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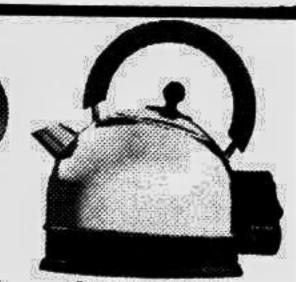
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President of Dhaka Maha-

nagar Auto-rickshaw Owner's

Association Fazlul Huq said the government should con-

sider paying 50 per cent of the

phased out. Besides, he

suggested use of 'Fuel Max', PLS

in two-stroke engines, ensuring supply of lead free petrol, quality 2T lubricants, training

of drivers for mixing lubricants

with petrol and import of tax

free four stroke engines to re-

stroke three wheelers (per year

increase 3500). 2000 two stroke

tempos (per year increase 200)

and . 3000 four stroke three

wheelers (per year increase 300)

in the city. Two-stroke three

There are about 30,000 two-

place two stroke engines.

value if auto-rickshaws are

arrest of MP

press home its demand for im-

During the programme, a good number of vehicles reat the Chhatak thana headquarters.

thana BNP will observe a daylong mass hunger strike tomorrow at the thana headquarters to realise the demand.

Manik in city

city yesterday.

The investigating officer of the case requested him over telephone to come to CID office for a "discussion', Manik added.

Liakat arrested

By Staff Correspondent

A Jubo League leader was arrested by Special Branch (SB) of police yesterday.

as Liakat. He was arrested under Specials Powers Act from the city's Iskatan area in the afternoon.

custody till filing of this report last night.

Buddha Purnima

Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages on the occasion.

chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the day in a befitting manner, including peace march, rally and discus-

From Page 1 do such hardware level prob-

dows98 specific parasitic infactor about 1 KB of length.

author posted it to a local Internet conference as an utility Within a week the virus was found in Austria, Australia, Israel, UK, Switzerland, Sweden, USA, Russia, Chile and the list kept on growing.

file body. These caves are a refile sections are aligned by a value that is defined in the PE file header, and there are unincreases the size of sections by the necessary values. As a resul the file length is not increased while infecting. It is also capable of preserving virus codes in

If your computer is already affected by CIH and you can no longer boot up, the press release

suggested the following:

From another uninfected model of motherboard, create a flash bootable disk. Normally, the program used to create flash bootable disk comes with

supplier. Boot up the uninfected computer with the flash bootable disk.

ROM from the uninfected computer and place the corrupt ROM in it. Run the BIOS flash programme to flash the corrupt BIOS. Turn the uninfected com-

puter off. Replace the original BIOS into the uninfected motherboard and place the flashed BIOS in the corrupt motherboard. Turn the infected computer

on with default BIOS set-

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Manik and his associates.

Meanwhile, the Chhatak

By Staff Correspondent

residence of Manik on March 15. Later a huge quantity of explosives were recovered from

He said he was not informed that CID would interrogate him in the city.

ment will shortly conduct a survey to prepare an action plan for phasing out polythene and replace it by environment friendly jute fibre. Talking to The Daily Star. Liakat was in Ramna thana environment secretary Syed

Government is planning a

total ban on polythene by 2002

and coming up with some im-

mediate steps for phasing out

Margub Morshed said the min-

istry is also considering formu-

lating an act to control produc-

tion and marketing of poly-

thene materials until it is fully

banned. "Tariff on the raw ma-

terials for polythene will also

increased, people will not dump

it indiscriminately and will

keep on using the polythene

items on and on," the secretary

said justifying raising tariff on

to treat polythene as a 'control

HC stays

framed charges by merely read-

ing complaint petitions and

without any supporting materi-

Petitioners of the four com-

panies are Imtiyaz Husain of

Imtiyaz Husain & Co, Runa

Alam of SES Company Ltd.

Rizwan Bin Farouk and MKM

Mohiuddin of First Capital Se-

The Securities and Exchange

The Daily Star regrets the

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"Arrangement will be made

"If the price of polythene is

be raised shortly," he said.

polythene goods.

The Ministry of Environ-

its production, sources said.

Bangladesh Buddhist Federation and several other

Another virus

This is a Windows95. Win-

curities Ltd and Professor Mahbub Ahmed, MG Azam Chowdhury and Shahidullah of SCL. Commission (SEC) on April 2, 1997 filed 15 cases accusing 15 companies and their 42 directors of manipulating the share market during July-December

The cases were filed on the basis of an inquiry report by an expert committee. The Third Metro court recently framed charges against the companies and their directors for manipulating the market in 1996. Corrigendum Representative of Dell Computers-Syscom, in a press release yesterday, clarified that Dell Computers was wrongly named as one of the virus affected parties in The Daily Star report on Monday's virus at-

separate pieces within one file.

take the flash ROM chip off from the infected com-

that they simply could not store This particular virus was programmed to attack computers running on Windows 95 or 98 on April 26 and destroy, a computer's BIOS-- a vital part that allows hardware communicate with the software-- and communication ports -- a part that interacts with outside devices like a printer or modem. It also destroys the computer start Take out the clean flash up information sections called

mistake.

data). Many vendors told The Daily Star that they had succeeded in recovering the lost data using trial and error

methods. Tanvir Ehsanul Haque of Spectrum computers said he recovered 99 per cent of computer data by using Disk Edit and anti-virus tools on the affected hard drive. Iskandar Alam of Kisore Computer, Kalabagan,

A veritable island of polythene bags in a low-lying area in the city's Hazaribagh. The city drainage system is frequently blocked by these non bio-degradable matter. - Star Photo: AKM. Mohsin Polythene to go by 2002, plan to replace it by jute goods

By Gobinda Bar item until it is totally banned. "We are yet to find out an effective alternative to polythene which decreases fertility of earth and creates serious sewerage problem. The ministry is seriously considering jute as an effective alternative to the artificial environment pollutant and chalking out ways and means to make it more user-

friendly," the secretary said. The environment ministry has consulted Bangladesh Jute Research Institute over invention of a 'fine jute yearn' that can be used to make bags and other goods to replace those of polythene.

"Rural women can be employed in making low-cost durable jute bags generating a huge source of income for them. This will help establish rural infrastructure for making jute goods. It may also be a means of poverty alleviation," the secretary said.

Revival of jute goods will also help boost the economy

Arrested housewife to be produced before court today

By Staff Correspondent

Housewife Nasima will be produced before the CMM's Court today after a two-day police remand

She was arrested from her 279 East Rampura residence Sunday night for her alleged involvement in subversive activities.

According to sources, she was not produced before the Joint Interrogation Cell yesterday although she was supposed to. No investigators appeared at the police station to interrogate her either.

Some Special Branch personnel Tuesday interrogated Nasima but failed to get any useful information from her, according to sources.

According to a neighbour of Nasima, she and her husband reside as a sublet tenant on the third floor of the house. Their house was furnished in a very ordinary manner.

Nasima and her husband, Zakir, several times to have them open an insurance policy.

used Norton Crash Guard and

Many expert users devised

Norton Anti Virus.

gard."

HC asks EC to symbol to

By SC Correspondent

The High Court yesterday directed the Election Commission, Returning Officer and the Assistant Returning Officer. Meherpur to allocate 'plough' symbol to Motassim Billah, JP (Mizan-Monju) candidate for Meherpur-I by-election.

Upon a writ petition of Motassim Billah the Division Bench of the HC comprising Justice Kazi Ebadul Hoque and Justice Md Muzammel Hossain gave the direction by a judge-

From Page 1 area. Kamal is known as a Freedom Party member, our Narayangani correspondent re-

The Daily Star last night.

allocate 'plough' Motassim Billah

and improve the lot of our

has also decided not to permit

any new polythene factory so

that the production of the envi-

ronment-hostile material does

Under the polythene control

plan, government will regulate

production of various plastic

containers including those used

for mineral water. It has been

noticed that mineral water con-

tainers are one of the elements

that clog underground sewerage

lines apart from damaging the

There are a total of 272 poly-

thene factories in the country

polythene goods everyday, ac-

cording to Environment and

Social Development Organisa-

tion (ESDO), an NGO, Most of

the factories are located in

adjoining areas of Dhaka barr-

ing some in Khulna, Sylhet and

producing at least 816 tonnes of

not increase further.

environment.

The environment ministry

farmers, the secretary said.

PMO: 6 held

ports.

'We have arrested the six under Section 54 of the CrPC to collect information about the eight youths who exploded bombs," a police official told

Subed Ali From Page 1

Even the aides close to the prime minister are learnt to have conveyed to the general that he would be made a minister and would be given charge of an important ministry immediately after joining the Awami League. But general Bhuiyan is yet to give any positive or nega-tive reply to those who con-tacted him from government

Bhuiyan had served as Principal Staff Officer at the Armed Forces Division when Khaleda Zia was the prime minister and defence minister. The general came to the limelight during the aborted coup of May 19-20 after which former president Abdur Rahman Biswas sacked the then army chief Lt. Gen. Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim and some other top army officers.

After recent press reports. the BNP side became "very" active and started fresh contact with MSA Bhuiyan. As part of that operation. Khaleda Zia called him to her official resi-

dence yesterday evening. A close aide of Khaleda Zia said that she directly invited general Bhuiyan to join the BNP and assured him of achieving due position if he alligned with the opposition. "Now his joining is a matter of time. If he joins BNP, he might be given a dignified position in the party." the aide added.

General Bhuiyan, however, is hesitant because BNP Standing Committee member and former Energy Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain MP hails from his Daudkandi

constituency. "Only Almighty Allah knows when and which party I will join. But I can assure you that I will do politics," Bhuiyan said when contacted after the meeting with the BNP Chief.

On yesterday's meeting with Khaleda Zia, he said "it was a courtesy meeting with her. She just called me and I met with her. In fact I had no contact with the former Premier since her government resigned on March 30, 1996. In between I met her at an iftar party hosted by Khaleda Zia on December 27 last year at her official residence.

Asked whether the government party has offered him to make him minister, he replied, 'I have no comment."

A senior BNP leader said: How can Bhuiyan join the Awami League? This government has awarded him with premature retirement and he is out and out a nationalist minded man." He said the joining of Bhuiyan in BNP will not affect anyone and he was given assurance of proper evaluation.

Sources said general Bhuivan has devoted himself to various social welfare activities in his Daudkandi constituency since his retirement.

Woman stabbed

From Page 1 locked room, other boarders and staff of the hotel rushed to the spot and entered the room breaking open the door.

They found Shila hanging from a ceiling fan. Her body bore several marks of stab in-Shila was rushed to Dhaka

Medical College Hospital where the on-duty doctors declared her dead at about 2:15 pm. The body was sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Ctg hartal

From Page 1 activists on charge of firing. carrying illegal arms, pickering and brick-batting police during the hartal.

Of them, seven were arrested along with a pistol and an LG from Chandanpura area at around 12 noon, police said.

After their arrest, a clash between police and pro-hartal supporters took place at Chandanpura near Guljar school. Police resorted to lathicharge to disperse them.

Later, the trouble spread at Andarkilla Crossing and K B Aman Ali Road, witnesses said. Police said some hartal supporters opened fire on them at Aman Ali Road. They also pelted stones at police and damaged some passing vehicles. Police used batons to dispersed them.

Catalytic converter in all petrol vehicles suggested By Special Correspondent

Director General of De-

partment of Environment

(DOE) AR Khan told the meeting

that there are 1500 auto-rick-

shaws which are more than 10-

year old. It would take about Tk

three crore to compensate for

Participants in the meeting

World Bank environmental-

will certainly help implement

technical options to improve

Another WB expert, Iqbal

air quality in Dhaka.

pollution, he added.

The government is determined to phase out smoke belching auto-rickshaws having two-stroke engines by 2003. But it is also considering different other options to make the city air lead-free by taking over 10-year old three-wheelers off the roads.

This was said at meeting of the consultative committee on "the phase out of two stroke engine vehicles from Dhaka City" vesterday.

"We have already suggested that all petrol vehicles must have catalytic converter from next fiscal, which the NBR is expected to put into effect." Forest and Environment Secretary Syed Marghub Murshed

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for buses and trucks' have also been suggested to prevent air

Not dialogue From Page 1 istry and the parliament is also not in session." The Opposition Chief Whip

said that they were surprised to hear the Radio and TV news and reports in daily Janakantha and Ajker Kagoj on the meeting. "We had a plan to hold press conference after the meeting. but abandoned the plan due to

newspaper holiday on Tuesday.

But the Home Minister took ad-

vantage of this and unilaterally gave a one-sided news. It can be termed blackmail," he added. Delwar admitted that during the discussion, Nasim requested us for a dialogue between the government and the Opposition and to participate in the coming

Upazila and City Corporation

polls.

"We told him (Nasim) that your government completed the municipal polls unilaterally and didn't fell any necessity of discussion with the Opposition. We have already placed a five point demand, including cancellation of municipal polls. Let's first realise those demands and create a congenial atmosphere for fruitful dialogue. BNP is ready to sit with the government for a peaceful political solution, but prior to talks the government must have to accept our demands," Delwar said.

The BNP leader further said they made it "very" clear to the Home Minister that no dialogue or talks can taken place unless the demands are not met".

Moreover, he said the delegation also made it clear that they didn't come for a dialogue to resolve the current political stalemate.

During the talks, they raised the issues of political harassment of opposition leaders, activists and parliament members, chargesheet against top BNP leader Tariqul Islam, arrest of Alamgir Kabir MP, attack on JCD's demonstration and during BNP's electricity office gherao programme in Dhaka, murders failure of police administration and other issues related to the home ministry," the Opposition Chief Whip said.

The minister assured them of looking into the matters, he

Sadek Hossain Khoka said the news broadcast by the government-owned media and published in two newspapers is not at all correct because "we went to discuss only the issues under the Home Ministry".

Maj (Retd) Hafiz said "We went to discuss with the Home Minister as there is no chain of command in police administra-

Ziaul Haq Zia said that Alamgir Kabir MP was arrested and kept him in cell. The district administration of Naogaon is also not giving necessary papers and documents related to the case of Kabir.

Rangamati

From Page 1 sources said.

Chairman of the Hill District Council Ching Kew Roaza, when contacted, said "We have been facing the problem for quite long. To resolve this, I had contacted the Prime Minister and she had asked me to recruit doctors from the local commu-

But, he said, "Most of the local doctors' age crossed the age limit for a government job. However, the obstacle was removed after a special proposal for raising the age limit was approved by the cabinet."

Despite this, recruitment of doctors by the Council remains suspended since February 18 after 'two leaders' objected to it, sources said.

Booze ban

may be trying to hop the fence or might try anything on the day, and locally there's a big Indian population in Crawley. As far as an Indian supporter goes. Tendulkar is a demigod. "It's the second match of the

From Page 1

tournament and we've got to make sure we can show to the rest of the country that Sussex cricket is well-equipped to handle any situation.

wheelers are the single biggest auto-rickshaws than registered source of air pollution, the meeting was told. Students clash, damage shops, cars in city

By Staff Correspondent

A number of shops and vehicles were damaged in a series of clashes between students of two colleges in the city creating panic and disrupting business in New Market areas yesterday. Sources said the clash

erupted between two groups of students of Dhaka College and Imperial College when they went for snacks at a fast-food shop in front of Dhaka College at noon. Witnesses said the clash ensued as students of Dhaka Col-

lege passed remarks about a girl student who had come with her fellow students of Imperial College. The student groups chased each other and damaged the fast

food joints and nearby shops. A Dhaka College student, who was injured in the clash, was sent to a nearby clinic. Then the students left the place. In the afternoon, Dhaka College students came back to attack the shops adjacent to the

Imperial College. They also

poured petrol in a bid to torch

shops, but they couldn't go fur-

ther as a police contingent arrived there, the shopkeepers al-In the evening, the authorities of the two colleges met for

an amicable solution. Both the groups reportedly agreed to end the matter there, but another group of Dhaka College students became violent in the evening and damaged several vehicles in the area. According to on-duty policemen, the students put up a barricade demanding power

supply in their dormitories. As

the power resumed after a

while, the students withdrew

the barricade. "At least seven

vehicles were damaged during the barricade," police said. A tense situation had been prevailing in the entire area since noon and hundreds of shops kept their shutters down till night. Businesses and vehicular traffic in the area were also disrupted for several

More policemen were deployed in front of the colleges

BUET closed sine die

From Page 1 academic council.

Meanwhile, All Party Students Unity (APSU) in BUET said that neither the university's central students' union nor the student organisations were involved in the violent incidents. "No student body extended support to the movement by classmates of the expelled student.

Rather, provosts of different halls and director of Students' Welfare Department instigated the students to create a volatile situation in their efforts to force the present VC to step down," an APSU press release said yesterday.

"Teachers fired two rounds of shots when students went to teachers' quarter to lodge protest against arrest of three students on Monday," the APSU

press release claimed APSU also demanded "expulsion" of the teacher Dr Azadur Rahman who caught Dipu during the class test, reopening of the university im-

mediately, removal of the

'failed' director of the Students' Welfare Department and an "acceptable" solution to the expulsion problem

Talking to the Daily Star, Vice Chancellor Prof M Nuruddin Ahmed said the students were manufacturing fictitious stories regarding the matter. Terming the incidents as "very sad", he urged all to co-operate in bringing back peace and restoring congenial academic atmosphere in the university.

BUET Teachers' Association (BUETTA), at an emergency meeting yesterday, demanded steps to strengthen security measures for teachers and stern action against the students involved in the incidents. The BUETTA resolution particularly mentioned four students arrested by police and caught by teachers while attacking teachers' residences on Monday.

BUETTA also demanded a judicial probe into the "mysterious and inactive" role of police during the vandalism

and untoward incidents.

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Chhatak blast Agitation on for

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Apr 28: A 6-hour barricade programme was observed at Chhatak yesterday at the call of Nagorik Forum to mediate arrest of the ruling party MP Mahibur Rahman

mained stranded on both sides of the road while train service remained suspended and trawler and motorised boats in the river Surma could not move

CID questions

CID yesterday interrogated ruling party MP Muhibur Rahman Manik at its office in the Two persons were killed in a bomb explosion at the Chhatak

the same house on March 24. The lawmaker himself lodged a case with police regarding the killing of two. Manik while talking with this correspondent over telephone last night said that he came to Dhaka Tuesday night.

The arrested was identified

President Shahabuddin Buddhist organisations have

senior technical consultant at Dr Solomon's Anti Virus, the press release said that this is the first such virus which can

portable executable (PE) files This virus was found in Taiwan in June 1998 -- the virus

While infecting a file the virus looks for "caves" in the sult of the PE file structure; all used blocks of file data between the end of previous section and the next one. The virus looks for these caves and writes its code into them. The virus then

While running its trigger routine, the virus uses direct access to Flash BIOS ports and VxD direct disk access calls.

> providers yesterday. Vendors reported that computers had piled up so much in their offices PC, which has the same the motherboard. If you don't have it, contact your

> > partition table and the boot sector of a hard disk (which stores

> > > told The Daily Star that he had

An Alico agent had visited

Struggle on to restore lost data

independent ways to recover "With Tiramisu, developed by an US company called On Track and promoted by Dolphin Computers, there would be no more chaos and confusion. "It's easy to use the software. It is now available with most vendors. And we expect they would charge reasonably for their services," said Ahmed Hasan of Computer Samity, "We would monitor our members' activities in this re-

"But in all cases, the BIOS damage could not be restored," said a vendor, "which means, people would have to buy new components to replace bad But Bangladesh Computer Samity is devising a way so that the affected BIOS could be re-

paired without much cost.

To rewrite appropriate data to an affected BIOS, we need a

specific device which is not

available in Bangladesh. The

Samity would provide the logistic support to the vendors so that individual companies don't have to fly to Singapore to buy that device," said Ahmed Hasan, adding, "currently there are 20 BIOS versions in the market." For future protection of computers, the Samity would

develop a transparent informa-

tion system updating users and

vendors about technological progress, problems etc. "We would definitely work a way If a computer becomes infected with CIH of any variant. it is bound to behave strangely. noted Tanvir Ehsanul Haque of Spectrum. "Even when it is dormant, it influences the behavior of Windows 95/98. Users

may experience frequent booting problem. Or the program settings may not obey users' In a press release, Developers' Computer System of Dhanmondi claimed the use of licensed anti-virus software like Dr Solomon's Toolkit and

McAfee could help computers

variants. The CIH virus- made to mark the 13th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, is the first known virus to affect both

prevent future attacks from CIH

hardware and data of a personal

computer. It has two other

variants; one is programmed to attack computers on the 26 of any month and the other is programmed to attack on the June 26 According to Internet reports, it appears that Bangladesh has been the worst victim of this virus, which had spread mainly through pirated software and alternatively through the Internet in Bangla-desh.

Union- a youth front, yesterday in a press release, blamed Bangladesh Computer Samity, Computer Council and computer experts for failing to forecast the CIH disaster. It demanded that the government intervene to ensure that computer users have the latest anti-virus programs so that their economic activities were not hampered.

Meanwhile, the central co-

mmittee of Bangladesh Youth

having those off the roads, he also suggested other options like using catalytic converter and electric battery to have a clean engine and clean air. ist Paul Martin said the Bank

Karim, said Bangladesh will need a very realistic plan for Besides, 'conversion to implementing the options as there are more unregistered