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Changes in Trust Act okayed

By Nurul Kabir

The Cabinet has approved a Finance Ministry proposal for amending the more than a century old Trust Act for channelling 25 per cent of the provident, pension and gratuity funds of various trusts and private companies into the capital market.

The approval was given at the weekly Cabinet meeting held with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yes-

terday. Finance Minister SAMS Kibria told The Daily Star that his ministry would move a bill seeking amendments to the Trust Act, 1882, in the current session of Jatiya Sangsad.

The minister, however, made it clear that there would be no compulsion on the trustees to invest their money in the private sector stocks or debentures. "The provision has been created so that they, if willing, can invest up to 25 per cent of the funds in whatever shares, securities or debentures they like", he said.

The finance ministry took See Page 12 Col 5

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	Esha	7-40	8-10

Source: Islamic Foundation

210 outlaws surrender with arms in Jessore

JESSORE, June 7: A total of 210 outlaws surrendered to the Home Minister along with firearms at a ceremony at the Town Hall Maidan here today.

The surrender followed government's assurance of general amnesty and rehabilitation.

Aged between 20 and 40, they were 'cadres' of outlawed parties including Purba Banglar Communist Party, Sarbahara Party and Sramojibi Mukti Andolon. They were engaged in terrorist activities including killing

in the Southwestern districts

bordering India. Speaking at the ceremony attended by high-ups in the government, lawmakers and a large number of people, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim said cases against those who surrendered "will be reviewed to give them the benefit of law" and they will be rehabilitated

in the society. "They will be staying at the sub-jail set up in the local police line till final decision by the authorities concerned", he said. He asked the yet-to-surren-

der "listed terrorists" to take

From Our Correspondent advantage of the amnesty. "They should remember that they will not be spared."

Nasim said the government is committed to curb violence and terrorism and the on-going combing operation in the southwestern districts will continue.

Law and order in the region has improved appreciably within 45 days of launching of the operation and people are feeling secured, he added

State Minister for Energy Rafiqui Islam, Tabibor Rahman Sarder MP, Ali Reza Razu MP, Khan Tipu Sultan MP, Birendra Nath Sikder MP, Aleya Afroz MP. Home Secretary Shaffur Rahman, IGP AYBI Siddique. Additional IGP, Abdur Rahim Khan, DG NSI Kazi Moshiur Rahman. Divisional Commissioner of Khulna, Deputy Commissioners and police superintends of 10 districts under Khulna division, were present. The function was presided over by Aminur Rasul, Deputy Commissioner of Jes-

Among those who surren-

dered included Elias of Sramojibi Mukti Andolan, Anwar Hossain Debu, Amirul Islam Bidhan, Nazrul Islam alias Alem, Sirajul Islam, Shah Alam, Aftab, Israil, Alauddin, Abbas, Hazrat, Khokan, Nur Islam, Shahidul, Ashraf, Abu alias Lalon, Nazir, Nayeb, Reaz, Deben, Ishaque, Firoj and many others of Purbo Banglar

Communist Party. The arms and ammunition surrendered included SLRs shutter guns, stenguns, pistol and 142 bullets.

UNB adds: Another 130 'cadres' of outlawed parties surrendered at Jhenidah on Sun day responding to the call of the Home Minister.

"We have now realised that we were reduced to terrorists for achieving personal and heinous objectives in the name o Marxist and Leninist politics. said Anwar Hossain Debu while surrendering today.

"But, in reality, they have no relationship with Marxism and Leninism. We have been used to protect their personal gains and See Page 12 Col 3

stormy session at High Court By M Shamsur Rahman

Share scam: A

A stormy session broke out, yesterday, on the second day of the sensational 1996 share scam case against Runa Alam of SES company. Senior judge Golam Rabbani of a two-judge High Court Bench blasted additional attorney general Mahbub-e-Alam for saying, "judges differed in opinion". The bench adjourned hearing and summoned the attorney general to explain his deputy's statement. Earlier on March 15, the third metropolitan additional sessions' judge framed charges against Runa Alam.

The fracas broke out after the judge asked for adequate ev idence. Alam produced a Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) quotation showing the transaction records. These transactions showed trade which was not settled in real terms and created an artificial impression in the mind of the general public, he explained.

The justice felt it to be inad equate evidence. "This is evi dence, but they cannot be put behind bars as they are very See page-11

New Zealand, Zimbabwe share points

HEADINGLEY (England), June 7: New Zealand and Zimbabwe's cricket World Cup second-round clash here today was washed out by rain, reports

Both sides were given a point each. That put the Africans on the brink of the semi-finals for the first time in their history. It was the first game of this tournament to fall victim to the

rain.

New Zealand, chasing 175, had reached 70 for three off-15 overs in reply before rain and bad light cut short play on Sun-

Zimbabwe now have five points and top the Super Six table, with Pakistan and South Africa on four.

Zimbabwe's last two games of the second phase are against Australia and Pakistan. New Zealand have three points. They play South Africa and India in their remaining matches.

Yunus emphasises non-economic factors for dev

By Staff Correspondent

The founder-managing director of Grameen Bank Dr Mohammad Yunus gave an eight point formula to alleviate poverty from society. Most of his suggestions, however, do not relate to financial measures but are related to government and

Speaking as chief guest at a seminar in the city, yesterday, the Grameen bank top executive hoped that if the formula was followed by the people and the government the rate of poor people in the society would come down drastically.

Elaborating his formula Yunus said first of all every one would have to do his own work with honesty and sincerity. "It is very sad that we do not perform our own duties," he said.

The government officials in every sphere would have to follow law properly. If the government starts following laws the people would not dare break

The same facilities which are enjoyed by the higher class and middle class will have to be ensured for the poor. The efficiency in different

sectors which have already de-clined would have to be revived. The tendency of resisting people from conducting economic activities permitted by

law would have to be stopped. Proper punishment for violation of law has to be ensured. All kinds of misuse of

wealth in government and private sector and free flow of information have to be assured. Dr. Yunus said people would no longer remain poor if these measures are taken.

Referring to the keynote paper of the seminar where it was shown that the rate of people living below the poverty level in the country line declined by one per cent over the last four years.

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Abahani retain soccer title

Sports Reporter

Abahani Krira Chakra withstood the Muktijoddha onslaught for nearly two hours to retain the Federation Cup football title with a 5-3 tie-break win in the final of the 15th edition of the season's curtainraiser at the Bangabandhu Na-

tional Stadium yesterday. The popular Dhanmondi outfit were at the receiving end for most of the regulation 90 minutes followed by a 30minute sudden-death extra time before their custodian Aminul saved the first penalty shot of Muktijoddha's Liton to settle the clash of the two heavyweights.

Abahani's two Indian recruits - Raman Vijayan and Ranjan Dey-then stepped up to set the tone of a 100 per cent success for the sky blues, converting their 12-yarders in the most clinical fashion.

Biplob, who walked along with Aminul with a mind to make the decisive save, had little ideas about the first four See page 11

A view from the

GUILY

By Tawfig Aziz Khan

neighbours leaves the moun-

tains of Kashmir for the plains

of Old Trafford at Manchester.

The result can see the Pakista-

nis safely into the semifinals or

light a ray of hope in the Indian

The battle of the two Asian

Match washed out | First clash of old rivals today MANCHESTER (England). will be the first meeting of the

June 7: For Pakistan, defeating India will be a matter of continued survival in the World Cup, reports AP. For India, with a foot al-

ready out of the tournament, a victory over its arch-rival and neighbour will simply be a question of defending the national honour. The old enemies will clash in neutral territory tomorrow

mosphere will be anything but neutral and certainly subcontinental. All 18,000 tickets at Old Trafford have been sold, mostly

in a Super Six game, but the at-

to Indians and Pakistanis living in Britain. Placed in different groups in the preliminary round, this two rivals. The second-round clash also

pits for the first time their two sets of impassioned fans at a time when the two nations' militaries are sparring in the disputed Kashmir province. "I would like to appeal to the

Pakistan and Indian fans to be calm irrespective of the results of Tuesday's match," said Pakistan captain Wasim Akram. "What they will be seeing

will only be a game and it would spoil the spirit of the sport if unruly scenes mar what is bound to be a gripping day," he Bhim Virmani, chairman of

Manchester's Indian association, predicted there will be no See page 11



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

A Farewell to Arms

সরকারী চাকুরীজীবীদের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিলের অধিক্ষেত্র সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সরকারী চাকুরীজীবীগণ কোথায় আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল

বৈতনিক সার্কেল-৭

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বৈতনিক সার্কেল-৮

সার্কেল-৪১

দ্বিতীয় সরকারী ১২ তলা ভবন, সেগুন

বাগিচা, ঢাকা। ফোন-৯৩৩০০৪০।

৭১/১, পাইওনিয়ার রোড, ঢাকা।

দ্বিতীয় সরকারী ১২ তলা ভবন, সেগুন

করবেন, নিচের বিবরণী থেকে তা জেনে নিনঃ

১) ঢাকা জেলায় কর্মরত ও অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারী চাকুরীজীবীদের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট (ক) যাদের নামের আদ্যাক্ষর A,B,

C,D,E অথবা F: (খ) যাদের নামের আদ্যাক্ষর

G,H,I,J,K অথবা L: (গ) যাদের নামের আদ্যাক্ষর M:

বাগিচা, ঢাকা। ফোন-৯৫৫৬৯২৩। (घ) যাদের নামের আদ্যাক্ষর N,O, সার্কেল-৪৩, ৭১/১, পাইওনিয়ার P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W,X,Y অথবা রোড, ঢাকা। ফোন-১৫৫২৯০৭

২। ঢাকা জেলায় কর্মরত ও অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সার্কেল-৩৬, ২/২, সি, প্রানা সামরিক কর্মকর্তা ও কর্মচারীদের জন্য পশ্চন, ঢাকা। ফোন-৯৫৬৯৮৪৮। निर्मिष्ठ সার্কেলঃ ৩। ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের অন্তর্গত সকল কর্মরত ও অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারী

ডাক্তারদের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট সার্কেলঃ (क) याम्बत नारमद आम्याकत नार्कन-४०, १८, विकय नगत, A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K वश्वा । ঢাका। क्वान-8569001

(খ) যাদের নামের আদ্যাক্ষর সার্কেল-১১. ৭৪, বিজয় নগর, ঢাকা। M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,V,W, (本)中-8595661 X, Y অথবা Z: ৪) চট্টথাম জেলায় কর্মরত ও

অবসরপ্রাপ্তঃ (ক) সরকারী চাকুরীজীবীদের জন্য निर्मिष्ठ সার্কেল:

(খ) সরকারী ডাক্তার ও রেলওয়ে কর্মকর্তাদের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট সার্কেল:

অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারী চাক্রীজীবীদের রাজশাহী। ফোন-৭৭৫৪১৮। জন্য নির্দিষ্ট সার্কেল: ৬) খুলনা জেলায় কর্মরত ও অবসরপ্রাপ্ত খুলনা সার্কেল-৬ সরকারী চাক্রীজীবীদের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট

রোড নং-২৮, সিডিএ আ/এ। ফোন-৭২৩১০২। বৈতনিক সার্কেল-২, বাড়ি নং-১০২, রোড নং-২৮, সিডিএ আ/এ। ফোন-৭২৩১৩০। রাজশাহী (জলায় কর্মরত ও রাজশাহী সার্কেল-২, কর ভবন,

रैवजनिक मार्कन-১, वाष्ट्रि नং-১०२,

কর তবন, বয়রা, খুলনা। ফোন-

অন্যান্য জেলায় কর্মরত ও অবসরপ্রাপ্ত সরকারী চাকুরীজীবীদের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্রিষ্ট জেলার উপ-কর কমিশনারের অফিসে রিটার্ন জমা দিতে হবে। যে সব জেলায় একাধিক উপ-কর কমিশনার অফিস আছে, সে সব জেলাস তা অফিসে যোগাযোগ করে সরকারী চাক্রীজীবীদের জন্য নির্দিষ্ট সার্কেলে আয় চর রিটার্ন জমা দিতে হবে।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

Rival protesters clash at Chhatak: 20 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, June 7: Twenty people were injured in a clash between activists of a faction of the ruling party and the All Party Citizens' Forum at Govindaganj Bazar at Chhatak this afternoon, during agitation programmes for and against ruling party MP Muhibur Rah-man Manik.

An outlaw hands his gun to Home Minister Mohammad Nasim at a high-profile ceremony in

Jessore, an event organised for 210 of them coming back to normal life.

Lutfur Rahman Sarkum. Vice-President of the Manik-



There was no man-of-thematch in the New Zealand-Zimbabwe tie yesterday as the match was washed out by rain.

backed faction of thana Awami League and Abdul Khalique. Secretary of Saidergaon Union Awami League, were admitted to Syll et MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital with serious injuries. The Manik-backed faction

-PID photo

has called a 12-hour gherao programme on June 9 and 8hour hartal on June 10 at Chhatak and Doarabazar, demar ding immediate release of Marik and protesting today's attack on them. The clash took place at about 3 pm today when the Manik-

backed AL faction was holding a meeting at Govindaganj rail gate and the Citizens' Forum at nearby Govindaganj Bazar. Several crackers were exploded and blank shots fired during the clash.

Meanwhile, the leaders of 'Chhatak-Doara Janapratinidhi Parishad' (a forum of the Pourashava and UP chair-See page 11



Ganguly injured, may miss today's match

MANCHESTER (England), June 7: India's in-form opener Saurav Ganguly conceded here today he could miss the World Cup clash against Pakistan after spraining his ankle, reports

Ganguly was injured while bowling in the nets. See Page 12 Col 7



Beyond the boundary Mea Culpa By Shakil Kasem

The weather reports are not promising for the World Cup matches this week. Should the rains have their say again today, it would be akin to a form of revenge for the early exit of all things cricket, and English, as far as this competition con-The single overriding reason why the elements should away

from this match is simple: this is not just another cricket match. This match transcends the borders of the conscious into the subconscious, it goes beyond the prosaic and the mundane details of just bat hit-ting ball, it climbs the heights of expectations of over a billion souls who, left on their own. would probably not even know one end of a bat from another. Strong men weep at the outcome of this match, the weak at times put themselves out of their misery, so meaningless does the world become for them.

It is not just teams from Group A and B playing each other. This is India playing Pakistan. This, to the uninitiated is not just a cricket match. The captains may say what they want, diplomacy and tact somehow come naturally to them when they are asked to predict the outcome or explain their approach. Deep in their hearts they know it is different from any other match. No dressing room worth its salt would be seen without a brooding cloud of tension that envelops each and every player. The skipper expects a certain level of adrenaline to be coursing through the veins of his players. Woe betide otherwise. As India takes on Pakistan today, the world would watch with bated breath whether Pakistan can travel the path that it feels is ordained for them. Fact and figuratively, See page 11

hearts. Anything is possible. For India it is a make or break situation compared to their rivals' slightly advantageous position. The recent history of one-day battles may favour the Pakistanis but the Indian batting prowess on the English wickets has been awe-inspiring and the sight of the four centurians stroding into the middle one after another can give the creeps to any bowler worth the salt. The top order did not click against Australia but that should not be any solace for Pakistan. The much heralded Pakistani attack spearheaded by the 'Rawalpindi express' Shoaib Akhtar and supported by Wasim, Razzaq, Azhar and Saqlain will face the real test

against the strongest batting line-up of the competition, nay, the world of cricket today. The Pakistani top order has had very little to talk about and all their wishes for peaking at the right time will go in vain unless they do so in this crucial encounter. So far they have rid-den on their lower order batsmen and the bowlers but today they have to come good to make it a match.

An early breakthrough is always a relief for any team but unless it is achieved at regular intervals the ominous prospect of big total dampens the spirit. See Page 12 Col 6



TODAY'S MATCH India vs Pakistan Venue: Old Trafford Live Coverage: BTV and ESPN

(3.45 pm)

TOMORROW'S MATCH Australia vs Zimbabwe Venue: Lord's Live Coverage: BTV and Star

Negotiations on to export gas to India?

By Sharier Khan

While the country's Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have taken a clear stand against pipeline export of gas, a leading Indian weekly claimed that Indian authorities' negotiations with two Bangladeshi companies and two multinationals for a transnational pipeline to take gas from Bangladesh and Myanmar to the "energy-starved" eastern Indian states and Andhra Pradesh were in an "advanced stage"

When contacted,
Petrobangla and Energy Ministry sources told The Daily
Star that Indian officials had been visiting Dhaka with vari-ous proposals for the last one year. However, they could not say whether any negotiation on inter-regional pipeline was in progress. But, the leading Indian weekly, Outlook, in a report

headlined "In the Pipeline",

published in its May 31 issue

said that the government owned

Indian Oil and Natural Gas Company (ONGC) was negotiating with two Bangladeshi com-panies, Mohona Holdings and Banamco Energy and two multinational companies — Unocal and Cairn (Shell). "The pipeline planned with Mohona Holdings, which has

Trans Canada Pipeline as an-other partner, as been tenta-tively named Tras Myanmar Bangladesh Gas Pipeline," the report said. Sources here however said that the proposal pursued by Mohona Holdings did not in-

clude gas export from

Bangladesh "It proposes to use Bangladesh as a transit to sup-

ply gas from Myanmar and eastern India to western India," said a source. Quoting a source in the oil industry in India, Outlook said that the Bangladeshi companies would have "controlling stake" in the projects and gas producers (in Bangladesh) could "buy a stake". The Indian sec-

tion of the pipeline would be built and owned by the Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). the apex authorities.

"We are confident of this project seeing the light of the day because unlike on previous occasions, Bangladeshi companies are getting actively into the project and pressuring their government to export gas to In-dia". Managing Director of Indraprastha Gas Ltd, an Indian company, told Outlook. Sharma was also optimistic

that local opposition to gas ex-port would dissipate if Bangladesh built the pipeline. The report says, "For years,

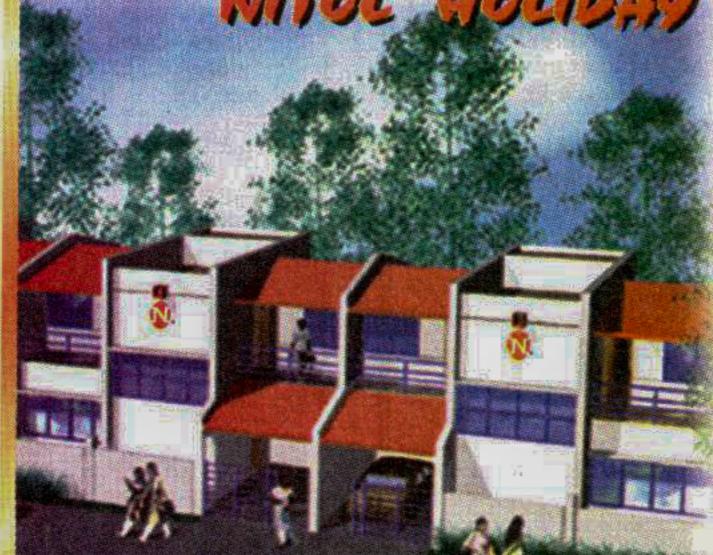
Dhaka has been reluctant to discuss the issue of gas export. Many of Bangladesh's numerous political parties believe any export deal with India will lead to economic dependence on its big neighbour. "But GAIL officials say such opposition is now on the wane,

especially after West Bengal

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