Another goods train derails near Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH. Aug 1: Two bogies of a goods train were derailed at Bagmara crossing near the town at 1-45 pm today disrupting train services for about three hours on Dhaka-Mymensingh line, reports UNB.

It was the third derailment

since Saturday morning near the Mymensingh Railway Junction. Three bogies of two goods trains were derailed yesterday disrupting train services and causing serious inconve-nience to the train passengers.

None was reported hurt in the derailments, believed to have caused due to poor maintenance of the railway track.

Two killed in accident in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Aug 1: Two passengers of a Dhaka-bound bus were killed and 35 others injured in a tragic accident at Jamirdia on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway this morning, reports UNB.

Nurul Islam Akhand, 45, UD Clerk of the Supreme Court, and Anis, 30, helper of the bus died on the spot.

Witnesses and police said the accident took place at about 7 am as the driver lost control and hit a roadside tree while trying to give side to another vehicle coming from the opposite direction.

Kibria says

Measures taken for dev of

private sector Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday said the gov-

ernment has undertaken vari-

ous measures for private sector development in the country, reports BSS. He was talking to an ADB Consultation Mission on Private Sector Development Strat-

egy which called on him at his ERD office. The mission was led by US Executive Director Ambassador Linda Yang. Other members of the mission, Directors Zhao Ziaoyu (China), John Miller (UK) and Pasist Ujjin (Thailand) and ADB Resident Repre-

phat was present. The fact-finding mission was keen to know about the government's measures undertaken for the development of private sector as well as the ADB suggestions in this regard.

sentative Phiphit Suphaphi-

The government has liberalised rules and regulations for investment in the private sector and opened up almost every field including power, gas and telecommunication, the finance minister said. Referring to the various measures undertaken by the government in strengthening supervision in the banking system, establishment of export processing zone, privatisation of state-owned enterprises and other physical infrastructure development programmes, the finance minister told the visiting delegation that the government is fully committed to private sector development.

9 chargesheeted

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The charge sheet referred to as many as 25 witnesses, including a number of girlfriends of film actor Sohel Chowdhury. Some unidentified assailants gunned down Sohel Chowdhury in front of the city's

club 'Trump' on the night of De-

cember 18.

tion revealed.

The seven-month DB investigation found that Sohel had insulted Aziz at a party over one of his one girlfriend a few days before the killing. Besides, relationship between Sohel Chowdhury and Bunty Islam and his business partner AR Chowdhury deteriorated following a business feud. Following these incidents, the businessmen masterminded the killing of Sohel in collaboration with a number of professional hit men. DB investiga-

AC Abul Kashem Bepari was the fourth investigating officer in the case as three IOs were changed during the investigation after a murder case was filed with Gulshan thana.

GrameenPhone signs deal with DHL Worldwide Express

verdict.

GrameenPhone Limited has signed an agreement with DHL Worldwide Express Bangladesh under its new Corporate Sales Package initiative, says a press

release. Under this agreement, DHL couriers will be given GrameenPhone (GP) mobile phones with the Short Message Service (SMS) and Voice Mail Service (VMS) facilities, in addition to the regular voice communication. GP's new Corporate Sales Package initiative provides special customised packages to suit the connectivity needs of multinational companies, big local companies, large NGOs. international organisations. government organisations. banks and financial institu-

tions. The agreement between GrameenPhone and DHL was signed in the GrameenPhone boardroom on July 29. Masud A. Mallick of the Corporate Sales Department of Grameen-Phone, and Ahsan Parvez, Finance Manager of DHL, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations in the presence of NKA Mobin, Finance Director of GP, Dalip Handa, Country Manager of DHL, and other senior officials of the two companies.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited Rashida Mustafiz, the ailing wife of Army Chief, at the Combined Military Hospital. -PID photo

Daily Arthonity launched 'Objectivity foremost condition for responsible journalism'

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday urged the journalists writing economic reports and articles to gain adequate knowledge about the subject concerned to portray both the domestic and global economic affairs correctly and objectively in their newspapers, reports BSS.

"Objectivity is the first and foremost condition for responsible journalism and the economic reporters must have indepth knowledge of this important subject so that their writeups can meet the expectations of the general readers," he said.

Addressing as the chief guest the launching ceremony of a Bengali economic daily "The Dainik Arthonity" at the National Press Club, Kibria observed that only an ordinary level of education would never help a journalist reach the significance of his report to the general readers.

The function was also addressed by veteran journalist and former editor of The Bangladesh Observer Obaidul Huq, and former finance minister M Saifur Rahman while eminent economist and educationist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud was in the chair.

Editor of the new economic daily Zahiduzzaman Faruq, in his welcome speech, expressed the confidence that the Dainik Arthonity under his stewardship would live up to its aims and objectives in the field of economic journalism in the country.

* Kibria was highly appreciative of the courage of journalists in Bangladesh, particularly during the autocratic regime when their pens demonstrated the power needed to uphold the hopes and aspirations of the country's people.

"However, this time, I find no such quality in a newspaper. Sometimes, the report published is baseless and concocted," he said without naming any newspaper but expressed the hope that a report would be properly written before pub-·lishing it."

The Finance Minister referred to the cabinet's principled stand on the transshipment of Indian goods and said he expected impartial and objective criticism would come out in the newspapers about this development. "But I saw politically motivated criticisms," he said.

Obaidul Huq called for ensuring transparency of openmarket economy by freeing it from, what he said, hostile political attitude.

He said Bangladesh achieved its political independence long ago but the vast majority of its people were still poor. "We are somehow alive clinically as our country has been exiled into the Third World due to mismanagement in the economy," he observed.

Saifur Rahman, MP, described reporting on economic activities as 'still weak' and said various lapses and wrong perceptions were visible in most of the economic write-ups, either in reporting or evaluating government policies.

"A journalist must be wellconversant and up-to-date with economic activities and only then can he write a presentable piece for the readers," he said.

"Journalists have a lot of power and strength but their pen has to find out what is right and what is wrong in the economic arena," he said while referring to the system of economy changed from time to time.

Saifur - Rahman, while putting stress in favour of growth of responsible journalism in the country, pointed out that news in newspapers must be controlled by newsmen themselves, not the owners, to help achieve the long-cherished objectives of journalism in the

country. Other speakers expressed the hope that the Dainik Arthonity would correctly evaluate and present all reports so that the general readers could find the real picture of the domestic and global economy.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession on the Dhaka University

campus yesterday demanding immediate execution of the Bangabandhu Murder Case

GrameenPhone Ltd. signed an agreement with DHL Worldwide Express Bangladesh under

its new Corporate Sales Package initiative in the city yesterday.

2 BNP leaders granted ad-interim bail

The High Court Division of the Supreme Court yesterday granted ad-interim anticipatory bail to two BNP leaders named in the police Constable Farhad murder case, reports

The High Court Division comprising Justice Mohammad Mahfuzur Rahman and Justice Mohammad Nurul Islam granted the ad-interim anticipatory bail to BNP lawmaker Nazim Uddin Alam and Jubo Dal leader Farhad Babu.

The court also issued rule nisi upon the government to show cause within eight weeks as to why the accused petitioners should not be enlarged on anticipatory bail.

Barrister Maudud Ahmed moved the anticipatory bail petition on behalf of the two BNP leaders.

Sex workers

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Mala, 20 - had been allegedly missing since July 24. But officials denied the allegation.

Meanwhile, some activists of women and human rights organisations told this correspondent that some of the sex workers were handed over to pimps and traffickers who claimed themselves guardians.

Police said that they caught two pimps Karim and Tota yesterday while local people assaulted another seven when they came to the vagrant centre posing as guardians. Contacted by The Daily Star.

DG of the Department of Social Services Mir Shahabuddin claimed yesterday "The plan for rehabilitation of the sex workers has not failed". "Returning the sex workers

to their guardians is part of our rehabilitation programme. We could motivate them to go back to their families and have a normal life there. Those willing to stay back at the vagrants' homes or those having no guardians will be given vocational training."



admission test results

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Barisal

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Weather

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

459, 460, 462, 463, 464, 466, 467, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478 and 479 = Total

Candidates bearing the following roll numbers have been kept on the waiting list:

Moderate rain likely

temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Barisal, Dhaka

Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over

No appreciable change in day temperature is expected over the country during the period. Met office said.

vesterday at Dinajpur and the lowest 25.2 degrees at Srimangol.

Country's highest temperature 35.7 degree Celsius was recorded

The sun sets in the capital today at 6:41 pm and rises tomorrow

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

Humidity in

Percentage

Morning Evening

75

77

78

78 82

Temperature in

35.0

Celsius

23.8

27.5

27.6

27.0

25.4

Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Light to moderate rain or thundershower accompanied by

84, 96, 137, 183, 139, 396, 83, 73, 400, 284, 16, 171, 136, 39, 209, 174, 259, 405, 359

July 23, 1999, are as follows, says an ICAB press release.

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the city yesterday. City mayor Mohammad Hanif led the - Star photo procession.

Month-long BCL mourning programmes begin

By DU Correspondent

BCL held a rally at the Aparejeo

Bangla on the campus at noon.

leaders said that a vested quar-

ter is trying to save the killers

of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mu-

opposition for creating unrest

in the country by calling 'illogi-

Bepary, the rally was addressed,

among others, by Anisur Rah-

man, Gazi Mesbaul Hossain

Sachchu, Saifuddin Nasir, Saj-

jad Hossain, A K M Azim and

of BCL includes: mourning pro-

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fateha at the mazar of Banga-

bandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rah-

man on August 16, blood dona-

tion and tree plantation pro-

gramme, exhibition of docu-

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posters and leaflets, distribu-

tion of foods and cloths among

the distressed children, discus-

sion meeting, milad mahfil at

the DU Central Mosque, mass-

signatorial campaign across

the country, publishing wall-magazine at different depart-

ments and faculties of DU, of-

fering special offer at mosques, mandirs, churches and pago-das, and placing wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on

August 15.

The month-long programme

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Addressing the rally, BCL

They also blamed BNP allied

Presided over by Bahadur

Pro-government student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday chalked out a month-long elaborated programme to mark the National Mourning Day on August

On this day father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with his family members were killed by the self proclaimed killers. The programme started with

placing of floral wreaths on the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman yesterday in the small hours of the morning.

ক্ষরন্ত্র হতদেশ্রদের ফালির রায় তালিলায় কার্যকর করেন্ত্রজ্ব বাহলোদেশা ত্রেলীগ As part of the programme, BCL brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus demanding immediate execution of the verdict of the court, over the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman murder case. Following the procession,

REIN meet held

The inaugural meeting of the Renewable Energy Information Network (REIN) was held at the LGED Bhaban yesterday, says a press release.

Sustainable Rural Energy (SRE), a sub-component of Sus-tainable Environmental Management Programme (SEMP), has initiated the meeting participated by different governmental, non-government agencies and institutions.

The participants appreciated LGED's endeavour in establishing an information platform on renewable energy through

Sustainable Rural Energy (SRE) constitutes several activities pertaining to renewable energy in Bangladesh. Development of an information network database for renewable energy e.g. solar, wind, bio-energy, and micro-hydro and its maintenance is the key activity of REIN. This network will be de-

signed and developed to facilitate the energy planners, project developers, researchers and all relevant organisations. LGED has significant experi-

ence in development and operation of electronic network systems, which are applied to its nationwide projects. The exist-ing facilities and expertise of LGED in Geographic Information System (GIS) is well recognised nationally.

CA Foundation Course | Let there be debate

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In 1993, the seven member states of Saarc agreed "to undertake appropriate steps and measures for developing and improving communication system, transport infrastructure and transit facilities for accelerating the growth of trade within the region".

Rahman said these agree-ments had not borne the ultimate fruit because of "lack of reciprocity" from the Indians who had always been "excessively protective, shortsighted and hegemonistic" in their handling of neighbours.

"Whenever we agreed to give them some facility, India didn't reciprocate. This created the first credibility gap," he said, referring to long-standing demand for transit for Dhaka-Kathmundu trade. "It is the mindset of the Indian leaders

which created the problem. "There was an agreement involving Bangladesh, India and Nepal, but a new Indian government came and scrapped it," Saifur Rahman recalled.

He admitted that the late President Ziaur Rahman "initiated the process because he was in favour of increasing trade", but said that the 1980 accord was only "an expression of intention".

Similarly, he said, the 1993 SAPTA agreement "envisaged free flow of trade in the region"

But nothing happened that would have instilled confidence in "our minds", which is the reason why the government of Khaleda Zia did not find it comfortable to deal certain bilateral issues with India, he said.

"Why is Khaleda Zia opposed to it today? Every time she proposed something, she did not receive a positive response. Saifur Rahman said of the BNP chief's position on the issue.

"India is the only country in the world which has troubled relationships with all its neighbours," he said. "It should be able to treat its neighbours with some degree of equality ... mean relative equality, not absolute equality ... we know they are big." "If we are to allow Indian

goods to be carried through our land routes as early as now, we must bargain for our benefits such as transit for trade with Nepal."

The former finance minis-

ter, aware of the demands of globalisation and the post-2005

why he was critical of the move "Bangladesh's infrastructure is not ready. Our own cargo

"Our alluvial soil ... our road structure is not strong enough ... it will take many more years may be at least 10 years - to be

portation," he said. "I would not object to it if it was a multilateral arrangement to enhance intra-regional trade. In that case, I would pre-

fer it by the railway system, not by road," he said. Rahman, who sits on BNP's

cannot take the responsibility of arms shipment in the name of transshipment," he said as he referred to secessionist unrest in north-eastern India. "We'll be vulnerable in terms of

Saifur Rahman, also exists in other areas.

fected. We'll be losing our potential market (in the northeastern Indian states). And nobody will setting up industries in Bangladesh," he said.

The multinationals, which planned to invest in Bangladesh keeping the northeast Indian market in mind, would no longer consider so, he

community welcomed the transhipment plan, Saifur Rahman said: "Many of the businessmen are vulnerable to government pressure and have various other compulsions (to support gov-

Replying to a query, the former finance minister said every government cared for national interest and that he was not willing to criticise it in such cheap terms as "a sellout of the country".

"But it is the suddenness and haste with which the government moved is really raising

JU students barricade From Page 1

"The JU authorities did not ask

us to raid the halls." not informed about any act of terrorism on the campus. He said the "thana was not aware of the developments reported in newspapers".

Alauddin Ahmed told Star's JU Correspondent that police were permitted to raid the halls and arrest terrprists. But police action depends on the government, he added.

day decided to ask law enforcers to take "all necessary action against all armed outsiders on the campus".

lice could not take any action because the decision was not conveyed to police till yester-

questing anonymity said, Authorities do not expect the next two days as police will be busy with the Opposition-called

that the "Rapist Group" captured the halls within the knowledge of an influential lobby in the university administration. In support of his claim, he said the Proctor of the university went to see the situation in the two halls four hours after those were 'captured' at

By Staff Correspondent Police has failed to arrest any one involved in the attack on Gias Majumder, senior reporter of The Daily New Nation

till last night. A gang of armed terrorists riding in an ash colour microbus manhandled Majumder indiscriminately at the entrance gate of journalist quarters at section -11 in Pallabi thana area on Thursday mid-

Majumder was returning to home after the day's work. The armed gang also threatened the journalist before leaving the spot.

Majumder was rushed to the Suhrawardy Cardiovascular Disease Hospital in a critical . condition.

ernment policies)."

the eyebrows of most opponents," the BNP leader said. "It

claimed Meanwhile, the JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) in a state-

Malek said the thana was But Vice-chancellor Prof

The JU Syndicate on Satur-

Campus sources said that po-

A top university official re-

police to raid the halls in the Another top official claimed

about 10 pm on Friday.

Formation of a task force led by a teacher to drive out the terrorists from the campus instead of calling police to raid the halls suggests that the authorities were "soft" to the armed men who captured the halls, he

Attack on journalist None arrested

The inaugural meeting of the Renewable Energy Information Network (REIN) was held at the LGED Bhaban yesterday.

trade regime, gave other reasons "at this stage".

from Sylhet to Dhaka, from Chittagong to Dhaka cannot move smoothly.

ready for such heavy trans-

policymaking standing committee, also sees threats to Bangladesh's national security. "Why sealed container? We

security." Vulnerability, according to

"The economy will be af-

Asked why the business

does not go with claims of transparency."

ment yesterday urged the Prime

Minister and the Home Minis-

ter to intervene personally to drive out the armed men from the campus. It also demanded of the authorities to punish the armed outsiders and the students who were earlier accused or expelled for rape.

The university authorities yesterday issued a notice asking female students not to stay outside their dormitories after 8

The "killer group", ousted from the campus Friday night, was led by former JU BCL General Secretary Samsud Touhid Kakor. Most of the leaders of the group were chargesheeted accused in the Ananda murder case. BCL leader Ananda Ghosh was killed on the campus on November 3, 1997 by some ac-

tivists of the "killer group". Meanwhile, the President and acting General Secretary of the BCL Central Committee in a statement yesterday demanded immediate action against the persons who captured halls at the JU.

"The JU BCL committee was dissolved about a year back and there is no activity of BCL at the JU now," the statement said. The BCL faction which cap-

tured the halls brought out procession on the campus yesterday demanding immediate arrest of the killers of Ananda. All the 13 charge sheeted accused in the Ananda murder case had been staying at JU halls till they were ousted on Friday.

Formalities

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to Bangladesh." "There are also threats from ULFA and other guerilla groups fighting for independence in the "seven sisters" (northeastern states of India). ULFA leader Paresh Barua announced Bangladeshi installations would be their target if India is given transit facility. We're already under threat following the

On the commercial side, M K Anwar said the government is not saying what financial benefit the transit will bring for us. "But the bad impacts are very much visible. It'll destroy our roads and infrastructure, and decrease export and stop foreign investment.' "In fact, the government is

government decision.

trying to hand over Bangladesh to India and initiated the corridor process only to fulfill the Indian design. The agreement of 1973 proves it was the dream of Sheikh Mujib and his daughter is now implementing it," he added.

