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### Hasina visits Bangabandhu's mazar

TUNGIPARA (Gopalganj), Nov 19: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today visited the mazar of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, reports UNB.

She placed wreaths at the mazar and offered fateha there. It was her first visit here after the pronouncement of the historic verdict in Bangabandhu Murder Case on

November 8. The Prime Minister straight went to the mazar from the helipad at 12:50 pm to pay tribute to her father. Later, a munajat was offered for the eternal peace of Bangabandhu.

Col (retd) Farroq Khan MP, Sheikh Helal Uddin MP, district AL president Mohammad Ali Khan Abu Mia and general secretary Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah were present.

Prime Minister will stay overnight here and distribute documents of khas land among the landless people of the area tomorrow morning.

The Prime Minister will return to the capital in the afternoon after attending a milad mahfil here at 1:30 pm.

Gulf War compensation

## 4th installment for Bangladeshis from Saturday

The distribution of the fourth installment of compensation money to Bangladeshi nationals repatriated from Iraq and Kuwait will begin on Saturday, said an official announcement here yesterday, says APB.

The United Nations Compensation Commission (UNCC) has made available funds for payment to 13,544 repatriates in category 'A' and 108 in cate-

On receipt of letters, eligible claimants are requested to draw their cheques after submitting required documents to Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) at 89/2 Kakrail in the city.

All necessary preparations. including issuance of letters to the claimants, have already been completed, the announcement added.

Applications from claimants will be received at the BMET office from 12 noon to 3 pm on Saturday, Monday and Wednesday, the announcement said, adding, cheques will be issued from 3 pm to 5 pm on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Minister for Labour and Manpower M A Mannan, in a briefing yesterday, directed the concerned officials of BMET to extend cooperation to the claimants and ensure that they are not deceived and harassed.

## Rule on govt

From Page 1 through pipelines at the in-

stance of the foreign oil companies without ensuring adequate reserves for domestic needs both present and future - and without having any debate in and out of parliament and without any national policy and national consensus would be against the national interest and tantamount to relinquishing the sovereignty over the natural resources," the petition submitted.

The country was divided into 23 blocks in the mid-1990s for exploration of gas and oil. Foreign companies were invited to bid for all the blocks.

In the first round bidding, eight blocks were given to five foreign oil companies under production sharing contracts (PSCs).

The foreign companies are Occidental Exploration of Bangladesh Ltd, Cairn Energy and Holland Sea Search Bangladesh BV, Rexwood Okland JV and United Meridian Corpo-

ration.

Letters of Intent for another five blocks have also been issued in favour of Encon-Okland, Shell & Cairn, Unocal & Triton and Pangae-OMV. Dr M Zahir, Barrister

Mainul Hussain, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, President of Supreme Court Bar Association and Bar rister Abdur Razzak moved for the petitioners, while DAG Md Momotazuddin Ahmed and AAG AM Aminuddin appeared for the government.

#### Rajuk From Page 1

'project' was sure to engulf huge areas of the lake as most green space along the lake had already been allocated as plots, the Azizul Haque said, "some areas of the lake would have to be filled to implement the pro-

When asked how much the project would cost Rajuk, the Chairman said that he would be able to reply within the next two weeks. "We are committed to saving Gulshan Lake and this

is the only way to do it," he said. When asked whether he had obtained permission from the Prime Minister's Office, as reguired by a Prime Minister's recent directive before taking up a project to fill the lake, the Chairman replied his office did not feel it necessary because, "we did it from the planning point of view."

A recent directive of the Prime Minister forbid filling up of any low lying area, construction on parks or open space in the city

Clinton tells Japanese people in Tokyo

# Have patience, be more open to American goods

TOKYO, Nov 19: US President Bill Clinton urged the Japanese public today not to be discouraged by their struggling economy, but also called for more openness to Americanmade goods, reports AP.

"If Japan is very strong, that brings back Asia," Clinton said at a "town hall" meeting broadcast nationally from Tokyo.

After meeting Emperor Ak-ihito at the Imperial Residence, Clinton faced an hour of questions ranging from the strained economic relations between Tokyo and Washington to per-sonal matters, including the Monica Lewinsky affair.

"The United States views the TV moderator quickly in-Japan as our friend, our ally for the future," Clinton told an audience of students, merchants and other workaday Japanese.

"We regret that you have the present economic challenges that you have but we don't think you should be too pessimistic about the future," he said. "Do not be discouraged by the pre-sent economic difficulties. They can be overcome."

A woman from Osaka bluntly asked Clinton how he had apologised to his wife and daughter for his affair with the former White House intern, and whether they had forgiven him. "I did it in a direct and straightforward manner," Clin-

ton replied. As for forgiving him, "I believe they did, yes," he said, quickly adding, "That's really a question you could ask them better than me." Sensing the awkwardness,

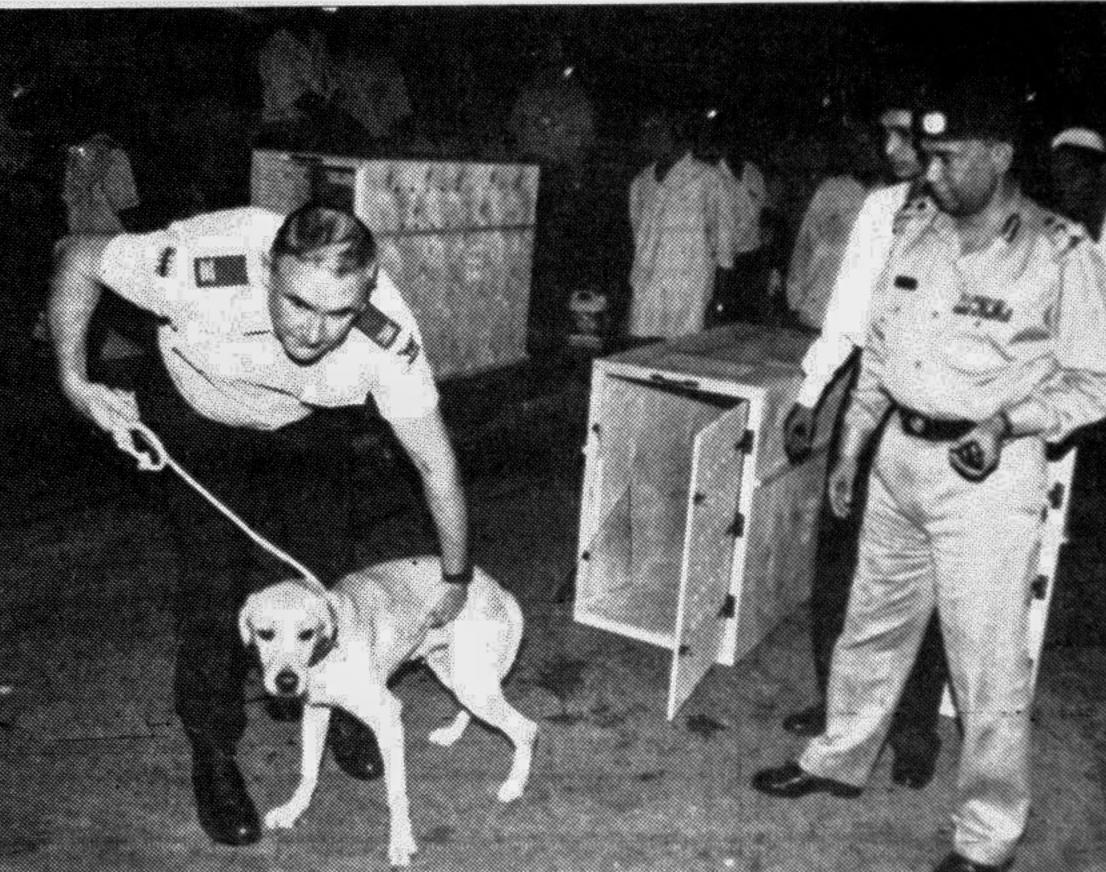
terjected: "Let's change the topic Clinton acknowledged at the outset efforts Japanese leaders have undertaken to combat the

nagging recession. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi

announced earlier this week a 196 billion dollar package of spending and tax cuts to spur Japan's economy, the country's eighth recovery plan, and largest, in eight years of economic distress. Obuchi said he expected it to put Japan on a "recovery orbit" within two years, but the White House fears the package will turn out to have less punch than adver-

Yet, Clinton said, "I think, to be fair to the present leadership, they have not had enough time for people to make a fair judgment. They just recently entered office. The problems that Japan has today will not be solved overnight."

"The best days of Japan and the best days of America lie before us in the 21st century if we determine to go there together."



A dozen of dogs were flown in from Britain as part of a government plan to set up dog squads for hunting terrorists, reports UNB.

Five experts accompanied the dogs. They were received at the Zia International Airport by AIG of Police Syed Bazlul

A second consignment of dogs will arrive on Nov 22. The dogs were taken in three microbuses from the airport.

A house for the dogs is being built at Mirpur, where a complex for the Dog Squad is com-A 34-member police squad

led by ASP Mahmudur Rahman will be trained to use the trained dogs in their hunt for terrorists, bombs and drugs. The dogs will cost Tk 14 lakh and the entire project Tk 5 crore, police sources said.

## Quake hits Iran, several villages damaged

TEHRAN, Nov 19: Severa villages were severely damaged but no one was injured in a strong earthquake which struck southeastern Iran on Wednesday, officials said today, reports AFP.

The quake measuring 5.6 degrees on the richter scale hit Shahdad region of Kerman Province, damaging as much of 60 per cent of some villages in the area, said Ali Vahbi, the

chief of Shahdad district. But he told the official Irna news agency that no one was hurt in the tremor adding that many people had spent the night outside of their homes in fear of aftershocks.

From Page 1

and make a case on the presi-

dent's behalf. A crisply dressed

Kendall, who has accused Starr

in court of prosecutorial mis-

conduct, sat with a squadron of

White House lawyers facing

from the scene in Japan, where

he began a five-day Asian trip

Judiciary Committee, unde-

terred by election losses and

negative polls, pressed ahead

with plans to broaden the im-

peachment inquiry beyond

whether Clinton illegally tried

to cover up his affair with

Monica Lewinsky.

Republican members of the

Clinton, meanwhile, was far

Starr.

greet a former member of his

Cabinet. An apparently nervous Rabeya Bhuiyan, the reputed barrister, then began the day's business reciting Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim and seeking cooperation from all the members after the customary ritual.

Entering into the day's first agenda -- the Question-Answer session - the Chair invited Awami League MP Hazi Mo-

hammad Selim to raise his starred question. The young Hazi, known for

his good sense of humour and

### Degree examinees go on rampage in Barguna

BARGUNA, Nov 19: Unruly degree examinees at Betagi Degree College centre here went on rampage after failing to adopt unfairmeans in the examination that began today, leaving three people injured, reports

Police said the injured were police constable Alauddin, candidate Babul and Additional Deputy Commissioner's (Gene-

ral) speedboat driver Yussuf. Witnesses said the violence erupted when pro-Awami League BCL college unit president Masudur Rahman, who sat for the English examination, was expelled for adopting un-

The mob chased TNO Kamal Reza who ran away and took shelter in the college Principal's

They damaged the college building, two motorbikes and the thana land office. Police reported to baton charge and brought the situation under control.

They were seeking subpoenas

for four new witnesses, in-

cluding Clinton lawyer Robert

Bennett and presidential confi-

dant Bruce Lindsey, and have

requested a key document from

the Justice Department laying

out allegations over fund-rais-

ing by Clinton's party, the

The committee also planned

to question Daniel Gecker, the

lawyer for Clinton accuser

Kathleen Willey, and Nathan

Landow, a Maryland Democrat

who had contacts with Willey.

She has accused the president of

making a sexual advance inside

spared no words for a president

he has investigated for four

In his testimony, Starr

Democrats.

the White House.

fore putting up the question.

"The Prime Minister is a woman and so is the Leader of the Opposition. Now we see another woman in the Speaker's chair. And we have wives back at our homes. Where do we go

Selim's remark added fresh elements of humour in the

However, none of the two powerful women -- prime minister Sheikh Hasina and opposition leader Khaleda Zia -- was present in the House at that

While asking a supplementary question, comments similar to Selim's came from Ruhul

Kuddus Talukdar Dulu of BNP. Bhuiyan was in the Chair for 20 minutes before announcing the Magreb break. At the time of her departure, one MP was heard saying, "Please come

The fever continued after the Magreb recess when Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid took over. "(It seems) you all were happy finding a woman in this chair," he began.

While allowing the floor to Sabita Begum, a JP MP sitting next to Rabeya Bhuiyan, the Deputy Speaker told her, "Proximity does not always pay, even if you belong to the same sex. You've got to come back to me." Hamid's comments made both Sabita and Rabeya laugh

JP whip Fazle Rabbi then claimed it was for the first time that a woman member had chaired the JS session in the independent Bangladesh. "She (Rabeya) has made history." "Do you think that it is only

the women who create history?" the Chair replied. "Definitely they do. You too have made history," Rabbi responded.

years at a cost of 40 million dol-

lar. Clinton, he said, "repeat-

edly used the machinery of gov-

ernment and the powers of his

office to conceal his relation-

ship with Monica Lewinsky

from the American people,

from the judicial process in the

Paula Jones case and from the

used premeditated false state-

ments, provided job assistance

to Ms Lewinsky when she was a

potential adverse witness in

Mrs. Jones' sexual harassment

case against the president,

schemed to conceal gifts, and

used his own Cabinet members

and staff to unwittingly provide

inaccurate information to the

public and the grand jury, a

The prosecutor said Clinton

grand jury."

### 17 envoys to meet Khaleda today

Envoys from 17 Muslim and Asian countries are likely to meet Khaleda Zia today.
The envoys would discuss

the current political and economic situation of the country as well as Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's recent announcement renouncing hartal BNP sources told UNB yester-

They said the meeting would be held at 29 Minto Road in the evening.

## Khaleda to start 5-day tour of 4 N-dists from Nov 24

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia will start a 5-day tour of four northern district from November 24, reports Party sources said yesterday

the opposition leader would address four public meetings at Syedpur, Lalmonirhat, Kurigram and Rangpur. She will first address a pub lic meeting at Syedpur High

School ground at 4pm on November 25 while at Lamonirhat Railway Maidan next

On November 27, she will address a rally at Kurigram College ground while the final one at Rangpur Zila School ground on November 28

The BNP chief is scheduled to stay at Rangpur circuit house from where she will conduct her campaign. She is expected to return to the capital on November

## Cricket stadium now to be built at Fatullah

A modern stadium will be built at Fatullah within 10 months. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Kader told parliament yesterday, reports UNB.

Replying to a question from Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, he said the proposed cricket stadium at Maghbazar could not be built because of private ownership of land. In view of time constraint to

earth filling for the new stadium at Fatullah has already been started, Kader said. Replying to another question, the state minister said there would be no problem in

## 10 hurt in clash during hartal at Feni

FENI. Nov 19: A dawn-todusk hartal was observed here today protesting the killing of Jubadal activist Noor Nabi and attack on the residence of district BNP general secretary Prof

Jainal Abedin, reports APB. Some ten people, including two children, received injuries when supporters of BNP and ruling Awami League looked in a clash on Trunk Road during hartal hours.

Private offices, shops and commercial houses remained closed and all modes of transports were off the roads. A good number of vehicles

### Bill rejected From Page 1

were stranded on both sides of

the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway

get cheated by many only because they cannot understand the meaning themselves."

He said, many officials as well as magistrates have been using English in their official correspondence, although there is law for compulsory use of Bangla. "A certain court order that came following a writ petition order has been giving them impunity. There should be a law that would compel the government officials to use Bangla in any circumstances", he said.

Yesterday was a private members day in parliament. Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury opposed introduction of the bill on the ground that a law was already there under which the government officials are supposed to do official correspondence in Bangla.

The proposal for introduction of the bill was then rejected by voice vote.

#### Starr kicks off impeachment inquiry one. Always he did his politics panel which is set up to help de-

cide whether prosecutors' have

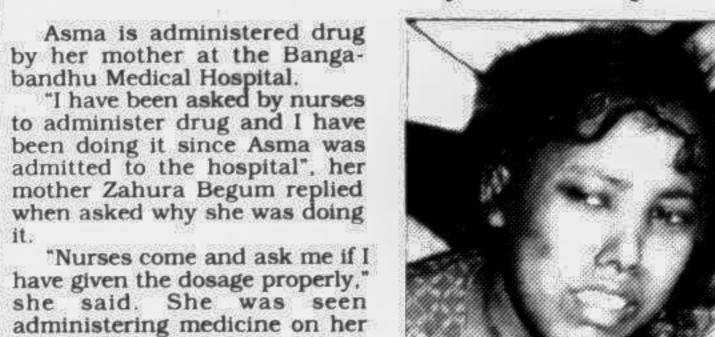
sufficient evidence in a case.

and perjury.

Starr dismissed Democratic suggestions he had no right to investigate the Lewinsky affair. Obstruction of justice 'is not a private matter, he declared. "The evidence further suggests that the president, in the course of these efforts, misused

his authority and power as president and contravened his people," he added. duty to faithfully execute the The discussion meeting, orlaws. That too is not a private matter," Starr continued. Starr mostly stuck to his written September report listing 11 possible grounds for impeachment, mostly related to alleged obstruction of justice

## 'Asma's mother administers drug as nurses refuse' By Staff Correspondent



When asked, an on-duty nurse who refused to give her name said, "It is not possible for us to administer drugs to infunctioning kidney was dividuals. There are too many 'mistakenly' removed during patients to look after. So we ask an operation at the Dhaka Medattendants of the patients to ical College Hospital received her second successive dialysis Asked who would be responvesterday at Bangabandhu Medsible for wrong dosage of the ical Hospital to remove 'excess

fluid from her body.

But Asma is still unable to take solid food. She vomitted twice yesterday while trying to take rice in the afternoon, her

But, she maintained the gov-

"People irrespective of

women and children are being

subjected to repression by the

ruling party terrorists across

the country," the former prime

minister told the crowd in an

abrasive criticism of the ruling

runnabi of Feni, killed by

"Awami terrorists", was sent to

She aired doubts about

proper investigation and trial

of Palash killing. "Because," she

said, "the ruling party activists

She demanded fair inquiry

DSE

From Page 1

year after introduction of a new

election rule last December, the

After the last date of with-

four were chosen through the

drawal and announcement of

the lottery results, a councillor

Jahangir Kabir, volunteered to

retire in place of the chairman

The election committee, report-

edly "under pressure", decided

to allow the chairman to con-

The committee's decision

Kazi Feroz Rashid later filed

Rashid insisted that all four

In a letter to the election

body. Rashid said, "If one of

them is allowed to continue, the

decision should also apply to

the "aggrieved" councillor to

was supposed to give its decision

within two working days, came

up with its verdict after five

working days. "The acceptance

of the voluntary retirement of

one councillor in favour of

another councillor has not

ing the voluntary retirement as

the lottery was held after none

volunteered till the last date,

The Daily Star yesterday.

Rashid, however, stuck to

"There is no scope for accept-

"I will go to court," he told

invalidated the lottery.

his position.

Rashid said.

approach the appellate board.

The committee later advised

The appellate board, which

prompted protests from the re-

tiring and some of the existing

an objection with the election

committee challenging its deci-

councillors be allowed to con-

tinue for another term.

are involved in the killing."

and trial of the killing.

his village home only on

She said the body of Nu-

ernment has utterly failed to

provide security of public life

and launch the country's devel-

mother said. Her weight came down to 37 kg from 40kg about a month

No doctor was available for comment when this correspondent visited Asma at ward no 4A in nephrology department about 7pm yesterday.

Health Minister Salauddin Yusuf visited Asma yesterday morning and inquired about her condition.

While talking to The Daily Star last night the minister said, "I have once again asked the doctors concerned to take proper care of Asma. Her health condition, according to

doctors, is better now." The minister also said. "Asma would soon receive a kidney from her mother once necessary medical examinations for tissue matching are

Talking to this correspondent, Asma, who comes from a poor family of Shariatpur, appealed for financial help.

FM tells press

## Khaleda vows to oust govt thru' movement

party.

Wednesday.

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councillors.

others.

BNP chief Khaleda Zia yesterday said the government must be forced to bow out through the movement she has launched for safeguarding people's lives, country's integrity and public order, reports UNB. "We'll continue our move-

drugs, one of the attending

nurses said, "It is not our

headache. We are doing what

our doctors instructed us to do."

Asma Begum whose only

ment defying all impediments for keeping the interests of the people. People's victory is in-evitable in this movement," the opposition leader said. She was addressing a spontaneous gathering in the city's

AGB colony vesterday evening

where she went to visit the bereaved family of Shamsuzzaman Palash shot dead on November 15 in the area. The BNP chairperson sympathised with the family members of Palash - his mother and sisters. Palash, a city JCD

parents. Khaleda Zia said the truth must prevail and "we are in the right direction along the path of

leader, was the only son of his

Pointing out what she said killings and terrorism by Awami League, she said it is the

## India sets up nat'l security council

NEW DELHI, Nov 19: India's Hindu nationalist government today set up a national security council where politicians would work with military generals to plan the country's defense policy, reports AP.

Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, who will head the council, named his chief aide Brajesh Mishra the new national security adviser, United News of India news agency reported. Mishra will hold both positions. The council will include the

federal Interior Minister, the Defense Minister, the External Affairs Minister, the Finance Minister and the chief of the Planning Commission, UNI reported. The chiefs of army, air force and navy will be part of the council's strategic policy group, which will also include officials.

Military leaders see a council as a way to have more input on spending to defend India against China in the north and Pakistan in the West. India has fought three wars against Pakistan and one against China in the past 50 years over territorial disputes.

## Preconditions

From Page 1 dul Hamid Khan Bhasani, and late President Ziaur Rahman "By this, in fact, they are belittling themselves.

The Deputy Opposition Leader also blasted the silence of intellectuals when, he said, the government continued misdeeds. "Even they held silent meeting against rape in Jahangirnagar University." Referring to "reticence of the

intelligentsia in present time." BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said not only the politicians, but also the intellectuals sometimes "mortgage" their conscience. "Maulana Bhasani was such a leader who never compromised his conscience with any-

country and hence for truth and honesty," he said. He told the meeting that a situation like pre-1975 period was now prevailing in the country when Maulana Bhasani had led a long march on Farakka. "The government will be washed away in a flood as BNP has 70 per cent support of the

for grassroots people of the

ganised by a committee to observe Maulana's death anniversarv, was also addressed by Dr Aftab Ahmed, Dr Mahbubullah, Begum Khurshid Jahan Haq. MP. Farida Rahman and Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, with Ashraf Hossain in the chair.

#### C'wealth states won't shelter any killers ruling party's responsibility to ensure security of the people, develop the country as well as improve law and order situa-

The Commonwealth countries have assured that they won't shelter any killers or terrorists in response to the Bangladesh government's appeal, reports UNB.

An official level meeting of the Commonwealth countries held in London last week adopted a unanimous resolution on this point, Foreign Min-ister Abdus Samad Azad told a weekly press briefing at the Foreign Office yesterday after-

Four convicts of Bangabandhu murder case are now in jail while 11 others, all exarmy officers, are absconding in different countries. "We are pursuing quiet but

the foreign minister told a questioner. About the progress in the negotiation with the US government on bringing back the convicts hiding in America, he said, "I will tell you at right

active diplomacy to bring all

the absconding convicts back,"

Jail killing From Page 1

in power after a lapse of 21 The CID chargesheeted 23 persons for killing the four national leaders in the prison cell. Of the chargesheeted accused two -- Khandokar Mustaque Ahmed and Mahabubul Alam

trial as they were dead. Among the rest, eight are now detained at the Dhaka Central Jail, and others are absconding.

Cahshi -- were not sent up for

## TUs at BB

From Page 1 the activists of the CBA and its rival left many injured.

sumed at BB following a court order against the move. On the other hand, a task force formed on July 29 last year, submitted its report this year saying that political patronage plays a major role in protecting unlawful activities

of the TU leaders of the NCBs.

The task force has also rec-

The TU activities later re-

ommended a complete ban on formation and activities of TUs in all scheduled banks of the country. The managements of the NCBs feel weak and demor-

alised in taking actions against illegal activities of the TUs because of their political links with high ups. The main problem in curbing TU activities is a lack of environment and power of the banks rather than any legal la-

cuna, the task force headed by

BB Deputy Governor Khandaker

Ibrahim Khaled said.

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#### acquire the private land, the new site has been selected and One of the 13 dogs emerges from a wooden crate after they were flown to ZIA from London yesterday. Star photo Detective playing football and cricket at Rabeya chairs session the Bangabandhu National Stadium. deliberation in Dhakaite ac From Page cent, clearly embarrassed the thumped desks and jubilated, arrive the former general clapped to woman MP by his comment be-