# hat's on today . . . .

NFOWD seminar: National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) will hold a seminar on disabled people. Venue: Samaj Sheba Bhaban auditorium, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:30 am.

Discussion meet: A discussion meeting will be he by Shaheed Asad Parishad to observe Asad Day. Venue: Poet Sufia Kamal auditorium at Public Library. Time: 3:00 pm.



Poush Mela: Poush mela will be held at which winter cakes, handicrafts will be put on display along with cultural programmes at a day long affair. Venue: Ramna Batamul. Time: 8:00 am-9:00 pm.

NFOWD seminar: National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled will hold a seminar on "Disaster Management and Disabled People." Venue: Samaj Sheba Bha-ban auditorium, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar. Time: 9:30 am.

Film show: Three movies Le beaute du deable (The devil's beauty). Le reine Margot (The Queen Margot) and The videe ballon will be screened. Venue: Alliance Française de Dhaka. Time: 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Inauguration: The 3rd solo painting exhibition of Rafiqul Islam will be inaugurated. Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka. Time: 4:00 pm.

Launching ceremony: The launching ceremony of Parisian Potraits and A Perspective in Development: Gender Focus by Raana Haider will be held. Chief guest: State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed. Venue: Alliance Française ae Dhaka. Time: 6:00 pm.

### Weather

## Dry weather likely

Dry weather will prevail over the country during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Met Office said moderate to thick fog may occur over Raishahi division and the river basins of the country during

Mild to moderate coldwave may continue over Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and the region of Srimongal during the period while slight rise in night temperature is expected.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 26.6 degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 07.1 degrees at Satkhira.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5:36 pm and rises to-

morrow at 6:43 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Humidity in Temperature in City/Town Celsius percentage Morning Evening 13.5 Dhaka Chittagong 58 Rajshahi 08.8 63 09.8 Khulna 57 Barisal 64 Sylhet 10.8 Cox's Bazar 14.0

People will give

befitting reply

to conspiracy

of BNP: Zillur

Ruling Awami League yes-

terday warned that the people

would give appropriate reply to

BNP's evil design to grab power

through backdoor by conspira-

dream of changing government

through alternative way will

not succeed. People will give a

befitting reply to any conspir-

acy or sabotage by BNP and its

associates," Awami League gen-

eral secretary Zillur Rahman

some newspapers reported that

BNP leaders at a discussion

meeting on Ziaur Rahman

vowed to pull down the Awami

League government without

election by unconstitutional

saying that coup would have to

be staged since Awami League

government cannot be unseated

and Local Government Minister

said it is true that in the past

The Awami League leader

He said as the Ayub Khan

promulgating martial law in

Pakistan and grabbed power

defeated forces of the 1971 lib-

eration war backed by some

disgruntled army officers killed

Bangabandhu along with his

family members in 1975 and

military ruler Ziaur Rahman

grabbed power through back-

door, tortured the nation under

military rule and floated a

party called BNP to consolidate

his illegal power." Zillur said in

a scathing attack on their op-

dotted line of Zia, he said,

fallen dictator Ershad took

over and formed a political

party. For the last 21 years,

these autocrats had ruled the

country by guns killing democ-

racy, human rights and the rule

DMP chief

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passed on Sunday during a

meeting of the crime investiga-

tion wing of DMP, the new

"Police can apply force up to

causing death of a person to en-

sure protection of life and prop-

tioned in sections 97, 100 and

'sporadically applied' in differ-

ent parts of the city, he said,

warning that from now on the

some one mugging or robbing

and trying to flee," Rahman

take sufficient precautionary

measure before implementing

such a decision so that innocent

law would be rigidly applied.

103 of Bangladesh Panel Code."

Explaining further he said,

"These provisions are men-

These provisions were being

'Yes I will shoot when I find

Police has been advised to

commissioner said.

erty of innocent people.

Faithfully walking along the

"Following his footprint,

Zillur quoted BNP leaders as

means.

through election.

be ousted by ballot.

grabbed power.

ponents

of law.

His sharp rebuttal came as

"Without election BNP's

torial means, reports UNB.

### HC rule on DU

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and Justice Khademul Islam Chowdhury also ordered the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, IG of Police and some top officials of DMP to show cause why they should not take necessary action against the persons who were responsible for maintaining law and order on the campus in the small hours of January 1 and on Jan-

The court passed the order on Tuesday upon a writ petition filed by Salma Ali on behalf of the National Woman Lawyers' Association.

Some miscreants assaulted a woman during New Year celebrations in the early hours of January 1 in front of the TSC of Dhaka University. Nikunja Bihari Debnath, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, was stabbed to death in the morning of January 11 on the campus.

The HC further directed the Vice Chancellor and top officials of DU to explain why they should not take appropriate action against the miscreants who are students of the univer-

The petition said, "It is a protest on behalf of the people against the indifference of the

Awami League government elected by the people could not law enforcing agencies. "It is an outcry against the shabby treatment handed down regime ousted Awami League by to the ordinary citizens by those who are supposed to protect us and is aimed at raising through backdoor, so also the

the conscience of the nation," it

Dr M Zahir moved the peti-

### Sharif: Charges

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These allegations are fake, false and baseless and were to justify the illegal and unconstitutional act of October 12," Sharif told reporters after the hearing.

His family were in court and were allowed to meet with him afterwards.

Accusations that Sharif had waged war against Pakistan were dropped after defence lawyers complained.

Defence lawyer Khwaja Sultan told reporters the defence would try to call Musharraf as a witness in the case.

We are going to call the Chief of Army Staff Pervez Musharraf as a witness because he is the most important witness. If the court does not permit us to call him then it is not going to be free and fair," he

Chief public prosecutor Raja Qureshi said there were 53 prosecution witnesses, mostly officials from the Civil Aviation

Authority and the airline. The prosecution was also providing 27 audio cassettes of recordings and two video cas-

settes as evidence, he said. The length of the trial would depend on evidence from the

witnesses. The anti-terrorism courts were set up, ironically by Sharif himself, to hear cases within seven days.

According to law, it is to be completed within seven days but that is not mandatory. But the spirit of law demands a speedy trial," Qureshi said.

people are not victimised, he Already the case has been mentioned. dogged by lengthy procedural "The decision will be impledelays since it opened in mented in letter and spirit," the November. commissioner said.

### SCF submits memo to DU VC

By DU Correspondent Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday demanding "effective steps" to rid the campus of crimes.

In the memorandum the SCF leaders accused the DU authorities of failing to take "effective" steps to arrest the persons responsible for assault of a girl and killing of a joint secretary on the campus.

They urged the student community to come forward and stand against such criminal activities to save the image of the university. SCF also demanded formation of a judicial probe body to investigate the incidents.

They also demanded of the university authorities to disclose the names of the 60 listed terrorists.

Prior to submitting the memorandum, leaders and workers of the left-leaning student front brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of the office of VC which was addressed by Nurul Islam, Ashraf Uddin Akash and Mahmudur Rahman Mamun.

#### Kajol's Democrazy opens at Zainul Gallery today

The 10th art exhibition by Artist Ra Kajol will be inaugurated at the Zainul Gallery of Institute of Fine Arts today. says a press release.

Prof S Manzoorul Islam will introduce the exhibition titled "Democrazy". Poet Shamsur Rahman will be the chief guest at the ceremony.

The 6 day-long exhibition will remain open from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm everyday.



### Shaheed Asad Day today

By Staff Correspondent Shaheed Asad Day will be

observed in the city and different parts of the country today. On this day in 1969, Asaduzzaman, a student of Dhaka University, leader of the then East Pakistan Chhatra Union. was killed when police opened

fire on a procession in front of

Dhaka Medical College during the mass upsurge. Different political and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate pro-

grammes to mark the day. The programmes include placing of wreaths at the Asad Memorial Plaque in the city and his grave at Shibpur in Narayanganj, discus: on meetings and milad mahfil.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan along with others leaders will offer fateha and place wreaths at the grave of Asad at Shibpur. A discussion meeting will be held at 3:30 pm at National Press Club to mark the day, said a BNP press

Shaheed Asad Parishad has also taken up various programmes to mark the day.

### RU reopens today

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Jan 19: Rajshahi University (RU) reopens

tomorrow after a 16-day vacation for Eid-ul-Fitr. The administrative offices and offices of different halls re-

opened on January 16. Meanwhile, the admission tests for first year honours classes will be held from February 1 to 15.

Over 197741 application forms have been sold against 3005 seats in 39 departments under six faculties.

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"We thought the conference

would be an occasion when

businessmen will speak and

politicians will listen to their

problems," the BCI acting pres-

sulted and we don't think that

our purpose will be served

through this conference. We

only received an invitation

from FBCCI to attend the pro-

gramme which says that the

prime minister will speak be-

fore the business community

along with (FBCCI president)

Abdul Awal Mintoo and some

sion when politicians will

speak and businessmen will lis-

ten. Whereas it should have

been other way round," Azad

garding the agenda of the whole

conference," Dhaka Chamber of

If it was a grand conference

Commerce and Industry (DCCI)

of the business community then

concerned business leaders

should have been consulted to

express their views, said Latifur

President Aftab ul Islam said.

"So it is going to be an occa-

"Nothing is clear to us re-

other senior ministers.

"But we were not even con-

ber of Industry.

ident said



president Ziaur Rahman yesterday on the occasion of his 64th birth anniversary. -Star photo

## Contribution of Zia recalled

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh in the world community through his tireless ef-

united the nation and inspired the people to join in the War of Liberation through the proclamation of independence and led the war from March 26 to April 17, 1971.

BNP organised the discussion at the Engineers' Institution to mark the 64th birth anniversary of Ziaur Rahman. Presided over by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, it was addressed, among others, by BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Oli Ahmed MP, Major Gen (Retd) Subed Ali Bhuiyan, Major (Retd) Shahjahan Omar, Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed, Redwan Ahmed and Naim Jahangir.

Due to the revolutionary steps of Zia, they said Bangladesh marched towards rapid development and self-reliance. Zia elevated the country to a dignified position in the comity of nations.

Speakers said Zia orchestrated concept of seven-nation SAARC and played a key role in halting the Iran-Iraq war, and in OIC. They recalled the contribution of Zia in restoring multi-party democracy, building friendly relations with the Islamic world, consolidating hardearned national independence and sovereignty and his role in regional and global peace

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury said Ziaur Rahman, "... was not afraid or a coward ... rather, he was an absolute pa-

Kabir Ahmed

A Bangladeshi couple was

burnt alive and their daughter

injured when a fire broke out in

their apartment in New York on

Taslima Ahmed Rebel, 41, and

their daughter Lutfa Ahmed

were sleeping in their rented

basement apartment in Long Is-

land when the fire started at

around 1:30 am. Lutfa, a bril-

liant student of City University.

is now fighting for her life in

hospital, according to family

The bodies will arrive in

Dhaka by a Bangladesh Biman

FBCCI: Crisis deepens

Rahman, president of

"It is a FBCCI function where

Asked if he would speak at

Metropolitan Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

we are invited guests and we

don't think it's a grand conven-

the conference, Rahman said

speaking at such a conference

needed preparation. "The poli-

cymaking committee of the

chamber deliberates on the is-

sues at stake, which is not going

committee when I myself am

not aware (of what's going on)?"

ufacturers and Exporters Asso-

ciation (BGMEA) President

Anisur Rahman Sinha said he

would decide "later" whether to

"Even if I go I will not

He said he had discovered

Foreign Investors' Chamber

like others that it was going to

be a FBCCI show rather than be-

ing one of the entire business

of Commerce and Industry Wali

Bhuiyan said an FBCCI official

had called to inform of his be-

"Here what can I tell my

Bangladesh Garments Man-

to be the case here," he said.

the MCCI president said.

attend or not.

community.

speak," Sinha said.

tion," Rahman said.

sources.

Kabir Ahmed Hasan, 49, and

January 14, reports BSS.

Speakers at a discussion leaders for forgetting their reyesterday recalled contributions sponsibilities on the eve of the of late president Ziaur Rahman Liberation War and onwards, and said this valiant freedom he said the people of the counfighter had introduced try hasn't forgotten that Ziaur Rahman proclaimed indepen-

Describing the present gov-They said that Zia had ernment as an 'evil' one, he said the liberty and independence of the country were being endangered by it.

> Mannan Bhuiyan said the spirit of liberation was destroyed by Awami League by introducing the one-party BAKSAL system after independence.

Recalling the Liberation War. Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed said the people had not heard Sheikh Mujibur Rahman make any declaration of independence although it was being propagated that it was he who had proclaimed independence.

Oli, a renowned freedom fighter 'categorically' said Ziaur Rahman proclaimed the independence on March 27 as a provisional head of the state. "The name of Sheikh Muz-

ibur Rahman was included in the declaration on the following day when a journalist suggested to do so to win more public support in favour or independence," he claimed. On the current political im-

passe, Oli said the BNP was ready to hold dialogue with the government to resolve the crisis. but the AL Government had betrayed the main opposition as it was yet to implement the 4point agreement signed twice in parliament. "There cannot be any dia-

logue with betrayers. AL not only betrayed BNP but also the nation through signing various treaties and agreements against the interest of the country, he added

Subed Ali Bhuiyan said Shaheed Zia proclaimed the independence ignoring all fears and

Taslima Ahmed

The first namaz-e-janaza

will be held at the Banoshree

Mosque, near Ideal School at

the second one at 32/1. Bhajo-

Community Centre at 11 am.

hari Saha Street near Wari

taken to Nabinagar, Brahman-

baria, for burial at the family

graveyard at Ibrahimpur (Mian

to New York to live with their

daughter Lutfa Ahmed during

ing made a speaker at the con

He said he did not have any

idea about the programmes on

the January 24, the concluding

other opposition leaders are

scheduled to speak. The prime

minister and other government

leaders will be present on the

IEC materials

on reproductive

health compiled

on Reproductive Health in

Bangladesh has been published

by Voluntary Health Services

Society with assistance of

The catalogue is a compila-

tion of audio, audio visual and

printed materials. It is a quick

reference guide to health pro-

fessionals, organisations, ser-

individuals.

UNFPA office.

vice providers, researchers and

took place on Monday at the

The handing over ceremony

UNFPA, says a press release.

A catalogue of IEC materials

first day, January 22.

day when Khaleda Zia and

her winter vacation.

ference.

Kabir and Taslima had gone

The bodies will later be

Rampura at 10 am today and

flight this morning.

Bangladeshi couple burnt alive

in NY, bodies arrive today

Zia was the only army officer. who had refused to accept any government residential plot distributed among the army after the independence, and his honesty is unquestionable.

Freedom fighter Naim Jahangir said the government in exile and Awami League leaders staying in Calcutta during the Liberation War hurriedly involved India with the war as they apprehended that the power might go to the freedom fighters after independence.

He said the Razakars collaborated with the Pakistani occupation forces for an undivided Pakistan while the 'so-called freedom fighters' who stayed in Calcutta during the Liberation War was busy pleasing India in order to come to power.

Redwan Ahmed said Sheikh Mujib didn't give any directions prior to surrender to the Pak army, Bangalee jawans, BDR and police personnel would not have been killed if there had been any instructions from him.

He said it was Ziaur Rahman, who proclaimed the independence and called for an allout war against the Pakistani occupation forces. He said Zia led the war from March 26 to until the formation of the Mujibnag r government on April

Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed said that he went to Calcutta for two days during the Liberation War and was astonished to hear something from Awami League leaders.

He said that AL leaders in Calcutta asked him as to why the war had been started, because they (AL) had completed other arrangements with the Pak ruler. He asked all to read a press release signed by Dr Kamal that had appeared in papers on March 25, 1971.

The release stated that the dialogue with President Yahiya Criticising the Awami League future consequences. He said 'was satisfactory,' he informed.

Tributes to Zia

AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury

M Saifur Rahman, Abdul Man-

nan Bhuiyan, Oli Ahmed,

Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Dr

Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain,

Abdul Matin Chowdhury and

Chowdhury Tanveer Ahmed

Wreaths were then placed by

Juba Dal, Chhatra Dal, Krishak

Dal, Sramik Dal, City BNP, Zia

Shishu Kishore Organisation

Jasas, Zia-Khaleda Research

Council, Mohila Dal, Ulema

Dal, Secchashebak Dal, Zia

Parishad, Zia Nagorik Forum,

Deshnetri Parishad, Zia Smrity

Sangsad, Zia Sangskritik San-

gathan, Zia Forum and various

Khaleda and others attended a

milad mahfil on the mazar

premises, organised by Jatiy-

blood donation programmes at

the same venue, arranged by Zia

Sangskritik Sangathan, Mukti-

joddha Dal, Doctors Associa-

tion of Bangladesh and Zia

Govt bowed

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the recent government role in

The speakers criticised the

the incident at Shahjalal uni-

liaison of the opposition with

the anti-liberation communal

forces in the current anti-gov-

any issue because if it does so,

then the anti-liberation, com-

to be defeated and a new society

A rally condemning com-

Kabir Chowdhury and

munalism and fanaticism was

also brought out from TSC prior

Shamsur Rahman inaugurated

the committee's mass signature

collection campaign seeking

implementation of Shahjalal

University Syndicate's decision

to name the student dormito-

ries after Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman, Satyen Bose, Dr Ku-

Later, a cultural programme

Meanwhile, a meeting of the

executive committee of Nirmul

The meeting urged all to

rally on January 22 a success.

The agitation rally in Dhaka

will be held at the central

Shahid Minar at 3 pm, it added.

and Jahanara Imam.

press release last night.

was held.

to the discussion meeting.

ernment movement.

beneficiary.

has to be built.

She also inaugurated two

After offering of fateha,

other organisations.

atabadi Ulema Dal.

Nagorik Forum.

versity.

Siddique.

The leaders included Prof

### Bar Council team calls on Shahabuddin

A 15-member delegation of the Bangladesh Bar Council made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed in Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Barrister Amir-ul Islam, Vice-Chairman of the Bar

Council, led the delegation. The members of the delegation apprised the president of the successful training programme of lawyers and development of Legal Education Training Institute (LETI). They also apprised the president of the need for training of investigation public prosecutors and judges and magistrates.

The Bar Council felt the need for developing the Legal Education Training Institute into a centre of excellence.

They said that the institute needs its own premises, which can be built on the vacant space adjacent to the bar council building.

The delegation reminded the president that the land was earmarked by him when he was chief justice of Bangladesh. Barrister Amir-ul Islam presented some publications of the Bar Council and LETI to the president.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed expressed his keen interest in LETI having its own premises as was earmarked by him eight years ago. The president suggested that the delegation should process the same to the authorities.

The members of the delegation included S S Halder, Abdul Baset Mojumder, Syed Rezaur Rahman, Golam Arif Tipu, Syed Ahmed, Sirajul Islam Khan, Safiq Ahmed, Mohammad Ozaier Faroog, Abul Kalam Azad, Mohammad Abdus Salam Talukder and Tobarak Hossain.

### Ctg Chamber

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tar Hossain, general secretary of the Federation of Chittagong Shop Owners Association Salamat Ali, Chittagong Port Marine Contractors Association president Abdul Khaleque Chowdhury, Mimi Super Market Businessmen Association president Abul Kasem, Terri Bazar Businessmen Association vice president Kairul Islam, Bipani Bitan Businessmen Welfare Association general secretary Aktar Hossain, Reazuddin Bazar Businessmen Welfare Association general secretary Md Jahangir Khan, Jewellery Shop Owners Association president Shafiq Ahmed and

The speakers expressed their concern at terrorism in the port city's business centres and industrial belts.

### MCCI supports

From page 1 without any obstacle, as it is very important in enhancing

Jalil told the business leaders that the government would take steps to protect the interest of domestic industries, including tariff rationalisation, and enhance internal trade and in-

vestment. "All concerned, including chamber leaders, will be consulted for their advice in this regard," the new Commerce Minister said.

Commerce Secretary Golam Rahman and the secretary general and members of the executive committee of MCCI were present at the meeting.

#### the government controlled pricing system in which supply and demand do not determine oil price," said a BPC official, Enhancement in diesel and

loss despite its poor market mechanism, mainly because of

kerosene prices have a chain effect on cots of transportation, irrigation and other production and service sectors, pushing up the inflation rate. But BPC believes there is no

option for the government other than increasing dieseland kerosene prices. The price of crude has been increasing since July last year and reached 24.55 dollars per barrel in December from 17.25 dollar. Price of motor spirit has also increased to 26.75 dollars from 19.75 dollars," said a BPC source.

The industry sources also admitted that crude price increased but were around 20 dollars per barrel during most of the period. There might have been sudden increases beyond that level but it was for a week or two. Crude prices fluctuate off and on", an industry insider

On August 18, 1997, the government increased petrol and octane prices by around 60 per cent and that of diesel by a small proportion, arguing that the international price of oil had soared "very high" and BPC was incurring "huge losses". The prices of petrol and octane were increased to Tk 21 and Tk 23 respectively from around Tk 13 and Tk 14 per litre.

Three days later, three ministers at a press conference had promised to reduce prices when the price drops in the international market. But the prices were never reduced.

International market prices remained high for most of the period in 1997. From late 1997 till the middle of last year, the prices remained around 14-15 dollars and had plummeted to a historic low of 8-9 dollars in November-December 1998. But domestic prices were never readjusted, the sources said.

The BPC imports oil in two ways. It imports refined petrol, motor spirit, jet fuel, kerosene, and diesel on half-yearly bosis. It also imports oil in smaller quantities. The price of this import is directly related to the international market scenario. In 1997, while the govern-

ment claimed that BPC incurred Tk 450 crore loss for petroleum import and sale, BPC paid Tk 1800 crore to the minal exchequer as BPC made a net profit of Tk

133 crore in 95-96, Tk 241 crore in 94-95, Tk 919 crore in 93-94, Tk 769 crore in 92-93 and Tk 789 crore in 91-92, sources said.

The annual requirement in the country is about 16 lakh tonnes of diesel, 4.5 lakh tonnes of kerosene, two lakh tonnes of petrol and one lakh tonne of octane. BPC imports about 1.2 million tonnes of crude and refines it at its processing plant to produce diesel and other fuel. It also imports 1.8 million tonnes of petrol and diesel and other petroleum products. Around Tk 2500 crore

### Puja Committee programme Feb 18

By Staff Correspondent The Puja Committee has shifted the date of 'City Family Day' to February 18, says a press release.

uled for tomorrow, but the date has been shifted due to unavoidable circumstance.

The programme was sched-

The programme will be held at Dhakeshawri Temple from 10 am.

wickets with his gentle medium pacers as Namibia, opting to bat first, were skittled out for a meagre 57 in 28.3 overs.

The Bangladesh captain, better known for his batting exploits, made the early in-roads with his innocuous wicket-towicket bowling. Hannan, the unlikely wrecker-in-chief, finished with fantastic figures of 10-4-15-5.

bowling his Namibian counterpart Burger for 3 in the sixth over of the innings. Once Hannan made the breakthrough, the African nation caved in meekly, loosing wickets at regular interval.

other end with Anwar Hossain, the Namibian innings lasted for an hour and 48 minutes. They ended up scoring the lowest total to date in the tourney. Bangladesh finished off the match 25 minutes before the

should not compromise with the anti-liberation forces on lunch break, making 58 for the loss of three wickets in 11.1 munal forces will be the only overs. Incidentally, not a single Poet Shamsur Rahman said Namibian batsman could reach the anti-liberation forces have

the double figure mark on a wicket that looked batsmanfriendly. Gericke's eight stood second to 22 from Mr. Sundries. None of them were seen hitting a forceful shot, let alone a single boundary in their innings. Namibia got the only four in one wayward over from Hannan when the ball popped up unexpectedly and then went past the wicketkeeper toward

Tariqul for the match, had a nervous start but could get his line corrected switching to the other end. The tall right-arm seamer from the BKSP, with his natural in-swingers, took two wickets in his six overs. Leg-break bowler Mosaddek

success as he mopped up the tail, finishing with one for three in his 3.3 overs. Although Bangladesh against Kenya at the same venue on January 21.

"Besides, we should have won by nine or ten wickets. I did not expect such a poor shot from Hannan. Well, he might have taken five wickets. But his main job is to score runs", said

Diesel, kerosene From page 1

simple catch at cover point. But a consistent Rajin Saleh guided his side home without further damage, putting on 24 Rai Chowdhury after the match.

the bearded coach. (Scoreboard on page-13)

# Bangladesh gave way 22 extras that included 18 wides.

simple task, losing three wick-

### Hannan humbles From page 1 change. Hannan took five

He started the rot by clean

With Hannan operating at one end and Bikash sharing the

They said the government

the final leg boundary. Anwar, coming in place of

Hossain also had his share of

Committee was held with Syed Hasan Imam in the chair, said a make the countrywide agitation bowlers did a fantastic job, the batters made heavy weather of a

ets for 34 runs.

drat-e-Khuda, poet Hason Raja

His opening partner Nahidul Haq Shaon played some authoritative shots in his 25-ball 16 but unnecessarily chased an outgoing delivery from Rooi

> Of the three batsmen out in the Bangladesh innings, Hannan departed in the most pathetic fashion. The usually compact right-hander, while on eight, played an outrageous reverse shot against a leg-spinner from Burger, only to offering a

and was taken low in the first

HANNAN ... 5/15

to play a forceful shot over mid-

wicket and ended up offering a

simple catch at mid-on for

Out-of-touch Ashraful tried

runs for the undefeated fourth wicket with Selim Bangladesh will play their second group league match

"This is a good start in defence of our Plate title. I think, the bowlers have done well. But I'm still worried about too many extras", said coach Dipu

is spent for these imports.