Nandi Sarkar (Panchagarh.

Thakurgaon and Dinajpur).

Jainal Abedin Sarkar

(Lalmonirhat), Abdul Hai

(Munshiganj), Md Shahjahan

Mian (Nababganj) and Sham-

the committee was last recon-

Communication Ministry:

Chairman - Afsaruddin Ah-

mad Khan (Gazipur) and mem-

bers — the Communication

Minister (if he is an MP), S M

Mostafa Rashidee Suja

(Khulna), Mostafizur Rahman

(Dinajpur). Khan Tipu Sultan

(Jessore), Mokbul Hossain

(Dhaka), Md Moqbul Hossain

(Meherpur), Nazimuddin Alam

(Bhola). M Ruhul Quddus

Talukder Dulu (Natore) and Md

on November 16, 1997. It was

last reconstituted on May 12.

LGRD and Cooperatives Min-

nan (Tangail), and members -

(Kishoreganj), Rahmat Ali

(Gazipur), Md Abdus Shahid

(Moulvibazar), Ramesh Chan-

dra Sen (Thakurgaon), Md Mu-

jibul Huq (Comilla), Md Rustam

Ali Farazee (Pirojpur). Nazmul

Huda (Dhaka), Md Shahjahan

Formed on November 16,

Standing Committee on

1997, the committee was last

Health Ministry: Chairman -

Kazi Abu Yusuf (Faridpur) and

members — the Health Minister

(if he is an MP), Prof Dr M

Amanullah (Mymensingh),

reconstituted on May 12, 1998.

(Noakhali) and Md Helaluzza-

man Talukder Lalu (Bogra).

istry: Chairman - Abdul Man-

Zillur

The committee was formed

Standing Committee on

Rahman

Shahidul Islam (Jhenidah).

Formed on November, 1997,

Standing Committee on

suddin Ahmad (Naogaon)

stituted on May 12, 1998.

She said that 439 industries

and factories were set up with

foreign investment during the

period from 1996 to June 1999,

while some 4230 industries and

factories were set up by local

new jobs had been created. She

informed that the inflation rate

had come down to 3.4 per cent

not to resort to unfair means

during export. She said due to

adoption of unfair means by a

section of traders, the export of shrimps had suffered a serious

set back in the European Union.

We took up the matter with the

importers and the problem was

resolved," she said. She also

warned that the government

would take stern measures

against the unscrupulous ex-

dressed by Commerce Minister

Abdul Jalil, Additional Secre-

tary Golam Rahman and Vice

Chairman of the Export Pro-

The prime minister later

motion Bureau AB Chowdhury.

handed over trophies and cer-

tificates to 70 exporters.

The function was also ad-

porters, she cautioned.

She said as a result 6,57,211

Hasina advised the exporters

PM gives export awards

Four thrust sectors identified

investors.

Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina yesterday said that her

government had identified four

thrust sectors to boost export

earnings and speedy industrial-

isation in the country, reports

Osmani Memorial Hall to give

export awards to the recipients

for the year '96-97 and '97-98.

she said the four thrust sectors

are leather and leather goods

new and higher value added

readymade garment products.

computer software and agro-

The prime minister, how-

ever, regretted that despite huge

export possibilities in those

four sectors, we have failed to

attain the desired goal. She said

that her government had given

incentives to boost up indus-

trial and export import policies.

ernment had taken liberal pol-

icy for industrialisation as well

as for setting up export-oriented

industries. She said her gov-

ernment had introduced five-

in place of one year.

year long import-export policy

direct foreign investment now

stands at 1000 crore dollars.

The prime minister said that

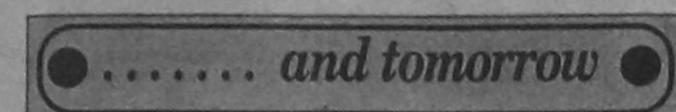
Sheikh Hasina said the gov-

processing industries.

Addressing a function at the

What's on today •)

Seminar: Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies will hold a seminar on "Dr Muhammad Shahidullah's Philosophy of Life". Venue: Room No 2028, Arts Building of Dhaka University. Time: 4.00 pm.



Meeting: A general meeting of the Bangladesh T&T Board Retired Officers Welfare Association (ROWATEL) will be held. Venue: Conference room of the central office of BTTB. Time: 9.30

FPAB Awards in Journalism '99 : Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB) will award its Awards in Journalism'99. Venue : Jatiya Press Club. Time : 11.00 am.

Weather

Night temp likely to fall

Weather is likely to remain dry over the country in the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Moderate to thick fog may occur over Rajshahi and Dhaka divisions and river basins of the country during morning, Met

Office said forecasting 1 to 2 degree Celsius fall of night temperature over the country. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 29.0

degree Celsius at Cox's Bazar and the lowest 11.2 degrees at Raishahi.

The sun sets in the capital today at 5.40 pm and rises tomorrow on May 12, 1998 and was reconat 6.42 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: Humidity in City/Town Temperature in Celsius percentage Morning Evening Min Dhaka 15.3 Chittagong 15.8 Rajshahi 24.5 11.2 Khulna 27.0 13.2

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The research programme be-

tween the two bodies is aimed at

improving the research activi-

ties on vegetables in

Bangladesh and help develop

pesticide-free vegetables to a

Bangladesh Society

for Parasitology

of Bangladesh Society for Par-

asitology was held in the Nip-

som auditorium yesterday, re-

and Family Welfare Prof M

Amanullah attended the con-

ference as the chief guest.

State Minister for Health

The conference was ad-

dressed by vice-chancellor of

the Bangladesh Agricuitural

University, Dr Mohammed

Hussain, President of the Soci-

ety Prof Hefazuddin Sheikh and

The state minister urged the

General Secretary Dr M Mota-

scientists to come forward ith

all sincerity and contribute

their share in solving the para-

sitic problems for combating

human sufferings and increas-

ing productivity in livestock

and fisheries sectors.

The fifth annual conference

HERE and THERE

26.5

29.0

BCS coordination committee

Barisal

Sylhet

Cox's Bazar

By Staff Correspondent A meeting of the steering committee of BCS Coordination Committee (26 cadres) on Monday reiterated their demand for withdrawal of the government order regarding upgradation of 321 posts of BCS (administration), said a press

release last night. The committee expressed anguish as no initiative has been taken to implement the eight-point demand which was mentioned in a memorandum. It was submitted to the prime minister on November 17 last

year, it said. The committee said intercadre discrimination will increase if 321 posts of a single cadre are upgraded without upgrading other similar posts of

28 BCS cadres. Speakers also demanded cancellation of present the 'quota method' used to appoint deputy secretary and other higher positions.

Coastal Embankment Rehabilitation Project Workers and Officers

Welfare Assoc By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of Coastal Embankment Rehabilitation Project Workers and Officers Welfare Association yesterday demanded their pending salary for nine months and to provide them with work in other projects with the department.

They said that 323 employees are not getting salaries for

nine consecutive months. The president of the association Abdul Qaiyum Niazi at a press conference at the Auditorium of Dhaka Reporters Unity yesterday said that there are provisions to place the employees in other projects. But the Forest department is recruiting new people which is a violation of project names.

The leaders also claimed that they were dispersed by police from in front of the office of the Chief Conservator of Forest when they went there to discuss their problems with the chief at Mohakhali, on Monday.

Among others Moinul Hug. secretary, Abu Jafar, Tarek Khan, vice president of the organisation were present during yesterday conference.

DU Political Science Assoc

A meeting of ex-students of the Dhaka University Political Science Association was held at the Eastern Bank Limited head

office on Sunday, reports B-S. The meeting resolved that a re-union of ex-students of the department will be held on March 3, instead of January 28 at Ramna Green.

The next general meeting of the association will be held on January 30 at 5 pm at the EBL head office. All members of the association have been requested to attend, a press release said.

Agreement for research on

pest management. A Bangladesh research body and an American university yesterday signed an agreement to conduct research on pest

management, reports BSS. A procedure for Collabora-Uve Research Programme on Integrated Pest Management was signed between the Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) and Virginia Polytech Institute and State University, (Virginia Tech) VA, USA. Dr Zahurul BARC, signed the procedure on behalf of his Council and Dr SK De Datta, Director, Office of International Research and Development College of Agriculture and Life Science, signed for relatives

12 JS committees reconstituted Twelve Parliamentary

Standing Committees on different ministries were reconstituted by Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, reports BSS. Out of the 12 committees,

four were reconstituted for the first time. These are committees on Disaster Management and Relief Ministry, Forest and Environment Ministry, Education Ministry and the committee on Government Assurances.

The Standing Committee on Agriculture Ministry were restructured for third time while the remaining seven for the second time. These are committees on Home Ministry, Planning Ministry, Food Ministry, Communications Ministry, LGRD and Cooperative Ministry. Health Ministry, and Youth and Sports Ministry.

The reconstituted Parliamentary Standing Committees on 12 ministries are as follows: The Standing Committee on Home Ministry: Chairman -

Sayedul (Brahmanbaria) and members - the Home Minister (if he is an MP), Abdul Hasanat Abdullah (Barisal). Md Abdus Shahid (Moulvibazar), SM Mostafa Rashidee Suja (Khulna), Md Tajul Islam (Comilla), Jinat Hossain (Chittagong). Sadek Hossain (Dhaka) and Hafiz Uddin Ahmed (Bhola).

The committee was formed stituted earlier on March 14,

The Standing Committee on Planning Ministry: Chairman — Enamul Huq (Habiganj) and members — Mohammad Nuruddin Khan (Narsingdi), HN Asiqur Rahman (Rangpur), Md Ali Ashraf (Comilla), Abdus Salam (Mymensingh), Jannatul Ferdous (Sirajganj-Pabna), Abdul Moyeen Khan (Narsingdi), Nurul Amin Talukder (Netrakona), GM Fazlul Huq (Chandpur) and Abu Lais Md Mubin Chowdhury (Habiganj).

Formed on May 12, 1998, the standing committee was first reconstituted on July 8, 1998.

The Standing Committee on HBM Iqbal (Dhaka), Aleya Food Ministry: Chairman - Md Afroz (Jessore-Satkhira), Md Abdul Hakim (Comilla) and Tajul Islam Chowdhury (Kurigram). AQM Badruddoza members - the Minister in-Chowdhury (Munshiganj), Decharge of Food Ministry (if he is an MP). Alauddin Ahmed wan Md Salahuddin (Dhaka). Syed Mehedi Ahammad Rumi (Kishoreganj), Mirza Azam (Jamalpur), Md Jainal Abedin (Kushtia) and Ziaul Hug Molla Bhuiyan (Comilla), Bharati

> The committee was last reconstituted on May 12, 1998. It was formed on November 16,

Standing Committee on Disaster Management and Relief Ministry: Chairman - Syed Kamal Bakht Saki (Satkhira) and members - the Minister incharge of Relief Ministry (if he is an MP), Md Wajihuddin Khan (Pabna), Kazi Keramat Ali (Rajbari), Saleha Begum (Faridpur), Farida Rouf Asha (Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Rangpur), AKM Mostafizur Rahman (Kurigram), Abu Yusuf Md Khalilur Rahman (Joypurhat), Zainul Abedin Faruk (Noakhali) and Shahiduzzaman Beltu (Jhenidah).

The committee was constituted on May 12, 1998.

Standing Committee on Forest and Environment Ministry: Chairman - Md Tabibar Rahman Sarder (Jessore) and members - the Forest and Environment Minister (if he is an MP), Shahabuddin (Moulvibazar), Habibur Rahman Molla (Dhaka), Anjuman Ara Jamil (Kushtia, Meherpur and Chuadanga), Golam Sarwar Hiru (Borguna), Md Waheduzzaman Sarkar (Galbandha), KM Obaidur Rahman (Faridpur). Shamsul Islam Khan (Manikganj), and Md Majibur Manju (Kishoreganj).

The committee was formed on May 12, 1998.

Standing Committee on Youth and Sports Ministry: Chairman — Jainal Abdin Hazari (Feni), and members - the minister in-charge of the ministry (if he is an MP), Chayan Islam (Sirajganj), Saber Hossain Chowdhury (Dhaka), AKM Shameem Osman

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a discussion meeting on

"Democracy Killing Day" organised by the party at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium

Noman journalist Reazuddin

Manik, Mahbubul Alam Tara

that BNP would not allow

Awami League to establish

BKSAL again until a single

government bagging more than

200 seats at the next parliament

election if the vote will be free

act Public Safety Bill, he

warned the government that it

said with the 4th amendment

Awami League killed not only

democracy, but also the values

was only giving lip service to

democracy. "Awami League has

got its training not in democ-

racy but in terrorism and vote

was digging its own grave.

of Independence War.

Referring to the move to en-

Khandakar Delwar Hossain

He alleged Awami League

He hoped BNP would form

worker of BNP remains alive.

Mannan Bhuiyan, asserted

Ahmed, Mainuddin Ahmed

and Abdus Salam.

and fair.

Remain alert against any

move to revert to

one-party rule: BNP

(Narayanganj), Harunur Rashid (Lakkhipur), Abdur Rashid Sarker (Gaibandha), Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf (Faridpur), Mosharraf Hossain Mongu (Barisal) and KM Abdul Khaleque Chantu (Kushtia).

The committee was formed on November 16, 1997. It was reconstituted earlier on May 12, 1998 and July 8, 1998.

Standing Committee on Education Ministry: Chairman -Nurul Islam Nahid (Sylhet) and members - the education minister (if he is an MP). M Abdus Shahid (Moulvibazar), Panchanan Biswas (Khulna), Kazi Sirajul Islam (Faridpur), Razia Matin Chowdhury (Feni Noakhali and Lakkhipur) Roushan Ershad (Mymensingh). Amanullah Aman (Dhaka), Alamgir Kabir (Naogaon) and Md Mashiur Rahman (Jhenidah).

The committee was formed on May 12, 1998.

Standing Committee on Agriculture Ministry: Chairman - TIM Fazle Rabbi Chowdhury (Gaibandha) and members - the Minister incharge of the Agriculture Ministry (if he is an MP), M Mizanur Rahman Manu (Dinajpur), Dewan Farid Gazi (Habigani), M Jalaluddin Talukder (Netrakona), M Imdadul Huq (Thakurgaon), M Abdul Hakim (Comilla), Abul Kalam Azad (Tangail), M Majibar Rahman Sarwar (Barisal) and M Abdul Wahab (Jhenidah).

The committee was formed on November 16, 1997.

The Committee on Government Assurances: Chairman -M Rezaul Karlm Heera (Jamalpur), and members -Sheikh Razzak Ali (Khulna) Dewan Farid Gazi (Habigani) Mohammad Selim (Sirajgan) AKM Jahangir Hossain (Patuakhali), M Tajul Islam Chowdhury (Kurigram), Mirja Azam (Jamalpur) and Mosharraf Hossain Mongu (Barisal). The committee was formed

on November 20, 1996.

-Star photo

BNP to protest

proposed Public

Safety Bill

By Staff Correspondent

tions across the country tomor

row to protest government's

move to introduce what i

termed "repressive black law"

in parliament in the name of

the BNP will hold public rallies

city, district and thana head-

Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami

and Islami Oikya Jote - will

also observe the programme

In the city, BNP will organ-

ise a rally at Paltan Maidan at

sion after the meeting, said a

BNP Secretary General Ab-

3:30pm and bring out a proces-

dul Mannan Bhuiyan in a

statement instructed party's

city, district and thana units to

organise rallies and proces-

sions and build up strong resis-

tance against the government's

press release yesterday.

and bring out processions in all

As parts of the programme,

BNP's allies partners -

public safety.

simultaneously.

quarters.

move.

BNP will stage demonstra

district, thana levels soon Santrash Birodhi Shanti Andolan (SBSA), a non-political socio-cultural organisation launched by Bangladesh Bar Council, is considering to declare a day in a year against terrorism and extortionism in the The meeting also decided to country soon, reports BSS. This was revealed at a meet ing held at the Bar Council Bhaban on Monday with the convenor of SBSA eminent lawyer Barrister M Amir-ul Is-

Anti-terrorism bodies at

lam in the chair. Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, Editor of the daily Sangbad Ahmedul Kabir. Editor of the daily Bangladesh

Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, former Chief Editor and Managing Director of. Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha ABM Musa, Chairman of Manobadhikar Samannaya Parishad Father Tim, women activist Maleka Begum, Barrister Tania Amir, Awami League leader Sudhangshu Shekhor Halder, Syed Hasan Imam, Principal Ahad Chowdhury, Advocate Abdul Baset Ma-

jumder, Advocate M A Salam Talukder, Dr C M Delwar Rana, Rotaract District Governor Advocate Ozair Farooque and NGO representatives took part in the policy making discussion.

form anti-terrorism committees at district and thana levels and hold a day-long conference to aware people against rising terrorism in all spheres of society. Complain centres would also be set up in all the district headquarters so that the victims could report their suffer-ings which include gross human rights violation and repression

on women.

It was also decided in the meeting that SBSA would pursue political party chiefs not to nominate identified terrorists in any elections and sack all the terrorists from the parties immediately. Training for law enforcers, judges and lawyers also came up for discussion to pave way for ensuring rule of law in society.

105 DU teachers urge Khaleda to change her stand

One hundred and five teachers of Dhaka University yesterday urged BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia to revise her stand against negotiation to settle the long running political stand-off for the sake of the hard earned democracy, reports BSS.

In a statement, they said Begum Zia's announcement at a business conference to paralyse the country through hartals stunned them as it came when the nation was expecting that the gap between the ruling and the main opposition parties would be bridged through the initiatives of the country's business community.

"Her (Begum Zia) announcement seriously concerned us along with the countrymen. the statement said.

It added: "We urge the leader of the opposition to give the countrymen a sense of relief responding to the Prime Minister's call to bridge their political gaps.

BCL protests BNP's 'threat'

By DU Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the ruling party, brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting BNP's 'threat' to call non-stop hartal. Following the procession. BCL held a rally at Aperajeyo Bangla on the campus at noon.

Leaded fuel

From page 1 taking over the market, the government wants motorists to consider another environmentally friendly alternative --

compressed natural gas. "We have taken steps to increase the number of compressed natural gas stations from 4 to 50," said the energy ministry source. The Nirapad bus service between Uttara and Gulistan also uses compressed

natural gas." Converting vehicles to compressed natural gas would expand the local gas market, reduce public fuel costs and ensure a cleaner environment, he said.

Businessmen won't give up

From page will go to the government again and ask them to give some concessions to the opposition for creation of an atmosphere for dialogue

"The opposition have some grievances. They think the government offer is not sincere. The government should take the first step and have to create an atmosphere to change the mindset of the opposition. Mintoo said. The FBCCI president said

guts to tell the Prime Minister that everything was not going right. "We also told the Leader of the Opposition that the whole nation does not like politics of hartal and destruction." Bangladesh Garments Manufacturer and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President

that for the first time the busi-

ness community could show the

Anisur Rahman Sinha said he was frustrated at the speech of the opposition leader. He however said the result was obvious. "We should have done more groundwork and prepare ourselves before ar-

ranging such a big conference. We should have set a target" *However, we will continue our efforts and try to convince the opposition to keep the garments sector out of the purview of hartal. It is the worst effected sector but it contributes the most in the country's export

earnings. We will try to attain our goal at any cost", Sinha Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI)

President Latifur Rahman termed the event "a positive beginning'

mittee of MCCI will discuss the issue and suggest recommendations whenever chances come. "Everyone should go ahead with the move and carry it forward whenever opportunity comes.' Rahman said.

Leader of Opposition "did not budged an inch from the o ginal stand" He said the preparations were not enough. "Prior to arranging such a big conference. they should have brought the issue at a matured stage through

government and the opposi-He also said many issues like irregular power supply shortage of working capital reforms in banking sector, trade unions activities, labour unrest and increase in cost of production were not high-

lighted due to lack of prepara-"But we have established our point that none favours hartal and that the problems can be

Vice-president of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) AK Azad said the conference was partially successful.

"Through the conference we at least spoke about our problems and showed that every business leader was opposed to hartal," Azad said.

The BNP chief said that she understood problems of the business community but added that when it was in power, Awami League did not allow it to function, the BCI leader said. "So, it seems to be an atti-

tude of taking revenge on the government of Awami League for the party's acts while it was in the opposition," Azad said. "So, the next course of action (by the business community) should be to sit with all profes-

sional groups and launch an anti-hartal campaign," he said. Former, FBCCI president Yussuf Abdullah Harun said the conference made politicians understood that the business community was united against hartal and that the problems could be solved only through dialogue.

"Both the government and then opposition believes the private sector is the engine of growth. So, when we express concern over hartal, they understand what we want".

Harun hoped that the process would continue and said the community will sit again to

FBCCI Director Abdul Huq tion the reality. We should not expect that everything will be changed overnight."

Dialogue a must

From page 1 tlements of disputes through

discussions," Prof. Islam said. "There should be a consensus that political activities would not stand in the ways of the nation's economic interests in any manner."

He feels the need for a 'third party negotiator'. "But I do not see any such individual to broker a negotiation between the conflicting camps right at the moment. I can only wish that good sense would prevail upon Subed Ali Bhuiyan, a retired

Major General, believes that dialogue between opposing political camps was an essential component of democracy. "But it depends on mutual confidence, which is conspicuous by its absence in our political culture. Presently, there is a big gap between the government and the opposition."

Arguing that it is very difficult for a government to run the affairs of the state without accommodating opposition views. Bhuiyan said that the government move for a dialogue should have been made much earlier. "However, an at nosphere for a dialogue we ald perhaps be created if the government released political prisoners and withdraws politically motivated cases filed against opposition leaders and

Apprehending that the country would head towards a serious chaos if the political crisis was not resolved immediately. the retired general said that 'a presidential move in this regard might produce a positive result'.

Ataur Rahman, an NGO activist, believes that all political problems should be resolved through dialogue. Arguing that the government's indifference towards the opposition senti-ments played the main role for the emergence of the present

crisis. Rahman said, it should not have had the Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) elections without the opposition.

"Under the present circumstances, the government should meet some demands of the opposition to show that the ruling party really wants a dialogue." Habibul Islam, a student of

the Political Science Department of Dhaka University, felt that 'both the Awami League and the BNP are just powermongers. while they want to ensure political gains even at the cost of the people's sufferings'.

Commenting on the present political development, Islam said, "a deadlock has already been created as the governing party failed to take timely steps. This is what the BNP did when it was in power".

"Fed up with the country's political culture", he does not see any solution to the crisis in the near future. 'Even then, a constitutional amendment to * shorten the tenure of the government might help reduce such problems in future."

Naqeeba Haq, a housewife living in Uttara, strongly believes that dialogue should be the only means of resolving any political disputes between rival political camps. The parties concerned should develop a 'culture of give and take' in politics. And dialogue is necessary even to decide which camp should sacrifice what for the sake of peace and stability in

the society." Abdul Hamid, a rickshaw puller, hailing from Faridpur, does not understand 'why the

two ladies (Hasina and Khaleda) do not talk to each other'. "Neither of them would provide us with food, nor do we want them to give us food. What we want is a peaceful atmosphere." an annoyed Hamid said. "The tragedy is, we cannot have peace, if they do not talk to each

Betar official Abu Taher dead Kabir and Taslima went to New York to visit their daughter

Md Abu Taher, Deputy Director of Bangladesh Betar, died at a clinic in the city yesterday afternoon. He was 56, says a press

Taher had been suffering from kidney diseases. He left behind his parents, wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and admirers.

He was buried at Mirpur Intellectuals' graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at Sobhanbagh His gulkhwani will be held

at 16/3 Sobhanbagh Officers'

Quarters after Asr prayers on Obituary



Musammat Syeda Khatun, wife of Late Alhaj Dr Khandoker Rakibuddin Ahmed. an official of former East Pakistan Civil Service (EPCS)

died of old age

complications yesterday at her Dhanmondi residence, a press release said, reports BSS. She was 70 and is survived

by her four daughters and one The namaz-e-janaza of Musammat Syeda Khatun will be held today after Zohr prayer at Dashpara. Daudkandi under Comilla district. Later she will be buried at the family grave-

Mohammad Selim Miah, a senior driver of the Press Information Department (PID) died of cancer on Monday at his village home at Pashchimgaon under Laksam Thana in

Comilla district. He was 52, reports BSS. Selim Miah, who had been suffering from throat cancer for the last three years, was buried yesterday in his family grave-

A pall of gloom descended on a large number of his colleagues in PID at the death of Selim Miah, an official handout said.

Qulkhwani

By DU Correspondent The qulkhwani of Bashir A Khan, pole-vault champion of former East Pakistan, will be Karim, Executive Chairman of held on Friday at 84. Najimuddin Road in the city.

Khan died of cardiac arrest on Thursday at the age of 50 He is survived by three brothers. four sisters and a number of



yesterday.

reports UNB.

Opposition BNP criticised

the ruling Awami League for

launching BKSAL in 1975 to

establish a one-party rule, and

asked party activists to remain

alert against any such move,

lieve in demogracy. BKSAL re-

mains embedded in their head.

BNP secretary general Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan told a discus-

sion marking the "Democracy

Killing Day" yesterday. BKSAL

was launched on this day in

Jatiya Press Club, Mannan

Bhuiyan said BNP cannot be

destroyed by repressive mea-

sure, rather it would be

Chaired by city BNP con-

venor Sadek Hossain Khoka

the function was also addressed

by Khondokar Delwar Hossain

Khondokar Mosharraf Hos-

sain, Moudud Ahmed, Shamsul

Islam, MK Anwar, Abdullah Al

Addressing the meeting at

"Awami League doesn't be-

Bangladeshi student dies

in NY Lutfa Ahmed Rimi, a brilliant student of City University in the USA, succumbed to her burn injuries on Sunday, says a

press release. Rimi, 23, sustained burn injuries when a fire broke out in her apartment in New York on January 14.

Rimi and her parents were sleeping when the fire started at around 1:30 am. Her parents, Kabir Ahmed and Taslima Ahmed, were burnt alive at the

on her winter vacation. An electrical short circuit sparked the fire. Rimi was admitted to Colonel Hospital in Manhattan

where she died after 10 days. Her body will arrive in the city tomorrow. Her namaj-ejanaza will be held at 32/1 Bhajohari Saha Street, Wari at 10 am on the day. Later, she will be buried at their family graveyard at Ibrahimpur Mia Bari in Nabinagar thana under Brah-

Some changes

manbaria district.

From page 12 Secretary of Establishment Ministry Azizul Haque Bhuiyan chairman of BRTA, Joint Secretary of Commerce Ministry Ziaul Islam Chowdhury chairman of BSCIC and Officer on Special Duty (joint secretary) of Establishment Ministry Mohammad Musa Director General of Disaster Management

Joint Secretary of Women and Children Affairs Ministry Shafiqul Islam was transferred as Joint Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare while OSD (joint secretary) of Establishment Ministry Deena Haque as Joint Secretary to Women and Family Welfare Ministry and Principal of National Hotel and Tourism Training Institute AKM Abu Bakar Siddique as Joint Secre-

tary to Commerce Ministry. Abdus Samad was appointed Member (Engineering) of Rural Electrification Board for two years term on contractual basis with effect from the date of his joining after cancellation of his

Additional Secretary of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Syed Tanvir Hossain was appointed Chief Insurance Controller of Insurance Directorate under the Commerce Ministry.

Teesta waters

From page 1 plemented their projects partially. India has implemented Phase-1 of its project which in-cludes the Gajaldoba barrage. We also implemented our pro-

He said Bangladesh does not

ject partially".

have data how much water india is diverting from the Teesta. "At the meeting, we will propose exchange of data for a final settlement, side by side fixing the modalities ," Khaleque said.

"Hopefully, the effort will continue in coming days". He said the Executive Com-

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCC) President Aftabul Islam termed the conference a "failure" as the

preliminary talks with both the

solved only through dialogue". Aftab said.

set the next course of action. said he is not frustrated. " The expectation was too high. But we have to take into considera-