



on the condition of anonymity.

informed the committee mem-

kg of rice and eight kg of wheat

are being distributed

Talking to The Daily Star.

the minister said: "The gov-

ernment is actively considering

an idea of increasing at least

four lakh VGF cards, in addi-

tion to the present 40 lakh al-

ready distributed among the

people. These cards would be

distributed in the unions hav-

ing population more than that

of usual size, and those who

the DCs very soon to send the

fresh lists of the people and

unions under the said cate-

has so far allocated 50,000

tonnes of wheat under test relief

programme already in opera-

tion, the minister told the par-

tonnes of wheat have been allo-

cated under the Food For Work

programme, which is expected

to begin in December. The al-

lotments have been made for

repair and maintenance of the

infrastructure in the rural ar-

eas of the flood affected dis-

meeting included Mohammad

Waziuddin Khan, Kazi Keramat

Ali and Farida Rauf of the rul-

ing Awami League and

Shahiduzzaman Beltu of the

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Symcox by opening the attack

with him. It soon paid but a

thrashing by Ealham send him

Others MPs who attended the

Besides, some 1.20 lakh

Meanwhile, the government

The government would ask

have been worst-hit."

gories, sources said.

liamentary body.

A view from the gully

the flood affected areas.

Earlier, the state minister



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VGF card distribution

DCs under fire from Opposition MPs

By Nurul Kabir

The opposition members on the parliamentary body on the relief ministry accused the district level administration of being partisan in the distribution of VGF cards among the people of flood affected areas.

They also accused "many Union Parishad chairmen" of depriving the flood-hit people of a "substantive amount of relief goods" disbursed by the gov-

The accusations came at a meeting of the parliamentary body held yesterday with the committee chief and ruling party MP Syed Kamal Bakth in the chair. The state minister for disas-

ter management and relief. Talukder Abdul Khaleque, assured the opposition MPs of looking into the allegations and promised to visit two constituencies represented by BNP and Jatiya Party MPs this

"I will visit two constituencies in Jaipurhat and Kurigram on 29th and 30th this month to see the situation myself," the minister told The Daily Star last night.

According to meeting sources, Abu Yousuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman and Jainal Abedin Farook, two BNP MPs from Jaipurhat and Feni and Mostafizur Rahman, a JP MP from a Kurigram constituency, made the allegations in the meeting.

They told the meeting that the DCs were avoiding the opposition MPs in preparing the list of flood-hit people, while many UP chairmen were involved in "the irregularities in distributing relief goods under the VGF programme".

Reacting to the opposition allegation of non-cooperation by the DCs, a ruling party MP, . tricts. however, advised their opposition colleagues to keep in touch with DCs, instead of being hurt by their alleged non-coopera-

"The MPs have no room for being sentimental about the

From Page

cricket, although cricket at

times was pretty drab when

England were batting in the af-

have similar characteristics

except that South Africans lost

three quick wickets after they

passed the hundred mark. Eng-

land, New Zealand and Zim-

absence of star batsman Gary

Kirsten and the deadly duo of

Donald and Pollock thrilled the

local crowd to some exhilarat-

ing fielding in the afternoon

and then came in difficult cir-

cumstances to wrest the initia-

tive from the Englishmen.

Daryll Cullinan in particular

was in a devastating mood and

secured his 50 (in fact 52) with

as many as 12 fours. The rest

four came from singles. He set

the field afire with his powerful

strokes around the wicket.

Along with southpaw Mike

Rindel, he put on 113 for the

first wicket after posting 70 in

only 10 overs. A battery of

seven bowlers, including

Brown, did have no effect on the

the England innings could not

dampen the spirit of Ealham

who knocked up a breezy in-

nings of 44. But Hick had an-

other disappointing match go-

ing on the back foot and Lloyd

came and strolled back to the

pavilion. Clearly the English-

men were naive - very unlike

Fairbrother stemmed the rot. It

was obvious that these two were

Hollioake along with Neil

Brown's departure early in

gritty South Africans.

them though.

The Proteas, depleted by the

babwe lost early wickets.

Almost all the four innings

conduct of a bureaucrat," the ruling party member who gave the advice told The Daily Star bers that the government would go for distributing more Vul-nerable Group Feeding cards among the worst hit people of The government has allotted 1000 VGF cards in each of the 'worst-hit' unions, 700 in the 'worse-hit' unions, and five hundred in the 'badly affected' unions. Against each card, some 16 kg of foodgrains - eight

Indian star batsman Sachin Tendulkar (C) and vice-captain Ajay Jadeja walk into Hotel Sonargaon, their home during the Wills International Cup tournament. A 14-member Indian team, led by Mohammad Azharuddin, arrived in the city yesterday. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

preparatory work to hold NAM summit

Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to immediately embark on preparatory work to hold the next NAM summit in Dhaka, reports UNB.

13th summit of the Non-

meeting of the summit at her office, the Prime Minister also gave directives for taking special efforts to ensure accommodation, communication, transportation and other facilities to be needed for successful holding of the summit.

held in Durban of South Africa, where Bangladesh was selected

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who could not attend the 12th summit at Durban due to the devastating flood in the country, has been made the Chairperson of the next sum-

terms of wheat whereas the government has to match that with rice from its own reserve as each VGF card holder is entitled to receive eight kilograms of rice and eight kilograms of wheat per month till December this year.

among beneficiaries till October 20, the last date, according to a government report to

tributed already.

try Director of WFP in Bangladesh, told The Daily Star yesterday that donors had already confirmed channelling of three lakh tonnes of wheat and another 50,000 tonnes are also expected to be confirmed soon.

"So, the number of VGF cards can be increased from 40 lakh to 55 lakh and quantity of food provided to the card hold-

ernment said it want to reach the real affected people and selecting the beneficiaries cautiously.

gramme and said that the US was ready to come up with more

SA beat England From Page 1 England cross the 200 mark.

England lost five top order batsmen for 95 runs. The partnership broke in the 43rd over when Fairbrother

was bowled by left-arm medium-pacer Mike Rindel. In his 78-ball innings, Fairbrother, who played for Abahani in the Dhaka league way back in 1994, hit a huge six and two fours.

However, it was Hollioake who played the captain's knock of an undefeated 83 off 91 balls embellished with 10 boundaries and one sixer. Apart from Hollioake and

Fairbrother, one-down Mark Ealham scored 44 while opener Nick Knight added 32 to the England account We would have liked to

score a few more runs. But the middle-order collapsed and we had to consolidate that. I'm satisfied with the total but South Africa batted brilliantly and you know that they are one of the best sides in the world," said

India, Windies From Page 1

about 3.30 pm by a British Airways flight. The team includes

14 players and four officials. The West Indies squad also arrived at the airport on board the same flight. The 17-member team, led by its master batsman Brian Lara, includes 14 players and three officials.

India will play another former world champions Australia in the third quarter-final on Wednesday while West Indies will meet 1992 title holder Pakistan in the fourth and last quarter-final match the next day (Oct 29).

The Indian team: Mohammad Azharuddin (Captain) Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Ajay Jadeja, VVS Laxman, Robin Singh, Sunil Joshi, Navan Mongia (wicketkeeper), Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble and

Nikhil Chopra. Officials: Dr Kamla Kalita (manager), Anshuman Gaekwad (Coach), Dr Ravindra Chadha (doctor) and Andrew Kokinos

(physio) The West Indies team: Brian Lara (Captain), Clayton Lambert, Phil Wallace, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Phil Simmons, Keith Arthurton, Carl Hooper, Reon King, Ridley Jacobs, Stuart Williams (wicketkeeper) Mervyn Dillon, Rawl Lewis, Nixon Mclean and Neil McGar-

(Coach) and D Waight (physio). Two members of the Australian squad also arrived in the city yesterday noon by a Thai International flight while four other members of the team are expected to be here by today. The rest of the Australian

Officials : Clive Llyod

(manager), Malcom Marshall

a demoralised England skipper Adam Hollioake after the "Moreover we did not bowl

as well as we could do," said Hollioake. His South African counter-

part Hansie Cronje gave full credit to his batsmen for the victory. "Our bowlers bowled OK ...

may be one or two mistakes which we can rectify but I thought our batters played superbly with Cullinan and Rindel setting up a superb platform for us to work on. Cullinan opened for the first time and I'm quite pleased with his performance," said Cronje. "It's a very good batting

wicket and I think in the absence of Donald, Pollock and Kirsten, the youngsters did pretty good job," said the veteran South African skipper.

Border talks with India begin today A four-day border coordina-

tion conference between Bangladesh Rifles and Indian Security Force (BSF) begins at the BDR Headquarters in the city today, reports UNB. An 11-member BSF delega

tion, led by its Director General EN Ram Mohon, arrived here yesterday to attend the confer-Other members of the Indian

delegation include frontier IGs, staff officers of the BSF headquarters and officials of Survey Department, Home and Foreign **Ministries** BDR Director General Maj

Gen Mohammad Azizur Rahman will lead the Bangladesh side at the conference.

Members of the BDR delegation include deputy Director General, sector-commanders, directors and staff officers, representatives from the concerned ministries, Bangladesh Land Record and Survey and Bangladesh-India Joint River Commi-

5 JCD, Jubo Dal leaders arrested

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 25: Five leaders of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal were arrested from the

town yesterday, reports APB. Police picked up Aslam Uddin, the sadar thana general secretary of JCD, and its member Jakir Hossain from

Bhashani Auditorium here while protesting police action on BNP procession during Thursday's hartal. They arrested Faridul Islam Farid, the district unit vicepresident of Jubo Dal, and JCD

men Abdus Samad and Murad from their respective residences in the town at night.

PM orders quick implementation of WB, IDA aided projects

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday directed the authorities concerned to take appropriate steps for quick implementation of the World Bank and IDA aided projects, reports BSS. The directives came at a high level meeting with Prime Min-

ister in the chair at her office to

review the progress of the implementation of the World Bank and IDA aided projects. The Prime Minister told the meeting to take appropriate steps to remove bottleneck, if any, and simplify procedural matters of different ministries

responsible for implementing such projects. The Prime Minister stressed the urgency of implementing infrastructural projects particularly after the devastating floods

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, Communications Minister Anwar Hossain and secretaries concerned also attended the meeting.

Young man beaten to death in city By Staff Correspondent

A young man was beaten to death by a group of people at Maghbazar in the city yesterday, according to police. The group led by one Alam

attacked Ashraful Alam Mitho, 27, while he was engaged in an altercation with a rickshawpuller near his residence at Nayatola Chairman Gali at about 11:00 pm. Alam and his accomplices

hit Mithu in his head, Ramna police said quoting the FIR filed by A Matin, father of the vic-

his mouth and nose when he was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in the early hours of yesterday, hospital sources said, adding that he later succumbed to his injuries. UNFPA to provide

Tk 15.22 cr for four projects

technical assistance for four projects from UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), reports UNB. Four agreements to this ef-

tween the government and UNFPA. Alen P Masheru of UNFPA and ERD Secretary Dr Mashiur

Rahman signed the agreements on behalf of their respective sides, said a press release.

The projects are: Support the Cartography activities of the Population Census 2001, Population Education, Involvement of Religious Leaders in Human Resources Development and Advocacy on Reproductive Health and Gender Issues Through Youth Club.

PCJSS

From Page 1

council on September 6. The PCJSS leaders demurred at the dropping of three of their choices from the 22-member

council. At this stage, a stalemate surfaced as government tried to go ahead with alternative steps while top PCJSS leaders urged the hill people to prepare for movement.

Issues like amendment to

some aspects of CHT laws, land

settlement, withdrawal of army camps, as well as appointment of tribal Rajas in Khagrachhari and Bandarban circles will also come up for discussion, the sources said. PCJSS-demanded necessary amendments will be brought

under scouting when the Jatiya Sangsad goes into session on November 5, sources in the CHT Affairs Ministry said. Fishing trawler

coming vessel carrying foodgrain tried to save a lighter ves-

sel of BSC, 'Banglar Asha' which suddenly went dead after its engine broke down at Karnaphuli river near Chittagong Cement Clinker. An enquiry committee was formed to look into the incident, an official source said.

The BSC lighter vessel was later brought to the jetty. sources said Measures for salvaging the sunken fishing trawler would

be taken tomorrow, said port officials adding that it had not blocked the ship movement in the channel. DCC wards

From Page 1 EC officials monitoring the

process said they had received more than 350 complaints during the 1993 delimitation but have so far received only 10 objections regarding the ongoing delimitation. "We are a bit worried about

the lack of public participation. People should come ahead to tell us if they have any suggestions, complaints or objections," the EC official said. The details of the delimitation have been on display at the DC office.

Killers still at large after 56 days

Widow of Runner editor seeks PM's intervention By Staff Correspondent

Hafiza Akhter Shirin, widow of the slain editor of Jessore-based Daily Runner yesterday urged the prime minister and the home minister to take personal initiatives for the arrest of the killers of her husband and security of her fam-"The killers have been

threatening us with dire conse-



press confce yesterday

quences if we do not withdraw the case", she said at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club. "They are roaming in Jessore town freely ", she said. Saiful Alam Mukul, Editor of The Daily Runner was killed by

a gang of armed terrorists near his house at Jessore on August

Some quarters in Jessore are

giving protection to the killers. she alleged. Peaceloving people of the town have now become suspicious whether the killers will be arrested at all because no action has been taken even after 56 days of the incident, she said. Shirin alleged that some lo-

cal journalists working for some national newspapers might have been involved in the plan to kill Mukul as he waged a war against a section of "corrupt" people who masquerading The killers and cospirators

are now distributing unsigned leaflets and handbills in Jessore to tarnish the image of my late husband," she said.

Among others, Monjurul Alam Tutul, editor-in-charge of The Daily Runner and brother of Mukul, Jessore Press Club toishi Nurul Alam editor of The Daily Telegram Binoy Krishna Mallick, President of Jessore Journalists' Union Mahidul Islam Mantu, leader of the Jessore unit of BFUJ Kabir Shaokat and relatives of late Mukul were present at the press

disruption in power supply". An engineer at the Water De-

some other points, resulting in

Matlab Ali, an affected farmer, alleged only one out of three pumps at the pump station works and that is also when there is no power failure. About the operation of 16 additional pumps, he added, only half of these can be operated at a time to avoid excessive consumption of electricity. Had all those pumps been operated simultaneously, he believes, wa-

ter could have gone two months His fellow victims, Anwar Hossain, Abul Quashem and

station, said an additional 15 shallow pumps were set up along with the main pump, basically used for pumping in water from the river Shitalakkhya. But, he explained, water is still there in some of the areas that can't be connected to the canal parallel to the embankment About the villagers' allegation that pumping was not suf-

JMBA project

to examine, dispose of claims A meeting of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority

(JMBA) yesterday decided to form an inter-ministerial committee to examine and dispose of the claims not covered by the four agreements of the project, reports UNB. Communications Minister Anwar Hossain presided over

collection of the bridge. The minister asked the Authority to speed up the equipment installation process for collection of toll properly. The meeting also stressed

sibility study of the proposed Padma Bridge by the current fiscal year. The government has already

rent Annual Development Programme (ADP) for conducting the study.

as journalists. "The killers of one Liton also joined hands with them when Mukul took a stand against the killing of a couple months back," she said.

"It is a matter of great regret that the national newspapers have failed to follow up the murder of the editor of a newspaper which was the first to protest against military rule in 1982 and waged a brave struggle against corruption, autocracy and all kinds of social ills", she

President Zamir Ahmed Tun. editor of The Daily Desh Hiconference.

velopment Board (WDB) said the

stagnant waters in the low-ly-

ing areas could not be pumped

out as the network of canals

was silted in some areas. He

also pointed out that the inun-

dated houses were built without

submitted a project proposal to

the irrigation ministry to for-

ward it to the JICA, the funding

agency for the project, for re-

modelling, official sources said.

The proposal suggests raising

the height of the dam and

widening it and repairing the

leaks caused by the recent flood.

JU dean

election

Nov 5

By JU Correspondent

faculties at Jahangirnagar

University (JU) will be held on

submitted nomination papers

yesterday, the last day of filing

Shirin Akhter, Prof Taibul

Hasan Khan and Prof Daniul

Hag submitted nominations for

Prof Tajul Islam, Prof Sub-

the post of dean of Arts faculty.

ash Chandra Das, Prof Syed

Abdul Hye and Prof Mirza

Mofizuddin submitted nomina-

tions for the Social Science fac-

ulty while Prof Khalilur Rah-

man Chowdhury, Prof Rabiul

Islam and Dr Nurul Alam Khan

of candidature is on October 29,

The last date for withdrawal

About 330 teachers will cast

their votes to elect the deans of

FFs' ultimatum

to withdraw

for the Science faculty.

official sources said.

the three faculties.

November 5.

nominations

Election of deans of three

A total of 11 candidates

Prof Hasina Matin, Prof

The WDB has meantime

any raised foundation.

Rupganj:Floodwater

From Page 1

waist-deep water inside the dam when its surrounding areas were flooded in mid-July. Apart from a population of some two lakh, the project area also houses some 500 industries including textiles, spinning, garment, Jamdani and weaving.

Although the authorities have been pumping the floodwater out of the area, a vast area covering homestead and farmlands and some industrial units at places is still reeling under stagnant water.

However, local people alleged that the stagnation had resulted from an inadequate pumping out of water, some-

thing denied by the authorities.

Helaluddin also had similar Mahbubul Alam, a technician at the Jatramura pump

ficient, he said "operation is sometimes interrupted due to

Body to be formed

the 65th board meeting of the JMBA at its conference room. The meeting discussed the issues of maintenance and toll

the need for completing the fea-

approved the terms of reference and allocated money in the cur-

Sharishabari TNO JAMALPUR, Oct 25: Local Muktijoddha Sangsad has given a 72-hour ultimatum to the administration to withdraw the Thana Nirbahi Officer

(TNO) of Sharishabari for as-

saulting an aged freedom

fighter, reports APB.

The sangsad leaders threatened to go for a tougher action programme if the TNO was not withdrawn within the stipulated period. Leaders of the Sharishabari

Sangsad gave the warning at a press conference here yester-They alleged, an old freedom fighter of the thana Mohammad

thana unit of Muktijoddha

Tajuddin, was assaulted by TNO Mosaddeq Azad on September 17 last over a trivial matter. Deputy Commander of the sangsad Mofazzal Hossain read out a written statement at the press conference which was at-

tended by about 300 freedom

fighters of the thana.

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ULFA leader jailed From Page 1 forcement of Human Rights had During the proceedings of filed Chetia's prayer for politi-

the case in the court. Chetia confessed illegal entry and stay in Bangladesh and possession of forged passport. His associates, however, did not admit the charges brought against them. "I entered Bangladesh for

security of my life on the basis on provisions laid down in the International Human Rights Instrument," Chetia said. "If this entry is labelled as illegal, I have done it," he said. The Indians killed my

leader in a bloody war in Assam

in 1979. They also killed one of

my family members. I got in-

volved in politics only to ensure my own civil rights. "I was compelled to enter into Bangladesh when security of my life came under threat." managed the forged passport for safety of my life," he

ment against ULFA leaders that they owned huge property in Bangladesh . Earlier, during proceedings on Chetia's prayer for political asylum, the court said that the issue was beyond its jurisdic-

brought by the Indian govern-

He denied the charges

Bangladesh Society for En-

Fairbrother was on his happy hunting ground. Only a few years back he thrilled the local crowd with an entertaining innings on this wicket. He is a popular man too. These two engaged themselves in the repairing job and put on 112 runs

before Fairbrother perished

With Jack Russell and Giles as partner Hollioake took the scope to a defendable figure of 281 — at least it appeared so at lunch interval. Batting second after a perspiring day on the field is always a hard task. But the South Africans had a tough job ahead of overhauling the England total. The English attack looked pretty innocuous, especially against the onslaught of Cullinan and rookie Rindel. Debutante Dawson and Benkenstein

were quite impressive. Unlike

his more illustrious colleagues

Donald and Pollock, Dawson

was a short man and reminded

one of the late Ramakant Desai

of India as Boje of Nasimul

Gani of Pakistan, the only difference being Gani a bit taller and quicker than Boje. Cronje and Rhodes very efficiently pulled the runs under Hollioake and frustration could

be read on the face of the English captain. South Africa finally won with 20 deliveries to spare. They now await the winners of

today's match for the semifinal

cal asylum to the government

UNB adds: "I want to live. I

The ULFA leader told the

He said he had been hiding

"There was no place for me

and my family do not want to be

tortured to death by the Indian

butchers," Chetia told the court

court that they had been fight-

ing for independence of Assam

from India. "We are an op-

in different places from 1979 to

1995 to escape oppression and

in India to live in. That is why I

have come to Bangladesh. I be-

lieved that I will be granted po-

Chetia said he had never re-

sorted to subversive activities

in Bangladesh. He pledged that

he would live as a law abiding

government was making false

propaganda against him and

said he had repeatedly protested

told UNB that he has no reli-

gious belief. "But at present I am

studying the Bengali version of

At the court corridor, Chetia

He regretted that the Indian

torture of the Indian army.

litical asylum here.

citizen in Bangladesh.

the Indian falsehood.

the holy Quran."

pressed nation."

in an emotion choked voice.

Directive to start

Aligned Movement (NAM) in Presiding over a preparatory

the next venue of the summit.

VGF cards From Page 1

However, relief secretary Azad Ruhul Amin claimed yesterday that all 40 lakh were dis-

ers may also be increased." About delay in card distribution, Fleuren said, "The gov-

Prime Minister Sheikh Bangladesh will host the

The 12th NAM summit was

Donors' help is coming in

Rescheduling the deadline for completion of the 40-lakh VGF cards distribution thrice, the government could complete distribution of 35 lakh cards

Joan Fleuren, Deputy Coun-

US representative in Dhaka last week also proposed that the government go in a bigger way with its food-help pro-

WASHINGTON, Oct 25: A senate committee will hold hearings on the CIA's securitymonitoring role in an interim Middle East peace accord, which a key senator considers troubling, reports AP. Under the US-brokered

ans, the CIA would keep track of

Palestinian efforts to arrest

and punish terrorists as a way

of assuaging Israeli security concerns.

this, and I believe we will hold hearings on it in the Senate Intelligence Committee." But Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said work of this kind is nothing new for

day". "I think we have to look at

ing and verifying other agreements previously in the region," Albright said on CBS's "Face the Nation," adding that the CIA has been fighting terrorism in the region since 1996. Albright said the agency

issues without being personally involved. ... We're there, as we are in the peace talks, always as the honest broker as assisting in this." The CIA has long participated in diplomacy, but Shelby said the new proposal is "trouin Sirajganj

team, now touring Pakistan, will arrive here on October 27 along with the Pakistan team. Senate body to hold hearing on CIA's role in ME peace

agreement concluded Friday between Israel and the Palestini-

Sen Richard Shelby, who heads the Select Committee on Intelligence, said today he is concerned about an agreement to have the CIA monitor Palestinian efforts against terror-"What is the role of the CIA?

Is it to enforce a policy? Is it to

be an arbitrator? Is it to be

bodyguards? I think not."

Shelby said on "Fox News Sun-

the agency. "The CIA has played roles previously in terms of monitor-

would work in a "role which assists, to try to deal with these not directly change the Israeli-Palestinian agreement, though it has authority over US intelligence spending. "We want to know how it's going to work, how long the CIA will be involved, how much it's

going to cost, and what are the

dangers to American life."

of Time magazine, said the CIA

Tenet, in this week's edition

Shelby said.

bling to me" because it expands

their work from intelligence

The Senate committee could

gathering to enforcing policy.

"can have an enormous impact on the future, but the fact is that we have to become a more agile institution. Tenet already has traveled to Israel and the Palestinian territories four times, and the agency maintains offices in the West Bank cities of Hebron,

Ramallah and Nablus, as well

as one in the Gaza Strip.

Mitho was bleeding through

Bangladesh will receive Tk 15.22 crore as financial and

fect were signed here today be-