Uzbekistan Airways sign agreement with Benison Int'l of Bangladesh

By Special Correspondent Uzbekistan Airways and Kumush ASR of Uzbekistan have signed an agreement with the Benison International of Bangladesh to operate a freight service to carry mainly dry cargo like garments to Europe and US markets.

The flights would be operated from mid-April by an Iluyshin-76 freighter, hauling 35 tonnes of cargo per flight. according to Benison International, the GSA(general sales agent) of Uzbekistan Airways. The agreement was signed in Tashkhent on February 10.

There will be one flight a week but the frequency will be raised during peak season, the GSA said.

This is the second such arrangement between a foreign airline and a local company. Earlier, Bangladesh Biman entered into an agreement with Korean Air to operate a freight service carrying garments mainly to US.

Efforts by a Bangladeshi cargo service, Bismillah Airlines, to ferry dry cargo with a chartered Russian aircraft came to an abrupt suspension recently after the AN-12 transport aircraft was taken off by the Russians after a row with the Bismillah on financial arrangements.

A number of Bangladeshi companies have expressed interest in running cargo services, Civil Aviation sources said.

ROK interested to install private container terminal in Ctg port

By Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: South Korean organisations evinced interests to install a private container terminal in Chit-

tagong. This was disclosed today by the South Korea envoy Tai Kayu Han when he made a courtesy call on president of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCC&I).

The ambassador said that Chittagong is fit for shipping related business because of its convenient geographical loca-

Installation of a private container terminal in Chittagong will benefit Bangladesh and the neighbouring countries, he

Earlier, president of CCC&I Kamal Uddin Ahmed talked about the importance of modernisation of the existing ports.

Father of Satish Chandra Roy dead

Pohatu Ram Roy, father of State Minister for Primary and Mass Education Satish Chandra Roy, died on Wednesday at Dinajpur Sadar Hospital. He was 92, reports BSS.

Roy had been suffering from old age complications. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Water treatment plant at Sayedabad: construction work begins Saturday

The construction work of the long-awaited water treatment plant at Sayedabad begins on Saturday, reports BSS. Minister for LGRD and

Cooperatives Zillur Rahman will inaugurate the construction work of the plant at 5.00 pm on the day. Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Saber Hussain Chowdhury, Habibur Rahman Mollah MP and secretary of the Local Government Division Badiur Rahman will attend as special

Chairman of Dhaka WASA Board Prof Dr ATM Zahurul Huq will preside over the func-

Badruddoza not allowed to meet Obaid in jail

By Staff Correspondent

Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury was refused by the Dhaka Central Jail authorities to meet the jailed BNP leader KM Obaidur Rahman MP on Tuesday last.

Prof. Shaheda Obaid, wife of BNP leader Obaidur Rahman, said in a press release yesterday that she had written to the jail authorities a couple of days before the Eid-ul-Azha to allow Prof. Chowdhury, along with herself, to meet her husband.

She also claimed that she had telephonic discussion with the jail authorities concerned two hours before they went to meet Obaidur Rahman. "But the official concerned did not even give any hint that Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury would not be allowed to meet the jailed leader." Shaheda says, adding: "Prof. Chowdhury has been treating Obaid until he was arrested in September last year."

Obaidur Rahman, an accused in a case relating to the killing of four leaders in jail in 1975. was arrested in September last

However, protesting the jail authorities' refusal to allow Prof. Chowdhury to meet his old patient and party colleague. Shaheda Obaid also returned home without seeing her husband on the occasion of Eid, the

press release says. The jailor was not available for comment yesterday.



As part of tour of SAARC countries organised by the NGO Jubo Shakti in Delhi, a sixteenmember SAARC youth team visited the Moitree Samaj Kallyan Sangha yesterday. Popular Indian film actor and noted social worker Sunil Dutta is leading the team. He is seen speaking at the meeting in the office of the Sangha. - Star photo

30 allotted BSCIC plots remain 'unused' in Rajshahi

By Nurul Kabir, back from Rajshahi

firmed.

A large number of industrial plots remain 'unused' in the BSCIC areas of Rajshahi district, while prospective investors are desperately looking for plots to set up factories in the industrial zone.

Some 30 plots, allotted to different people in the mideighties, still remain unused, says an official of BSCIC's Rajshahi office. "On the other hand, a similar number of applications are pending with us since 1994."

There are 325 plots in the 95.71 acres of lands under BSCIC area in Rajshahi district. The number of industrial plots, however, is 321 while four plots are in use for the BSCIC office and related establishments.

Out of the unused plots, three were allotted to an influential person of the town more than a decade ago. His factory still remains 'under-construction' Convinced that the factory is not going to be set up in the near future, the BSCIC authorities begun a recovery drive last year But the drive failed as the person concerned enjoys 'blessings' of all the major political parties active in the area.

"He secured written recommendations of top politicians of the town requesting BSCIC authorities not to cancel his plots," a BSCIC source con-

In another case, an allotee turned four industrial plots into residential ones. The authorities concerned have recently 'taken some initiatives to deal with the issue, but are yet to make any headway'.

Meanwhile, 30 applications for industrial plots remain pending with the BSCIC since 1994. Ten other plain paper applications, having recommendations from 'big shots' are also

In June last year, the local BSCIC authorities decided to stop distribution of prescribed application forms for industrial plots. Most of the applicants are interested to set up silk related factories. The authorities concerned frequently receive complaints of environmental hazards from the residential areas around the BSCIC areas. The owners of the silk mills also have complaints against the husking mills.

The BSCIC, Rajshahi has no immediate plans to acquire fresh land

(With Abdul Wadood in Rajshahi)

Resist all anti-development activities: Kibria

HABIGANJ, Apr 1: Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria has called for resisting unitedly all anti-development evil designs of the opposition for the sake of maintaining the current pace of development, peace and stability in society, reports BSS.

The minister was speaking as the chief guest at the oathtaking ceremony of the newlyelected chairman and commissioners of Habiganj pourasabha here yesterday.

The Deputy Commissioner of Habiganj, administered the oath of office. The Prime Minister's Parliamentary Affairs Adviser, Suranjit Sengupta. Dewan Farid Gazi, MP, Enamul Huq Mostafa Shahid, MP. Hosne Ara Waheed, MP, and newly-elected chairman of the pourasabha Shahid Chowdhury

also spoke on the occasion. The finance minister said that a section of opposition parties had indulged in different activities in the name of a

movement to unnecessarily harass the people and jeopardise the national economy.

He said when election is the key democratic instrument to establish representative local government institutions, few opposition parties were trying in vain to create issues with the recently concluded pourasabha elections.

Highlighting the various development programmes of the government, the finance minister urged the people to invest in the industrial sector for rapid growth of the economy.

He said the government would provide all cooperation to the expatriate Bangalees for their investment in the country.

Welcoming the newly-elected chairman and commissioners of the pourasabha, the finance minister urged them to put in their concerted efforts to render better civic services to the municipal dwellers.

BSF to handover Bangladeshi youth today

COMILLA, Apr 1: Indian Border Security Force (BSF) today assured handover of an abducted Bangladeshi youth by 10 am tomorrow, reports UNB.

BSF officials gave the assurances in a company commander-level flag meeting at Gorapara border, said a source at the 17 Rifles Battalion barracks.

Jalil Miah, 28, son of Abdul Quader of the Gorapara frontier village in Chouddagram thana, was abducted by Indian civilians from his locality on March

Faridpur-Dhaka road link snapped FARIDPUR, Apr 1: Road

communications between Faridpur and Dhaka snapped from early today as transport workers of Rajbari blocked traffic on the Dhaka-Barisal highway, reports UNB.

The protesters barricaded on the buses of Faridpur in reprisal for an assault on one of their (Rajbari) workers by a Faridpuri driver on Wednesday. Several hundred buses of Faridpur district remained stranded on both sides of the barricades, causing sufferings

to thousands of people return-

ing to the capital after Eid vaca-

Local administration, however, allegedly did not take any initiative to thrash out the dispute and restore traffic till this evening.

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The annual urs of Hazrat Gausul Azam Shah Sufi Moulana Syed Golamur Rahman (R), popularly known as Baba Bhandari, will be held at the Maijbhandar Sharif in Fatikchhari of Chittagong on April 5, reports BSS.

The day-long programme on the occasion will include waz. milad mahfil, khatme Quran, seminar and kawali. Hazrat Shah Sufi Moulana Syed Moinuddin Ahmed Maijbhandari will preside over the waz mahfil and lead the akheri munajat.

Envoy tells UN debate Struggle against racism not yet over

Bangladesh supports and values the world conference against racism to be held in 2001, the country's envoy to the UN office in Geneva said, re-

ports BSS. Ambassador Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, while taking part in general debate yesterday at the current session of the Human Rights Commission now being held in Geneva, regretted that though the institutionalised racism has gone with the end of apartheid, ugly heads of its new manifestations have

begun to arise. Dr Chowdhury said it was ironical that even at this time of civilisation we are still debating on racism. He said "It would have been logical to think that in our times humankind would have been united by now in aversion to this evil.

Referring to the resurgence of xenophobia directed against minorities and the foreigners and the continuing abhorrent practice of ethnic changing in the Balkans in general and Kosovo in particular, the Bangladesh envoy said these are "shocking reminders that our struggle against racism and racial intolerance are far from over."

Seminar held at NSU

Dr Abu Jafar Mohammad Sufian, a Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at King Faisal University, Saudi Arabia, presented a talk on his newly published book titled "Methods and Techniques of Social Research" a seminar at North South University yesterday, says a press release.

Dr Abu Sufian discussed the criteria for choosing a research problem, measurements of different types of variables, analytical techniques etc.

It was organise by computer science department of the University.

One beaten to death in Ctg By Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: One person was killed following a family feud at Charfarid village under Bandar thana here on Wednesday night.

Mozammel Haq, 32, had rebuked and beaten up his nephews for making a noise in the courtyard.

His brothers attacked him later while he was offering his Esha prayers. They dragged him out of the house and beat him up, injuring him seriously.

Mozammel succumbed to his

injuries in the Chittagong Medical College Hospital in early morning. A case has been filed with

the police against 5 people in

this regard. JCD extended meeting Apr 5

A two-day extended meeting of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, will begin at Engineers' Institute on April 5, reports UNB. BNP Chairperson Begum

Khaleda Zia will attend the opening session of meeting as chief guest, party sources said.

Navy seizes alcohol worth Tk 3 lakh in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG. Apr 1 Bangladesh Navy seized 480 bottles of whisky and 360 cans of bear worth Tk three lakh from two engine boats at the mouth of Karnaphuli river on March 29, an official source said today, reports BSS.

Two engine boats involved in smuggling of contraband alcohol were also seized.

9 more Rohingya refugees return to Myanmar COX'S BAZAR, Apr 1: Nine

more Rohingya refugees went back to Myanmar on Wednesday, reports APB. They left the Kutubpal

refugee camp and were seen off on the bank of the Naf river by UNHCR representatives and Bangladesh officials.

With their return, the number of refugees repatriated now stands at 2,29,620, leaving 21,250 in two refugee camps here, official sources said.

Jessore DC admits law, order worsens

JESSORE, Apr 1: The Deputy Commissioner of Jessore has admitted that the law and order situation in the district has deteriorated worrying the administration, reports UNB.

Exchanging views with newsmen in his office today, Mohammad Aminur Rasul said the people are suffering from a sense of insecurity of life and property under the situation. He however said the administration is determined to take

drastic action against those indulging in terrorism without fear or favour. Lauding the role of media the DC urged newsmen to help

administration in curbing ter-About a dozen people, including six in explosion in a cultural function, were killed in

the district during the last month. Jessore is a hub of divided underground political parties who are engaged in armed ter-

Separate incidents claim two in Sylhet

SYLHET, Apr 1: Two people including a minor girl died in two separate incidents in the district, police said today, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said Abdur Razzak (30) allegedly committed suicide at his father-inlaw's Barabazar residence of Ambarkhana area in the town last week. The victim, son of one Hasib

Ali of Kachurkool village in Kulawora thana of Moulavibazar district, hanged himself from the ceiling fan of the house. The cause could not be known. In another incident a minor girl Roshna (5), daughter of Shamsul Islam of Banpur area died on the spot at Kamarbasti

area on Sylhet-Companiganj

road when a bus ran over her on

March 23. The driver managed to escape along with the vehicle. Two separate cases were filed with the police.

Reception accorded to Sunil Dutt

The Indian High Commission accorded a reception for legendary film star Sunil Dutt and members of the expedition team "Hands Across Border" in the city yesterday evening, re-

ports BSS. The expedition team arrived on Wednesday with a message of

goodwill and friendship. The team which includes nationals from Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh and Bhutan leaves today for Comilla. After visiting Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Sylhet, the team will leave for Bhutan on April 7, Akhil Bakshi, President of Yuva Shakti, the people behind the 15,000 km motor ride across the SAARC nation, said.

Sunil Dutt who is serving as chairman of the expedition team said the peace drive is intended to create awareness about the problems of poverty in the region. Bakshi advocated for reduc-

ing defence spending for human welfare and said the drive is aimed at creating an environment to live together in peace

and harmony. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury attended the reception. Deb Mukharji and Pinaki R Chakravarty, High Commissioner and Deputy High commissioner respectively of the Indian High commission also

Commemorative stamp on Dr F R Khan

Bangladesh Post Office will issue a commemorative postage stamp valued at Tk 4 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the late Dr F R Khan, an eminent architect, tomorrow, reports APB.

A First Day Cover, valued at Tk 6, will also be issued and a special cancellor will be used. The stamp and First Day Cover will be sold from all head post offices including four GPOs of the country.

The commemorative postage stamp will subsequently be sold from all post offices including the extra departmental ones.

Half-day hartal observed in Kalapara poura area in Patuakhali

BARISAL, Apr 1: A half-day hartal was observed in Kalapara poura area under Patuakhali district today in protest against the postponement of pourasava election for three months, reports APB. Earlier on Wednesday

evening, on hearing the news of postponement of elections in seven pourasavas including Kalapara, people of the pourasava, particularly the supporters of the candidates.

went on rampage.
Witnesses said the TNO office, the pourasava office, resi dences of the incumbent poura chairman and MP Anwarul Islam, local police station and the agriculture office came under mob attack.

Later, a half-day hartal call for today (Thursday) was given by the protesters.

CMP arrests 34 on different charges

CHITTAGONG, Apr 1: Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) arrested thirty four people on various charges and recovered some arms and ammunition from different parts of the city today, reports BSS.

Doublemooring police ar-rested three people from south Khulshi with the help of the local people and recovered one foreign two-bore revolver, three rounds of cartridges and three daggers from a house according to the information received from the arrested persons.

The police also arrested one Jasim Uddin, an absconder wanted in four cases including murder and robbery from Bhuiayn colony of Agrabad CDA residential area.

CMP has set up twenty three check posts in different parts of the city to arrest enlisted terrorists, illegal arms holders and seize documentless motor vehicles.

Terrorists attack village in Jessore

JESSORE, Apr 1: A gang o armed terrorists attacked villagers of Laxmipur near Noyapara Bazar in the district and looted valuables last night, police said, reports BSS. Noyapara thana police said

the gang led by Zakir. Deen and Kawsar attacked the villagers after they declined to accept a 'partisan salish' mediated by the terrorists. Quoting the villagers police

said a 'salish' (conciliation meeting) was held in the village yesterday following a dispute over lifting of a cow from the village. The terrorists took a partisan role in the salish putting pressure on the villagers to accept their decision. The villagers refused to accept it. The terrorists then attacked the villagers injuring over 25 people including women and children.

A case was registered with Noyapara police station. None was arrested till tonight.

Samad Azad returns Foreign Minister Abdus

Samad Azad returned home yesterday after performing the holy Hajj, reports BSS. Acting Foreign Secretary Mohiuddin Ahmed and senior officials of the ministry were

present at the airport.

Clashes leave 24 injured in Madaripur, Chuadanga

MADARIPUR, Apr 1: Twen-

tytwo people including two po-

lice personnel were injured in

an encounter between rick-

shawpullers and lawenforcers

place when rickshaw peddlers

surrounded the local police sta-

tion at 11 am, demanding re-

lease of one of their colleagues.

rickshawpuller Samsu and an-

other youth, Jamal, were ar-

rested on charges of possessing

two bottles of phensidyl from

During the siege, police said, the agitated rickshawpullers

pelted brickbats on them while

the rickshaw workers claimed

police lobbed teargas shells and

rubber bullets. Two constables

and 20 demonstrators received

In protest the rickshaw-

The rickshawpullers later

announced an indefinite strike

pullers brought out a procession

in the afternoon. Police al-

legedly lathicharged on the pro-

cession and arrested five.

wounds in the melee.

the town's College Road area.

Earlier on Wednesday night,

Sources said the clash took

here today, reports APB.

programme of their three wheelers in support of their

In another incident in Chuadanga: Exchange of fire between police and outlaws at a village in Alamdanga thana left two terrorists injured on Mon-

Police and local people said, one of the injured, identified as Zoad Ali, was arrested while the other, Ashraful, escaped with bullet wounds.

The shootout took place when police, acting on a tip off, raided Magura and Majhila villages to nab some alleged out-

In two other drives at Harda Chandpur and Pirpur Kachua villages in the Sadar thana on Tuesday, police arrested 20 peo-ple and recovered some fire arms including a pipe gun and two shutter guns from their possession.

Police also recovered two shutter guns and some bullets from near a railway bridge in the town.

• What's on today.

Meeting: The weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central will be held. Venue: Surma, Dhaka Club Ltd. Time: 1:30

Condolence meeting: A condolence meeting will be held by Dhaka University Satirtha Sammelan (58-62) to mourn the death of its members Aminul Islam Dolu and Munzur Ahmed. Venue: Dhaka Officers Club. Time 5:00 pm.



A solo magic show by promising young magician Ali Raj tinged with a colourful fashion show entertained spectators to the performers' applause recently at the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. The unique show was arranged at the courtesy of Castrol.

BNP patronising anti-democracy activities: Zillur

BELABO, Narsingdi, Apr 1: LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman today said that the main opposition party BNP was patronising anti-liberation forces and other extremist groups in a bid to disrupt peace, development and progress of the country, reports

"BNP is engaged in a deeprooted conspiracy to create and artificial crisis and destroy political stability of the country in a renewed manner," he said while speaking at a function here to mark the joining of a number of local opposition leaders and activists to Awami

League. Science and Technology Minister Noor Uddin Khan at tended the function as special

District unit president of the party advocate Asaduzzaman, general secretary Mahbubur Rahman and Belabo thana Awami League president

paigns.

give BNP if it continues its activities disrupting development, welfare and post-flood rehabilitation work in the name of anti-government movement," he said.

Zillur also said that BNP ation in their bid to return to power by any means.

BIBM to begin outreach course in Sylhet NARAYANGANJ, Apr 1: on April 4 Bangladesh Institute of

Bank Management (BIBM) wil start a five day outreach course on "Lending Risk Analysis" in Sylhet on April 4, reports BSS. The course, which is designed by BIBM with a view to expanding its training activities to the divisional headquarters in the country, will be the first in the series of five outreach courses to be provided

among the bank officials. The main objective of the course is to enable participants to understand and apply 'lending risk analysis' on the basis of various risk factors.

Vice-Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Professor Habibur Rahman will inaugurate the seminar at the Bangladesh Bank seminar room in Sylhet. BIBM training director Dr Sujit Saha will also attend the inaugural session.

3 killed on Dhaka-Aricha highway MANIKGANJ, Apr 1: Three

people were killed and 20 others injured in a head-on collision between two trucks near Golora Bus Stand under Saturia police station on Dhaka-Aricha highway on March 28, reports Two of the victims were

identified as Nannu, 35, and Amjad, 28, of Horgaj village under Saturia thana of Manikganj district. The third victim was not identified. A case was registered with

Saturia police station in this connection.

Shamsher Ali Bhuiyan also spoke on the occasion. The minister urged the people to unite against these activities against democracy in the name of anti-government cam-

"The nation will never for-

was now behaving like a fascist party by creating anarchic situ-

Abdul Matin says Police admin has collapsed

Former Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury today observed that the police administration had collapsed due to interference of the ruling party. reports UNB.

"Situation has come to such a pass that officers-in-charge (OC) do not obey the order of the Inspector General of Police (IGP). Rather they are controlled by Awami terrorists," he told a public meeting at Kanchan, Rupganj.

The meeting was organised to condole the death of local Jubo Dal leader Dewan Muktar Hossain on March 25.

Matin said the thana officers are promoted if they follow the dictate of the Awami League activists. They are harassed and punished if refuse to follow the dictates.

New committee formed

A five-member new committee of Anabik Shakti Samabaya Griha Nirman Samity (ASSGNS) has been formed recently with former Chhagalnaiya Central Cooperative Samity Limited chairman Hafez Ahmed as its president, reports BSS.

Ahmed is also a member of City Freedom Fighters Rehabilitation Samabaya Samity Lim-

Other members of the committee are: Chief Accounts Officer Abdul Karim Miazi (LPR). Principal Scientific Officer Mofizur Rahman, and Administrative officers Abdul Khalek and SM Shahjahan Ali.

The new committee has already taken over charge of the samity, a press release of the samity said yesterday.

Khaleda protests attack on

party MP By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia has strongly protested the terrorist attack on ex-minister and party MP Kabir Hossain.

In a statement yesterday, she blamed the ruling Awami League for the "barbaric" attack at a public meeting and said the motive was to kill Kabir Hos-

"But it is very unfortunate that police fired tear gas shells and resorted to repression on the participants of the meeting instead of protecting them from the attackers," Begum Zia said adding "This heinous attack is a naked demonstration of this fascist regime."

The opposition leader also said that the terrorists of the ruling party previously launched attacks on a number of opposition MPs but none of the attackers had yet been brought to book and punished.

Due to the government's patronisation, she said the terrorists continued to attack elected representatives which made life of people's representatives inse-

Begum Zia in her statement demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those responsible for the barbaric attack and attempt on life of Kabir Hossain.

Mofazzal says Infrastructure dev in rural areas priority of govt

MATLAB, Chandpur, Apr 1: State Minister for Shipping Mofazzal Hussain Choudhury Maya, Bir Bikram, has said the present government has given top most priority to infrastructure development in the rural areas, reports BSS. Addressing a public meeting

yesterday at Narayanpur Pri-

mary School ground under Mat-

lab thana, he said, infrastructure development would greatly help the government's poverty alleviation programme by infusing dynamism into rural economic activities to benefit the larger section of the people. The public meeting was organised in connection with inauguration of Chengatali-Narayanpur rend by the state

minister. He also visited the

sites of an under-construction bridge and road. The meeting was presided over by Narayanpur Union Parishad Chairman Abdul Khaleque Sarker and addressed, among others, by Dhaka City Awami League leader Monir Hussain Khan and local elites advocate Ruhul Amin Khan, Shamsul Huq Bhuiyan, Nurul Amin Ruhul

and Kamrul Ehsan Shanti. Scouts team to attend course

in Australia Mihir Kanti Majumder. Deputy National Commissioner (Community Development) and Md Zahedul Haque, Assistant Field Commissioner, Bangladesh Scouts left the city Wednesday by Thai Airways to attend the 19th Course for Leader Trainers, to be held in Melbourne, Australia from

April 1-6, says a press release. 3 killed in Sylhet road accident

By Staff Correspondent SYLHET. Apr 1: Three people including a father and son were killed in a road accident in the suburbs of Sylhet town on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway this af-

ternoon. The accident took place when a minibus and an auto rickshaw collided head on at village Baharpur, about 6 kilometres off the Sylhet town at around 1.30 PM. Iqbal Hossain Chowdhury, 40, of village Dirarai under Balaganj thana was on his way to his father-inlaw's house along with his wife Rifa Begum and 14-month-old boy Iftekhar on the auto rickshaw. The 3-wheeler collided with the minibus causing the death of Iqual and the driver on the spot the baby later died in the hospital.

Rifa still remains under treatment in the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospi-A case has been lodged in

Sylhet petroleum suppliers assoc calls for strike from April 5

this regard.

SYLHET, Apr 1: Sylhet sion Petroleum Suppliers' Association has called an indefinite strike in all the petrol pumps of the district from April

5, reports UNB. The decision was taken in an emergency meeting of the association on Wednesday. The strike has been called in

protest of ransacking of a petrol pump by a group of truckers at Sobhanighat on March 28. Leaders of the District BNP and Pro-BNP Chhatra Dal in a joint statement demanded immediate arrest and exemplary

ble for attack on the pump. Razia Maliha Rahman, a

punishment to those responsi-

Dhanmondi Government Girls High School, died on Saturday last in Makkah after performing holy Hajj there. She was 63, reports BSS. She is survived by her hus-

former headmistress of

band, three daughters and a host of relatives to mourn her death.