What's on today

Satyajit Ray retrospective: Satyajit Ray's Ashani Sanket (Distant Thunder) will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No-2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6:15 pm.

Workshop: The Nutrition Information and Communication Activities Programme of Bangladesh Television in association with Health Communication Workshop will hold a daylong workshop on "Eradication of Malnutrition is Key to Development." Venue: Press Institute of Bangladesh.

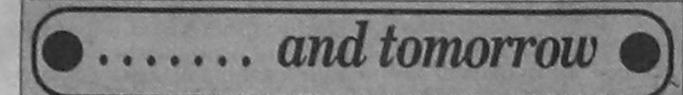
Gateway Products Fair 2000: IMART Computer Technology Ltd will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of Gateway Computers in Bangladesh with the holding of a weeklong "Gateway Products Fair 2000." Venue: BCS Computer City. 31-32 (G/F), IDB Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 10:00 am.

Festival: The second day of a festival on creativity by working children organised by Ain-O-Salish Kendra (ASK) and Goethe Institut will be held. Venue: Goethe-Institut, Dhanmondi Road No 8. Time- 10 am-7-30 pm.

DRU views exchange meet: Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) will hold a views exchange meeting between the heads of missions of EU member states in Bangladesh and European Commission and local reporters. Venue: DRU auditorium. Time-11.00 am.

Tagore's birth anniversary: Cultural Affairs Ministry begins a two-day long cultural programme to mark the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. Venue: National Museum auditorium, Shahbagh. Time: 4:00 pm.

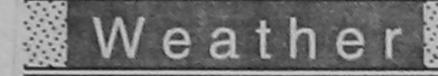
View exchanges meet: Greater Mymensingh cul-tural forum will hold a view exchange meet with leaders of Greater Mymensingh on the birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam. Venue: WASA Bhaban (3rd floor). Time: 5:00



Talk: Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) will hold a talk on "Human Security: Safety for People in a Changing World." Moderator Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star. Venue: BIISS auditorium. Time: 3.30 pm.

Cultural programme: Cultural Affairs Ministry holds the second day's programme of a 2-day event to celebrate Rabindranath Tagore's birthday. Venue: National Museum auditorium. Time: 4:30 pm.

Satyajit Ray retrospective: Shatranj ke Khilari (The Chess Players) by Satyajit Ray will be screened. Organiser: Zahir Raihan Film Society. Venue: Indian High Commission auditorium, Rd No-2, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 6-15 pm.



Day temperature may rise

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi divisions still 6 pm today, reports UNB. Met office predicted 1-2 degree Celsius rise in the day tem-

perature over the country during this period. The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 35.5 degree Celsius at Chuadanga and the lowest 21.4 degree

Celsius at Rangpur. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.31 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.19 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns vesterday were:

City/Town	in Celsius		percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.7	24.6	64	60
Chittagong	29.5	24.0	97	77
Rajshahi	33.5	25.0	83	84
Khulna	33.0	24.0	69	72
Barisal	31.5	23.0	76	76
Sylhet	32.5	22.8	77	62
Cox's Bazar	32.2	242	77	80

HERE and THERE

ASK-Goethe

Institut

A two-day festival on the creative activities of the working children began at German Culture Centre at Dhanmondi yesterday, reports UNB.

Working children of Children Rights Unit of Ain-o-Salish Kendro (ASK) is taking part in the festival jointly organised by ASK and Goethe Institute, said a press release.

Asian University of Bangladesh

Fisheries and Livestock Minister A S M Abdur Rob yesterday underlined the need for further improving and sharpening the talent, efficiency and management skills of the Bangalees to enable themselves to face the challenges of the coming century, reports BSS.

Phone services in Barisal to get back

Telephone services under Main Distribution Face (MDF) in Barisal will return to normal by today as reinstallation work on the exchange is progressing

Talking to UNB, a T&T official in Dhaka said yesterday some 600 lines out of 5000 under the MDF have been restored. The lines were badly damaged in a fire on April 29.

"The remaining out of order lines will be restored by today." the official said.

According to an estimate. the government incurs a loss of Tk 50 lakh in revenue everyday due to suspension of telephone service under the exchange in Barisal.

However, the digital exchange of the district was not affected in the fire.

SC advocate Hannan dead

nior advocate of Bangladesh Supreme Court died at a city hospital yesterday. He was 73, says a press release.

Qudrat-e-Khuda's birth centenary programme



terrorism.

A week-long birth centenary celebration programmes of Dr Muhammad Qudrat-e-Khuda, eminent scientist and educationist of the sub-continent, begins today, reports BSS.

He was born on this day. 1900 at his maternal uncle's residence in Margram. West Bengal, India. Bangladesh Council of Sci-

entific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) has taken up different programmes to mark the birth centenary of Dr Khuda.

The programmes include placing of wreaths at his mazar and mazar ziarat at the Banani Graveyard, rally, discussion scientific seminar and open science exhibition.

Modernisation of Betar, TV to continue: Sayeed

State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed yesterday said the on-going modernisation process in the national broadcasting media would continue in line with the people's aspiration and demand, reports

Inaugurating the newly-constructed 6th floor of the administrative building of the Jatiya Betar Bhaban in he city, he said radio and television were no more the entertainment media rather they were deeply involved with the day to day life of people and their welfare. He said Bangladesh Betar

must fulfil the people's expectation as it is easily available medium for the common masses.

Director General of Bangladesh Betar M I Chowdhury and Chief Engineer Abul Kashen also spoke on the occasion.

KMC 1st year MBBS classes begin May 15

The first year MBSS class of 1999-2000 academic session of Khulna Medical College (KMC) will begin on May 15 at 9.30 am, reports UNB.

Students have been asked to attend the class at Lecture Gallery-1 of the college on time. said an official handout yester-

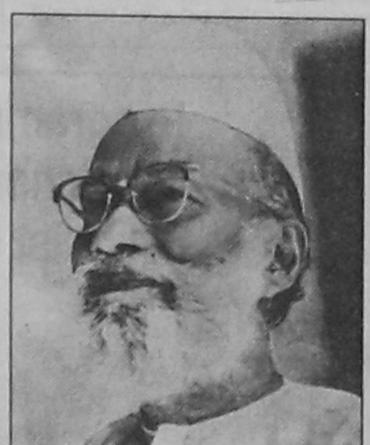
Rice under VGF 3 UP members, a secy held for misappropriation in Pirojpur

PIROJPUR, May 7: Three UP members and a secretary were caught red-handed while selling rice, sanctioned under VGF programme, in the open market here today, reports UNB.

Members of Kadamtola UP Lutfur Rahman Sarder, Motaleb Sheikh and Abdur Razzak as reducing taxes and providing Sheikh and UP secretary Salam Hawlader were handed over to police and sent to the jail cus-

Sadar thana UNO Monat Patwari along with a magistrate went to Kadamtola bazar and caught them with 220 kgs of rice after being tipped off on the matter.

District administration has suspended the UP secretary.



Death anniversary

The 19th death anniversary of Khan Bahadur Moulvi Mohammad Ismail of Faridpur will be observed at his Faridpur residence today after Asr prayers, says a press release. Khan Bahadur Ismail was a

distinguished leader of the Bengal Muslim League for decades. He was the president of the District Bar Association for a long time and was the senior-most advocate of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh at the time of his demise. He was particularly admired for upholding Islamic values and for his outstanding legal wisdom.

On the occasion his family members are setting up a fund for assisting meritorious students of Faridpur district. A milad mahfil and a discussion on his life and

ised on the day at Faridpur.



A Gono Forum procession in the city yesterday protesting - Star photo

Farm invasions continue in Zimbabwe

HARARE, May 7: Zimbabwean agricultural officials today reported further invasions of white-owned farms by selfstyled war veterans and warned the crisis would result in severe food shortages and hefty price hikes, reports AFP.

Commercial Farmers Union (CFU) information officer David Hasluck said at least two farms in the Virginia area, east of Harare, were invaded late Saturday by groups led by veterans of the liberation war of

the 1970s. Close on 1,200 farms have been invaded since February, and farmers and farmworkers have been killed or severely beaten in what the opposition claims is a deliberate campaign of violence by the ruling ZANU-PF party ahead of imminent parliamentary elections.

"The groups of invaders are led by a few war veterans, members of the ZANU-PF and youngsters aged 16 to 20 who are easy to convince since they are unemployed," Hasluck told

Other CFU officials claim the groups are demanding "ransom" from farmers before al-

lowing them to continue farming operations, which few can afford.

As a result, they say, wheat and barley crops are not being planted and the country, which is already sliding towards bankruptcy, will face critical shortages of the crops in October and November.

The independent Standard newspaper said a tomato shortage had already hit the country after one of the main farms supplying the market, at Arcturus east of here, was invaded last week.

Farms belonging to Zimbabwe's two main poultry producers have also been invaded and a poulty shortage is expected soon, the weekly said.

It quoted Peter Wells, spokesman for the Zimbabwe Cereals Producers' Association, as saying war veterans were scaring farmers away from planting wheat and barley and that the wheat crop is expected to drop by 40 percent.

'We produced 325,000 tonnes of wheat last year, while consumption is about 450,000 tonnes," Wells said.

Israel again warns of harsh strikes after Lebanon pullout

JERUSALEM, May 7 : Israeli leaders warned again today of harsh ripostes in case of attack after its looming withdrawal from south Lebanon, and blamed Syria for the latest upsurge in cross-border violence. reports AFP.

"The rules of the game will be much tougher after our pullout,' Prime Minister Ehud Barak was quoted by public radio as telling a meeting of his cabinet. Israel has pledged to go

ahead with plans to withdraw its troops by July, despite the fierce escalation of fighting last

harshly in Lebanon in case of

attack against our towns and

villages on the northern border,

irrespective of our pullout," he Deputy Defence Minister Ephraim Sneh echoed Barak. saying "Israel will impose new rules of the game after the pullout and will react to attacks

with greater force and more quickly. "The air raids we launched Thursday against the targets in Lebanon are just a starting point for our future policies," he

said, adding: "Syria is responsible for every thing that happens in Lebanon.

Intermittent violence has flared in south Lebanon since the collapse of peace talks in January between Israel and Syria, which is the major power broker in Lebanon and has around 35,000 troops stationed Israeli bombarded power

stations in Lebanon on the night of Thursday to Friday in retaliation for Hezbollah rocket attacks on its northern territory which followed the "Israel will continue to react death of two Lebanese civilians and the wounding of 14 more in Israeli strikes.

One Israeli soldier was killed and dozens of Israeli civilians wounded, most of them suffering shock, in the Hezbollah attacks around Kiryat Shmona, the biggest town on the border.

Hezbollah, which spearheads the armed campaign against Israel's occupation of Lebanon, fired a volley of rockets on the region again on Friday, but Israel refrained from further retaliation.

Abul Ahsan to attend meet on 'America's Role in Asia' in Tokyo

Abul Ahsan, Vice President of Independent University, departs today for Tokyo, Japan to represent South Asia as a member of an Asian regional working group meeting on America's role in Asia that will begin May 10-11, says a press release.

The working group will formalise recommendations on US policy towards the region as part of a project on 'America's Role in Asia" sponsored by The Asia Foundation. The policy recommendations will be submitted to the new United States' Administration and Congress to be elected in 2000 and assume office in January 2001, as well as to the policy communities and general public in the United

the Bangladesh Ambassador to the United States and the first Secretary-General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), will represent the views and perspectives of the South Asian task from Sri Lanka, Pakistan. Nepal, India, and Bangladesh.

Tributes paid to Sukhendu CHITTAGONG, May

Speakers at a condolence meeting at Chittagong Press Club yesterday paid rich tributes to the memory of journalist Sukhendu Bhattacharya, reports BSS. They recalled the late news-

man's professional honesty and sincerity for upholding the dignity of journalism. "His contribution was huge

not only to journalism but also to culture and all democratic and anti-communal move ments," they said. Presided over by president of

Chittagong Press Club Abu Sufian, the meeting was addressed, among others, by journalists Sadhan Dhar, Obaidul Huq, Kazi Zafrul Islam, M Nasirul Huq, Ataul Hakim, Helaluddin Chowdhury, Pankaj Dastidar, Shahidul Alam, Abul Ahsan, who served as Faruq Iqbal, Samir Barua, Jasim Chowdhary Sabuj and Tamal Chowdhury.

They said Sukhendu would be ever remembered for his courage in upholding the integrity of journalism. The jourforce that included participants nalist community has lost a dedicated fellow at his death, they added.



An eight-member Japanese Special Assistance for Project Formulation team met the Chief Engineer, LGED, Md Monowar Hossain Chowdhury (3rd from right) at the LGED has yesterday to finalise the 75 million dollar Japanese financed greater Faridpur Infrastructure Development Project. The team leader Yamanaka Masahito is seen 2nd from right. Y Onishi, Chief Representative, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Dhaka (extreme right) and two Additional Chief Engineers of LGED, Ataullah Bhuiya and Shahidul Hassan also seen.

Putin names Kasyanov interim PM

MOSCOW, May 7: Russian President Vladimir Putin moved swiftly to name an interim prime minister today, appointing Mikhail Kasyanov to the job within hours of his own inauguration as head of state, reports AFP. The Kremlin press service

said Putin had signed a decree naming his first deputy prime minister as interim cabinet chief and ask the remaining ministers to stay at their posts on a temporary basis.

Putin added that he was against the idea of radically shaking up the government, which had been a habit of his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin.

BNP protests

From Page 12 serve for meeting domestic needs for 50 years.

The BNP leader expressed surprise over Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's recent statement in their parliament that consultations for import of gas from Bangladesh are at an 'advanced stage' and there could be some agreement in this regard.

Noting that there was no study on the actual reserve of gas and that a reserve for 50 years was yet to be confirmed, Bhuiyan said, "It's not the first time that the prime minister has cheated the nation." The PM also 'deceived' the people by signing the Ganges water sharing treaty and the CHT accord.

"She had made a lot of pledges to the nation before the 1996 elections, but did not keep any," Bhuiyan said.

The BNP secretary general called upon the people to rise against any move to export gas which, he said, would be suicidal for the nation.

From Page 1 In addition to the many top leaders, Putin found space to invite his former judo coach Anatoly Rakhlin, whom he credits with keeping him off the streets as a boy in St Petersburg. Putin is a jodo black belt and still finds time to practice. He also invited his former elementary school teacher, Vera Gurevich

After a brief speech, Putin was to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside the Kremlin. Russia celebrates the 55th anniversary of the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany in World War II on Tuesday.

ADB loans From Page 1

Unfortunately loan from OCR, the higher interest loan window of ADB, also has declined. In the medium and long term, this will increase our debt burden and thus certain level of borrowing as well as capital formation necessary for economic development

He said poverty remains the development challenge of the world community, despite the impressive gains in science and technology as well as material prosperity in the last century.

Kibria said it was apprecia ble that Japanese government has created a trust fund for poverty reduction but this was not the answer to the problem of inadequate resource of ADB, which warrants positive consideration of General Capital increase and adequate ADF replenishment. The finance minister out-

lined the recent economic development in Bangladesh like attaining average growth rate of 5.2 per cent during the last four years despite the Asian economic crisis and the century's worst flood in 1998, present macro-economic stability, containment of fiscal deficit and rate of inflation and increase of rate of national savings. The minister reiterated his

government's firm commit ment to the agenda for social development as well as economic and institutional re-

He said the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is making all out efforts to build up broad social consensus and support to ensure durable institutional and policy re-

Double murder

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Two brothers - Ashfaq Hossain Jewel, 28 and Mohammad Ali Rebel, 24-- were shot dead allegedly by Kamal Pasha, described by police as a professional killer. They were sons of Syed Amjad Hossain, former Editor of monthly Detective, a police publication and a resident of Kazi Nazrul Islam Road at Mohammadpur. Police said Pasha, 24, is an

FIR-listed accused in a double murder at PWD office at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and in another murder at PG Hospital gate earlier. He was on bail in the cases. The father of the victims in the case lodged with Mohammadpur police also named

Pasha as the killer. Some sources claimed that he was a frequent visitor to the victims' residence and that one of the victims had been quite close to Pasha could not yet be arrested. The sources claimed that Pasha had links with some high ups in the area. Police sus-

pect that he is hiding at the res-

idence of an influential person in Mohammadpur area. Police also suspect that toll collection from builders of an underconstruction road on the Buriganga embankment could be the reason behind the killing.

One Mahbub, driver of the car used in the killings, was arrested. He was taken on a threeday police remand on Saturday. The car was also seized.

LC: Ombudsman

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administration, ... there are corrupt elements who are causing immense loss to the state, to the nation and the public interest. The administrative apparatus of local authorities, public sector corporations, and government companies has become

"When a public servant is paid bribe of, say a lakh rupees, it is paid for the reason that the payer gets at least 10 times benefit, if not more and that benefit is the loss of the state and the nation. It is not so much the amount of the bribe but the quantum of loss to the people that is more relevant. ... For a small personal benefit, the corrupt are prepared to cause any amount of loss to the state and to the people...," said the Indian Law Commission while propos ing a legislation seeking forfeiture of the property of corrupt public servants.

equally bad.

"The situation in Bangladesh is not different from that of India," the Law Commission of Bangladesh says.

" If acts of corruption of public functionaries are kept out the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman, as in the present Act, this institution will be virtually be ineffective and will not be able to meet the expectation of the nation. So, in our view, suitable provisions should be made in the Act in order to enable the Ombudsman to investigate cases of corrupt practices by public functionaries along with cases of maladministration by them," the LC observed.

It also said the 1980 Act "does not seem to include certain important public functionaries such as ministers, members of parliament, etc. within the ambit of 'public offi-

The Commission also found the phrase 'public officer', as specified in the Act, inadequate to cover the functionaries required to be covered, and therefore suggested substitution of the phrase with 'public functionaries' so that the Ombudsman could have a greater area to take care of.

However, while defining the phrase 'public functionary', the LC widened the range of officials. Public functionary tives and associates."

should mean, it says, "a person holding or acting in any office of emolument in the affairs of the Republic or any statutory

public authority and includes. (i) a chairman, mayor, director, member, trustee, officer or other employee of a statutory public authority or of any other authority, corporation, body or organisation established. owned, managed or controlled

by the Government; (ii) the Prime Minister, a Minister, a Minister of State or a Deputy Minister, and (iii) a Member of Parliament; but shall not include the

President. Apart from these, the Commission feels that the provision in the original Act, which empowers the government to exempt any public functionary or class of functionaries from the operation of the Ombudsman Act, should be re-written. "This is an enormous power, and exercise of this power by the exec-utive organ of the state is likely to make the Office of the Ombudsman largely ineffective and turn the Ombudsman into a toothless tiger," it observed. It

proposes to vest the power in Parliament. The LC, however, believes that just empowering the Ombudsman would not help effectively combat widespread corruption by public functionaries. It feels that a law seeking forfeiture of illegally acquired property of public functionaries should be made to realise the objectives of the Ombudsman Act. "Sending a corrupt public official ... to jail is not a remedy

. there must be a law to deprive the corrupt public officials of their ill-gotten assets." In this regard, the Commission referred to an observation

by the Supreme Court of India which said "Law providing for forfeiture of property acquired by holder of 'public offices' by indulging in corrupt and illegal acts and deals is a crying necessity in the present state of our society. ... The law must extend not only to the property acquired in the name of the holder of such property but also to property held in the names of spouse, children or other rela-

4 girls

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victims.

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correspondent about some

other similar mini brothels,

where underaged girls are

forced to prostitution in differ-

Abul Kasem rented the ground

floor flat about three months

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with a team patrol police of Tej-

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arrest Abul Kashem till filing of

this report last night. BNWLA

filed a case under Women and

Children Repression Preven-

tion Act 2000 with Tejgaon po-

lice yesterday accusing four

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ning the mini brothel.

Another victim told this

Shefali and her husband

On the basis of secret infor-

Tagore From Page 1

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave separate messages recalling Tagore's contributions in Bengali literature and music.

In his message the President said: "Tagore's contributions in the fields of poetry, song, novel and drama are acclaimed by all quarters. Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina in her message eulogized Tagore as an endless ago. Since then they were runsource of inspiration and "an eternal institution" that made great impact on every sphere of our (Bangalees) national life. Different socio-cultural organisations and educational from the flat at about 5:30 pm.

institutions have drawn up programmes to celebrate the Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the two-day Programme at

the National Museum auditorium at 4 pm today. The programme includes songs recitation, dance, dance drama and group dance. Country's renowned artistes will

CU siege

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violence in two years.

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cessions demanding with-

university gates, but police

sion order on the four BCL and

one Shibir workers on Friday

for their involvement in

clashes on May 15 and Decem-

ber 19 last year. Two Shibir

workers were killed in the De-

people were killed in campus

League activists locked three

rooms of the administrative

building in the morning. But

the Proctor later broke open the

Meanwhile, drivers of uni-

rooms under police protection.

versity buses and the train re-

fused to resume transport ser-

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul

Mannan sought cooperation

from all quarters to resume

academic activities to ease the

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Autorickshaw

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autorickshaw reduces the fuel

cost by about 34 per cent besides

reducing air pollution. It can

run about 400 km with one 25-

litre cylinder of liquefied

petroleum gas costing about Tk

easily be replaced at petrol

pump. The price of conversion

kit is Tk 8000 and time required

for installation of kit is only

one hour. Use of LPG instead of

petrol would help reduce lead

and carbon monoxide contents

torickshaws ply in the city.

spewing black smoke posing a

dangerous threat to public

health. The government re-

cently banned the import of

torickshaw with two-stroke en-

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air pollution and help keep the

environment clean." Brig

"Use of LPG-fuelled au-

two-stroke engine.

Ahmed said.

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in the air injurious to health.

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took place following the trou-

"Some 14,000 students of the

vice citing lack of security.

serious session jam.

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Campus sources said eight

UNB adds: Angry Chhatra

The Syndicate issued expul-

They also tried to close the

From Page 1 take part in the programme.

Female hacker

with the message "ILOVEYOU." The original bug was allegedly planted last month by a hacker identified as "mailme". "spyder" and "ispyder," who left a message saying "I hate to go to

Another report says, Philippine police today asked a lower court to issue an arrest warrant against a person suspected of having created the "Love Bug" virus which caused havoc worldwide.

The suspect, whose identity

was not released, has been placed under surveillance in a "target area," Nelson Bartolome, chief of the NBI's anti-fraud and computer unit told AFP. NBI sources said the suspect unleashed the virus from a desktop in Pandacan district in Manila, infecting at least 10

million computers worldwide

including those of the US White

some 2.61 billion dollars in

House, Congress and Pentagon as well as the British and Danish parliaments. The virus has also caused

damage, experts said. "We are still trying to have a warrant of arrest issued. We have a suspect," Bartolome said. "We will serve the warrant immediately, but there is no timeframe. It all depends on the issuance of a warrant which will be made by a judge. We are hoping to have it by tomorrow,"

Bartolome said. Police chief Panfilo Lacson confirmed the authorities were preparing to arrest the creator of the "Love Bug."

Lacson said police and NBI agents were working overtime in a "joint operation" to bring in the suspect. Earlier reports said a com-

parison of notes made by Philippine Internet service providers traced the suspect to a 23-year-old man from Manila's Pandacan district. Although launched from a local Internet service provider.

the virus could have been activated from anywhere in the world, experts said. Conflicting reports from Stockholm claimed a Swedish computer expert had said he had "reason to believe" that a

German exchange student in

Australia called Michel planted the virus. Robbie Villabona, Sky Internet Inc's technical operations director, said the virus was stored in their webspace in two parts - one that deleted visual and audio files and one

that attached itself to an e-

dressed, among others, by Dr M N Sarker and Prof Iftekar Gani New combination drugs show better results in treatment to normal today

of breast cancer A combination treatment with the chemotherapeutic agents Taxotere and doxoru bicin produces a significantly longer time to progression and higher response rate than the combination of doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide (the usual combination drugs for breasts cancer) when used as first-line chemotherapy in women with metastatic (spreading) breast cancer, according to a large, multicenter worldwide phase III study pre-

sented at the annual meeting of

the American Society of Clini-

cal Oncology recently, says a press release. Jean-Marec A Nabholtz, MD, Chairman of the Northern Alberta Breast Cancer Programme and Senior Medical Oncologist at the Cross Cancer Institute in Edmonton, Canada, said. "Our findings demonstrate that for the first time Doxorubicin/Taxotere combination has shown a significant advantage over the standard first-line combination and, therefore, a beneficial regimen to patients with advanced disease. Breast cancer is abnormal

cell growth originating in

breast tissue. If not diagnosed

early, these cells invade sur-

rounding tissue and spread

through the blood and lymph

node system.

Mohammad Hannan, a se-

He left behind four sons and two daughters. His namaj-ejanaza will be held today at 1-30 pm at the Supreme Court | achievements have been organpremises

"Computer-related education needed to be expanded side by side with state-of-the-art science-based education," he said in a speech to the evening session of the day-long seminar 'Facing the Challenges of the Millennium - Strategy and

Method', organised by the Asian

University of Bangladesh at the

"Computer education," the

The minister said that the

Presided over by Vice-Chan-

BIAM auditorium as the chief

minister said, "could create

huge scope for employment

government has taken up steps

incentives for the development

cellor of the Asian University

Dr Abul Hasan Mohammad

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both at home and abroad."

of computer industry.