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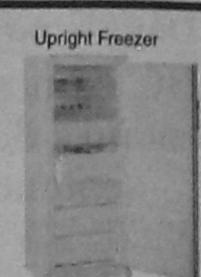
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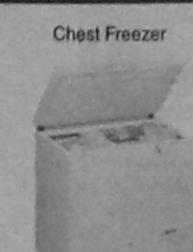
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IT Park may be launched next month

By M Shamsur Rahman

The country's first IT Park is expected to be launched next month with facilities for high speed data transmission and proper bandwidth.

The much needed park, styled Grameen IT Park, is going to be opened at the Grameen Bank Bhaban in the city in collaboration with the IPDC (Industrial Promotion and Development).

This is the first practical move to initiate software export and the Park will act more like an export processing zone for software exporters.

more is coming in the future", its Project Director Sohel Sharif told The Daily Star yesterday. "We are already getting huge response. The park space will be rented out on first-come first-serve basis. We feel there is need for a number of IT parks in the country".

He expects business worth 50 million US dollars in the Park in the first three years. This may reach 100 million dollars by the seventh year, he said.

The Park will have 1.20 lakh square feet space on the 11 floors at Grameen Bank Bha-

To enable fast data transfer. a must for software export, the park will have V-SAT facility with internal fibre optic structure. This will eliminate the need for T&T lines and ensure proper bandwidth and speed of 128 kilo bytes per second (kbps). (Detailed story in business

BCS viva-voce exam deferred

The viva-voce of 20th BCS Examination scheduled for April 13 has been deferred due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UNB.

The examination will now be held on April 27. The venue and time, however, will remain unchanged and no letter will be issued further in this regard, said a press release.

city yesterday demanding re-opening of the institution.

PM tells expatriates

Clinton to consider regularisation of Bangladeshis

WASHINGTON, Apr 10: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has said US President Bill Clinton's first visit to Bangladesh strengthened Dhaka-Washing-ton relations and that her talks with Clinton were very productive, reports UNB.

"We discussed many issues in a cordial atmosphere, and the talks were very fruitful," she told Bangladesh expatriates at the new Bangladesh Embassy "It is just the beginning. A lot | building, which she opened

Hasina said issues like regularisation of Bangladeshi nationals in the United States, natural gas, the arsenic problem and disaster management were discussed.

Hasina said Clinton assured her he would consider the case of regularisation of Bangladeshi nationals.

About the export of natural gas, Hasina said Bangladesh would consider the matter after ensuring it has gas reserves for the next 50 years to satisfy domestic consumption and the fu-

"We can consider exporting natural gas after meeting our domestic requirement and a reserve for the next 50 years," said Hasina. "I think this is our moral obligation to the people, and all planning is being based on this conception.

Hasina said Clinton's South Asian visit was just the beginning. More such visits will take place in near future, cementing the excellent relationship between the two countries.

"Whoever comes (to power), none can ignore Bangladesh in the future," she said.

Hasina said the Bengali nation that fought for its independence must stand with its head held high. "The time is not far away when Bangladesh will emerge as a developed nation, raising its head in the world."

She said Bangladesh no longer wants to roam about with a basket for alms and does not want to live on aid. "We want to build a self-reliant See page 11 col 8

BNP tells protest rally

Planned attempt on Khaleda's life

By Staff Correspondent

BNP leaders blamed the "terrorists" of the ruling Awami League yesterday for the attack on the motorcade of Khaleda Zia.

They said it was a planned attempt on her life, which was nothing new. The "hired goons and paid agents" of the government had made an attempt on the life of the leader of the opposition in parliament several times being jealous of her popu-

Khaleda Zia's motorcade came under attack on Sunday when she was driving to Chokoria from Cox's Bazar to

attend a party programme. They were addressing a public rally organised by the city BNP at Muktangan to protest the attack. City BNP President Sadek Hossain Khoka MP

chaired the rally. The leaders threatened to cripple the country if there was any such attempt on the BNP chairperson or any other party man again. The ruling Awami League being fearful of its "bleak future" in the upcoming general elections has resorted to terrorism, they contended.

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan claimed that

more than 20 cars were damaged during the attack.
He said the miscreants put up road barricade on the road before the attack but the local administration and police didn't take any action against them and the security of the op-

position leader was vulnerable. Bhuiyan said the govern-ment has reduced the size of the security personnel of the former prime minister and is yet to enhance her security force despite requests.

He said the prevailing law and order situation in the country suggests that there is no gov-

ernment in the country.
The rally was addressed by Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal general secretary Nazrul Islam Khan, Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal general secretary Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Selima Rahman, party MPs Amanullah Aman, Zainal Abedin Faruq, Shamsuzzaman Dudu and Nazimuddin Alam.

Later, the BNP activists brought out a procession in the

Students of fine arts of the University of Dhaka paint masks for the traditional colourful procession to celebrate Pahela Baishakh, the Bengali New Year's Day, on April 14. - Star photo by Sk. Enamul Haq

Sharif to file appeal tomorrow

Verdict was extremely fair, claims Gen Musharraf

KARACHI, Apr 10: Lawyers six co-accused, including his for deposed Pakistani prime brother Shahbaz, were found minister Nawaz Sharif said they would file an appeal against his conviction on hijacking and terrorism charges on Wednesday.

"I am 100 per cent sure of my client's acquittal on the grounds that six out of seven accused have been acquitted," lawyer Azizullah Sheikh told AFP today.

"I will be filing the appeal on Wednesday." Sharif was last week sen-

Sheikh said he had a twohour meeting with Sharif in Karachi's Landhi Jail late Saturday and the deposed prime minister was in good spirits. "He is full of hope. It is nice

courage," he said. Sharif's leading lawyer during dicts. the trial, said the grounds for

an appeal were solid. "We have great hopes" because the judge acquitted the six tenced to life imprisonment for co-defendants on the same evihijacking and terrorism while

Sultan also cited the "delay" of more than three weeks in lodging the complaint against Sharif after the night of the alleged incident last October 12. and the judge's reliance on the evidence of Aminullah Chaudhary, a co-accused-turned star

to see my client has the witness. Prosecutors meanwhile plan Khwaja Sultan, who was to challenge the not-guilty ver-

"We will most probably file the appeal against the acquittal of six defendants by the end of this week," prosecutor Illyas Khan said.

The six have not been released as officials said most of them were under still under investigation on corruption charges. Meanwhile Pakistani military ruler General Pervez

Musharraf said in Paris today the life sentence handed down to Nawaz Sharif was 'extremely fair" and denounced Western logue at any time, anywhere in criticism of the verdict. Musharraf, on a brief ditions whatsoever as far as

stopover in Paris on his way to am concerned, so long as we Cuba, also said he was willing talk about Kashmir." Musharto open unconditional negotia- raf said.

young man and a minor boy

were injured when supporters of

the ruling party's Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami

tions at any time with India over the disputed Kashmir province, says Reuters. Musharraf held brief talks

with French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine, who expressed French concern over the Sharif trial. But the new Pakistani leader said he saw no problem with the court decision. "The judgment passed by the

court is extremely fair and just The process of law will take its normal course of action," he told reporters after meeting Vedrine. "The trial could not have been fairer than what has taken place."

Musharraf talked about the restoration of democracy to Pakistan with Vedrine, but said he could not give any timeframe for fresh elections because electoral reforms were needed. He also stressed Pakistan's

willingness to confront the problem of Kashmir at the negotiating table. "I am prepared to start dia

the world. There are no precon-Pakistan. BCL, Shibir trade gunshots

in India, Pakistan' By Staff Correspondent

Young man

gunned down

in city

By Staff Correspondent

young man was found on a

staircase in a building at a

housing estate on Nurjahan

Road in the city's Mohammad-

Mahmudul Hasan, alias Po-

lash, the 26-year-old son of

Sheikh Akram Hossain, who

Hasan was shot at least 13

murder of Sujon, who had been

by Munna, a notorious crimi-

nal, and his accomplices on

March 25 on Salimullah Road,

which is adjacent to Nurjahan

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'Big labour market

Sujon was killed, allegedly

accused in several cases.

Mohammadpur police said

The body was identified as

pur area yesterday.

lives in Shantibagh.

The bullet-ridden body of a

Prof Rehman Sobhan, a leading researcher-scholar, said yesterday that Bangladesh and Nepal are the two largest exporters of labour to India and At a roundtable on SAARC

and Regional Cooperation in South Asia at the BIISS, he said the country was earning nearly two and a half billion taka from the 'labour class' of these countries. He said he did not know how

the money was being remitted but added it was definitely "coming in", otherwise the country's economy would have been affected.

Wheat allocation scam

LGED chief engineer asked to submit report by Thursday

The government has asked weeks on alleged misuse and the chief engineer of Local Government Engineering Depart- wheat and sale of drawing order ment (LGED) to submit a report by April 13 on the alleged corruption in wheat allocation, report agencies. The investigation was or-

dered in the 'public interest' by times. They said they suspected the killing was linked to the local government minister Zillur Rahman at a meeting yesterday, said a press release.

Meanwhile, the ministry has started investigating the matter, it said.

Reports were published in the press during the last few

US team in city discusses visa forgery

Star Report The visiting US Customs Department team held a meeting with Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) officials yesterday and discussed visa forgery in gar-

ments export from Bangladesh. The five-member team came on Sunday to investigate visa forgery in garments export to US. They have collected some forged documents and identified several dozen garments factories which are involved in visa forgery in exporting apparels to US, sources in the Min-

istry of Commerce said. Before coming Bangladesh, the team took

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corruption in allocation of (DO's) of wheat through which development work of rural infrastructure is carried out, the release added. From the newspaper reports

it seemed to the ministry that indiscipline was prevailing in the LGED Bhaban in Dhaka for the last few weeks centring allocation of wheat under rural infrastructure development programme, the release said.

It further said that a section of officials were involved in the process directly or indirectly, which was damaging the image of LGED, the local government ministry and the government.

However, some officials said no inquiry committee was formed to investigate the wheat scandal. "An inquiry committee is expected to be formed tomorrow (Tuesday)," said a spokesman for the local government ministry.

A personal staff of the local government minister said Zillur Rahman didn't turn up to his office yesterday. Rahman was not available for comment.

Officials said deputy minister for local government Saber Hossain Chowdhury, who looks after the LGED and who was ultimately blamed for wheat scandal, was not present in the meeting.

Saber Chowdhury said he to was very much aware of the decision and categorically denied See page 11 col 8

Chhatra Shibir traded gunshots rickshaws plied the roads durduring today's dawn to dusk ing hartal in the city although most of the vehicles stayed off hartal at Satkania. The BNP's Jatiyatabadi the roads and highways. Chhatra Dal and Jamaat-e-Islami's Shibir supported the Most of the shops and marhartal which was enforced by

Students of the University of Chittagong living in Dhaka brought out a procession in the the All Party Students Alliance - Star photo (APSA), police said. The injured, identified as Iqbal, 18, and Azad, 9, both pedestrians, were admitted to তারিখ ঃ ০৪/০৪/২০০০ইং hospital at Satkania with bullet

> Police said both the pedestrians were caught in crossfire during the clash at 11 a.m. to-

supporters tried to bring out an anti-hartal procession at Satkania, witnesses said adding the pickets damaged two trucks at Alanker crossing at about 10 a.m. during hartal.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 10: A during the shutdown. APSA called the hartal protesting the killing of a Shibir leader at Satkania on Thursday.

However, a large number of

kets were closed while private and public offices functioned with thin attendance. Delivery of goods to and

from Chittagong port remained suspended although cargo handling went as usual, port sources said. Mills and factories at the in-

dustrial belts at Nasirabad

Kalurghat, Patenga and The clash ensued when BCL Sitakundu suffered production loss due to thin attendance of workers.

Train service to and from Chittagong was as usual, railway sources said.

Paramilitary BDR and police Police arrested 10 pickets were posted at important points from different places of the city of the city.

পেট্রোলিয়াম লিঃ এই তিনটি তেল বিপণনকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান তাহাদের স্ব স্ব পেট্রোল পাম্প/ফিলিং Road barricade in old city to protest looting

during hartal in Ctg: 2 hurt

From Staff Correspondent

By Staff Correspondent

Traders barricaded four busy roads in the old city yesterday to protest the theft of Tk 15 lakh in cash from a steel mill owner near Tantibazar cross-

North South Road, English Road, Nawabpur Road and Tantibazar Crossing created a massive traffic jam in Old Dhaka. At least five people, including a traffic police surgeon, were injured when the muggers exploded crackers to cover their

The three-hour protest on

Two of the injured were identified as S.I. Shamsul Islam and Zakir Hossain. The police personnel was admitted to Rajarbagh Police Line Hospital. Zakir, a rickshaw puller, was admitted to Dhaka Medical Col-

for the theft.

tant, Abdul, were getting into A gang of about five grabbed the briefcase from Abdul. Locals chased the thieves after they heard Jahir's call for help. Jahir fainted following the

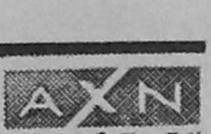
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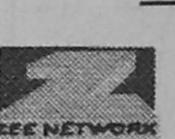
owner of the mill, and his assis-

theft. He was rushed to a nearby private clinic. As soon as news of the theft spread, traders closed their shops and marched through the streets. They set up the barricades at about 1 p.m.

The traders removed the barricades at about 5 p.m. at the request of senior police officials. No one has been arrested

A case was filed with Kotwali thana in connection with the Police said the incident oc-









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(বিপিসি) সরকারী সিদ্ধান্তের পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে পরিবেশ দৃষণ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কল্পে ১/৭/৯৯ইং হইতে সম্পূর্ণ

সীসাবিহীন গ্যাসোলিন (পেট্রোল ও অকটেন) বাজারজাতকরণ শুরু করিয়াছে। উক্ত সময় হইতে

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ষ্টেশনের মাধ্যমে সারাদেশ ব্যাপী ১/৭/৯৯ইং হইতে সীসাবিহীন গ্যাসোলিন (পেট্রোল ও

অকটেন) গ্রাহকদের নিকট বিক্রয় কার্য অব্যাহত রাখিয়াছে। বাজারজাতকৃত গ্যাসোলিন

সীসাবিহীন করিবার কারণে বিক্রয়মূল্য কোন প্রকার প্রভাবিত/পরিবর্তিত হয় নাই, অর্থাৎ পূর্ব

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Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, Chittagong

৩) পরিবেশ দূষণ নিয়ন্ত্রণ কল্পে সীসাবিহীন গ্যাসোলিন সরকার নিয়ন্ত্রিত মূল্যে গ্রাহক পর্যায়ে

বাজারে কোনরূপ সীসাযুক্ত পেট্রোল বা অকটেন বিক্রয় করা হইতেছে না।