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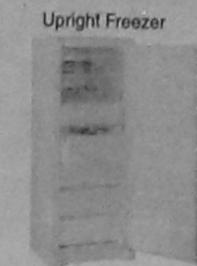
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# Bird-hazard CAAB to buy 10 shotguns

By Special Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) is buying ten shotguns to replace its vintage inventory of unserviceable guns to make the Zia International Airport free of bird-hazard.

"We are going to procure the guns urgently through the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)", a highly placed CAAB

source told the Star yesterday. He was responding to a Daily Star story on March 31 on the birds menacing the aircraft at ZIA in view of the shortage of guns which were either being serviced or were out of opera-

The source said that the CAAB would train more shooters to bolster its team of live

The Airforce who uses a part of the ZIA has its shooters around, supplementing the

CAAB shooters, the source said. Asked to comment on the lease of ponds inside the ZIA for fisheries, the source said that no further lease would be given. once the current leases expired.

Fish is one of the attractions apart from leftovers to the birds, especially Pariah Kites who patrol the airport area when they are on the lookout for food.

Besides, CAAB officials said that the birds prefer the open space of the ZIA as a hunting ground for insects.

### Attack on GP showroom: None arrested yet

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 17: Police are yet to arrest any of the accused in connection with attack on the Butterfly Showroom, an outlet of newly launched GrameenPhone (GP) mobile service at Hemayet Uddin Road here, sources said.

A group of armed terrorist on motorcycles stormed the GP's outlet twice and damaged electrical appliances including televisions, refrigerators and phone sets to the tune of several lakh taka.

The incident occurred only 20 minutes after Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim launched the GP's mobile phone service on Saturday afternoon.

The armed goons allegedly belonging to the ruling Awami League attacked the showroom immediately after the launching after the manager of the showroom refused to give them mobile phone sets free of cost.

Abdus Salam, owner of the showroom, lodged a case with Kotwali police.

# Injunction on publishing dailies on holidays stayed

The Bengali daily that Dainik Ittefaq filed a writ with the High Court on Saturday called a lower court injunction on publishing newspapers on holidays as an infringement of fundamental rights, freedom of expression and the press, reports UNB.

The writ, filed by Rahat Khan, acting editor of Dainik Ittefaq, stayed the operation of the impugned order, issued by the 4th Assistant Judge, unit April 18.

On April 13, the 4th Assistant Judge passed an order following a suit filed by Shahid Siraji asking 20 newspapers not to publish during holidays.

The court, however, said in its order a Bengali and an English daily could be published on holidays after negotiations

among the owners. "Very little opportunity was afforded to those dailies, including Ittefaq, to be able to take any remedial actions against such an order of in-

junction," stated the writ. Barrister Tania Amir moved the petition on behalf of the Ittefaque Group of Publications.

# Resolve stalemate immediately, CU students demand

From Our Correspondent

IJO not liquidated

CHITTAGONG, Apr 17: Chittagong University students at around 1 pm. staged demonstrations today to demand the immediate resolution of the stalemate at the uni-

of the Democratic Student Alliance (DSA) surrounded the office of Chittagong's deputy commissioner to demand a solution to the impasse and trials for all murders and terrorism that have taken place on cam-

The association also submitted a petition containing 7,000 signatures to the DC to forward to the prime minister. They also held a rally, which was chaired by Ahsan Kabir Bengal. during the programme.

General students, CU

brought out a procession, which attended by about 300 students wearing black-badges and carrying a coffin, at around 10 am. The procession started from Tigerpass Crossing and made its nay down the important city streets of New Market and Momin Road. It ended with a

hunger strike in front of the

Chittagong Press Club to de-

mand a return to normalcy at the university. During the hunger strike, a rally, presided over by Surjit Pal Sumon, was held. The press club president made the stu-

From page 1

The Ministry statement

have a new 'successor instru-

ment' that would have given it a

said, "As per the International

Jute and Jute Goods Agreement

of 1989, the IJO has entered a

liquidation phase which will

last 18 months from April 12.

Ongoing activities of IJO will be

carried on to completion during

cials and staff will continue to

phase, all members of the In-

ternational Jute Council (IJC)

will meet again within the

framework of a working group

on June 27 and 28 this year to

negotiate a new agreement on

future international coopera-

members of IJC have objection

to the present format of coop-

eration. They like to propose a

new format, which they think

will be more effective and con-

sistent with the current think-

It said the government con-

tinued its efforts since early

N'ganj lawyers

go on rampage

for bail of

fellow colleague

From Our Correspondent

group of lawyers went on the

rampage in the District Magis-

trate's Court here as the court

rejected the bail petition of a

Advocate Shah Mazharal

Haque, an accused in a case for

carrying explosive, surrendered

to the court of the first class

magistrate Mohd Ali. His fellow

colleagues damaged chairs as

the court refused the bail of Adv

Mazhar, sources said. He has

been absconding for last four

A large number of police

The lawyers, however, de-

rushed to the court to bring the

nied that the incident occurred.

They said there was a little

protest when the court refused

between the lawyers and the

court, the case was transferred

to district judge's court which

accepted the bail of Advocate

Meanwhile, District Com-

missioner arranged a meeting

with the District Bar Associa-

Later, after an arbitration

situation under control.

lawyer today.

months.

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Mazhar.

tion tomorrow.

NARAYANGANJ, Apr 17: A

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"During the liquidation

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work for this purpose.

lease of life

dents break their hunger strike

Before departing the general students announced a new agitation programme. There will be a mass rally at Tigerpass Students, under the banner | Crossing at 10 am and a human chain at New Market at 11 am on April 20 unless the impasse

> Student Solidarity, a nonpolitical organisation of CU students, also staged a hunger strike infront of the Shaheed Minar. A rally was held with Md Mahfuzur Rahman in the

The rally announced fresh programmes of student-mass contact from April 18 to 20, and a protest procession from the press club April 23.

Campus Students Forum, a forum for the children of university staff, submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor of the university to demand the resumption of classes within 48 hours. The forum also announced a rally and hunger strike at the CU campus April 19 unless their demand is met.

Meanwhile, a meeting scheduled to be held by CU authorities, district administration and agitating student organisations, including CU units of the Shibir and JCD, was not held, some student leaders boycotted it.

1998 to ensure a new agreement

but these efforts did not succeed

due to withdrawal of certain

important members from IJO.

Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina had requested European

Union President Romano

Pradody for his support for con-

tinuation of IJO. Foreign Min-

ister Abdus Samad Azad had

also requested European Com-

missioner Poul Nielson during

his visit to Dhaka in February

country was individually ap-

proached to support continua-

matic efforts have vielded a

positive result and all the IJC

members have agreed to discuss

a new international coopera-

tion arrangement in June, the

jute ministry clarification said.

Judge suspended

By Staff Correspondent

district and session judge of

Kishoreganj was suspended on

Thursday, according to sources. With the latest suspension,

23 judicial officers have been

suspended in last one year un-

der the discipline and appeal

rules of 1985, sources said. In-

quiry against these officials are

now underway, the sources

against Razzak was given im-

mediate affect on the advice of

the Supreme Court and ap-

proval of the President, the

taken on the basis of allegation

made against him during his

tenure as district and sessions

judge of Jhenidah, where he was

posted earlier, the source added.

Flag meeting held

BSF returns

body of

Feni victim

From Our Correspondent

returned the body

in the afternoon.

Saturday

dent.

to the BDR.

FENI, Apr 17: BSF yesterday

Bangladeshi national Shah

Alam after a two-hour long flag

meeting at Mojumdarhat BOP

dous, 16, and Shah Alam, 25 -

were killed and 10 others in-

jured by the intruding BSF per-

sonnel at South Satyanagar vil-

lage in Parshuram thana on

body of Alam and some cattle

from the area during the inci-

that three others were missing

after the incident and suspected

However, BSF yesterday de-

The DIG (South) of Tripura

State of India yesterday evening

visited the area and apologised

for the BSF firings to the BDR

scared as BSF troops were rein-

forced in the area and were seen

patrolling their border bran-

Satyanagar and Ashrafpur yes-

terday caught five Indian in-

truders and handed them over

and assured probe into the inci-

"Villagers still remained

they might have been kid-

napped by the BSF.

nied the abductions.

UNB quoting villagers said

Two Bangladeshis - Fer-

Action against Razzak was

source said.

The order of suspension

Abdur Razzak, additional

Besides, each EU member

The government's diplo-

this year, it said.

tion of IJO.

Boishakhi Mela at the Shishu Academy yesterday.

- Star photo

# Constable shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent A police constable was gunned down by an armed gang on

Constable Abdul Motaleb, 35, was shot dead by the miscreants at Kesab Benarjee Road in Sutrapur on Sunday morning when he boarded a tempo for Gulistan.

The miscreants opened fire when driver of the tempo refused to obey their order to stop the vehicle. The driver was also shot, witnesses said.

Sekandar rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). The constable died on the

Motaleb, who was serving as a constable at Bajitpur police outpost, came to Dhaka to attend a training course in the Traffic School. He was going to Kishoreganj to appear before the Kishoreganj District Judge's Court as a witness in a case.

# Jubo League calls meeting at the venue of Khaleda's rally

From Our Correspondent SATKHIRA, Apr 17: A tense situation prevails at Kalaroa in Satkhira district after a section of ruling Awami League-backed Jubo League activists called a meeting today at the ground where the leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia is scheduled to address a public rally tomor-

The Jubo League activists called the meeting following the arrest of one of their leaders, Jamai Siraj, on charge of killing of SSC examinees at Kalaroa High School centre on March 2.

The unruly Jubo League activists ransacked the local BNP office and attacked thana secretary general of BNP Rafigul Islam.

They demanded release of the arrested leader by Monday night. They vowed to hold the meeting at 10 am at any cost.

But, police officials said they would do everything possible to foil the meeting of Jubo League. Local people said that additional police have been deployed following the tension.

### AL blows hot From page 1

The AL stalwart said the higher judiciary was not found embarrassed while hearing death references as regards verdicts of Martial Law Courts at different times. "Military rule tarnished the

image of the country's judiciary for long 21 years ... Biased people were appointed judges and now they are encouraging killers and deterioration of law and order by feeling embarrassed.

The minister warned the people against a 'conspiracy' by the beneficiaries of 1975 military coup. "The four opposition parties are now united to avenge their defeat ... We must be cautious about their unholy move. They also took away the Food Minister Amir Hossain

> hu's killers was a long-felt demand of the nation, but the post-75 governments blocked "People supported the trial by electing Awami League to power in 1996. None can stop

execution of the verdict passed

Amu said trial of Bangaband-

by the court." Hanif said today's procession of AL leaders and workers is aimed at expediting the execution of Bangabandhu's

killers. "Any attempt to obstruct the process of trial will not be accepted by the people" he said.

Other speakers included State Minister for Shipping dishing their arms," witnesses Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury Maya, State Minister for Plan-Meanwhile, villagers of ning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, AL leaders Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Abdul Mannan, Quamrul Islam, Shahara Khatun and Reazuddin Ahmed.

# Move to draw Tk 150 cr from CPA funds triggers labour unrest

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG. Apr 17: The 150 crores from port funds as it government's decision to draw Tk 150 crores from the funds of Chittagong Port Authority triggered labour unrest at this premier port of the country today, port sources said.

The dock workers and employees backed by 22 trade union bodies of Chittagong port staged a demonstration and held a rally on the port pre-The driver was identified as | mises at 10 am today protesting the government's decision, witnesses said.

> The agitation hampered port activities today, port sources

> Presided over by port CBA president Mahfuzur Rahman Khan, the rally was addressed among others by Shamsul Alam, Nurullah Bahar, and Sunil Aich. The labour union leaders

urged the government to scrap the decision of collecting Tk

could halt the development programmes of the port. The leaders of 22 trade union-

bodies will hold a meeting tomorrow to discuss action programmes protesting the government's decision. Meanwhile, Chittagong Port

Authority, an autonomous body, in a letter to the Finance Ministry on Thursday set a condition for handing over Tk 150 crores to the government sources said. As per the condition, the government will have to agree

to adjust the money drawn from port funds against the port's debt servicing, port sources said.

Chittagong port took loans worth Tk 550 crores from govproducts, including jute, paddy ernment on various occasions for some development projects ries are on the verge of closure the sources said.

# Govt patronising godfathers of criminals

Khaleda tells rally in Jessore

JESSORE, Apr 17: Opposicurity and tension, reports country.

enacting new laws in the name of curbing terrorism. But it has totally failed to nab the self-declared godfathers, who are basking under the protection of the ruling party," she told a public meeting at Monirampur col-

Khaleda said she regretted that the Public Safety Act was being used to harass innocent people as well as opposition leaders and workers.

She called on people to resist of the government by joining the ongoing movement and thus save the nation.

The government has failed to ensure the security of life and property of the people. It has to-tally failed to fulfill the commitments it made to the people before the election, said Khaleda.

She visited Monirampur police station, where more than a dozen BNP activists are held under the Public Safety Act. She was highly critical of

the government for what she described as threats to judges of the higher court. Dubbing the Awami League

as corrupt and oppressive, the former prime minister said the BNP is the symbol of hope of the nation. It ended one party rule, ensured freedom of speech, rule of law, independence of the judiciary, economic development and prosperity for the people. Zia said the Awami League

has no capacity to run the state. It was also rather efficient at plundering the national wealth. Zia alleged that farmers are not getting fair prices for their

and sugarcane. Mills and facto-

with the influx of Indian goods tion Leader Khaleda Zia blasted through wide-open borders. the government today for pa- Thousands of workers are untronising the 'godfathers' of employed with the closure of criminals, raising social inse- mills and factories across the

Presided over by Shafiqul Is-Ali, Tariquí Islam, Farida Rahman, Zahanara Begum, Sheikh Tayebur Rahman, Moshiur Rahman, Sahidul Islam

Zia is schedule to address a public meeting of Kalaroa in Satkhira district today.

# Copies of dailies burnt in Feni

From Our Correspondent FENI, Apr 17: At least 8000 copies of dailies were burnt by angry newspaper hawkers here

Witnesses said members of Feni United Hawkers Association snatched packets containing the Janakantha, Prothom Alo, Jugantar and other newspapers from the bus and burn those on the road. Ten newspaper agencies could not distribute papers in the district due to the incident.

The hawkers were protesting publication of newspapers on the Ashura holiday. Our Narayanganj corre-

spondent adds: Around 30 thousand newspaper readers in the district did not get newspapers today as Narayanganj District Hawkers Union decided not to deliver those on government holidays.

President of the union Md Fazlul Haque at a meeting at Narayanganj Railway Station said hawkers enjoy only 10-12 holidays a year.

He alleged that owners are publishing newspapers 'unlawfully on holidays. So hawkers will not deliver any newspaper on government holidays, he de-

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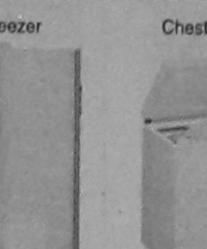
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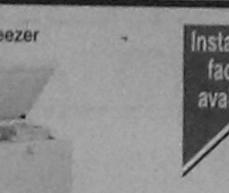
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