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SEC fines

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dends on December 22 last year

but failed to pay their share-

holders according to schedule

penalty of Tk 10,000 on the

companies for each day of de-

fault from October 27 until the

outstanding dividends are fully

rected to pay off fully the out-

standing declared dividends by

November 15, according to a

a 20 per cent dividend, BCIL

eight per cent and BD Zipper 11

deal with such defaulters seems

cent in 1995, the default rate

has come down to around five

per cent now," according to

Mansur Alam, head of supervi-

BNP: Agitation

discuss preparations for the

BNP's November 4 demonstra-

tion across the country and the

November 7 public meeting in

rehabilitation, the BNP leader

called the government a liar

and blamed it for trying to take

credit by propagating

'defrauding accounts.' "In fact,

the situation is dreadful ... A

Mannan Bhuiyan also chal-

lenged the government's claim

on disbursement of farm credits

and distribution of VGF cards

among the flood victims and

charged it with corrupt prac-

tices in discharging the tasks.
"People are fed up with the

rise of theft, dacoity, rapes, ex-

tortion and the government's

practice of politicisation. Being

isolated from the people, it has

now opted for repression on the

opposition to cling to power,"

he said, promising his party

would achieve its goal braving

demanding proper distribution

of VGF cards among the flood

hit people, refixation of rice

price at Tk 10 under the OMS.

punishment to the alleged

rapists at Jahangirnagar Uni-

versity, withdrawal of fresh

surcharges and release of all

BNP leaders including KM

3 drown

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the fence of the Jhaochar bridge

on the Dhaka-Chittagong

highway at around 1.30 pm. The

bus was overtaking another one

sonnel recovered three bodies

including that of a 12-year-old

boy from the sunken bus. None

of the bodies, sent to the

Narayanganj General Hospital.

could be identified immedi-

Police sent 10 seriously in-

jured passengers to different

hospitals in Dhaka. Other pas-

sengers managed to swim

ashore, police quoted witnesses

but search for more bodies was

going on until fling of this re-

5-star hotels

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built at Tejgaon area in the city.

Works Minister Mohammad

The meeting was attended by

The sunken bus was salvaged

Police and fire service per-

while crossing the bridge.

Obaidur Rahman.

It also adopted a resolution

silent famine is on."

Referring to the post-flood

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The meeting was convened to

sion and monitoring at SEC.

The companies have been di-

Olympic Industries declared

SEC's stricter approach to

"From around 30 to 40 per

paid off, an SEC official said.

The SEC has imposed a

(February 20).

SEC press release.

per cent.

paying off.

the capital.

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Getting ready for an IT boom

By Govinda Shil

Bangladesh is readying itself for a boom in information

technology business. Sale of computers increased three times since the government allowed duty-free import of computers and its accessories from this fiscal year, market

sources said. Prices of a cloned computer have come down to Tk 22,000 against its pre-budget price of Tk 38,000-39,000. A similar quality 'brand machine' is selling at Tk 40,000, down by Tk

25,000. Many international firms are showing a keen interest in joint ventures in both software and hardware.

Local computer firms are

now busy responding to huge orders for the data processors. "We are expecting to sell more than 120,000 computers this fiscal year, against only 40,000 in the previous fiscal," said Mohammad Sabur Khan, joint secretary of Bangladesh

Computer Samity. BCS is organising a five-day computer trade show this December with the organisers hoping a record sale.

A total of 250 firms are expected to participate in the fair with provisions for more than 340 stalls at Islamic Development Bank Bhaban in Agargaon, instead of the usual venue Sheraton hotel.

The venue was shifted due to an increased demand for space, said BCS president Aftab ul Islam. "On the first day of announcement, 80 per cent stalls have been booked."

He told The Daily Star that many multinational companies, including Intel USA. Quantum of Japan, 2000 USA

Low over Bay

From Page 1 tially in north-westerly direc-

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to hoist distant warning signal number

Maximum sustained wind within 44-km of the depression centre is about 40 kph rising to 50 kph in gust/squalls. Sea will remain moderate, said a special weather bulletin at 9:30 am yes-

fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay and deep sea have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution so as to take shelter at a short notice.

Ekushey TV

From Page submit trade licence, VAT or income registration certificates as required by the tender crite-

The other proposals were from Bangladesh News Service, Bangladesh Sky Network Ltd. Independent Media services, Beximco Media Ltd, Prochar Biggapony Sangstha, Multimode Transport Consultant

The proposals found non-viable by the ministry were those of Global Suppliers Ltd, Ajker Darshan, United News of Bangladesh, City General Insurance Company Ltd, Liberation Television Channel of Bangladesh Ltd, Nationwide Communication Ltd. Bangladesh Television Network

and Bangladesh Independent

Television Ltd.

ing here to join the fair.

nies want Bangladesh to emerge as a major computer hub in Asia," Islam said. The local entrepreneurs are also going for joint venture

and Apple Macintosh are com-

"The multinational compa-

computer schools. Only a few programming training centres are in operation now. India's renowned programming institute CMC Limited has

planned for a joint venture school styled Institute of Information Technology (IIT) with International Office Equipment in Dhaka to create programmers.

Only 200 to 250 programmers are graduating a year in Bangladesh. The number is quite small to satisfy local and global market demand.

Condition of Sharfuddin

critical

The condition of noted science writer Abdullah Al Muti Sharfuddin, now undergoing treatment at a United States hospital, has turned critical, family sources said in the city vesterday, reports BSS.

Dr Sharfuddin, also an educationist, went to the United States some 15 days ago when doctors here said he has been suffering from the stomach

The sources said the doctors at Cleaveland Cancer Hospital said the ailing scientist's dis-

ease is at its advanced stage. Dr Sharfuddin urged the countrymen to seek eternal blessings for him, they said.

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Tickets

n't jump the long queue at the 13 IFIC outlets which sold the tickets, found no other means but to fork out on their love for the game.

In Monday's quarterfinal between Sri Lanka and New Zealand, gallery tickets were sold in front of the stadium for Tk 200 to 300 each.

Those of the pre-quarterfinal between Zimbabwe and New Zealand were in abundance but touts were still active, albeit losing money selling tickets for

Meanwhile, BCB supremo Saber Hossain Chowdhury told newsmen yesterday that the tickets of all categories, from gallery to the VIP, for the rest of the matches, had already been

"There're no tickets for October 28, 29, 30, 31 and for the November 1 final at the bank,'

said the cricket chief. Fans, still looking for tickets, have been requested not to go to the bank or the counters at

the stadium anymore. Law and order sub-committee has also beefed up its measures in the wake of the five sell-out matches. It was learnt that the committee would not allow even children without ticket to enter the stadium with

their parents. None of the spectators will also be allowed to get out of the big bowl before the lunch break,

said a sub-committee source. BCB has also urged the fans not to carry crackers, sticks or anything that might pose threat to the security.

India-Australia tie

to the crucial encounter. "I will treasure this match only if India wins. There is no joy in de-

nowadays depends a lot on the performance of little master Sachin Tendulkar. Dubbed the best batsman in the world at the moment. Tendulkar was in the thick of things when India defeated Australia in their last meeting at Sharjah. This time around all eyes will also be fixed on Tendulkar when the prolific right-hander opens the Indian innings with Saurav Ganguly, another icon in the

will be followed by Azhar, vicenail-biting Independence Cup

Javagal Srinath will spearhead the Indian bowling battery. The lithe right-arm seamer, who returned to top flight with a bang after a long injury lay-off, will open the In-

While the Indians will be counting mostly on the batting prowess of Tendulkar, the Australians will be banking on a host of all-rounders. The Aussies, famous for their uncanny ability to lift their game against all odds, are carrying a number of proven one-day spe-

cialists. eight or nine," Australia's oneday captain Steve Waugh told a press briefing yesterday. "So.

"I believe the key to (success) in one-day cricket is good fielding. If your fielding is good you

How important is this tournament for the Australians ahead of the World Cup? "Every one-day tournament is important for us. We have played some excellent cricket over the last six months. Winning this tournament will give us a mental edge ahead of the World

low and the ball do not come on

to the bat. But we have beaten them four times out of the last five occasions. Everybody in our team is now in good form.

So, I'm confident. The Australians are a balanced side in every department. The Waugh twins -- Mark and Steve -- are the mainstay in the

Australian batting. Michael Bevan, programmed for one-day cricket, is brilliant when he is on song. Young Ricky Ponting, who has recently parted with his Frenchcut, is always a potential match-winner.

In bowling, Australia possess a deadly customer in the likes of fast-bowler Glenn Mc-

All said and done, it should be a match worth watching closely.

NGL project

year, 59,400 tonnes of motor spirit and 56,000 tonnes of

The plan also suggests that all products except LPG will be sold in bulk locally either to Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation or to private sector entities. LPG will be bottled and marketed by RPGCL at Ashuganj and other strategic locations. There is a high demand for the product in north-

ern Bangladesh as cooking fuel. However, according to sources, since RPGCL has restricted LPG sale options, many large companies might not eventually pursue the project. "This NGL project is only profitable for companies like Occidental which would supply gas from its own system."

Maid falls from rooftop, dies

By DMC Correspondent A teenage domestic help died of the injuries she received falling from the roof top of a four-storied building at New

Eskaton, hospital sources said. Bilkis Hussain, her cmployer brought Rabeya, 17, to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital at about 4.30 pm.

According to Rabeya's employer, the victim fell from the roof top when she went there to collect clothes. Rabeya was declared dead soon after she was

38 Indian officials suspended for relief theft LUCKNOW, Oct 27: Thirty-

eight bureaucrats were suspended today after being accused of siphoning off relief funds meant for millions of people affected by India's worst flooding in decades, a government minister said, reports AP

The 38 junior and middlerank officials in the northern Uttar Pradesh state government will be fired if the charges are confirmed, officials said.

League' began a new political campaign - Join BKSAL' Down the road that leads to

Bijoynagar from Paltan crossing, a number of motor mechanic shops are located. Behind two such shops, leaving a hotel-kitchen aside — a narrow alley leads one to a tinshed room — headquartering BKSAL Chairman of the party

Sharif Md Amiruzzaman - a man from Gopalgani — said daughter of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has shifted from the ideology of one-party system that her father introduced. "We're fighting for that cause and revived BKSAL through a mini-council in September last year".

merging of BKSAL with Awami League in 1991 because we have country."

other political party and if we go to power, we'll ban all other

When this correspondent talked to him at BKSAL head office yesterday, Amiruzzaman was flanked by his general secretary Jainal Abedin and publicity secretary Rafiqul Islam. He did not allow 'comrades' to speak much and said, "other than in Dhaka city and in Khulna, my party has no chapters yet in the country."

first time in its 23-year his-

About the current state of affairs. Amiruzzaman said lawlessness has become the order of the day but, "I would neither join hand with so-called seven party alliance nor with Awami League at the moment as I'm a bit busy in consolidating my organisational strength."

Jessore clash From Page 1.

tivists, triggering a gunbattle. However, the BNP men caught three AL activists, including Khorshed, as they tried to retreat, beat them mercilessly and handed over them to

tack on the Awami League ac-

The three Awami League activists - Mossaraf, Jalal and Khorshed — were admitted to Burujbagan Health Complex where Khorshed succumbed to his injuries.

mitted to Jessore General Hospital with bullet wounds where the condition of Shawkat was said to be critical.

Protesting the incident, local people put up barricade on Jessore-Benapole road halting traffic for about three hours. A tense situation was prevailing

Manzur Murder Case: Witnesses didn't turn up

By Court Correspondent Trial of the Manzur Murder Case could not be held yesterday as the prosecution witnesses failed to appear before the court for the sixteenth time.

The court of First Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, fixed November 17, for producing the witnesses and also issued warrant against them.

During yesterday's proceed-ings of the case, Additional Public Prosecutor Kamrul Hussain filed a petition on behalf of the witnesses praying for more

The judge observed that 16 dates were fixed for witnesses since framing of charges against the accused on November 25, 1997 but no witness could be produced by the prosecution.

Yousuf Hussain Humayun lawyer of the accused, prayed for quick disposal of the case. All the accused including

former President and Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad were present in the court during the proceedings yesterday.

DOE drive From Page 1

The money would be spen for setting up a laboratory and providing equipment to motor workshops where vehicle owners could get their transports checked and mend the faults so that they could pass emission

Steps will be taken to strengthen the DOE and the Road Transport Authority which is responsible for issuing road worthiness certificates to all motorised vehicles. He said there are about

175,000 motor vehicles in the city. Sixty-four per cent of the pollution come from threewheeler auto-rickshaws which use two stroke engine. The government has planned to phase out the three-wheelers in four years, he added. There are some 40,000 auto-

rickshaws plying on the city streets.

Studies carried out by the Atomic Energy Commission earlier said that with an average 463 nanograms of lead found in the air between November and January, Dhaka city ranked one of the most polluted cities in the world. Lead mostly comes from the

mixture of leaded petrol and engine oil to run their twostroke engines. Trucks and buses using diesel fuel are also responsible

for the air pollution.

auto-rickshaws which use a

defence ally: Foreign Secy China continues to remain

China is a key

an important partner of Bangladesh in defence. Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman said yesterday, reports APB Talking to newsmen on the

eve of Dhaka-Beijing official talks scheduled in the capital tomorrow, the Foreign Secretary said, "China is also an important partner of our development, contributing to various sectors including energy and highway building.

He described the existing relations between the two countries as "excellent" having no bilateral disputes.

The Foreign Secretary will hold formal talks with Chinese Assistant Minister for Asian Affairs Wang Li, who will arrive in Dhaka today for a three-day visit. The talks will be held at the State Guest House Padma.

Showcause

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K M Obaidur Rahman, MP and Md Nurul Islam Manzur. Barrister Aminul Haque MP, Barrister Rafiqul Mian MP, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, president of the Supreme Court Bar Association along with a good number of lawyers and supporters of BNP were present at the

Senior Advocate Khandkar Mahbub Hossain assisted by Advocate Zafar Imam appeared for Shah Moazzem Hossain, former deputy prime minister of Ershad regime.

Opposing the bail petitions Deputy Attorney General A M Faruque on behalf of the government submitted that the accused have been given division in fail with adequate facilities and proper treatment.

Schroeder From Page 1

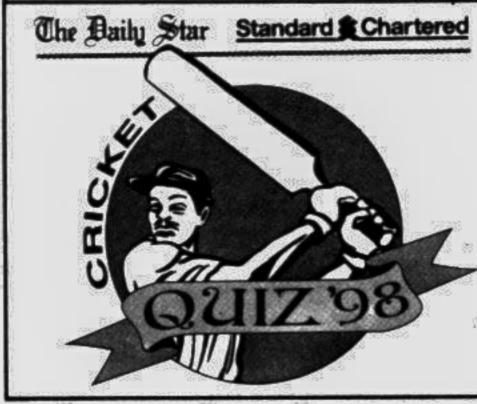
Christian Democrats suffered a crushing defeat after 16 years in

Parliament has been rejuvenated: About a quarter of the 669 lawmakers are new and a record number - 207 - are women. Carsten Schneider, a 22-year-old Social Democrat, is parliament's youngest member

Schroeder's government enjoys a 21-seat majority in the lower house.

Schroeder represents a new generation of politicians with little personal memory of World War II that feels at ease moving the seat of power back to Berlin - Despite the city's burden of association with Nazi Germany and the Prussian military state.

On the occasion of the Wills International Cup cricket being held at Dhaka from Oct 24-Nov 1, 1998



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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

প্রদেয় আয়কর পরিশোধ করুন এবং

দেশের অর্থনৈতিক কর্মকান্ডে আপনার অবদান রাখুন

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- এবছর রিটার্ণ দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ হচ্ছে ১৫ই নভেম্বর, '৯৮ইং। এ তারিখের মধ্যে এ পদ্ধতিতে রিটার্ণ দাখিল করতে হবে। এ পদ্ধতি অত্যন্ত আধুনিক, সহজ ও আকর্ষণীয়। এ পদ্ধতিতে আপনি নিজেই
- নিজের আয় নিরূপণ করবেন এবং সে অনুযায়ী কর প্রদান করবেন। আপনাকে শ্বনানীর জন্য কর অফিসে আসতে হবেনা।
- যে কোন খাত থেকে প্রস্তু আয় আপনি স্বনিধারণী পদ্ধতির রিটার্ণে দেখাতে
- এ পদ্ধতিতে কোন লোকসান দেখানো যাবে না বা সর্বশেষ নির্মাপিত আয়ের কম আয় দেখানো যাবে না। কোন রিফান্ডও সৃষ্টি করা যাবে না।
- ব্যবসা বা পেশা আয় আছে এরপ নতুন করদাতাগণ দশ লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত প্রারম্ভিক পুঁজি দেখাতে পারবেন যা কোন প্রশ্র ব্যতিরেকে গ্রহণ করা হবে। তবে এরপ প্রারম্ভিক পুঁজির এক চতুর্থাংশ আয় হিসাবে দেখাতে হবে এবং প্রারম্ভিক পুঁজি পরবর্তী পাঁচ বছরের মধ্যে কোন ভাবে হস্তান্তর করা যাবেনা।
- স্বনির্ধারণী পদ্ধতিতে ন্যুনতম করের পরিমাণ এক হাজার টাকা। প্রদেয় কর রিটার্ণ দাখিলের আগেই পরিশোধ করতে হবে।
- দু'লক টাকা পর্যন্ত আয়ের কেত্রে রিটার্ণের সাথে সম্পদ বিবরণী দাখিল করতে হবেনা। দু'লক্ষ থেকে পাঁচ লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত আয়ের ক্ষেত্রে প্রতি তিন ' বছরে একবার এবং পাঁচ লক্ষ টাকার উপরে আয়ের ক্ষেত্রে প্রতি বছরই সম্পদ বিবরণী দাখিল করতে হবে।
- আয়কর সংক্রান্ত যে কোন তথ্য, প্রশ্র বা পরামর্শের জন্য কর পরামর্শ কেন্দ্র, ১৩৩, নিউ বেইলী রোড, ঢাকা কোন ঃ ৪১৭৮৩৩ অথবা সংশ্রিষ্ট কর কমিশনার বা নিকটস্থ কর অফিসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যোগাযোগ করুন।

ডिএফপি-২২৬২৭-২৬/১০ জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড 一~285年

victims, supply of fertiliser and of East Pakistan Sports Federother agricultural inputs to the work in a week. Some of us are ation XI. The first 'Test', howaffected farmers free of cost, not that fortunate. We don't ever started on January 1 at the disbursement of interest-free mind the grind because we enunder-construction Dhaka Stafarm loans among them, largescale employment of the flood-

joy creative pursuits. Today is another big day. Two of the most powerful teams, Australia and India, will lock horns for a place in the semis. The two former world champions meet on a neutral ground in a real test of strength. You lose it and you are out. No

room for mercy. No comeback. Australia will try to efface bad memories of their last tour of India. But the scales, if results are any indication, are still in favour of the kangaroos. The two have met on 53 occa sions, of which Indians won 21 and Australians 29; the rest three had no results.

Aussies' experiment with a specialised squad for one-day matches will deprive the crowd of watching their Test skipper Mark Taylor who had just led his team to a historic series win in Pakistan after 39 years and also the world record-holder wicketkeeper Ian Healy. Oneday specialists Michael Bevan and Brad Young along with wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist

are already in town. Neither team is stranger to the knowledgeable home crowd India have been visiting us since 1954 when the first team came under the leadership of one of India's best all-rounders

Vinoo Mankad. They played

dium, the present venue, on a matting wicket. The four-day

Test was a dull draw. came four years later in 1959 bowler at the fag end of his cawicket, but the Australians won

by 8 wickets. During the last 10 years the Indians had very successful campaigns in Dhaka, first winning the Asia Cup in 1988 and then the Independence Cup last January. Some of the Indians play in the local club cricket and they are very popular with

after their successful tour of Pakistan. The Indians, on the other hand, will try to put behind their sad experience in Zimbabwe and concentrate very hard on this match. They will have a strong crowd support as a sub-continental cricketing power but the Australians will not be without friends either.

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under Richie Benaud. The great Ray Lindwall, a dreaded fast reer at that time and Neil Harvey, the elegant left-hander, still fresh in my memory, were important members of the team apart from wicketkeeper Wally Grout and all-rounder Alan Akram. Again on a matting

The Kangaroo tail will be up We'll only be looking forward to

their first three-day match at a fascinating day's cricket. Chittagong against a mixed bag

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A view from the gully

The Australians, however, whose polished innings of 96 is Dairdson, a prototype of Wasim

The three hotels will be built in private sector. The planned conference centre is likely to be

ately.

as saying.

port at 8 last night.

Nasim, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Engineer Mosharraf Hossain, Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, BOI Chairman Faruq Sobhan, industrialist Salman F Rahman and secretaries concerned.

The participating teams attended a photo session on the south plaza of the Parliament amid tight security. -Star photo

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But an Indian victory lap

Indian batting line-up. The tall Indian batting order captain Ajay Jadeja, Rahul Dravid and Robin Singh, who played a great knock in the final against Pakistan on this very ground last January.

dian attack with a persevering Venkatesh Prasad.

"We have a lot of flexibility, we've got a lot of new players we've got eight or nine guys who can bowl in one-dayers, and we bat all the way down to number

think we've got a good mixture.

can win most games.

Cup," said Waugh. "Tomorrow's game will be an extremely tough one. The Indians are used to this conditions where the pitches keep

From Page

tute (BRRI) last week expressed

doubt about the suitability of

Indian varieties of hybrid seeds

saying that field tests did not

give any positive result as re-

the four companies refuted the

claim of BRRI agronomists say-

ing that the National Seed

Board gave them permission to

import the seeds after three

years of trial showed higher

300 tonnes of 'Alok 6201' hy-

brid seeds from an Indian com-

pany, Pro-agro Seed Co and ex-

pects to import 500 tonnes more

before the Boro season starts.

Ganges has imported 100

tonnes of 'Amar Sri 1' variety

from another Indian company,

Amareshwara Agritech Ltd and

plans to import another 400

tonnes. It gave a local name,

'Uttam 1', to its imported vari-

ety. McDonald is importing 100

tonnes of 'Loknath 503' variety

tonnes of 'CNSG 6' variety from

Hefei Seed Company of China

though it has been permitted to

import up to 800 tonnes in the

first year. It gave a local name,

'Sonar Bangla 1' to its imported

yesterday, FH Ansarey, Execu-

tive Director of Agro-Business

unit of ACI said his company.

along with Hydrabad Rice In-

ternational (HRI), a subsidiary

Talking to The Daily Star

Mallika is importing 45

from Nath Seeds of India.

ACI has already imported

When asked, top officials of

gards higher yield.

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variety.

brought to the hospital. Hybrid seeds: 4 cos of Pro-agro Seed Co. would undertake a joint venture to produce hybrid paddy seeds in the country. "On November 4 next,

we will start sowing seedlings

bringing in 'parentline' of Alok

from India to produce the hy-

brid variety in our country", he

said . Dr Ish Kumar, known as

the father of hybrid rice, now general manager of HRI, will visit Bangladesh on the occasion, he said. Ansarey hoped that by 2001, ACI would be in position to pro-

duce 3,000 tonnes of hybrid paddy seeds locally. Managing Director of Ganges Development Company BI Siddique said, India has developed as many as 20 hybrid varieties of paddy seeds whereas, BRRI could not come up with a single variety yet. "If BRRI can, we'll feel proud in marketing our home-grown hybrid seeds and definitely that would be cost-

effective as well".

of Seedmen's Society of Bangladesh, an association of seed trading companies said. when the world is marching towards the age of 'Super Rice'. Bangladesh can not afford to lag behind by cultivating the local and BRRI-invented HYV (high yielding variety) seeds Mentionably, 'Super Rice', developed by the IRRI (Inter-

national Rice Research Ins-

titute) in the Philippines, has

yielded 15 tonnes per hectare.

But the variety is still at the

level of laboratory tests.

Siddique, also the President

BKSAL? From Page 1 esh Krishak Sramik Awami

Amiruzzaman, who claimed to be a central member of BKSAL that Abdur Razzak, now a minister in Sheikh Hasina's cabinet, dissolved in 1991, told The Daily Star. "I protested the

to establish socialism in the Asked whether his recent move to spread the 'ideology of BKSAL' somehow was related to opposition's propaganda of establishing 'Rule of BKSAL' again in the country, the kurtaclad man in his 40s moved his head in disapproval. "Our party has no connection with any

parties.

When asked what made him resurrect BKSAL, Amiruzzaman said he was encouraged noticing much enthusiasm about the idea of one-party rule among the new generation of youths and claimed, "on 25 January this year, we observed the anniversary of BKSAL at Photo-Journalist Association auditorium in the city, for the

police.

Two BNP activists were ad-

in the area.