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orandums to the principals of

different medical colleges on

December 1 to press for their

chairman of the Movement

Council in his written state-

ment said they had decided to go

for movement after the authori-

ties fail to resolve their prob-

tors of different medical col-

leges, including Nurul Anwar

Hayat Mahmud Russel, Monaj

Singha, Mostafizur Rahman

and Faizul Islam, were present

at the press conference held at

Shantu Larma

at Rangamati,

holds meetings

neral tomorrow, reports UNB.

Rani Tatu, wife of Chakma Raja

Debasish Roy, will take place at

the Rajbari complex here at

Larma alias Shantu Larma,

Chairman of the Parbatya

Chattagram Jana Sanghati

Samity, will also hold meeting

with the local PCJSS leaders

later in the day taking stock of

the progress on the CHT peace

accord ahead of the first an-

that the leaders would also dis-

cuss preparations for observing

the anniversary of signing of

the peace accord with the gov-

decided to mark the first an-

niversary of peace accord in a

befitting manner. The organi-

sation may launch its political

agreement with the government

on December 2, 1997 and the

Shantibahini militants gave up

arms thereafter to end ethnic

by the local leaders with bou-

quets when he arrived here

from Khagrachhari this after-

Tendons of two

young men cut

in city

By Staff Correspondent

dons of two young men and

chopped off fingers of another

at Bania Nagar under Sutrapur

Babu, 22, Chandan, 24, and

Saidul 20, - were admitted to

Dhaka Medical College Hospi-

fingers of Jummon's left hand,

cut tendons of both hands and

legs of Saidul and those of both

The victims - Jummon

The gang chopped off two

thana in the city last night.

tal, DMCH sources said

hands of Chandan.

A gang of criminals cut ten-

Shantu Larma was received

The PCJSS signed the peace

manifesto on the occasion.

hostilities in the hills.

The PCJSS is learnt to have

Sources in the PCJSS said

niversary of its signing.

ernment.

Jyotirindra Bodhipriya

noon tomorrow.

RANGAMATI, Nov 23:

the Jatiya Press Club.

Leaders of the interne doc-

S M Akmal Ali Golap, co-

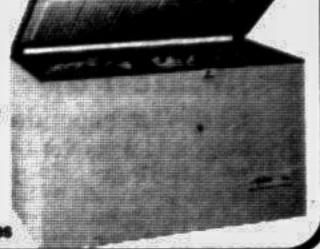
They will also submit mem-

colleges from December 1-13.

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Two flood-hit districts

Fishing helped them survive

By Gobinda Bar back from Madaripur and Gopalganj

family," he said.

areas also.

the city markets.

At Chander Beel, Anukul

The 'fishermen 'sell their

"It has saved us from starva-

somehow in the post-flood pe-

By Staff Correspondent

volvers with bullets and five

hand-bombs and arrested five

persons on various charges in

were recovered from a lane at

Banagram. The recovery fol-

lowed confession by one Haider

chased and arrested an alleged

along with his two associates

were fleeing in an auto-rick-

shaw after snatching Tk 18,000

from a woman rickshaw pas-

senger at Fakirer Pool. A re-

volver with 11 bullets were re-

rested for their suspicious

movement in a car at Moham-

madpur and a revolver and 6

bullets were recovered from

them. They are Sariful Islam.

25 , Tajul, 27 , Ripon, 28, and

Hatem, 32. Separate cases were

filed in connection with the in-

Barisal education

board within

two years

at the Barisal divisional head-

Replying to a call attention

notice brought by Mosharraf

Hussain Mongu (BNP-Barisal).

he said necessary administra-

tive work is being done to that

effect following a request from

ministers and leaders of that

area to establish an education

said the past government an-

nounced Barisal as a division

but did not take any step to es-

tablish an education board

Kidnapped four

tribals released

Four tribals, including two

PCJSS activists, abducted by

their rivals from Laxmichhari

thana of the district, were re-

leased after a week today, re-

Members of Parbattya Cha-

ttagram Jana Sanghati Samity

(PCJSS) Anzial Marma and

Jyotish Dewan and leaders of

its sister organisation, Pahari

Chhatra Parishad, Paitu Aung

Marma and Jaiya Aung Marma

were kidnapped allegedly by

anti-peace agreement cam-

Earlier, joint operation by

PCJSS sources said the four

army and police to rescue the

four proved abortive as they

were set free unconditionally by

Attempt on life

of Iraqi VP

president of Iraq's Revolution-

ary Command Council, Ezzat

Ibrahim, escaped an assassina-

BAGHDAD, Nov 23: The vice-

The Revolutionary Com-

paigners on November 16.

failed to trace the captives.

KHAGRACHHARI, Nov 23:

The education minister also

years, reports BSS.

board in Barisal.

ports APB.

Education Minister A H S K

cidents.

Four other persons were ar-

covered from his possession.

Two of the revolvers with 12

the city yesterday.

Police recovered three re-

said he also took to fishing as

he had no other work. "Usually

Flood affected farmers in Madaripur and Gopalganj districts have turned to fishing for livelihood.

Most of the marginal farmers who lost their crops and were unemployed following the deluge took to fishing in the beels and still submerged paddy fields in the low-lying southern parts of Madaripur and almost the whole of Gopalganj.

While visiting Chander Beel in Gopalganj and Bagiar Beel in Madaripur, this correspondent found hundreds of fishing boats. Most of the farmerturned-fishermen fishing there were from far away villages.

"I usually earn Tk 60 to 70 a day by selling fish in local bazars ." said farmer Rustam who now fishes in Bagia

"I sold my cows at a throw-

Khaleda protests Arms recovered arrest of N'ganj Five held in city on various charges

riod," said Akkel Ali.

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia protested the arrest of Narayanganj town BNP convenor Advocate Taimur Alam Khandokar, reports UNB.

BNP leader

In a statement yesterday she termed the arrest of Advocate Alam from within the Supreme Court precincts by filling "a number of false cases" as an action out of "political vendetta." "Through the arrest without

warrant the government not only dishonoured the Supreme Court but also encroached upon sanctity of the court premises," the BNP chairperson said. She charged the government with repeatedly impeding the

exercise of democracy, the rule of law and fundamental rights since its takeover. Begum Zia alleged on the ex-

cuse of police search in the homes of BNP leaders and workers, they were being forced to flee their areas. "All this ultimately turned the country into a police state," the former prime minister added.

She demanded immediate release of Advocate Alam and also of Ramna thana BNP organising secretary Ariful Islam, arrested earlier.

Begum Zia also asked for an end to what she said police harassment of BNP's Narayangani unit leaders Kamal Uddin Mridha, Jahangir Alam, Kamal Hossain and Rafiqul Islam.

Winslett weds

LONDON, Nov 23: British actress Kate Winslett, co-star of the blockbuster movie "Titanic," married Jim Threapleton on Sunday in a ceremony marked by tight security, reports Reuters.

Bouncers checked invitations at the door of the family's local church in the western town of Reading after details of the event leaked out. The pair announced their engagement last month but said the wedding would probably take place next

The couple emerged to a warm reception from wellwishers and were showered with confetti as they kissed passionately. The bride wore a cream Givenchy dress studded with pearls and also sported a pearl pendant on her forehead.

Winslett, 23, met her 24year-old assistant film director husband last year in Morocco on the set of "hideous Kinky," a movie which is yet to be released. Winslett paused long enough to say she felt "absolutely wonderful" before being whisked away with her new husband to a mystery destina-

47 Bangladeshis

From Page 1 a similar one, MHI earlier this year requested 51 personnel from BCIC (Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation) to use their skills for the Malaysian venture.

Later, BCIC and MHI reached agreement on employing 51 BCIC staff for 3-9 months for the Petronas work. Only four of them joined the project late Corriber, after which the Malaysian home ministry took a rigid stand in the wake of the massive drive against illegal immigrants. It demanded guarantee that the other 47 would not overstay their contract periods.

Following such a development, the industries ministry in Dhaka sought the foreign ministry's help in working out "a guarantee of sort" for the 47.

the foreign ministry was requested to direct the Bangladesh mission in Kuala Lumpur to issue guarantee notes that the 47 men would return home on completion of their assignments in Malaysia.

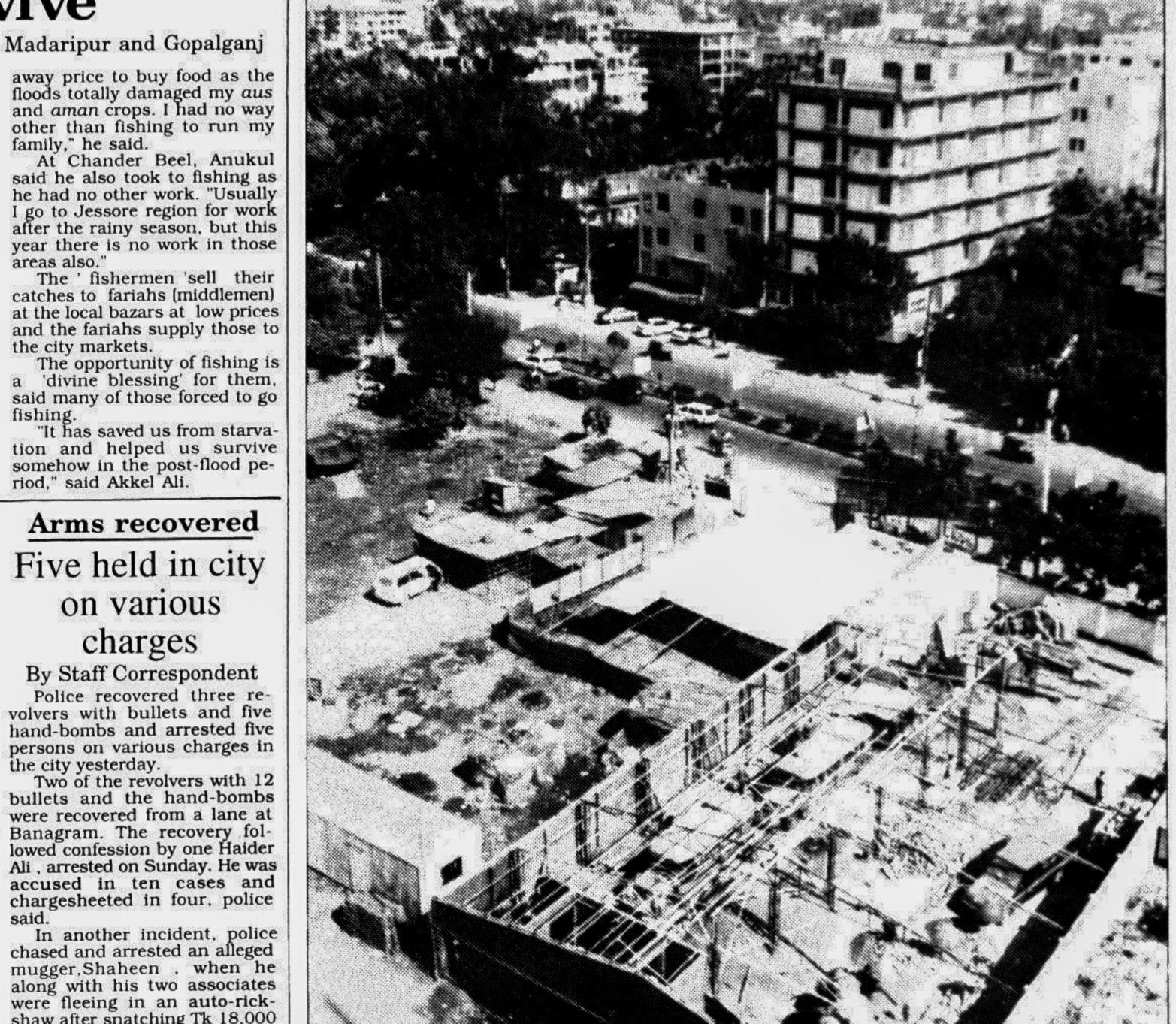
tion attempt in southern Iraq on Sunday, the official INA news agency said today, reports

the kidnappers.

An official at BCIC said that mand Council is the country's highest authority. Meanwhile, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has been named 'man of the century' by the Iraqi-Indian Friendship Association, the Baghdad Observer said today.

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What was recently a field few yards north of the Gulshan-1 roundabout has been taken over by a vehicle assembly centre, motor garages, party offices and sundry. How many more ventures can find room in this piece of land, residents wonder.

-Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

Storm plays havoc

anchorage earlier as a precau-

Sadeque yesterday said the govtionary measure. ernment has taken up steps to However, there have been no establish a board of secondary reports of human casualty or and higher secondary education damage to property in the port and the port city in the storm, quarters within the next two which took on hurricane intensity but later weakened into a land depression while crossing the Bay coasts.

> Operation of domestic flights from the airport also resumed at 7 yesterday morning as the situation began to return

However, the port city and its adjoining areas experienced heavy downpour since 9 yesterday morning and were still having drizzles.

There have been reports of substantial damage to ripe aman paddy and thatched houses in several southeastern districts. According to the reports reaching here, paddy crops in 87,000 hectares of land in Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Feni, Laxmipur and Noakhali have been damaged fully while in 40,000 hectares partially in the storms.

In Mongla, according to BSS, port returned to normal yesterday, one day after a severe cyclone downgraded to land depression pounded it with storm

and heavy downpour. The port's normal operational work - loading and unloading of cargo — began in time yesterday. The port hoisted Great Dan-

ger Signal Number 10 Sunday in view of the danger which was bearing down on Bangladesh from the Bay of Bengal with a core of hurricane and authorities raced to take necessary pre-

cautionary measures. At least twenty-one ships were awaiting at the port for loading and unloading of cargo which constituted of wheat, fertiliser, cement, cement clink-

In Barisal, according to our staff correspondent, Sunday's cyclonic storm left a trail of devastation particularly on the crop fields of standing aman crops and rabi crops including winter vegetables in different southern coastal districts.

Several hundred thatched houses, betel leaf baraj were razed to the ground, many trees uprooted.

Farmers in different areas faced a setback as their standing aman, and rabi crops on several thousand acres of land have already been damaged or destroyed due to this cyclonic havoc that hit the southern region Sunday evening along the Dublar Char and Sundarbans of the southern coastline of the

Rabi crops on more than 2,000 hectares of land and at least 10 per cent of standing aman crops on 18,000 hectares of land in Patuakhali district are feared to be heavily damaged, according to Patuakhali agriculture office.

BGMEA's appeal to government

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has appealed to the government to rescind the decision to stop gas connections to industries under the cost-sharing scheme, reports UNB.

BGMEA president Mostafa Golam Quddus in a statement yesterday said suspension of the scheme would discourage entrepreneurs of export-oriented garments industry, lifeline of the country's economy.

Some 23 industrial units got gas connections through the cost-sharing arrangement and eight others were in the pipeline.

The government's abrupt decision has thrown into uncertainty the fate of the eight ongoing industrial projects, Quddus said.

Tara gets bail in corruption case

FENI, Nov 23: President of pro-BNP Krishak Dal and former whip Mahbubul Alam Tara was granted bail in a corruption case on Sunday, reports APB. District and Sessions Judge S M Harun Osman set his bail at

Taka one lakh. The district Anti-Corruption

Bureau filed a graft case against Tara in 1997 for misappropriating public money when his party was in power.

Interne doctors to go on 72-hr strike Dec 1

Interne doctors of all the state-owned medical college hospitals will go on a 72-hour work stoppage from December 1 to press for their 6-point demand, reports APB.

The 'Young Physicians'
Movement Council' at a press conference yesterday also gave the authorities a 7-day deadline to meet their demands.

They also threatened that they would go for a non-stop strike from December 13 if the government fails to meet their demands within a week.

Their 6-point demand includes raising of monthly allowance from Tk 4,000 to Tk 8,000, appointment of more doctors in the government hospitals and solving the residential problems of interne doctors and medical students.

Announcing the pro-

Zillur protests remarks of Mannan Bhuiyan

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman yesterday protested the remarks of BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan about the Prime Minister's address on the Armed Forces Day, reports

Refuting Bhuiyan's press statement, Zillur said the PM's remark on the proclamation of independence and the army was the part of the nation's glorious history.

He said pro-Pakistani forces are now out to innovate an imaginary and ridiculous theory of "Zia-Drum and proclamation of independence" in a bid to bring late Zia in the limelight.

Referring to Bangabandhu's life-long struggle, he said Bangabandhu had prepared the nation for the war of independence and made a clarion call to the nation to join the war on March 7 and 26, which Zia himself recognised during his life time.

He said people liberated the country from the hands of enemies by carrying out a ninemonth war responding to the call of the father of the nation.

"One day Mannan Bhuiyan and their pro-Pakistani associates will have to answer to the people for distorting the history," the AL leader warned.

justice for Allende's death

GENEVA, Nov 23: Isabel Allende sought justice today for the death of her father, former Chilean president Salvador Allende, toppled in a 1973 coup d'etat by General Augusto Pinochet, reports AFP.

"After 25 years of impunity, we have the possibility of doing justice," Allende said at the launch of the two-day meeting in Geneva of the Socialist International's executive body.

"Justice is necessary and possible, justice will strengthen democracy," Allende, a Chilean deputy told delegates.

Pinochet has been detained in London since October 16 in response to a request for his extradition from Spanish magistrate Baltasar Garzon.

Besides, Tofail made a

issues like alleged corruption of Khaleda Zia's son Tarek Rahman, reported bank-loan default by some BNP legislators

ter his death'.

In another development,

on condition of anonymity,

The player said he had been offered Tk 600,000 by a club to play in the league. If pooled by BCB, he will receive only Tk 10,000 a month, which would in all give him Tk 60,000 in the

Money aside, many of the cricketers who are married and have children to look after would not like to be away from their families for such a long time being based in Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP).

grammes, they said the young doctors working in different

stable, reports UNB. Replying to a supplementary from Shahidul Islam of opposition BNP she told the House that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food also

sale of rice. Moreover, the minister said, quantities of rice being distributed free of cost in every union of VGF cards to feed the

poor have been doubled. In reply to Abdul Latif Mirza of the treasury bench, Matia said the area of single-crop agricultural lands in the coun-

the recent flood.

said at this moment the government had no plan to reduce the price of agri-input.

PCJSS supremo Shantu Larma age in the agricultural sector, arrived here today for a meeting the government has undertaken with ex-insurgent leaders and a massive rehabilitation proattending Rani Tatu Roy's fugramme. The funeral ceremony of

duties, VAT and infrastructure spare parts. "In the process, the price of power tiller has already come down by Tk 6-7 thousand," she said. Besides, a letter has been

Case against arrested ATTF activist filed

CHITTAGONG, Nov 23: Police here have initiated a case against an activist of All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) arrested from a city market last Detective branch police

thana against Monojit Dev

lodged the case with Kotwali

ATTF is a separatist movement fighting for liberation of

He, however, got necessary clearance from the Finance Ministry on Thursday as he simultaneously held the post of the chairman of the state-run Sonali Bank's Board of Direc-

assignment on a three-year contract.

retired on Saturday after completing his two-year contract, however, handed over the charge of the office of the governor to Dr Farashuddin, the same day, the sources added.

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Cold wave, blizzards kill 62 throughout Europe bite over the weekend.

BUCHAREST, Nov 23: An Arctic cold wave and accompanying blizzards have killed at least 62 people throughout Europe, police and media reported today, reports AP.

The weather played a role in at least 24 deaths in Romania and Bulgaria over the past three days. In Poland, 32 people died, most of them homeless or others who passed out in the cold after drinking alcohol, police

Temperatures in central and eastern Poland over the weekend were as low as minus 20 degrees Celsius (minus 4 Fahrenheit). The lowest temperature reported was minus 26 Celsius (minus 15 Fahrenheit) early Sunday in Ostroleka in northeast Poland

The cold wave hit on Nov 16, making it one of the coldest Novembers in Poland in recent years. Weather forecasters predict higher temperatures in the next few days. In Romania, at least 21 people died from the cold and in weather-related accidents on snow-covered roads since Friday. Temperatures plunged to minus 10 Celsius (14 degrees F) early today. About 200 people spent more

than 48 hours stranded in their cars after winds whipped snowdrifts across main highways in southern Romania. Army vehicles rescued most drivers, but six people froze to death over the weekend after being trapped in their cars. Dozens of trains were canceled and 200 communities

were reported to be without electricity, the Libertatea newspaper reported Monday. Some 15 major roads were blocked by snowdrifts as high as 1.5 meters. Police urged drivers not to travel in snowy areas. In Bucharest, dozens of cars smashed into other vehicles

and skidded in the icy condi-

tions. The Emergency Hospital

in Bucharest said it treated 80

people for fractures and frost-

In France, the death toll to six people, three of them homeless men.

completely frozen, and in Mouthe, in eastern France, temperatures fell Monday morning to minus 21 Celsius (minus 6 F). About 100 homeless people staged a sit-in at the headquarters of the state-run medical assistance service in Paris to demand better protection in winter.

Chassa reported Monday. Some highways were blocked and some areas were without power. phones and running water. The Black Sea ports of Burgas in Bulgaria and Constanta in Romania were closed today

of Montana, the daily 24

from the cold snap rose Monday Fountains in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris were

In Bulgaria, three people died in the northwestern region

due to storms, state radio re-

ported.

Bill passed From Page 1 find it easy to justify further increase in prices."

lengthy statement on various and 'misuse of power' by the

BNP government in the past. Most of the BNP members were seen protesting Tofail's 'irrelevent statement'. One of them made a counter statement that contained a 1975 BSS report giving a list of 'illegal weapons found in the residence of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman af-

Will it work? From Page 1

might boycott the league if the decision was not reverted.

some players would consider stepping out of the yet-to-beannounced World Cup pool, if selected, as they stand to lose a lot of money. A national player, speaking

said he would lose and found his fate uncertain.

next six months till the World Cup. Moreover, it is not certain if he would be England-bound at the end of the day.

So, the player is seriously contemplating resigning from national duty. If several others follow suit, BCB would be the biggest victim of their own de-

No OMS of rice as market is stable: Minister

The government will not go for OMS of rice as Agriculture and Food Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury yesterday ob-served that the market is now

held the same view that there is no need to go for open market

try is 3244,600 hectares and of double-crop 5057,800 hectares. She informed Parliament that standing crops in 18.57 lakh hectares were damaged in

Responding to a question from Mirza Azam, the minister But, to recoup the flood dam-

To make the rehabilitation operation a success, the authorities have already withdrawn surcharge on power tillers and

written to the National Board of Revenue (NBR) for waiving duties, taxes and surcharges from imported high-yielding seeds of wheat, pulses, onion, vegetables with immediate effect till June 30, 1999.

From Staff Correspondent

Barma, alias Sunil Tripura, for illegal entry into the country.

Farashuddin

From Page 1

He resigned from both the posts after he was given the new

Lutfar Rahman Sarker, who

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