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bags 8 seats, White 5

By DU Correspondent

Elections to the Syndicate,

Pro-Awami League Blue

The newly-elected members

Afroz Jahanara of Institute of

Education and Research (IER) in

Assistant Professor category

Nine children

rescued from

traffickers

rescued nine children from

traffickers at a village in Kali-

ganj thana of Lalmonirhat

early Wednesday, reports APB.

leader Manik of Gazipur.

RANGPUR. Nov 12: Police

Police also arrested 16 traf-

The rescued children are

fickers, including their alleged

Aminul, 4, Shohag, 5, Al Amin,

6. Rafigul. 7. Mamun, 5.

Hamidul, 7, and Sumon, 5, hail-

ing from Trishal thana of My-

mensingh, and Raihan, 6, and

Shohan, 7, whose details could

rescued four of the children and

arrested six traffickers from

the residence of one Abu Sayeed

of Kakina village early Wednes-

statements of the arrested, po-

lice found five other children

and apprehended the other ten

members of the ring, raiding

A case under the Women and

several houses of the village.

Later, on the confessional

On a tip off, a police team

not be known immediately.

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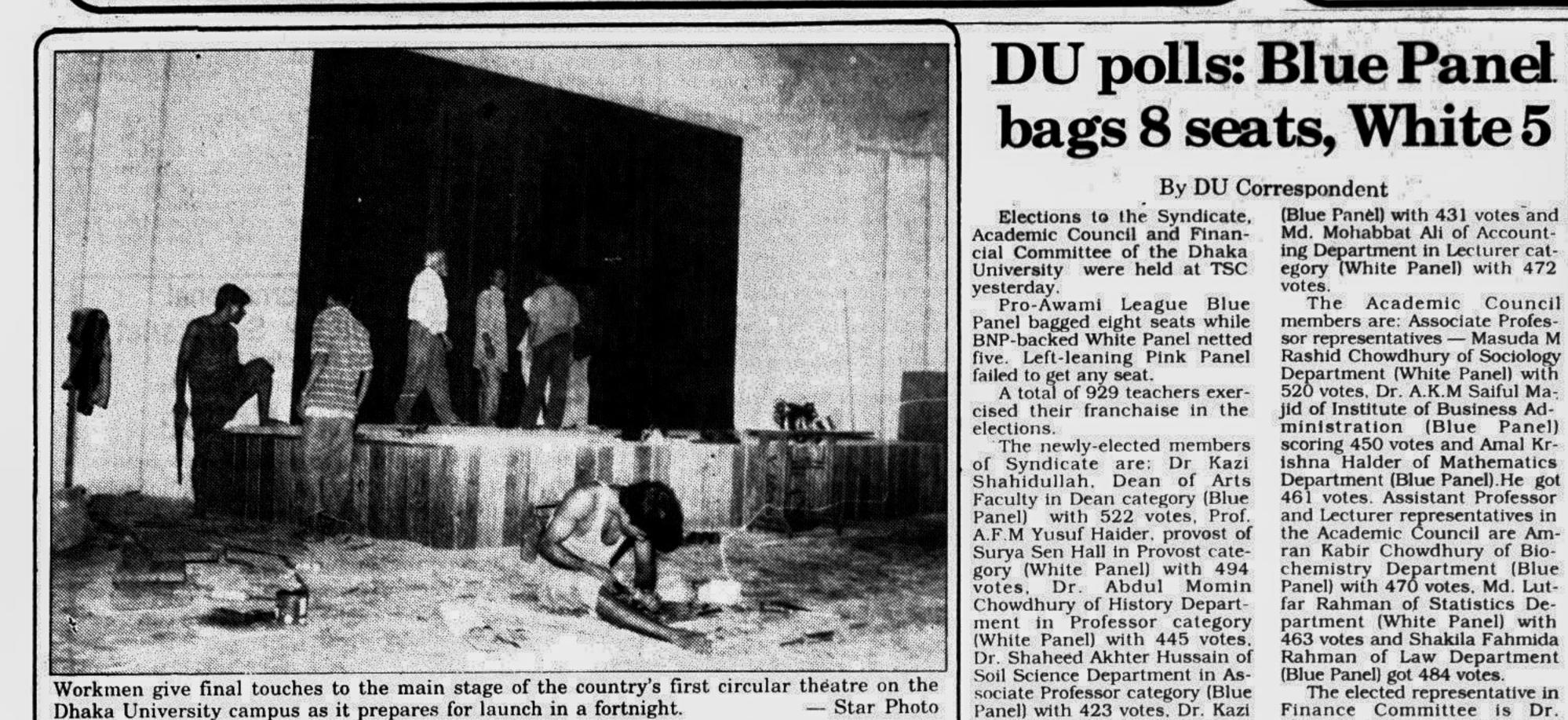
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Nat-Mandal, the first circular

theatre may open in two weeks

By Mahbub Zaman

Cultural activists have reasons to rejoice as the first circular theatre -- Nat-Mandal -- is due to be open in about a fort-

Nestled between two blocks of the Dhaka University Central Library, the Nat-Mandal will be housed in a renovated auditorium constructed in

But it was never put to proper use and, after years of neglect, it had long been used as the library's godown. The neglected auditorium

gained a new lease of life when the university's Department of Theatre and Music ended its frantic search for a space for its sessionals. On March 5 last year, the

Department urged the Vice Chancellor to allocate the abandoned auditorium for its

Seizing the opportunity to infuse a new life into a rundown space, the university authorities formed a committee to

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family of assassinated Presi-

dent Ziaur Raham by the gov-

ernment of Acting President

house on the lake side in Gul-

shan at a cost of Tk 101.00 only

2. The house a number 6 on

Shahid Mainul Road in Dhaka

Cantonment on lease in perpe-

tuity. 3. A one-time grant of tk

10 lakh. 4. A car gifted to Ziaur

Rahman by Filipino President

Six house-keepers including

cook and gardener 7. One tele-

phone 8. Education expenditure

for her two sons at home and

abroad, and a stipend of tk

9. A car with fuel free of cost.

and 10. Use of gas, electricity

and water without payment in

privileges were granted at a cab-

inet meeting in June, 1981, "But

the decision was illegal, as an

ordinance, promulgated by

President Ziaur Rahman, said

that the heirs of a President -- if

he dies after holding office for a

year -will be entitled to his gra-

sion of the Army Regulations,

the minister said it 'does not

allow the authorities to lease

out to a civilian the piece of

land on which Khaleda's resi-

firmed transfer of the land to

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gamut of bilateral relations,

particularly the issue of repa-

triation of the remaining

counterpart on the political and

economic situation as well as

the post-flood rehabilitation

operation in the country. They

also exchanged views on Joint

Economic Commission and

support for Bangladesh's candi-

dature to a non-permanent seat

of the UN Security Council for

augurated the first session of

the. Myanmar-Bangladesh

Business Promotion Council at

the Traders Hotel. He called for

expanded trade and investment

of the State Peace and Devei-

opment Council (SPDC) General

Maung Aye. Bangladesh Am-

bassador to Myanmar Jahangir

Later, he met Vice-Chairman

between the two neighbours.

Saadat was present.

Meanwhile, Samad Azad in-

Azad sought Myanmar's

Samad Azad briefed his

21,000 Myanmar refugees.

"But General Ershad con-

Accord signed

dence is situated'.

BIMSTEC.

2000-2001.

Referring to a certain provi-

According to Nasim, the

the cantonment residence.

1500.00 each until they are 25

Fardinand Marcos 5. One driver

The privileges include: 1. A

Justice Sattar.

properly designed one. Headed

upgrade the auditorium into a

by Arts Faculty Dean Dr. Kazi Shahidullah, the committee included Dr. Anisuzzaman of Bangla Department, Syed Manzoorul Islam of English Department, Mridul Kanti Chakrabarty of the Department of Theatre and Music, DU Treasurer Prof. M Shamsul Haq, DU Chief Engineer A.K.M Shamsul Huda and Dr. Syed Jamil Ahmed.

The Tk. 27.61 lakh renovation began on May 21 this year. The university authorities gave Tk two lakh and the rest came from the Embassy of Norway.

The old, abandoned auditorium now has a completely new Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin

Ahmed of BUET's Department of Architecture has done the "interior design and acoustic treatment" of the circular the-

The treatment, using local materials, will prevent exces-

Khaleda Zia," Nasim said

adding that the general com-

mitted a crime by doing so and

he should be 'tried for the

that residence, the minister

said the then government had

claimed that Begum Zia was

given the benefits as she had

the country's Prime Minister

Presently you are the Leader of

the Opposition in parliament.

You have many things at your

disposal now. So why don't you

quit the illegally occupied

misbehaviour of Begum Zia

with some military personnel

repairing a cross bar on the

road near her residence, Nasim

said: "Do not stage any more

drama, do not try to provoke

the army. Bangladesh is not

anybody's Jamindari (feudal

Sangsad empty, the ruling party

members were seen enjoying

College student

shot dead

in N'ganj

down at Qayumpur in Fatullah

thana under Narayangani dis-

of unidentified assailants fired

gun shots targeting Roman, 20,

a first year student of Tolaram

He was rushed to Dhaka

College, in front of his house at

Medical College Hospital where

the attending doctors declared

him dead. The assailants left

the scene soon after the inci-

cal Parliament member and

Awami League leader Shamim

Businessman

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During interrogation Hos-

After his arrest on Wednes-

grammes of the government,

sain told police that he was

former editor of a weekly maga-

day. Motijheel police filed a

case against him under sections

15 and 25 of the Special Powers

Act, 1974, court sources added.

zine, Sugandha', the OC said ...

Roman was the cousin of lo-

trict today, reports UNB.

about 5:30 pm.

the OC said.

dent.

A college student was gunned

Family sources said a group

the minister's statement.

With the BNP seats in the

estate).

Referring to the reported

"But you eventually became

nothing at that time.

Asking Begum Zia to leave

Nasim: Cantt house

sive reverberation inside the auditorium and enable sensitive and experimental works of drama and music.

Reverberation time has been reduced by design from about six seconds to an acceptable level of around one second. The air-conditioned Nat-Mandal can seat more than 150.

"It is a compact auditorium where both performers and audience will have direct communication," said Dr. Syed Jamil Ahmed, who is looking after the renovation on behalf of the committee.

"This will help strengthen the cultural movement. The auditorium may operate on a commercial basis if such use does not interrupt routine work of the department," he said, talking to The Daily Star.

In the next phase of the work, the authorities are plan-ning to extend the green room, which is rather inadequate, and have an improved approach to the auditorium.

Children Repression Act was Canada, Zimbabwe to help extradite killers of

Bangabandhu

Canada and Zimbabwe have assured full cooperation in extraditing three of the killers of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman from their countries to Bangladesh, reports APB.

Bangladesh High Commissioner to the United Kingdom A H Mahmood Ali handed over the verdict of the Bangabandhu murder case to the Deputy Foreign Minister of Canada and Foreign Secretary of Zimbabwe in London on November 10.

The Bangladesh envoy also urged them to extradite the convicted criminals — Kismat Hashem, Nazmul Hossain Ansar and Abdul Aziz Pasha to Bangladesh said a press release yesterday.

Grameen Bank to get Tk 100cr govt loan The government will lend

(Blue Panel) with 431 votes and

Md. Mohabbat Ali of Account

ing Department in Lecturer cat-egory (White Panel) with 472

members are: Associate Profes-

sor representatives - Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury of Sociology

Department (White Panel) with

520 votes, Dr. A.K.M Saiful Ma-

jid of Institute of Business Ad-

ministration (Blue Panel)

scoring 450 votes and Amal Kr-

ishna Halder of Mathematics

Department (Blue Panel).He got 461 votes. Assistant Professor

and Lecturer representatives in

the Academic Council are Amran Kabir Chowdhury of Bio-

chemistry Department (Blue Panel) with 470 votes, Md. Lut-

far Rahman of Statistics Department (White Panel) with

463 votes and Shakila Fahmida

Rahman of Law Department

Finance Committee is Dr.

Iftekher Gani Chowdhury of

IBA of Blue Panel who secured

The elected representative in

60-hour hartal.

Gaibana janaza,

silent procession

by BNP in city

By Staff Correspondent

gaibana janaza at Baitul

Mukarram national mosque in

the city after Asr prayer for

those killed during the general

It was followed by a silent

procession where participants

wore black badges and carried

black flags and banner to

police guarded the approaches

of the Baitul Mukarram and

also accompanied the proces-

sionists. The rally ended at

embraced martyrdom which

would only accelerate the

movement to topple the auto-

cratic government," Sadek Hos-

sain Khoka. MP and convenor

of city BNP said in a speech be-

as a 'puppet of India' and ac-

cused it of failing to hand over

the bodies to their relatives. He

urged people to unite against the

other gaibana janaza would be

held today across the country. A

milad mahfil will be held and

prayers be offered at BNP city

office for salvation of the de-

tion in Parliament Professor

Deputy Leader of the Opposi-

He also announced that an-

He termed the government

* The nine who were killed

A large contingent of riot

mourn the deaths.

Mouchak crossing.

fore the funeral

government

parted souls.

BNP yesterday offered

(Blue Panel) got 484 votes.

469 votes.

The Academic Council

the Grameen Bank Tk 100 crore through Bangladesh Bank for its rural credit programme, reports UNB

Grameen Bank had sought at least Tk 200 crore from the Bangladesh Bank for running its expanded post-flood rural credit programme.

For additional credit requirement, the Bank has been advised to borrow from commercial banks, official sources

Grameen Bank will have to reply the loan to Bangladesh Bank within one year at 8 per cent interest, they added.

The Bank has also sought credit from International Finance Corporation, the World Bank's private sector lending

Meanwhile, Grameen Bank chief Dr Mohammad Yunus vesterday met Finance Minister SAMS Kibria to discuss additional credit support.

Business leaders welcome call for shunning hartals

Business leaders welcomed the finance minister's call for shunning hartals as a political weapon, reports APB.

A delegation chamber and association leaders extended the business community's support to the call when they me Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria at his office yesterday.

The leaders included chairperson of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) Laila Rahman Kabir, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) R Maksud Khan, president of Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Mostafa Golam Quddus and chairman of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) Muhammad Shahjahan.

7-party threatens tough agitation

The 7-party alliance is, likely to go for a tough agitation programme on November 18-19 if the ruling party tried to foil the march towards Parliament, reports UNB.

The alliance at a meeting last night at 29 Minto Road discussed probable follow up actions, meeting sources said.

The sources said, their march toward Parliament on November 16 will be peaceful. But they will take a tough line if the ruling party forced them. The march is aimed to protest the price hike of essentials, deterioration of law and order and the incidents of rape at the

Jahangir Nagar University Pabna by-polls Body to probe pre-election irregularities

The Election Commission has formed an Electoral Inquiry Committee to investigate pre-election irregularities and infringement of election code of conduct in Pabna-2 constituency, reports UNB.

The committee has been constituted with judiciary officers of the district ahead of the by-election to the parliamentary seat, scheduled for December 10.

Members of the committee are Sub-Judge of the district Rejanur Rahman and Assistant Sub-Judge Abdul Hye, said an EC press release yesterday. Any political party or organised individuals will be able grammed earlier.

Jamaat-e-Islami, Jatiya Party (ZM), JAGPA, PNP will assemble at Moghbazar crossing prior to start the march toward Parliament while BNP is likely to start from Engineers Institution and NDA and Democratic League from Shah-

A press release issued after the meeting congratulated the people for observing the 60hour countrywide hartal defying police and ruling party's repression.

The meeting accused the ruling party 'terrorists' and the police for foiling the public meeting of BNP at Paltan Maidan on

BNP joins hands with int'l terrorist group: Zillur

Awami League General Secretary and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman has accused main opposition

"BNP has joined hands with

international terrorist group and the country's anti-liberation forces to dislodge and elected government," he told a public meeting at Shimulkandi in Kuliarchar thana of Kishoreganj district today. Zillur said BNP wants to oust the government by creating

chaos and instability in the country before the execution of verdict in the Bangabandhu murder case.



out of the House as soon as Nasim took the floor to make a general statement under Article 300 of the JS Rules of Procedure (ROP). They claimed that a minister could not make such a statement on ahe private members' day.

BNP leaders march in a procession in the city yesterday to mourn the deaths during the

Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain quoted Article 25 of the ROP to say that the private members (non-ministers) were supposed to get preference on the private members' day and requested the Chair not to allow the minister to issue his state-

In reply, Speaker Choudhury said Article 25 gives preference to the private members but does not bar a minister to make a general statement. "I've pre-

> Take extra exams on schedule

Hasina vesterday called upon teachers to hold examinations in educational institutions timely by taking extra classes to recoup the losses caused by the devastating floods, reports "A lot of damage had been done to the educational institu-

tions during the floods while classes were hampered as many of school buildings were turned into flood shelters," she said while reviewing the post-flood rehabilitation and reconstruction activities of the Education Ministry at the Secretariat.

She told the ministry officials that money would not be a problem in this regard. She said her government is totally aware of the situation in the educational institutions after the floods.

Sheikh Hasina urged the literacy.

teachers to help rise the rate of

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Joarder has been released, and Taheruddin Thakur detained at the Dhaka Central Jail as he is a chargesheeted accused in the Jail Killing Case. The remaining are also absconding.

The prosecution lawyers have also applied for two sets of certified copies of the relevant

fore the High Court against ac-

The government is also conquittal of four accused.

joined their party colleagues to desert the House. Shipping Minister ASM Rab was the lone minister in the front row of the Treasury Bench, followed by Law Minister Abdul Matin Khashru in the second one. At this stage, the BNP law-

our privileges as private mem-

bers. So, we walk out in

protest", the opposition chief

party MPs to walk out.

whip said before leading his

his lengthy statement, BNP

MPs entered the House from the

lobby where they listened to the

minister. Almost all the Trea-

sury Bench members including

then rose to their feet and

Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad

Nasim were among those who

started leaving the House.

good number of ministers

Front-row ministers like

No sooner Nasim concluded

- Star photo

makers were heard shouting. "There is no government. The government has fled". They also shouted "shame, shame" at the Treasury Bench. The AL members who stayed back also reciprocated.

DSE suspends

From Page 1 Prime Minister Sheikh giving a (WAN) connection to Olympic Industries", a DSE statement said

> The action followed a report from a DSE surveillance team in this regard. The team carried out the investigation following widespread allegations of unusual trade volumes.

> Tracking down trade in Chic Textile shares, the team smelt rat in the use of the broker's workstation by an inactive member of the bourse.

Hemayetuddin, a former DSE chairman, was authorised to use the workstation by its owner Shafrinaz Begum, some

The computer, used for trading shares of unusual volume, was in the office of Olympic Industries which is on the sixth floor of a building in Motijheel--Amin Court.

Shafrinaz Begum told the surveillance team that she did not use the network and had given it to Hemayetuddin. But she did not know that he was using it from the office of Olympic Industries, one source

quoted her as saying. DSE officials found that a room adjacent to Olympic managing director's office was being used for trading the shares.

Some quarters were allegedly creating pressure on the up the matter.

surveillance officials to hush The Securities and Exchange

Commission (SEC) had earlier suspended Hemayetuddin from trading shares on September 9 last year. The action followed a complaint by one of his clients over settlement of shares worth Tk 10 lakh. The suspension was later lifted as the client backed

When contacted, Hemayetuddin refused to say anything on the issue.

US attack imminent he does not," Clinton said in a From Page 1

years all UN weapons inspectors and support staff were withdrawn from Iraq, and many UN aid workers also left. with officials citing safety rea-sons. A convoy of 127 UN humanitarian workers arrived in Jordan from Baghdad today.

Chief UN arms inspector Richard Butler said he had pulled out his staff at the 'strong recommendation' of Washing-

ton. Iraq's state oil company Somo said today it would have to stop crude oil exports under the UN oil-for-food programme if UN-appointed monitors were

In Baghdad, Saddam gathered his top ministers and military commanders and gave no sign of yielding to the US

'We continue to hope, indeed pray, that Saddam will comply. But we must be prepared to act if

"Nowhere is our vigilance more urgent than in the Persian Gulf. where Saddam Hussein's regime threatens the stability of one of the most vital regions of the world," he said.

Clinton's defence secretary William Cohen signed an order for 129 additional aircraft including bombers and Stealth jets to be deployed in the Gulf along with more than 3,000

Another report says, Qatar's foreign minister said in remarks published today that he expected military strikes against Iraq to be launched before the end of November.

"I can say that the inclination towards a military strike is stronger than before and I expect that the strike will occur before the end of the current month," Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim bin Jabr al-Thani told Al-Rai Al-Aam daily in an interview in Doha.

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AL observes thanksgiving day' today

Awami League will observe 'thanksgiving day' today expressing gratitude to Almighty Allah for the historic verdict awarding death sentence to the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu, a party press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The day's programmes include offering of special munajat in all mosques of the country and special prayer in other places of worships.

The party leaders will place wreaths at the mazar of Bangabandhu at Tungipara and offer fateha. A milad mahfil followed by munajat has also been arranged in observance of the day.

Zia killing

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the then government led by acting president Justice Abdus Sattar in an order on June 24, 1981 stopped the police investigation. The case was revived when the Manjoor Murder Case was filed in 1996.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) of Chittagong has sanctioned three months to complete the investigation. The order was given Wednesday on

the 116th working day of the Earlier, ASP Abdul Kader Khan urged the CMM to extend the time for the investigation. He told the court that more time is needed as the case is very complicated and all evidences,

Dhanmondi lake

except the FIR, are not avail-

From Page 1 Ministry of Public Works said that one illegal occupier at 134 C/. Road-2 has 'mysteriously obtained official permission' to demarcate 3.35 kathas of lakeside land which he encroached

" The permission was the first of its kind given by the ministry and it was done because a senior engineer of the ministry lobbied for it," said a ministry official requesting anonymity. He also pointed out that in its survey to identify encroachment, the PWD did not include this particular case.

(PWD) sources quoted a recent ministerial letter and said the ministry was also planning to allocate a part of the lakeside green area, off Road-27 (old), to an individual for building a "community centre". In their official comment to the ministry on the proposed allocation at Road-27, PWD officials quoted the Prime Minister's recent decision not to allow any construction on open public space or low lying area.

Public Works Department

But Works Ministry sources said a powerful group was active to get the land allocated for to lodge complaints with the building the proposed commucommittee against the violator nity centre'. of the election code of conduct.

They will go for mass hunger strike on November 23 at Pal tan Maidan in the city as pro-

BNP of engaging in a deeprooted conspiracy to oust the government, reports UNB.

Badruddoza Chowdhury, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, Khandaker Delwar Hossain, MP, Maulana Matiur Rahman Nijami, Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Is-

lami and other leaders of BNPled Seven Party Alliance were among those who attended the

Mysterious death of microbus driver

By Staff Correspondent A microbus driver of a residential hotel was mysteriously killed in the city's Uttara area

vesterday morning. The dead was identified as Alamgir Hossain, 34, son of Yakub Sheikh, a resident of

Sector Seven of Uttara. Police could not confirm how Alamgir died. Cantonment police, however, said that they were waiting for the autopsy re-

House No: 20, Road no: 30 in

Alamgir was found dead at the end of Road No. five of Sector No one in Uttara under Cantonment thana in the city at about 6 am, police said. There was fractures in his hand and blood was coming out

of his nose and mouth. The mi-

cro-bus of the hotel was found

An unnatural death case was

burnt beside the body, police The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. None, however, was arrested in connection with the killing.

Ex-air chief Altaf Hossain granted

yesterday granted ad-interim bail to former air force chief Altaf Hossain Chowdhury for 12 weeks in four corruption cases, reports BSS. The bench comprising Jus-

as to why the ex-air chief should not be enlarged on anticipatory bail. The case in brief is that the Bureau of Anti-Corruption, Dhaka, lodged four FIRs with

ad-interim bail A High Court Division Bench

tice Golam Rabbani and Justice Md Zainul Abedin also issued rule • upon the government to show cause within eight weeks

Cantonment police station on October 15, 1998 alleging that former air chief Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, without prior approval of the authority had spent Tk 30,78,993.19 for medical treatment, toured by helicopter violating rules and donated goods to various institutions for political purpose,

businesses and on completion held as those who left the House of those, I've allowed the minisearlier did not return. ter", he explained.

निक्ष छिएस थायाम हि

The BNP lawmakers walked "Your decision has curtailed

Objecting to the works minister's move. Chief Whip of the

ment on the day.

PM urges teachers

classes, hold

Verdict

are: Lt Col (dismissed) Farookur Rahman, Lt Col (dismissed) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Lt Col (former Acting Director of BNCC) Muhiuddin and Maj (retd) Bazlul Huda. The rest are absconding abroad. Of the acquitted four, Wahab

documents. sidering to move an appeal be-

For the first time in seven

also withdrawn.

threat.