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## Fresh Indian charges ahead of today's peace talks

NEW DELHI, June 11: India produced radio transcripts today purporting to show the Pakistani army's involvement in the month-long fighting in Kashmir, a move that could set an angry tone for weekend talks aimed at defusing the crisis, reports AP.

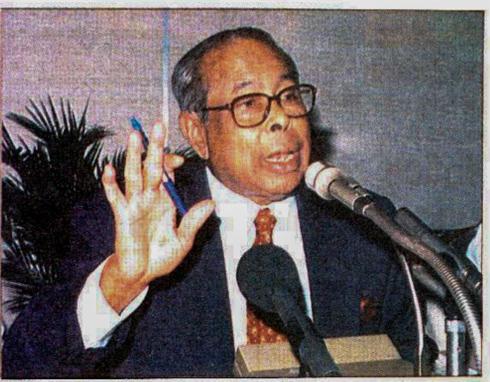
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Heavy fighting continued in Kashmir, and Indian troops went on higher alert with intelligence warnings of a possible offensive by the heavily armed fighters in the rocky Himalayan mountains coinciding with talks tomorrow between India's Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh and Pakistan's Sartaj Aziz.

"We have incontrovertible evidence that establishes beyond doubt the complicity of..."

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## Kibria tells post-budget press confce Tax net widened, no fresh tax imposed



Kibria making a point at the press conference yesterday. — Star photo

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister S A M S Kibria has once again claimed the government has not imposed any fresh tax in the proposed national budget for 1999-2000 placed in the Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday.

"No fresh tax has been proposed in the budget," Kibria said. "We have rather widened the tax net. We have taken VAT, introduced by the BNP, to its logical conclusion by expanding it to the retail level."

The finance minister was addressing a post-budget press conference in the city yesterday.

The minister bitterly criticised his predecessor in the BNP government Saifur Rahman for his comment that the widened VAT would hit hard the poor. "I do not understand how Saifur..."

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## Observe hartal to protest anti-people budget: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent  
BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia has urged the countrymen to observe Sunday's nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal called to protest the proposed "anti-people" budget.

In a statement yesterday, she said the government has imposed huge new taxes on the people in the proposed budget and raised the prices of electricity, paper, book, pen, medicine, foods at hotels and restaurants, and doctors' fees and other essential services mainly used by poor people.

"Presentation of such a budget is only possible by a government that does not take interest in education, service and production in the country," she said. "The government presented the budget as it became isolated from the people... it has betrayed its commitment."

The former prime minister said this budget will ruin the national economy, creating a lot of suffering to the poor people. The budget is not transparent and it is also self-contradictory. — See page 11



Zimbabwe bowler Heath Streak (left) celebrates the wicket of Azhar Mahmood (not pictured) during yesterday's Cricket World Cup Super Six match against Pakistan at The Oval, London. — AFP photo

## Anwar hits ton, Saqlain strikes hat-trick Pakistan reach semis in style

LONDON, June 11: Pakistan, fired by a Saeed Anwar century and an end-of-match hat-trick from Saqlain Mushtaq, joined co-favourites South Africa in the World Cup semifinals after routing Zimbabwe by 148 runs here on Friday, reports AFP.

Anwar rode his luck to make 103 as Pakistan bounced back from three successive defeats to score 271 for nine. Zimbabwe never recovered from a top-order collapse and were dismissed for 123 off 40.3 overs.

Saqlain Mushtaq ended the one-sided match with only the second hat-trick in World Cup history. The off spinner had Henry Olonga and Adam Huckle stumped, before trapping last man Mpuemelo Mbangwa, surrounded by a posse of close fielders, leg-before. Saqlain ended with three for 16 off 6.3 overs.

The result leaves Zimbabwe, Australia and New Zealand scrapping over the two remaining semifinal slots. Pakistan's win ended India's slim hopes of reaching the last four. India play New Zealand at Trent Bridge on Saturday. The last Super Six match sees South Africa play Australia at Headingley on Sunday. Pakistan captain Wasim Akram won the toss and Anwar — whose best score in seven previous innings here was 36 — rewarded him handsomely. The left-hander survived two chances on the way to his 16th one-day century, spilled in the... — See page 11

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**LIBERATION AND BEYOND**  
INDO-BANGLADESH RELATIONS

### J. N. DIXIT

Starting from Monday, 14 June, The Daily Star will serialise some relevant extracts from the just released book by JN Dixit "Liberation and Beyond: Indo-Bangladesh Relations". Dixit opened the Indian Diplomatic Mission in Dhaka on 17th January 1972 and served as the Deputy Chief of Mission until the middle of 1975.

JN Dixit gives the readers an eye-witness account of the post-liberation warm relations between Bangladesh and India and how it soured within the first few years. As a thoughtful and analytical commentator JN Dixit's book forms an essential reading for all scholars and students of Bangladesh-India relations.

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### Prayer Timings

June 12		
Fajr	Azan	Jamaat
4:25	4:30	
Zohr	12:45	1:30
Asr	4:45	4:55
Maghrib	6:45	6:50
Esha	7:55	8:15

Source: Islamic Foundation

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### TODAY'S MATCH

India vs New Zealand  
Venue: Trent Bridge  
Live Coverage: BTV and Star Sports (3:45 pm)

### TOMORROW'S MATCH

Australia vs South Africa  
Venue: Headingley  
Live Coverage: BTV and ESPN (3:45 pm)

## Mixed reaction on budget

The proposed national budget for fiscal 1999-2000 has come under criticism from different quarters for expansion of the VAT net which, they said, will increase prices of consumer items and cost of living.

It was, however, appreciated for some reform measures to rationalise duties and simplify tax procedures.

A leading economist said yesterday that the budget lacked steps to rationalise revenue expenditure. Some others noted that broadening of VAT net at retail level and in service sectors would discourage people from seeking services as the increased costs would finally go onto the consumers.

MCCI The Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry

By Staff Correspondent

(MCCI) hailed different measures for rationalising duties, giving special concessions to textile, leather, ceramic industry, jute and agro-based industries and the export sector as a whole.

In a statement yesterday it appreciated the budgetary steps for increasing the revenue income by 22 per cent and containing the increase of revenue expenditure within six per cent.

Regarding tax and VAT it said spot collection of tax and VAT from small restaurants, doctors and non-resident Bangladeshis (NRB) should be reviewed.

The chamber body said the budget proposals — tax on bonus share and reversal of tax settlement after deduction in source — will discourage investment in the capital market.

It urged the finance ministry to discuss with trade bodies before implementing the Pre Shipment Inspection (PSI).

Although PSI is a desirable recourse for import facilitation, administration of PSI through the government can ruin a good concept.

"The government can set up a strong monitoring mechanism but implementation has to be through the users of the system," the chamber body said.

The government could have continued the trend of reducing corporate tax of listed companies to help growth of the capital market, it added.

"In the absence of term loan, leasing companies are playing... — See Page 12 Col 1

*A view from the*  
**Gully**  
By Tawfiq Aziz Khan

A semifinal berth for South Africa was almost a certainty when the Super Six matches started on June 4. The most satisfying part of this match against New Zealand was to see their opening pair in good form and putting on runs for the second time in the tournament. Till now the Proteas had to bat down to number 8 or 9 but this was a match when the top and middle orders were sufficient to put on enough runs on the board. It was for all purposes a hearty batting practice for South Africa before their last match against Australia tomorrow. — See Page 12 Col 5

## Second committee yet to wake up for saving Buriganga

The Government's sincerity in its pledge to save the Buriganga is now being questioned as the second committee formed in December last year to chalk out plans for saving the river is yet to hold a single meeting.

Sources in the office of Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka said there was no progress in the government's 'Save Buriganga' drive because several agencies concerned failed to nominate their representatives for the committee's meeting despite repeated requests.

"Only a week ago, Rajuk and BIWTC sent the names of their nominees for the first meeting scheduled to be held on June 13," said an official at the Commissioner's office requesting anonymity.

Divisional Commissioner MD Nizam Uddin, who is convener of the committee, could not be contacted for his comment. His Private Secretary said he did not have any knowledge of the scheduled meeting.

The first committee was formed in September 1997 with the launching of the 'Save Buriganga' drive. The Ministry of Environment and Forest initiated the drive following reports of indiscriminate encroachment on the Buriganga and pollution of its water.

The first committee had only three meetings so far. The Environment Secretary is its Chairman, Director General of Department of Environment (DOE) Co-chairman and Head of the DOE, Dhaka Division, is Member Secretary. Eight members were taken in from the ministries of Law, Land, Home, Water Resources and Local Government. The Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka and a representative of the IWTA were also included in the committee.

"The first committee took more than a year to realise that a second committee was needed to do some work to save the Buriganga," one source said.

The seven-member second committee was formed with three terms of reference. The first one is to identify sources of pollution, the second one is to identify encroachment on the river, lakes and low lying areas in the city and the third is to submit a report to the first committee within 90 days.

The Director (Technical) of DOE is Member-Secretary of the second committee while its members include the ADC Revenue and representatives from Rajuk, DCC, BIWTC and WASA.

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By Morshed Ali Khan

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The Danish project has been extended by another four-year... — See page 11

## Flood forecasting system to be upgraded next year

Bangladesh's flood forecasting and warning capacity will be enhanced further from next year with the expansion of its network across the country, officials said.

There are now 75 monitoring stations covering 55 per cent of the areas of the country, flashing a 48- to 72-hour forecast on the flood situation.

Under the new project, monitoring stations will be expanded to cover the entire country.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC) of Water Development Board (WDB) gathers data from the 75 stations and American NOAA-12 and NOAA-14 satellites, which proved highly useful to forecast the floods in 1998.

The data are processed at FFWC at WDB headquarters at Motijheel. It also gets data from India through dedicated teleprinter circuit.

The centre fine-tuned its... — See page 11

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## Murder, looting go up in Ctg again

CHITTAGONG, June 11: Incidents of crime including murders are increasing in the Port city as the law enforcing agencies are yet to come up with an effective drive to curb those.

Three sensational murders took place here in the last nine days. The victims were two ward commissioners and a foreigner.

Indian national Jibran Tayebi, 26, who worked as representative of a foreign shipping company in Agrabad Commercial Area, was gunned down by unidentified assailants, here on Wednesday. He was killed on his way back home from Agrabad, police said.

The motive behind the killing is yet to be unearthed. His body was flown back to Calcutta yesterday. The case was handed over to Detective Branch of Police for investigation.

Just seven days before this, Ward Commissioner of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and local leader of the ruling Awami League Liakat Ali Khan, 48, was shot dead by assailants in front of his residence at Chaldatola under Panchlaish thana in the city on June 2.

The killing of Liakat... — See page 11

sparked off a wave of protests in the city and residents became scared about their security in day-to-day life.

Police and other sources believe that Liakat was killed for his role against some local terrorists.

In a previous incident also, terrorists attempted to kill him, sources said. About 30 hours before the killing of Liakat, a Ward Commissioner of Raozan Municipality Iskander Hoossain, 35, was chopped to death at Halishahar under Doublemooring thana in the city. The assailants left the body of Iskander, who was also local leader of the ruling party, in a house under lock and key.

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### Ganguly may play today

NOTTINGHAM (England), June 11: Indian all-rounder Saurav Ganguly looks an almost certain starter in tomorrow's World Cup Super Six match against New Zealand after coming through a net session at Trent Bridge today, reports Reuters.

Ganguly, who missed the defeat of Pakistan with a bruised knee, batted for 15 minutes without any discomfort.

"He's feeling a lot better. We're pretty sure he's okay but we'll have a final check tomorrow," said coach Anshuman Gaekwad. "It's the first but he's had but I think he'll be alright."

India have to win the game against New Zealand to have any chance of reaching the semifinals.

## Beyond the boundary Back With A Vengeance

Pakistan zeroed in to claim a semi final spot, in the most convincing manner yesterday. Wasim Akram led a highly motivated and committed side on to the Oval, hardly reminiscent of the ragtag group in green they had been for the last three matches. The Pakistanis made no bones of the fact that they needed to win this match. Not only that, they were quite determined to finish the job as thoroughly and professionally as possible. Zimbabwe were most unfortunate in running up against a side that had managed to mislead the world the last few days, but were out now to prove a point.

Zimbabwe's cause was harmed first by Neil Johnson's inability to bowl at all. Their next cause of concern was the return to form of Saeed Anwar, who chose this particular match to rediscover his touch and score his 16th one day hundred. Pakistan tried out Wasti in the opener's slot, and he teamed up magnificently with his senior partner, to prepare the perfect launching pad for the perfect assault in the end overs. For a while, Pakistan were bogged down by the loss of some quick wickets. The Zimbabweans were out now to prove a point.

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