### Weather

## Moderate rain likely

Moderate rain or thundershowers with temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over the country with moderately heavy falls at places till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Southwest monsoon has set over the country during the period, Met Office said, slight fall in day temperature is expected.

The country's highest temperature 31.0 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sylhet and the lowest 24.0 degrees at Hatiya. The sun sets today at 6:41 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:11 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature Humidity in in Celsius percentage Morning Evening Dhaka Chittagong Rajshahi 26.2 30.0 Khulna 25.5 27.6 24.5 Barisal Sylhet 31.0 25.9 Cox's Bazar

## Govt plans to set up 13,500 community clinics: Yusuf

KHULNA, May 29: Health and Family Welfare Minister Salah Uddin Yusuf today said journalists can play a major role in creating awareness among people about health, family welfare and mother and child healthcare programmes.

"The government is committed to reach the health and family welfare services to the doorsteps of people," he said in a speech to a two-day appraisal workshop on health and population programmes at Khulna officers' club here.

Presided over by Deputy Commissioner of Khulna Azhar Ali Talukder, the function was addressed, among others, by Acting Commissioner of Khulna Division KM Abul Ahsan, Line Director of Family Planning Department Mohammad Akhteruzzaman and President of Khulna Press Club Humayun Kabir Balu.

Organised by the Family Planning Directorate, the function was also addressed by Divisional Director of the department Khagendra Nath Biswas.

The minister said the government plans to set up 13,500 community clinics across the country for every 6,000 people. He said the government also plans to enhance the subscribers of family planning methods from 51 per cent to 71

Yusuf said the government has taken up programmes for giving family planning and reproductive health services to

capable couples as a challenge. He sought cooperation from the people including the staff of the department and journalists to this end.

The health minister said of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had identified population growth as the number one problem of the country 27 years

"He constituted the National Population Council in 1974 and the health policy has been formulated recently," he added.

Twenty journalists from different national dailies working in Khulna and Bagerhat districts took part in the work-

Later, the minister inaugurated the newly built Nari Bandhab Hospital at Dumuria Thana health complex here.

2 robbers killed

by mob in

Narsingdi

NARSINGDI, May 29: Two

alleged robbers were killed by a

lynch mob and two others

caught by police during a rob-

bery at a night coach in Rainadi

Witnesses said the gangsters

area under Sadar thana on Fri-

numbering six - including Zul-

has, Dulu, Rashid and Shamsul

Huq — boarded a Dhaka-bound

bus in the guise of passengers

from Bashail on the Dhaka-

When the bus came to

Rainadi at around 9:30 pm, the

armed bandits overpowered the

driver and robbed the passen-

people from the adjacent area

rushed to the spot and beat up

two of the robbers to death. The

dead were named as Zulhas, 28.

on the highway caught two

more robbers - Rashid and

Shamsul Huq but the others

Sadar thana in this connection.

Minor boy

missing

12-year-old boy of sadar thana

has been missing for the last

A student of class VII, Mo-

hammad Saker Siddique alias

Tiaas, only son of Abu Khair

Mohammad Saber, did not re-

turn home till this evening af-

ter going out to a private tutor

on Thursday evening, family

filed with Kishoreganj thana on

Thursday evening, but police

Tiaas was likely to be kid-

AGM of CDD

held in Savar

annual general meeting of Cen-

SAVAR, May 29: The third

Presided over by CDD

The meeting also endorsed

The AGM was addressed,

among others, by CDD vice

chairman Abdus Sattar Dulal,

executive director A H M Noman

Khan, general council member

Khandker Zahurul Alam, EC

member Jawharul Islam Ma-

mun and treasurer Sirajul

The meeting was followed by

the CDD budget for 1999.

a cultural function.

Islam.

are yet to rescue the boy.

napped by traffickers.

A general diary has been

Family members feared that

three days, reports UNB.

sources said.

KISHOREGANJ, May 29: A

A case has been filed with

Meanwhile, on-duty police

On hearing hue and cry,

day night, reports APB.

Sylhet highway.

gers, they narrated.

and Dulu, 30.

managed to flee.

# ( What's on today . . . . •)

Exhibition: An exhibition of Conpac Products will be held. Chief guest: Tofail Ahmed, Minister for Commerce and Industries. Venue: Winter Garden Convention Centre, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9:45 am.

News Conference: Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka will hold a news conference. They will announce the name of the recipient of Rotary Seed Award for 1999 at the conference. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 5:30 pm.

#### Work on arsenic treatment plant in Sherpur near completion

SHERPUR, May 29: Work on construction of an overhead tank and arsenic treatment plant at a cost of Tk 1.44 crore at Old Gohata in the town is progressing, reports APB.

The scheme under '18 Town Development Project' is aided by the government of the Netherlands and being supervised by the Public Health Engineering Department.

Sources at the site told APB that 65 per cent of the work had already been completed.

#### Bhabaniganj now a Pourasava

RAJSHAHI, May 29: The government has declared Bhabaniganj, the Sadar area of Bagmara thana under Rajshahi district, as a new pourasava, reports APB.

The number of pourasavas of the country stood at 187 with the upgradation of Bhabaniganj that fulfilled long-cherished dream of the local people.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Zillur Rahman made this announcement on Thursday while speaking as the chief guest at a public rally arranged by Bagmara thana Awami

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Zinatunnisa Talukder and president of Bangladesh Mohila Awami League Begum Ivy Rahman were present as special guests at the rally. Bagmara thana AL president Motiur Rahman presided.

#### Obaidullah Khan joins Winrock

Obaidullah Khan, chairman of the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies and former Assistant Director General for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has joined Winrock International's Board of Directors recently, says a press release.

Winrock International is a private nonprofit development organisation that works in the US and 40 countries worldwide. Winrock's global board repre-

tre for Disability in Developsents leaders in agriculture, ment (CDD), an NGO extending business, international trade, services to the handicapped, higher education, and public was held at its training centre service. here on Friday, reports APB. Khan was ambassador to the US during the 1980s and has Chairman Selim Ahmed, the meeting confirmed the minutes served in a variety of capacities for his government including of last AGM of the organisation, minister of Agriculture and Irapproved its annual report 1998 and a plan of action for the year

rigation. He has been a fellow at the Centre for International Affairs at Harvard University, and was a fellow-in-residence at the East-West Centre in Honolulu. Khan has been a senior consultant for the World Bank's Policy, Planning, and Research Division; and for the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Khan is the author of numerous publications covering agriculture, poverty and rural development.

#### 11 DU chairmen summoned to publish results of Hons exams

Dhaka University authorities yesterday summoned chairmen of 11 departments and chiefs of examination committees to immediately publish results of honours examinations, reports APB.

Campus sources said the de-partments, which were served with a common letter, had failed to publish their honours results even after 10 months of completion of the exams.

The departments include

Law, International Relations, Economics, Marketing, Public Administration, Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Bengali, Islamic Studies and

More than 12,000 students of these departments have got frustrated as their participa-tion in an upcoming bankers' recruitment examination has become uncertain, many a examinees told APB.

Although, teachers are supposed to evaluate the papers within three months, in many cases, they are delaying up to 5-8 months more, it was alleged. The office of the controller (exam) also is not reportedly coordinating properly.

Worst-affected are the students of Law Department. Honours final examinations of the department were held in last August, but the result is yet to be published. When contacted, DU VC Prof

AK Azad Chowdhury said stern action would be taken against those departments if they fail to carry out the order.

#### Blood donation at mazar of Zia

By Staff Correspondent Shaheed Zia Adarsha Bastabayan Parishad will organise a blood donation programme at the mazar of the late President Ziaur Rahman today on the occasion of his 18th death anniversary.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the blood donation programme at 8.45 am. said a press release. This programme will continue upto 12 noon.

In observance of the death anniversary, leaders and activists of the Parishad will lay floral wreath and offer fateha at the mazar of Zia at 8.30 am. The organization will also

organise a discussion meeting on "Democracy in Bangladesh and Shaheed Zia" at its central office at 5 pm on June 6, the release added.

#### Bangladesh news to get more access to media ın Iran

TEHRAN, May 29: The Iranian government has agreed in principle to disseminate more news, documentaries and films of Bangladesh to her media, reports BSS.

Dr Ali Larijani, President of IRIB, assured State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed, now in Iran of more access of Bangladeshi news to Iranian

Dr Larijani, a cabinet minister of the Iranian government, said that initially films and documentaries would be dubbed in Persian and screened on Iranian televisions.

The two ministers discussed in detail signing an accord to air Iranian programmes on Bangladesh Betar and those of Bangladesh on Tehran Radio. They also discussed the exploration of other possible sectors.

Prof Sayeed asked Dr Larijani for airing Bangla news on Tehran Radio more objectively to help strengthen the relations between the two countries.

The state minister earlier met the President of Iranian Culture and Islamic Relations Organisation AAA Taskhiri and Vice-President of External Department of IRIB M Sara-

Taskhiri recalled respectfully the contribution of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) and lauded the role of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the development of Muslim ummah.

#### Ershad begins Rangpur, Kurigram visit today

Jatiya Party Chairman H M Ershad begin a four-day political visit to Rangpur and Kurigram districts today, reports

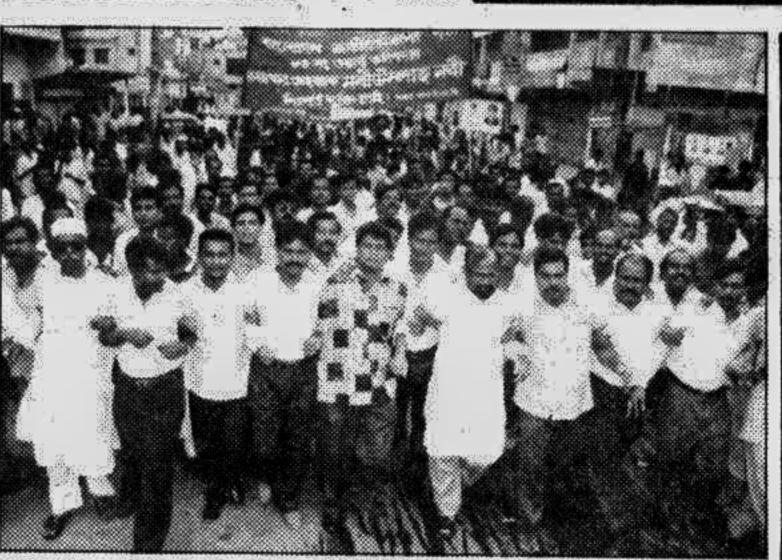
During the visit, he will address two public meetings at Nageshwari and Bhurungamari of Kurigram district tomorrow and Tuesday respectively.

The JP chairman will also address meetings at Jaigirhat and Shukurer Hat of Rangpur district on Wednesday. He will attend the founding anniversary function of Dainik Dabanal published from Rangpur district tomorrow evening.

### JP presidium meet today

A meeting of the central pre-sidium of Jatiya Party (Ershad) will be held at its central office at Kalabagan today, reports

All presidium members, and presidents, general secretaries, convenors and member secretaries of party's front organisations were asked to attend the meeting at 7 pm, said a press release.



A BNP procession at Jatrabari area yesterday led by Sadek Hossain Khoka MP demanding release of Demra thana BNP Convenor Nabiullah Nabi. - Star photo

# Self regulation for pvt varsities stressed

USIS Director John Kincanon yesterday observed that the private universities in Bangladesh are in real term no

universities, reports UNB. "You must know the difference between a computer training centre and a university. With only 75 to 100 students, a university can't give wide range of education," he said.

Kincanon however said that Bangladesh is successful compared to many countries as it laid importance of high quality of education.

He was speaking at the inaugural function of a seminar on Higher Education Bangladesh: Role of Private Universities. The seminar was organised jointly by North South University (NSU) and American Chamber of Comin Bangladesh merce (AmCham).

Political Advisor to the Prime Minister Dr SA Malek inaugurated the seminar, which was addressed, among others, by Chairman of Board of NSU MA Awal, AmCham president Dr Forest Cookson and Pro Vice-Chancellor of NSU Prof Hafiz GA Siddiqi.

Dr SA Malek said he thought that there should be less interference of the government on private universities that must have self-regulation for improving the standard of educa-

He hoped that the govern-

ment would promote private universities for improving the level of education.

Dr Malek said there are 12 million youths in university age group in the country, but only 70,000 are taking higher education. He stressed the need for increasing enrolment of students by 7 per cent every

MA Awal emphasised that the government must play a crucial role in the development and promotion of private universities.

He demanded amendment to certain provisions of the Private University Act. 1992, which, he said, is required to guarantee quality of higher education.

Citing an example, he said the requirement under the existing rules that a private university must have land of its own, build the campus and move to it within five years, is deterrent to smooth development of private university. He said University Grants

Commission's condition of taking approval before raising a faculty is redundant and it worked against the government's commitment to private sector development. Awal called upon the gov-

ernment to reintroduce the tax benefit for the founders and those who donate money to establish private university.



Dr S A Malek, Political Adviser to the Prime Minister, seen speaking at the inaugural programme of a seminar on "Higher Education in Bangladesh: Roles of Private Universities" at the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, jointly organised by North South University and American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh.

#### AL Golden Jubilee in Barisal June 12

BARISAL, May 29: The Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh Awami League will be celebrated in this divisional town on June 12 next amidst enthusiasm and jubilation, reports BSS.

Brisk preparations have been taken in this connection. The main programmes of the function including rally, illumination, decoration, cultural function, postering and distri-bution of leaflets.

The Golden Jubilee celebration programme will start from the very grassroots level in all the thanas of the district. The Golden Jubilee Observance Committee was formed with District Awami League Secretary and Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah as the con-

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to address a public meeting at the Bangabandhu Uddyan of the city on the day, according to party sources.

Districts and thana level Awami League and its front organisations of six southern districts of the division are busy to make the Golden Jubilee celebration a success.

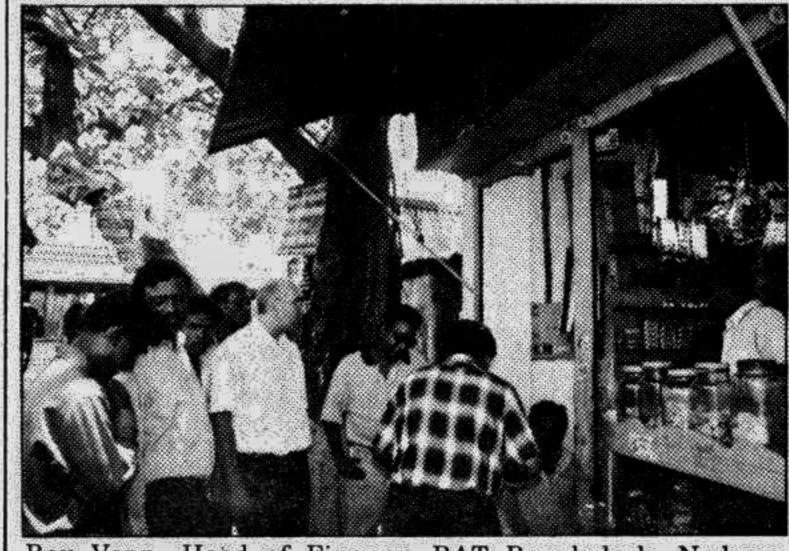
### BAT, Bangladesh official visits Adamjee, N'ganj

British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Ltd. is the biggest multinational company of the country, is the producer of world class quality cigarettes. The brands produced by the company have always satisfied the consumers, says a press release.

As part of the continuous support to all members of BAT Bangladesh, the Head of Finance. Ray Venn, visited Adamjee and Narayanganj distributory market on May 26th,

He visited Madanpur, Kanchpur Bridge, Siddirganj markets. During his visit to these clusters, he enquired about the movement of the brands, exchanged views with retailers and put valuable suggestions. Retailers were very happy to welcome the distinguished visitor. Mr Giasuddin Ahmed, local distributor of BAT Bangladesh.

Ray Venn expressed his satisfaction visiting Distribution house and gave some development inputs to distributor for betterment of his business.



Ray Venn, Head of Finance, BAT Bangladesh, Nadeem Motaher, Regional Manager, Shantanu S Roy, Area Manager, Nauhad Rasheed, Territory Officer talking to the retailers and smokers in Adamjeenagar area.

# Dynamic civil admin vital to ensure constitutional rights: Nasim

Home, Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday placed emphasis on skilled, democratic and transparent civil administration to ensure constitutional rights of people, reports BSS.

"Democratic practices of a country cannot flourish and rights of people cannot be ful-filled without a skilled and dynamic civil administration." he said in a speech to a seminar as the chief guest. Prokrichi-BCS central coor-

dination Parishad organised the seminar on "Bangladesh in the 21st Century: a Transparent, Skilled and Democratic Civil Administration" at the Engineers Institution here.

Presided over by Engineer Mohammad Ruhul Matin, pres-ident of the organisation, the inaugural session of the seminar was also addressed, among others, by Advisor to the Prime Minister Khandaker Asaduzzaman, MP, Agriculturist Abdul Mannan and secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Associ-

Speakers at seminar

favour proposed

container terminal

in Ctg port

Speakers at a seminar here to-

day (Saturday) favoured the

proposed container terminal in

view of increasing demand that

rose by more than 20 per cent

handled in containers, they

said the seminar on Port Devel-

opment and Privatisation, or-

ganised by Chittagong Trust

Foundation at the District

Chittagong University pre-

sented the key-note paper while

scientist Dr Jalal Nazrul Islam,

former CCCI president Amir

Khasru Mohammad Chowd-

hury and BGMEA former vice

president Mahbub Ali took part

sure of containers service has to

be met by constructing terminal

in the private sector as it is not

possible take the load with cur-

rent facilities available at the

Besides foreign investors,

local investors should also

come forward to establish con-

tainer terminals, they said

adding construction of private

terminals should be done

for feasibility study to set up

private terminals and said con-

struction of terminals by for-

eign investors should be con-

surrender the national interest

to foreign investors, they added.

2 held for

violating

young girl

in Ctg

lice on Tuesday night arrested

two men on charges of violating

a garments worker in the city,

youngmen lured the young girl

along with her brother to the

3rd floor of a building around

midnight and reportedly vio-

raised by them, on duty police-

men reached the spot. They

were only able to arrest Kamal,

25, and Selim, 27. The other two

accomplices managed to run

city from Cox's Bazar and was

said to have been looking for a

hotel at Riazuddin Bazar.

lice in this regard.

ports BSS.

poor people.

The girl had arrived in the

A case was filed with the po-

Nazrul's birth

centenary observed

in Satkhira

birth centenary of National

Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was cel-

ebrated in the district in a be-

fitting manner on Tuesday, re-

ment and different socio-cul-

tural organisations celebrated

the birth centenary of the poet

through various programmes

which included discussion, mu-

sical soirees, milad mahfil and

distribution of food among the

A discussion meeting, organ-

Deputy Commissioner

ised by the District Administra-

tion, was held at Satkhira Au-

Khalilur Rahman was present

in the meeting as the chief gust

while NDC Magistrate Amitabh

among others, by former Prin-

cipal Asit Kumar Majumdar,

Prof Abdul Hamid, Prof Abu

Ahmed, Afsana Ferdous, Kam-

rul Islam Faruque and Sheikh

Obituary

Additional Director General of

Bangladesh Railway, died of a

heart attack at his Uttara resi-

at Banani graveyard.

Sector-6.

Engineer MA Matin, retired

The meeting was addressed.

ditorium on this occasion.

Sarkar was in the chair.

Kabirul Islam.

Government, non-govern-

SATKHIRA May 29: The

On hearing the hue and cry

reports UNB.

lated her by turns.

CHITTAGONG, May 29: Po-

Police sources said that four

The government should not

They emphasised the need

through competitive bids.

trolled by the state.

They said increasing pres-

Prof Yusuf Sharif Ahmed of

Bulk of the cargoes are now

every year, reports UNB.

Council Hall

in the discussion.

CHITTAGONG, May 29:

ation (BMA) Dr Mostafa Jalal

Mohiuddin. Chowdhury Khalequzzaman, secretary general of the coordination committee, presented the keynote speech.

Nasim said in a democratic atmosphere a country must not be run by the bureaucrats. "In the parliamentary system, leader of the government will run the country," he said. He suggested massive

changes in the present bureaucratic system to infuse dynamism in the administration. "Our bureaucracy, built by the colonial rulers, continues to be the same," he said, adding "such a system cannot exist in a

democratic society". Referring to the Peace Accord on the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) signed between the government and the Parbartya Chattagram Janasanghati Samity (PCJSS), he said this accord has guaranteed peaceful co-existence by the tribals and Bangalees.

"Peace has arrived in the trouble-torn CHT following the

Nine gets life

imprisonment for

Thursday, also fined the con-

victs Tk two thousand each, in

default of which they will have

nan, 42, Abdul Mannan, 40,

Majid, 43, Korban, 38, Mokab-

ber Hossain, 50, Zafar Mondal,

40, Abdus Sattar, 36, and Mota-

har Hossain, 37, of village

Jotibari in Kamarkhan thana,

and Yusuf, 38, of village Bon-

tion, the nine had taken the

physician Abdus Sattar alias

Abdul to a sugarcane field at

village Kamarkhan and killed

him with sharp weapons on

been returning home that night

after selling medicines at a lo-

2 constables

suspended

Sattar, a village doctor, had

According to the prosecu-

baria in Ullapara thana.

The convicts are Abdul Han-

to spent one more year in jail.

ports APB.

May 7, 1995.

cal market.

signing of the peace agreement, which ended more than two decades of insurgency in the region," he said.

"The signing of the accord was possible due to the courage and political wisdom of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.'

Illustrating the development efforts undertaken by the government in fulfillment of its electoral pledges, Nasim said the present government would meet all the commitments in phases.

"The approach of the government is to resolve all political crises through dialogue," he stressed. In this connection, he said, "We allowed the BNP to use the Bangabandhu Bridge for their long march, and thus resolved the issue."

"The people of the country expressed their happiness over the peaceful solution to the crisis through talks."

He called upon all members of the 'Prokrichi' to come forward to strengthening democracy in the country.

# 5 sentenced to RI for robbery

Sirajganj murder CHITTAGONG, May 29: The SIRAJGANJ, May 29: Nine first acting additional Sessions people have been awarded life-Judge here on Wednesday senterm imprisonments for killing tenced five people to 10 years a rural physician at a village in rigorous imprisonment and Kamarkhan thana in 1995, refined Tk 5,000 each on charges The judge, in his verdict

of robbery, reports BSS. The convicted are Majibar Rahman, Taher Meah, Nur Alam, Shamsu and Shafi of Fatikchari thana.

The prosecution story is that a robbery was committed at the house of Engineer Nurus Safa of Maizbhandar-Fatikchari on October 7, 1989. The robbers looted away cash and goods worth Tk 61,000. Syeda Begum, an inmate of the house was shot and injured by the robbers. She raised hue and cry. Some neighbours caught some of the robbers, who were then beaten up by the angry mob.

Advocate M Kamal Uddin appeared on behalf of the state while advocates Shawkat Hossain Chowdhury, Zahirul Islam and Ranjit Kumar defended the accused persons.

#### Life-sketch of Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal

in Netrokona NETRAKONA. May 29: Two constables of the district jail here were suspended on Thursday on charges of dereliction of duty after an under-trial prisoner fled from a local hospital.

The constables are Musa Mia (No 01697) and Mujibur Rahman (No 01315). Sources said the detainee

named Abul, 28, sneaked out of Netrakona Modern Hospital on Thursday where he was admitted for treatment on Wednesday. He was suffering from diarrhoea. Abul was arrested on charge

of attempting to abduct a child from Gopalpur government primary school in Barhatta thana sadar on May 16.

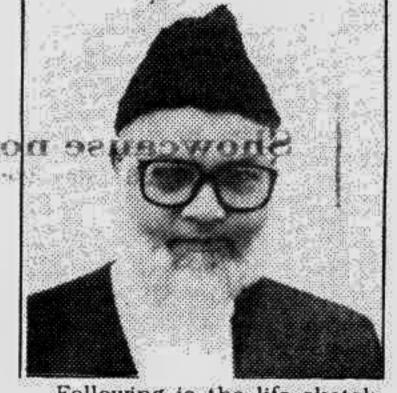
A departmental case was filed in connection with the in-

#### Abducted trader rescued from Rangamati RANGAMATI, May 29: A non-

tribal trader kidnapped by Chakma terrorists was rescued from deep forest of Batchhari in Kaokhali thana on Friday, reports UNB.

The police arrested Bikash Chakma and Ananta Chakma on charge of kidnapping Abul Kashem, a small trader, on May 27 and demanding ransom for

Informed sources said local Union Parishad members and elite had contributed to secure release of Kashem.



Following is the life sketch of Justice Mustafa Kamal, the newly appointed Chief Justice of Bangladesh, according to a Supreme Court press release.

Justice Mustafa Kamal was born in Domar, Rangpur (now Nilphamari) in 1935.

The eldest son of famous musician Abbas Uddin Ahmed. Kamal completed his early education is Cooch Behar, Calcutta and Dhaka. He obtained his MA degree from Dhaka University in 1954 and MSc from London School of Economics and Political Science in 1958. He completed his Bar-at-Law from Lin-

coln's Inn in 1959. During his illustrious career, he served at Dhaka High Court, the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. He was the Attorney General of the country in 1976. He was appointed the Advocate General of Bangla-

desh in 1977. Kamal also represented the nation at the United Nations

# Three five-star hotels

Hasina, at a high-level meeting on arrangements of NAM summit, had asked the officials to take initiative to set up fivestar hotels and expand the accommodation capacity of the existing five-star hotels to meet the need during the NAM sum-

In accordance with the Prime Minister's directives, the Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister had announced the expansion programme of the existing two five-star hotels in

Responding to the prime minister's call, at least four groups initiated projects in the private sector but those are yet to make any significant

first abortive initiative was a joint venture offer centering the Fairlie House. The authorities so far failed to hand-over the house due to strong opposition from officers and employees of the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) which own the property.

dence yesterday. He was 59, re-His namaj-e-janaza was the initiative to establish a held after Asr prayers at Uttara five-star hotel at Fairlie House Jame Mosque and he was buried is a serious complaint against two ministers who allegedly in-· Qulkhwani of late Matin volved themselves in selling the will be held at his Uttara resi-

land at very low rate. In another instance, the

Sheltech-Square is also slow because of a case at the Judge Court. The case concerns conflict of ownership of the land. A hearing of the case is scheduled

finish construction of the hotel before the NAM summit. Another initiative by Borak group has been stopped by a decision of the Rajuk, the author-

ity responsible for development of the capital. Borak group entered into an agreement with Starwood Hotels and Resources Worldwide

Borak started constructing the 20-storied hotel building with permission from the Rajuk. But, recently, Rajuk cancelled its permission asking to set up a six-storied hotel. According to a Borak official, the

decision. Meanwhile, implementation of the plan for expansion of the Sheraton hotel has become uncertain in absence of a final decision by the authorities.

The decision to offer the expansion work of Sonargaon hotel to a Japanese construction company has been questioned by some other international bidders. The lowest bidder, an Egyptian firm, has threatened to file a case against the deci-

cision to offer the job to the Japanese firm was influenced by certain family members of a

# several times.

From page 12

Prime Minister Sheikh

The Prime Minister had emphasised on both government and private initiatives to meet the needs during the NAM summit, scheduled in Dhaka at the end of 2001.

the city.

According to sources, the

Another issue that halted

dence at House-20, Road-11,

progress of the initiative by

on June 6. However, the authorities of

the planned hotel are hoping to

initiative would fail if the authorities did not withdraw the

Sources alleged that the de-

minister.

# Inc of USA to set up a five-star