalities

in the investigation. Mukul

said PW-43, Prof Korshed Alam,

who named Thakur for hatch-

ing conspiracy, was examined

long after the confessional

to corroborate a confession,"

Mukul said citing a judgement.

"Witness cannot be collected

Referring to Thakur's con-

fessional statement, Mukul

said he gave this statement un-

der pressure and coercion. "The

statement embodied in the so-

called confession goes uncor-

roborated. The statement was

anomalies and discrepancies in

the statements of the recording

magistrate and the IO, Mukul

said, "IO has probably lied in

lawyer said Thakur's confine-

ment in the CID office during

Citing a judgement, the

the court.

Pointing to some other

not true and proper," he added.

statement given by Thakur.

Mukul said armed forces

with discretion or by option.

Film star Jasim passes away

The Baily Star =

By Staff Correspondent Popular film star Jasim died of heart attack at the Suhrawardy Hospital yesterday noon. He was 48.

According to the Film Stars' Association sources, A K M Jasimuddin, fondly called Jasim, was rushed to the hospital following complaints of chest pain.

Jasim started working as a villain in the seventies and later elevated himself to a hero. A namaj-e-janaza was held at the FDC that was attended by a large number of people.

His body will be laid to rest

after Juma prayers today, the Film Stars' Association sources Jasim was born in Dhaka in 1950 and had his debut in 1971

as a villain in 'Rangbaj'. He acted in more than 200 films and produced a number of He married popular heroine Sucharita and then Nasreen He, however, separated with

Sucharita. He left behind his wife Nasreen, three sons and a host of relatives and well wishers to mourn his death. UNB reports, the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chairperson Begun Khaleda Zia, and BNP secretary

general Abdul Mannan

Bhuiyan yesterday expressed their deep shock at the death of BCL factions trade gunshots at Tejgaon

By Staff Correspondent Gunshots rocked the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute campus as two factions of BCL, locked in a gunfight at Tejgaon in the city

Polytech Instt

yesterday afternoon. No casualties was reported in the incident, police said, adding they picked up more than 20 young men from the spot suspecting them to be out-

Witnesses said both the groups locked in the clash following a dispute over seats of residential halls at about 2 pm. The feuding groups chased each other, exchanged gunshots

and exploded crackers during an hour long clash. Police raided Latif hall of the institute soon after the incident and recovered two firearms, seven bullets and five

crackers. Maoists kill 16 policemen in Madhya Pradesh

NEW DELHI, Oct 8: Suspected men with landmines today in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, United News of India (UNI) reported, reports

School teacher

The deceased was an assistant teacher of R K Girls' High School at Fakirhat in Bagerhat

His wife, Bina Rani Mondol 28, a field assistant of Horticulture department was severely injured while she was trying to resist the attack on her husband. She was later admitted to KMCH in critical condition.

The 30 million-taka electronic scoreboard is in the final stages of erection at the Bangabandhu Stadium. The formal inauguration will be held on 12 October. -Star photo by Anisur Rahman

BNP stages demonstration at dist HQs

Main opposition BNP yesterday staged demonstrations across the country to protest the filing of 'false cases' against Begum Khaleda Zia and other leaders and workers of the party and arrest of three political leaders, reports APB.

Major changes

From Page 1 the rank of assistant IG.

Superintendent of Police (SP) in Faridpur Mujibur Rahman came to Dhaka. SP of Khulna Abdul Mabud to Faridpur, SP Chapainawabganj Abdur Rahim to Special Branch. Dhaka, Commandant of Range Reserve Force in Sylhet Kazi Mujibur Rahman got posting as SP of Sylhet and Nader Begh was posted as RRF Commandant, according to the changes.

This order took immediate effect," said an official, adding that Osman Ali Khan, a senior official, was made an Officer on Special Duty (OSD).

Eight more senior police officers would go on retirement soon after 25 years of service. the official said.

Earlier, 12 senior police officials, nine of whom came from the Army, were given retirement on October 6 as they completed their 25 years of ser-

Businessman From Page 1

the spot immediately by a microbus. Quader was admitted to Chit-

tagong Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries after half an hour. Police and family sources said a group of terrorists demanded a toll of Tk 10 lakh

from the businessman a week Protesting the incident, agitated businessman in Agrabad area put up barricade on Sheikh Mujib road from 8 am to 1 pm today and damaged at least 20

Most of the business houses of the area remained closed dur-

ing the period. The barricade was withdrawn after assurance from the police authorities to arrest the A case was filed with the po-

lice and two people were arrested in this connection.

the remand period was illegal.

tion for not giving proper

weight to this historic case and

said that investigation was also

not conducted properly. Prose-

cution, he said, also failed to

prove the charges brought

About the allegation that

Thakur had corrected the lan-

guage of the radio announce-ment made by Maj Dalim, the lawyer said two different wit-

nesses, one from radio and an-

other a member of the public.

who heard the radio broadcast

spoke of the same language of

the statement. As there was no

deviation in the language of the

statement, the allegation is

gument, Special Public Prosecu-

tor Serajul Huq refuted a de-

fence claim that the accused are

protected as everything was done under Martial Law.

famous judgement in Dosso's case (in Pakistan) that legalised

Martial Law was overruled in

the judgement of the Asma Ji-

"Dosso's case is no longer a precedence to be followed." the

lawyer said appearing to answer

the defence argument on law

his argument when the court re-

sumes at 10 am on Oct 12.

Serajul Hug will continue

lani case (also in Pakistan).

Huq told the court that the

After Mukul ended his ar-

against Thakur.

false, he said.

Mukul blamed the prosecu-

Rouf Chy vows to fight defaulters By Staff Correspondent FBCCI presidential candi nomic development in the

date M A Rouf Choudhury has urged the government to recover money from top loan defaulters and distribute it among the small entrepreneurs. He said that around Tk 8,000

crore had been stuck up with 25

top loan defaulters, speaking at a projection meeting last night at the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) Auditorium "If the money is released and distributed among 8,000 small

entrepreneurs, they would create at least 40 lakh jobs in the country," Rouf Chowdhury said Calling default culture a "cancer" to the society, he vowed to help government recover the money from loan de

faulters if elected to head the

national chamber. A large number of business men and association leaders at tended the meeting, presided over by Nazrul Islam, president Bangladesh Optical Manufacturers' Association

Claiming himself as Mr clean as far as bank loan defaults are concerned, Roul Choudhury, Chairman of MARC Group of Companies and current president of Bangladesh Vegetable Oil Refiners' and Vanaspati Manufacturers' Association, pledged to fight cor ruption, government bureau cracy and toll collection in the

business community. Announcing his five-point election agenda, he said his prime objective is to bring eco-

Rouf Choudhury also threw a

"Strangely, the objection came from FBCCI President and Chairman of the Arbitration Tribunal Yussuf Abdullah Harun," one source said. Harun wrote to the Appeal Board to say: "I have to mention that, according to our records. Nevamatullah Sabu is the president of Bangladesh Dress Makers Association and he is the proper representative of that association.

7 informed the Election and Appeal Boards that "the committee of Farokul Islam is the only legal executive commit-

5 blocks

From Page 1 Chevron-Texaco for block 9 and Mobil-Petronas for block 11. In addition, the government excluded block 10 from the bidding process saying that decision on this block would be

taken later as no company was

found as an acceptable bidder.

This block was offered to Shell-

Cairn in late 1997. After this announcement, a top executive of US company UNOCAL, which is pursuing an unsolicited Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for Shahbazpur Gas Field in block 10, told the press that the company would get the block. UNOCAL said that it was expecting an invitation to negotiate a contract for the

blocks for exploration under the second round bidding in However, changes in deci-

sions and efforts to find a big

partner for the small Irish

company Tullow delayed the bidding process. ploration company BAPEX had

sources said.

country through providing necessary help to the business community He urged the voters to elect honest, efficient and businessfriendly people as their leaders.

Rouf Choudhury, however did not declare any panel of EC members in his support saying. "I do not believe in panel system." He said his opponent was still putting pressure on him to retreat from the race. "But I would not surrender to any quarters, and always uphold the norms of democracy.

FBCCI, the apex body of the country's business community. is going to elect its new president, vice- president and a 30member executive committee on October 15. This year the president would be elected from the Association Group while the vice president from the Chamber Group.

The other presidential candidate is Abdul Awal Mintoo, chairman of Multi-mode group of companies. He, however, has declared a 15-member panel for

challenge to his opponent for a public debate and alleged that his sole opponent was being re-Talking to journalists before the meeting, he said that

a certain quarter had been trying to stop the election and thwart the democratic process. "But they have failed and the elections would be held on schedule.

Kushtia poura

commissioner

shot dead

From Our Correspondent

rasava commissioner Abdus

Salam, 45, was shot dead by an

unidentified assailant in his

residence at around 11 pm

and chest when he came out of

his house to meet the stranger

who wanted to talk to him, fam-

pourasava graveyard after au-

topsy at the Kushtia General

the spot. A case was lodged with

Salam was shot in the head

He was buried at the

DC and SP of Kushtia visited

Wednesday.

Hospital.

ily sources said.

Sadar thana.

KUSHTIA, Oct 8: A pou-

FBCCI polls From Page 1

Meanwhile, Manzur Ahmed a member of the Election Board. resigned alleging manipulation in the voters list. Prior to his resignation. Ahmed also brought his charges to the notice of the Ministry of Com-

The ministry on September

The announcement prompted the government to stop the process temporarily, sources The government offered 15

block 10 very soon.

mid-1997 with plans to award all the blocks in the country by December 15.

At the same time, public out cry against awarding all the blocks to foreign companies and depriving the national ex-

LOI issued for Baghabari power project

The government Wednesday issued a Letter of Intend (LOI) for implementation of the 100 MW gas-based Baghabari Power Project to Midland Power International, the UK subsidiary of the Cinergy Corporation of the USA.

By Staff Correspondent

plemented under the Power Cell of the Energy Ministry and Midland was selected through a bid last year. The project has been delayed due to various issues including allocation of land at Baghabari. Project and Country Director

The project was being im-

Midland Power's Baghabari John C Hides said that the company and consortium partner Nissho Iwai were very pleased to be awarded the project LOI and would move forward with the implementation of the pro-

Taslima to get protection, face legal process' Foreign Minister Abdus

Samad Azad yesterday (Thursday) categorically said Taslima Nasrin being a citizen would get legal protection and face as well the legal process for hurting the religious sentiment of the people, reports UNB. "None is above law and Taslima too has to face the

law," said Azad responding to

reporters' queries about the

controversial feminist writer

who returned to the country on September 14 after four years of self-exile in Europe.

The Foreign Minister said Taslima should refrain from trying to build up campaign abroad by taking advantage of legal protection here.

Samad Azad yesterday ex-

pressed his firm optimism that US President Bill Clinton will visit Bangladesh next year. "I am sure the visit will take place," he said replying to a question. Khaleda Zia must

> show respect to law: Abu Sayeed State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday urged Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and BNP Chair-

to give shelter to the killers of four national leaders, reports In a statement Sayeed criticised Begum Zia for describing the jail killing as an incident and said she has presented herself as a protector by trying to

person Begum Khaleda Zia not

downplay the serious offences. He said that Begum Zia has to show respect to the law and that the law would take its own

The state minister said Begum Zia is pursuing heinous tactics like Ziaur Rahman to protect the killers. He said utterance of words

like democracy, human rights, rule of law and justice do not befit those who had disregarded the Constitution and the rule of law, declared martial law, curbed basic human rights, killed thousands of soldiers and political leaders and activists or put them behind the bars, snatched power through killings, coups and conspira-

He said Begum Zia has to answer why her husband, late Ziaur Rahman, had stopped the functioning of the judicial enquiry commission comprising Justice Ahsanuddin Chowdhury, Justice K M Sobhan and Justice Syed Mohammad Hossain constituted to probe the brutal jail killing of four national leaders.

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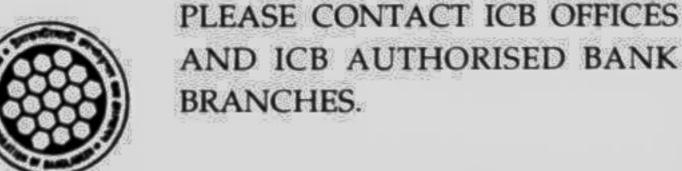
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also slowed down the process