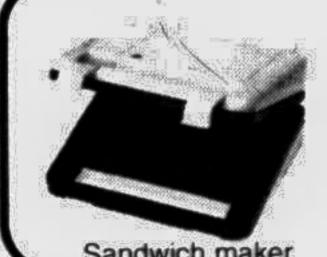
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PARC likely to incorporate 'Citizens Charter' in its report

By Staff Correspondent

The Public Administration Reform Commission (PARC) would consider incorporation of a "Citizens' Charter" in its report to be submitted to the government soon, the PARC chairman told a Roundtable in the city yesterday.

The Roundtable on Parliamentary Authority on Public Administration organised by Sangsadia Ganatantra Parishad (parliamentary democracy council) was held at CIRDAP auditorium.

If introduced, the Citizens' Charter would compel service delivery agencies to set minimum standards for themselves and, where possible, provide compensation to citizens who had not received the minimum they were entitled to.

Panelists at the Roundtable spoke of an administrative environment free from colonial hangover. They said it must be more professional, efficient, transparent and accountable. Those who spoke included

Deputy Speaker Md Abdul Hamid and a number of MPs. politicians and academics. They said the relationship between political leadership

and the civil administration

should be improved.

Govinda Chakravarty, a Dhaka University teacher, presented the key-note paper at the Roundtable which was analysed by Prof Syed Giasuddin of DU. Dr Mohammad Selim MP, former minister AMA Muhith, DU Vice Chancellor AK Azad Chowdhury, Pro-VC of National University BK Jahangir, Nurul Islam Nahid MP, Tasmima Hossain MP, BNP chief's advisor MM Rezaul Karim, lawyer Amir-ul Islam, former MP Abdul Awal Mia, DU teacher MM

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Sessions Court and Kamrul Is-

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sisted the special PPs in the

court of the District and Ses-

sions Judge, Dhaka on April 8

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accused in the case. Among

them, one was discharged by the

High Court, five are detained in

the Dhaka Central Jail and 14

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Maleka Khan.

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FBCCI president Abdul Awal

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Trial of the case began in the

Akash, Dr Dalim Chandra Barman and Abdul Mannan Chowdhury of DU, former secretary Kazi Azhar Ali and Dr

Mohiuddin of BUET. The deputy speaker expressed his frustration over non-discussion of "real issues" in the Jatiya Sangsad. More often than not, he said, lawmakers from one party tended to taunt fellow legislators belonging to the opposite camp, "missing the real issues".

Hamid, elected to parliament six times, said politicians would have to stand on the dock at some point of time for past misdeeds, if they committed any, but civil bureaucrats could get away with theirs. "So, ensuring bureaucrats' accountability is important."

PARC chairman ATM Shamsul Haq said all should agree on "supremacy of the people and peoples' representatives" as a ground rule to create a congenial atmosphere in administration.

"To stamp out intra-cadre and inter-cadre discontents in the administration, we've to establish meritocracy.

Nurul Islam Nahid stressed slashing the size of administration while Dr Selim thought delegation of more power to parliamentary standing committees would be rewarding.

But Tasmima Hossain, a Jativa Party MP, said there were a good many number of public representatives having no political background and they became MPs using "black money"

"One can't expect qualitative changes in civil administration without having true representation of people in parliament." In his keynote paper,

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Ahmed and Major Ahmed

Sharful Hossain are in the

and Dofadar Marafat Ali are in

Pakistan while Captain Kismat

Hashem and Captain Najmul

Hossain Ansar are in Canada.

Lt Col SHMB Noor Chowdhury

is in Germany and Lt Col Aziz

Pasha is in Harare, Zimbabwe.

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Hashem Mridha, whom they

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the country's export industries

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"Ninety per cent of the work-

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ernment, the private sector,

NGOs and the civil society

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Security to be stepped up

Govinda came up with a number of suggestions to establish parliamentary authority on public administration. The suggestions included delegating of more power to parliamentary standing committees and giving ministerial status to chairmen of these committees, introducing posts of Ombudsman and "Parliamentary Commissioner for Accountability", and draft-

Besides, Govinda also suggested developing certain mechanism so that constituents enjoyed access to their elected representatives. In this regard, his suggestions included establishing offices for lawmakers in their respective constituencies, formation of "Con stituency Committee" comprising members drawn from local level civil society.

ing of "Citizen's Charter".

The key-note writer pointed out that absence of transparency, accountability, justice and confidence were visibly absent in the domain of Bangladesh's public administration nowadays. Referring to a recent incident involving a minister and a secretary, he noted that the crisis surfaced in the internal accountability of public administration as well Govinda identified the challenges the administration is

facing today: management, quality, a democratic environment, accountability and decentralization. He, however, referred to two 'significant' steps taken by the

present government to ensure accountability -- firstly, making the provision for non-minister lawmakers to head par liamentary standing committees and secondly, bringing in reform in the Rules of Business.

2 policemen hurt in clash with phensidyl traders

By Staff Correspondent Two policemen were injured in a clash with a gang of phensidyl traders in city's Kataban area vesterday.

ASI Matiur Rahman and constable Bulbul Ahmed of Dhanmondi thana are now under treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police

The clash took place following arrest of a drug trader, police added

A team of Dhanmondi police earlier raided the spot in front of the PWD Staff Quarters at Kataban at about 5.30 pm. Most of the traders fled but police ar rested one Faruk after a chase. At this, the other drug traders started hurling crackers and brick-bats at police. During the incident two policemen

Onion

From Page 1 faces problems in containing

were hurt.

prices of certain items because it is an open market economy. "We will hold a meeting tomorrow to decide the course of action regarding the matter," he

Inheritancelaw Commerce ministry sources said the government may decide to import onion from neighbouring Thailand, Vietnam and education and development of Pakistan. Sonargaon Hotel, presented two

MQM activists From Page 1

areas in the central and eastern

districts. The announcement of fed-

eral rule was quickly followed by dozens of arrests, according

to MQM workers in Karachi. "At least 100 of our workers have been arrested so far. All our elected representatives are sitting at the party headquarters and waiting for their arrest," said MQM spokesman

Shoaib Bukhari. But Information Minister Mushahid Hussain said the government was not targeting the MQM, but "all those people involved in crime and terrorism, regardless of their political affiliations.

He said Sharif dismissed the Sindh government after it was

others.

The MQM said the victims were its supporters and blamed a breakaway faction called Hagigi for the attack.

Security forces were put on alert soon after the dismissal of the Sindh government. They searched vehicles for weapons and patrolled an armoured vehicles mounted with machine-

The number of police check posts have also increased in the

We are used to of arrests, raid and killings of our workers," said Farooq Sattar, a leader of the MQM. "Our morale is high and we will continue our struggle for the rights of our people.

Witnesses said anti-Sharif graffiti appeared on the walls in many areas of the city accusing him of the murder of an MQM supporter killed in police custody earlier this-week.



The victory signs of the jubilant Indian supporters had hardly any bearing on the result of Star photo the match yesterday.

A view from the gully

From Page 1 of the paper. Once again my pro-

found apologies The elements of nature finally disturbed the equilibrium and the weather gods interfered in the proceedings of the Wills International Cup. It was a very important match — the first semifinal between the world champions from Asia and the Proteas from the continent of Africa.

Overnight rains and morning drizzles brought Kaitan with a cloudy sky throughout the day. The situation called for adjustments resulting in a truncated match. Ranatunga won the toss but why he opted for fielding will remain a mystery for a long time.

As a seasoned campaigner. he must have known all the rules of the game, particularly of the one-day variety, and had the glaring example of England vs South Africa 1992 World Cup semifinal in Australia. He must have had his own reasons but. as a South Asian, he was wellconversant with the weather in this part of the world and also the dreaded equation known as Duckworth/Lewis method. The team batting second might come across more interruptions that could lead to further complications for them as was evident from Friday's match.

Jacques Kallis played an explosive innings and the entire South African team rallied round him to build a commanding position. It was not easy to surpass a total of 240 (39 overs) in such conditions. But the World Champions were again given a revised target as rains interrupted once more. South Africans averaged 6.15 per over and the Sri Lankans were set a target of 6.58 for a win in 34 overs. They were on target but suddenly behaved as though they had to catch a plane back home. It was unnecessary. Players like Ranatunga, de Silva, Atapattu and Mahanama batted most irresponsibly against a bowling attack that was disciplined without being brilliant but as usual backed up by extraordinary fielding, spe-

cially from acrobatic Rhodes. Yesterday, the fireworks the large crowd expected from the two top players of contemporary cricket - Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar — petered out in damp atmosphere as Sachin made an early exit and Lara tamed himself rather than tam-

ing the bowlers. Pending results of Sunday's final, it was apparent that the rejuvenation of the mighty West Indian side had begun under Lara's leadership. Beating two tough teams, India and Pakistan, in a matter of 48 hours and in the same tournament with at least three newcomers, was no mean achievement.

The complexion of yesterday's match was changed by an accurate spell of fast bowling by Marvyn Dillon aided by a superlative catch by Carl Hooper at gully that even made 'Jonty' Rhodes look like a beginner and

then trapping Azhar. Obviously the Indians were put on a reverse gear from where they could never shift and ended with a modest total of 242 for five. Ganguly redeemed himself but fell to a rash shot which he should have avoided. Robin Singh had nothing more to do as the Indians ran short of West Indies set about their

task in a most professional manner. They realised they had an opportunity they should not waste. Even Philo Wallace, who scored a 37-ball 50 against Pakistan, played a gentlemanly knock but Chanderpaul played a run-a-ball innings to the delight of the crowd. Master batsman Brian Lara was very cool and sedate playing a painstaking knock of unbeaten 60 off 89 balls ably assisted by Keith Artherton. It was quite evident from the approach of the West Indians that they were going to miss the bus but not lose the match as they did against India in the World Cup final in 1983 at Lord's. Remember India's paltry 183, but the West Indians were bundled out for 143.

The final of this unique competition today, weather permitting, should be one of the best matches ever played on this ground. Lara himself rated the South African as the best side, and to play against them without any rest was no easy proposition. We as watchers would like to see the best team

winning. Workshop on 'pvt sector involvement in road management begins today

A two-day workshop begins in the city today to examine the possibility of leasing out the management of roads to the private sector, reports UNB.

Some 10 papers will be presented in the workshop which will be inaugurated by Communication Minister Anwar Hossain at Hotel Sonargaon at 9 am today.

Organisers told a press briefing yesterday that leading road specialists from around the world, representatives of the government, the FBCCI, road transporters and other society groups will meet to discuss recent international trends in road management and finance.

World Bank representative Ian Graeme Heggie said experts on road management are likely to focus on the world-wide trend of "managing roads like a business, not like a bureaucracy."

The World Bank, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, UK Department for International Development, ESCAP, FBCCI and Ministry of Communication are sponsoring the workshop on "Private Sector participation in Road Management and Financing."

Final today From Page

83 runs for the sixth wicket with Robin, chipped in with almost a run-a-ball 25 and, in the process, the chirpy keeper reached his individual 1000 runs in limited overs internationals.

reply like a flash of lightning. Wallace started from where Robin had left, hitting the first delivery of the innings from Srinath over the long-off for a six, leaving the experienced paceman dumbfounded.

Amidst chants of "Wallace, Wallace" from the stands, the Barbados captain smashed the Indian opening bowlers with disdain all around the wicket With Wallace on a rampage, the perplexed Indian captain removed both the new-ball bowlers from the firing line by only the seventh over. By that time West Indies had raced on to 61 for the loss of Stuart Williams But Wallace and number

three Chanderpaul, who played like a man possessed, took the score to 108 in 16 overs before the former departed for a 45ball 39 studded with five fours and a sixer. Wallace fell in the second

ball after the drinks -- a simple return catch to Sachin Tendulkar. Tendulkar mixed up his de-

liveries and had the West Indian batsmen guessing. Bowling his 10 overs without a break. Tendulkar, who had cleanbowled Chanderpaul, finished with two for 29

Chanderpaul scored a classic run-a-ball 74, punctuated with 10 fours and a delightful straight six against leggie Anil

When Chanderpaul departed in the 25th over, West Indies were firmly placed on 143 for

But pressure mounted a little when in the next over vice-captain Hooper threw away his wicket, skying Kumble into the safe hands of Ajit Agarkar Hooper was then on only eight and was expected to consolidate the situation with his captain.

Lara was, however, all concentration and in the reliable company of Arthurton. Together they rowed the Caribbean boat to safety without any further damage. The two put on 89 runs for the unbroken and very safely played fifth wicket.

A rusty yet responsible Lara hammered five fours in his disciplined innings while Arthurton, who looked more confident, struck a quartet of fours in his 67-ball 40.

Mannan Bhuiyan goes to Singapore

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan leaves Dhaka for Singapore last night for the treatment of cardiac disease.

reports UNB. Joint Secretary General of BNP, Ashraf Hossain will be the

Acting Secretary General

ries by 8 pm today and female KUSHTIA, Oct 31: One student was killed and 50 includ-

ing four policemen were injured during a gunfight between the activists of Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir on the Islamic University campus today, reports UNB. The dead was identified as Mohsin Kabir, 22, an activist of Islami Chhatra Shibir and student of Islamic History.

The campus turned into a battle field during the four-hour gunfight from 11-20 as BCL activists launched an attack on a procession of Shibir, campus sources said They said over 200 rounds of

bullet were fired by the armed activists of both the groups during the clash which created panic among the general stu-The Shibir procession was

brought out in support of its strike tomorrow demanding release of its arrested leader Nazrul Islam

The authorities have declared the university closed till November 8 and asked the male students to leave the dormito-

Girl gangraped in Laxmipur LAXMIPUR, Oct 31: A

teenage girl was gangraped today allegedly by a UP member and his accomplices at Miapara village in Ramgati thana of the district, reports UNB.

Family sources said Amir Hossain, a member of Miapara union parishad, along with seven others abducted a young girl of village Charjangalia of the same union at about 7.30 pm and took her to a community centre. They raped her there one after another.

Scrutiny of FFs' list begins today Scrutiny of the list of free-

dom fighters sponsored by Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad begins today, reports

Bomb attack From Page 1

ment and Tk 400 from him. Besides, seven snatchers hurled cracker on Anwar at North Shajahanpur and took away Tk 1400 from him in the afternoon. Motijheel police, however, could not confirm this till last night.

DSE chief

From Page 1 would be chosen through lottery. The remaining four would automatically retire in the third year

The election of the four members would be held in December and the DSE election commission is likely to announce date of filing nominations next week. The new council will take over in the annual general meeting scheduled in the last week of next month,

DSE officials said Rahman and the other 11 members of the Council were elected in what was dubbed a mock polling" last year. They were chosen beforehand after backstage parleys but went through an election as they failed to strike the consensus before the last date of withdrawal

The election commission was learnt to be opposed to the idea of a replacement, according to the sources. The chairman of the election commission, however, agreed to accept an application later "under pressure" The election commission

chairman could not be reached after repeated attempts yester-

Thousands of investors lost heir savings in 1996 when the stock market behaved erratically. The authorities later formed an inquiry committee, whose report was basis for the SEC to file cases against the accused.

Imtivaz Hussain, was removed after his name appeared on the list of scamsters. The current DSE council has three of the ac-Currently, the 24-member

The then DSE chairman,

DSE council comprises of Chairman Rakibur Rahman, Senior Vice-Chairman Ahmed Igbal Hassan, Vice-Chairman Shahiq Khan, nine other elected councilors, ex-officio members from the finance ministry, Bangladesh Bank, ICAB, FBCCI, MCCI, DCCI and several nominated ones.

BCL-Shibir clash at IU: One killed, 50 hurt

students by 10 am tomorrow. Four of the injured, Nazimuddin. Al Mamun. Saiful Islam and Emdad, were rushed to Dhaka for treatment. The rest were admitted to the university's medical centre and the Sadar hospital here.

The injured policemen were identified as Amanullah, Lutfar Rahman. Nur Hossain and Rabiul Islam.

Police lobbed tear gas cells and opened fire to bring the situation under control.

BASA meet deferred

By Special Correspondent A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Administrative Service Association (BASA), which was sched uled to be held on Wednesday. has been deferred till November 3. BASA sources said.

The meeting would take up the issue of non-compliance with a letter from the BASA secretary general on October 4 to four top civil servants, asking them to explain within a week their reported comments accusing bureaucracy for red-Taoism delaying execution of

government decisions. The issue of an end to extension of service of officials on contract would also dominate the meeting.

The reported remarks by the four officials including the principal secretary to Prime Minister provoked widespread resentment among the BASA members. -They also expressed their

anger that the four ignored the

BASA secertary general's letter and prevailed upon the leadership to call a meeting of the executive committee to discuss it and then take it up at a general A BASA leader, when contacted, denied that the meeting

certary general Akramuzzaman, who is a joint secretary in establishment ministry, has been transferred as managing director of Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust

was deferred because their se-

The establishment secertary is among the four asked to explain their reported comments.

Shantibahini

From Page PCJSS, in a rally here Friday said the accord had been signed with a view to establishing a permanent peace in the hill

"Therefore, both tribals and non-tribals should cooperate each other in implementing the accord," he told the rally at the Guimara Bainangchhari Junior High School Ground.

Demanding early implementation of the accord, the PCJSS leader said the 'sloth' of the government in realising the accord would create dissatisfaction among the people.

Viscera

From Page

for quick disposal of criminal cases, she stressed. Emphasising the importance of autopsy report, the minister said due to inaccuracy of the reports, many criminals may

escape punishment.

Forensic Medicine Department at Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital, read out the keynote paper. Prof M Sadek, head of the

Prof Aktaruzzaman, head of

Department of Forensic Medicine at Bangladesh Medical College, was the main discussant. Dr Akhtaruzzaman recom-

mended establishment of a "Central Forensic Institute" under the joint supervision of health, home and law ministries to ensure 'accurate and impartial' autopsy report.

Among others, Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, former law secretary Mirza Asaduzzaman Faruk, ADAB coordinator Laila Arjumand Banu took part in the discus-

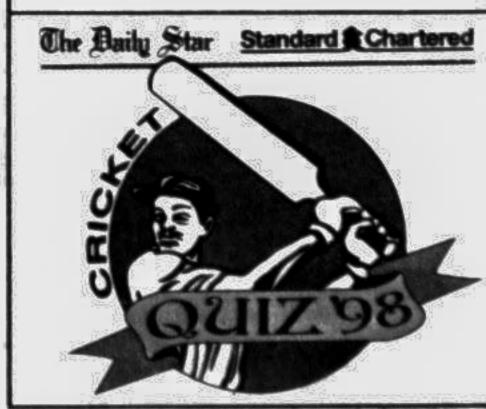
Benazir From Page 1

tatorial" rule. She said the decision to clamp direct federal rule in

Sindh "is most unfortunate." "It came at a time when there is total political and economic disarray. It is not in the interest of the country, but it is in the personal interest of the prime minister and his party." Be-

nazir said. "We are going to face yet another insurgency in the city," she told AFP.

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



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Iraq suspends all dealings with Rashid and former member of established that MQM members counterparts. "Unless the women were FBCCI executive committee were involved in Saeed's mur-UN arms inspectors, monitors provided with a source of in-Shoaib Ahmed, managing come, their rights and privi-Hussain was speaking hours leges would remain meaningafter men on a motorbike Bank, and Zulfia Asaf, director. sprayed a Karachi market with automatic gunfire, killing a 70-Today's action goes a step The announcement was BAGHDAD, Oct 31: Iraq anlraq's expression of displeasure year-old man and injuring four nounced today that it is halting

all dealings with the UN Special Commission, which is investigating the country's weapons of mass destruction, but said it would continue to cooperate with international nuclear

monitors, reports AP. The decision was made at a meeting led by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein of the decision-making Revolutionary Command Council and the ruling Baath Party leadership. The joint meeting decided to

halt all kinds of dealings with the Special Commission and its chief and stop all their activities inside Iraq, including the monitoring, starting from today," a government statement said. "This does not include the International Atomic Energy Agency. They can continue their monitoring work." The IAEA is monitoring

Iraq's compliance with orders

to dismantle its nuclear pro-

gram.

with Friday's decision by the UN Security Council to review Iraq's compliance with UN resolutions - but without the guarantee demanded by Iraq that the review would lead to lifting of trade sanctions. The sanctions, imposed after Irag's 1990 invasion of Kuwait,

that Iraq has eliminated its biological and chemical weapons and long-range missiles. A refusal to cooperate with UN inspectors earlier this year almost led to military strikes by the United States and

cannot be lifted until the UN

Special Commission certifies

While those tensions were eased by a Feb 23 accord, Iraq confronted the United Nations again on Aug 5 when it suspended inspections by both the Special Commission and the IAEA. Their teams were searching for new sites that might have contained illegal weapons.

Britain.

further by suspending even monitoring activities of the Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, which had been permitted to continue under the Aug 5 decision. The statement demanded that in future any material col-

lected by the Vienna-headquartered IAEA be kept separate from UNSCOM's findings. It also urged the Security Council to fire UNSCOM chief Richard Butler, whom Iraq has repeatedly accused of working

on behalf of the United States to

The statement said that its decision to halt cooperation would hold "until the United Nations looks at the issue in an honest and positive way, leading to Iraq's rights to the lifting of the unjust sanctions."

prolong sanctions.

Its other demand for resuming cooperation was that the UN reconstitute the Special Commission "to make it neutral and professional."

Nayan Mongia, who shared The West Indies began their