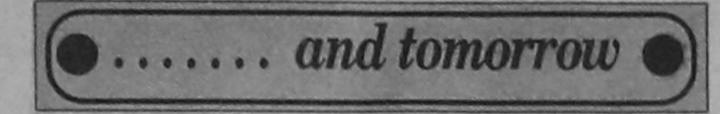
What's on today...

Seminar: Institute of Public Health Nutrition in association with UNICEF will hold a seminar on Review and Perspective: Vitamin A Programme Beyond 2000. Chief guest: Health and Family Welfare Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim. Venue: Winter Garden, Hotel Sheraton. Time: 10.00 am.

BLAST roundtable: Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) organises a roundtable discussion on "Networking with NGOs Working for Protecting Women's Rights in Bangladesh". Venue: BLAST library room, 141/1 Segunbagicha. Time: 3:00 pm-5:00 pm.

Abbas Kiarostami Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three films — "The Bread and Alley", "The Traveller" and "Where is My Friend's Home" — as part of the contemporary Iranian Film Festival. Venue: German Cultural Centre, Road-9, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm, 4:40 pm and 6 pm.

Workshop: A day-long workshop will be held on "Strategy for National Agricultural Development — Horizon 2010". Venue: BRAC conference room.



Abbas Kiarostami Retrospective: Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen three films — The Chorus, And Life goes on and Through the Olive Trees on the second day of the retrospective. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Road No 9. Dhanmondi. Time: 4:30 pm, 4:47 pm and 6:15 pm.

Discussion: Iranian Cultural Centre will hold a discussion on "Hafiz Shirazi and Nazrul Islam" in association with Nazrul Institute. Venue: Nazrul Institute Auditorium. Time: 5:00 pm.

Weather

Temperature may rise

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind is likely at many places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Dhaka. Rajshahi, Khulna and Barisal divisions with moderately heavy falls at places over Chittagong and Sylhet divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

Slight rise in day temperature is expected over the country during this period, Met office said.

The country's highest temperature recorded yesterday was 32.5 degree Celsius at Chuadanga and the lowest 20.5 degree

Celsius at Rangamati and Ishwardi. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.41 pm and rises

tomorrow at 5.11 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Humidity in Temperature in percentage Min Morning Evening 21.2 30.7 Dhaka 31.3 21.0 Chittagong 21.8 Rajshahi 31.7 100 Khulna 31.4 21.4 Barisal 27.4 91 20.8 Sylhet Cox's Bazar 32.0 22.0



Members of the Bangladesh Army Battalion boarding a UN chartered aircraft at the Zia International Airport on Sunday night prior to their departure for Freetown. The Army Battalion joins the United Nations Assistance Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL). -ISPR photo

Newsmen protest arrest

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The delayed warrant was issued on the basis of a defamation case filed by DMP Commissioner Matiur Rahman.

The commissioner failed to submit to the court permission of the home ministry, which is required when such a case is

Tragic death of a mother

The mother of a newborn, who was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital after serious ordeals for maltreatment during childbirth at a city clinic, died Sunday night, reports UNB.

Doctors said Junmati Das died of excessive bleeding as her umbilical tore while the clinic persons tried forced delivery.

She was undergoing emergency operation at DMCH at 9 pm but her condition didn't improve. She died at about 2:30

Junmati, wife of Sochindra Kumar Das, a businessman of Sheikh Saheb Bazar, gave birth to a baby boy at the cost of her life when the nation observed

Sochindra filed a case against three hospital maids - Rahatun, Shahatun and Monwara - and Dhaka Maternal Dipali Clinic authorities

with Lalbagh police yesterday. Clinic when she came to DMCH

Father of the victim, Nareshchandra, said he brought her daughter back to DMCH as her condition deteriorated after delivery.

Train derails at

LALMONIRHAT. May 29: Train communication between Lalmonirhat and Burimari reupazila today, reports UNB.

of a Lalmonirhat-bound train from Burimari derailed at about 1:35 pm.

filed by a police official.

dom and fundamental rights. Bangladesh Crime Reporters Association demanded uncon-

ditional apology from him, besides his removal forthwith. Earlier in the morning. Public Relation Officer of Detective Branch AC Morshed Alam called Taj over telephone

saying that two newsmen were should come and see them. When he reached Morshed's of fice, he was offered a cup of tea journalist there.

rest and would not be allowed to go. Morshed called a sentry and asked him to take Taj to the DB office in a police car. From there, he was handed over to Ramna police at about noon. Before taking him to the

Ramna thana, DB Inspector Wahiduzzaman showed Taj a report in Ajker Kagoj of May 18 and wanted to know whether he had written it. Taj said the story did not carry his name.

The report was headlined "Bribery in transfer and appointment of police : Top police official allegedly involved in woman-related scandal - Two friends' mission to collect Tk four crore from police adminis-

spread, journalists from different dailies rushed to Ramna thana .They were told that he was arrested at the directive of higher authorities.

The agitated newsmen then marched to the Jatiya Press Club in a procession , chanting various slogans protesting the

A group of newsmen then went to the CMM's Court .The Court Reporters Association submitted a bail prayer on behalf of Tal.

the court granted him bail. The DMP commissioner had filed a defamation case against

Rahman Taj. Meanwhile, president and



Members of the Crime Reporters Association of Bangladesh (CRAB) barricaded the road by lying down in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday demanding release of Aminur Rahman Taj, crime reporter of Aajker Kagoj who was detained without a warrant by the -Star photo police yesterday.

Speakers say at discussion meeting

Zia was a man of vision

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion yesterday recalled contributions of late President Ziaur Rahman and said the freedom fighter had introduced Bangladesh to the world community through his tireless efforts.

They said Zia had united the nation and inspired the people had to join in the War of Liberation through the proclamation of independence and alone led the nation as well as the war from March 26 till formation of the Mujibnagar government on April 17, 1971.

Jatiyatabadi Peshajibi Parishad or the Nationalist Professionals Council organised the discussion meeting at the Jatiya Press Club on the eve of Ziaur Rahman's 19th death anniversary today.

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia, attended the func-

Presided over by Parishad President Abul Kashem Haider, it was also addressed, among others, by Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badru-

Matrichhaya School

Vice Principal.

sent to jail

By Court Correspondent

principal of Matrichhaya Pre-

cadet High School was sent to

the Dhaka Central Jail yester-

Joynal Abedin, the vice-

dozza Chowdhury, M Saifur Rahman, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Fazlur Rahman Patal, Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, ex-VC of BUET Prof Mohammad Shahjahan, DU teacher Ferdous Hossain, Rajshahi University teacher Prof Sahadat Hossain Mandal Khulna University teacher Prof Golam Ali Fakir and Journalist

Sadek Khan Due to the revolutionary steps of Zia, they said, Bangladesh had moved towards rapid development and self-re-

Badrudozza Chowdhury in his speech said that Zia was a man of vision and took measures to make Bangladesh a self-reliant, sovereign, and economically strong.

had created a serious political crisis and vacuum through introducing one-party BKSAL system. But Zia had filled the vacuum through his efforts.

He said the Awami League

Former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman MP said Zia

had brought stability in the fields of economic, political and law and order situation within a very short time and achieved a tremendous development through his tireless efforts and vision.

Referring to the controversy over pro and anti-liberation camps, he said, "There must be some evil designs of those who want to divide the nation after 30 years of its independence in the name of pro and anti-liberation forces".

On allegations that BNP was born in cantonment. Saifur said the cantonment is not outside the country and BNP's ideology, activities, contribution for the country are much more higher than 'parties born on the tootpath'.

Referring to deterioration of law and order situation in the country, Saifur Rahman questioned "where the intellectuals were now? Why do they not issue statements now when two or more people are killed everyday

Extension of tenure of women's reserved seats

Khaleda urged to join upcoming JS session

By Staff Correspondent

The leaders of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad appealed to Khaleda Zia, leader of the opposition to attend the session of Jatiya Sangsad for approving a bill regarding extension of tenure for reserved seats of

The appeal was made during the Beijing Five Plus Review Conference of the Mahila Bayazid Mohammad Mumit of Parishad held at the Jatiya Press Club vesterday afternoon.

The organisers said that they hoped women will go for direct election soon, but under the present circumstances they need the reserved seats.

Expressing their helplessness, the speakers said that women needed such reserved seats for the time being to protect their own rights.

month, the NGO group will discuss how barriers can be eliminated for empowerment of women in every sphere of de-

The conference was attended by Hena Das, President and Avesha Khanom General Secretary of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad. Among others Dr Maleka Begum and Treasurer Nargis Jafar were present at the

are changing positively." They urged the concerned authority to give the women scope for participating in the process of their empowerment.

Hosts succumb

Bangladesh, sent in to bat, faced an all too familiar top order

collapse The only high point of Bangladesh innings was a defiant unbeaten 85 by opener

terprising 41 from Akram Khan. Javed scored a record of sort as he carried his bat throughout the innings, enabling Bangladesh to crawl to a facesaving total being three down

The dapper right-hander

The career-best performance made Javed, in his eighth oneday appearance, the top Bangladeshi run-getter in an innings in the Asia Cup, erasing Athar Ali's 82 against Pakistan in Colombo in 1997.

boat together after opener Shahriar Hossain, one-down Aminul Islam falling at deliveries with no real venom, it was Akram who entertained the crowd with positive strokeplay.

The burly right-hander broke the shackles with a straight hit down the ground against debutante right-arm seamer Weeraratne. Akram shared 75 runs for the fourth wicket with Javed and, more importantly, gave his partner the confidence to go over the top of the bowlers.

of fours in his 56-ball knock that included a couple of lusty blows against Aravinda de Silva in the 35th over. But his reluctance to show respect to the veteran Sri Lankan brought his doom as he was holed out in the deep while attempting a third in that eventful over.

The departure of Akram effectively evaporated carry his side, who are unbeaten Bangladesh's chance of reach- on home soil for the last 25

hosts got a decisive blow when tle to cheer about after newcomer Naimur Rahman ran himself out without facing a single delivery. It was indeed a disappointing day for Naimur who dropped the vital catch of Aravinda and conceded 23 runs in fours over with the leather.

> their sixth in as many encounters with minnows Bangladesh. was a perfect warm-up ahead of their meeting with India on

cision to open with Aravinda proved well," said Jayasuriya after the match. We are playing after two and a half months and every-

body bowled well. It was a disciplined performance," added the happy Sri Lankan captain.

"I have opened a couple of teen years ago. It's a new role for me and hopefully I will be able to carry on the good work, said Aravinda after receiving the Pepsi man of the match award of 1000 US dollars. He Phone MVP award of 1000 dollars and Kitply super sixes Habibul Bashar and skipper award worth the same amount.

WI clinch

Thanks to a couple of condies won the spill-thrill third and decisive Test to clinch the the Antigua Recreation Ground

innings to win the match -- after the first Test at Guyana was rained out and the second at Bridgetown drawn, the Caribbeans reached the target one and a half hours into the post-lunch session on the fifth and final day. Captain Jimmy Adams remained not out to

Inclusion of slum dwellers in voter list demanded

By Staff Correspondent Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP) submitted a memorandum yesterday to the Election Commission (EC) demanding

inclusion of slum dwellers in the voter list, says a CUP press A delegation of the CUP, a platform of NGOs operating in Dhaka, submitted a memoran

dum to Md Shafiuddin, Acting

Secretary and Additional Secretary of the Commission. Shafiuddin while receiving the memorandum said every citizen of the country aged 18 years or above irrespective of rich and poor must be included

in the voter list. Md Shahabuddin, Chair person of the CUP, urged the election commission to include slum dwellers living on government lands and working in garment factories in the voter list.

Shaffuddin directed the EC officials to include slum dwellers and garment workers in the voters' list, the press re lease added.

Khandoker Humayun Kabir of CUP, Mohammad Kamal uddin of URBAN and Shawkat Hassan Khan of Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA were present at the EC on the occasion.

CHT council

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meaning of the Constitution. He submitted that those are in fact regional governments parallel to the central government. Powers vested by the new acts to the so-called local governments are in some cases equivalent to those of the cen tral government.

Continuing, the counse submitted that the functions of the local government have been abolished by the Acts violating the basic principle of the Constitution and weakening the sovereignty and executive powers of the Republic which are exercised by the Prime Minis-

The counsel argued that to be a voter in any part of the CHT region, a Bengalee settler has to satisfy two conditions - 1) he has to hold land in the hill area, and 2) he has to be a permanent resident there. The conditions are highly discriminatory and violative to the equality clause of the Constitu-

Opposing the writ Attorney General Mahmudul Islam contended that the CHT Acts are not contradictory to the provision of the Constitution as con templated in Article 28(4).

He argued that this article of Constitution does not prevent the State from making special provision for the advancement of any backward sections of the citizens. The people of CHT were being suppressed for long and kept backward even after the independence of Bangladesh. Intention of the government in enacting the laws is advancement of the region, argued the

Adarsha Market

From page 1 after 25 months," said Mohammad Alamgir, owner of a

When payment of the charge was over, the DCC lease holders and market committee leaders went downstairs and with the help of a 'lock breaker', broke open the shops. The evicted shopkeepers had left behind the shops stacked with garments worth thousands of taka.

"We are confiscating all the items inside and keeping those in our custody. When the shopkeepers return to us, they can get back their merchandise after paying 25 months' rents, said Rafiuddin.

Meanwhile, hundreds of shopkeepers who were tenants of the Waqf estate, said they had invested everything and rented the shops from Waqf estate by paying up to Tk 50,000 each as deposit and monthly "Now they are asking us to

pay 25 months' rent to recover our merchandise from our own shops. It is nothing but robbery," said Solaiman, a tenant of the waqf estate.

"The market committee leaders and officials have to satisfy the DCC, police, mastans and even ministers. So it is normal for them to raise some crores of taka," said a DCC lease holder.

Meanwhile, the DCC is now in a dilemma over the recently constructed Sundarban marke near Fulbaria. The market was built to rehabilitate shopkeepers of Bangabazar but after ob taining allocation of shops at Sundarban market, the hawkers are now refusing to move to their new premises. They say they would keep both the mar kets under their control.

Swedish minister From page 12

gramme. "It is very encouraging to see a lot of women working in the textile sector".

Besides traditional sectors. Sweden is willing to assist Bangladesh in non-traditional sectors; even in preparing agriculture policy and training to build up democratic institu-

Lauding establishment of

democracy in Bangladesh, she said, "Growth of democratic traditions and institutions take time. In Sweden, we have democracy since 1921". She hoped bilateral trade will increase. Bangladesh has a

favourable balance of trade, with exports worth 65 million US dollars to Sweden and imports worth 22 million dollars from that country last year, she

Swedish firms doing business

Zia's death anniversary

From page 1 lished the presidential form of government in 1979 by withdrawing the Martial Law of

The message released by BSS said, "He (Zia) held general elections in 1979 aimed at reestablishing democracy in the country which was participated

by all political parties." Paying rich tribute to President Zia, Shahabuddin said the laudable role of Ziaur Rahman as the commander of "Z Force" during the country's War of Liberation is an inseparable part of the history of Bangladesh.

The killing of President Zia by some members of the armed forces at the Chittagong Circuit House on May 30, 1981 has remained as another disgraceful event in the history of the country, he said.

President Shahabuddin prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

BNP, its front organisations and different socio-political and cultural organisations have taken up elaborate programme throughout the country to mark the day.

The programmes include laying of wreath at the mazar of the late president, Qurankhawani, Milad Mahfil, destitute feeding, discussions, photo exhibition, blood dona-

tion and mourning procession Meanwhile, a ten-day programme to mark the occasion began in the city yesterday. BN-P's city, district and thana committees and party committees abroad have taken up similar programmes to observe the

anniversary. Black flag will be hoisted as a mark of mourning at BNP central office in the capital. Party flag will fly half-mast BNP and its front organisations will wear black badges.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will lead the mourners to lay wreath and offer Fateha at the mazar of Ziaur Rahman at 9

The Jatiyatabadi Ulema Dal has arranged recitation of the holy Quran on the mazar premises from the morning and

a Milad Mahfil at 9:30 a.m. Qurankhawani and Milad Mahfil will also be held and special prayers will be offered at BNP central office and at all

city wards. Khaleda Zia will distribute food among the destitute in dif-

ferent parts of the city. The speeches of Ziaur Rahman will be played in loud speakers in the city. National newspapers will bring out spe-

cial supplements. BNP will hold a discussion meeting at the Engineers' Institution tomorrow to highlight life and works of Ziaur Rahman. Party chief Khaleda Zia will attend the meeting.

Jatiyatabadi Krishak Dal will hold a discussion meeting on Ziaur Rahman on June 1 Jatiyatabadi Muktijoddha Dal on June 2, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal on June 4, Jatiyatabadi Samajik and Sanskritik Sangstha on June 5, Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal on June 6. Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal on June 7 and Jatiyatabadi Secchasebak Dal on June 9, a BNP press

release said. Shaheed Zia Adarsha Bastobayan Parishad has arranged a voluntary blood donation programme at the mazar of Ziaur Rahman at 8:45 a.m. which will continue till noon today. Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the programme and the organisation will hold a discussion meeting at its central office at 5 p.m., according to a press re-

Dhaka for gas export

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of gas with dollars from Production Sharing Contract (PSC) operators might turn serious. Presided over by CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sob-

han, the seminar was participated by a number of academicians, officials, economists and representatives of private sector oil and power companies. Former secretary Azim Uddin Ahmed presented a paper on Bangladesh Gas Sector Development: Status, Policy Options and Challenges' and former chairman of Power Development Board (PDB) Nuruddin Mahmud Kamal on 'Power Sector Restructuring in

Bangladesh' Tofael Ahmed said Bangladesh is now emphasising power and fertiliser production to expand domestic gas market base. Both these could be ex-

ported, he added. Azim Uddin Ahmed in his paper said that till the entire energy sector was reviewed, the government should avoid awarding of more blocks to oil

companies.

He noted that as regards gas pricing and production sharing, the contractual terms are not favourable for Petrobangla. At the same time, purchase of PSC gas for consumption in local market is not profitable. But Petrobangla has to buy PSC gas to meet supply deficit.

However, under the contractual provisions, Petrobangla would have to continue buying the costly gas. By the year 2005, PSC gas would be reaching almost 686 million cubic feet a day (mmcfd) and the total gas availability would be 2100 mmcfd. Thus there would be a

serious problem of excess gas then, he said and suggested finding an 'alternative market' for the PSC gas.

Nuruddin Mahmud Kamal in his paper observed that the power sector reform problems mostly originated from the lack of local ownership of the reform process'. Referring to DESA. DESCO and the power grid company of Bangladesh, he said all these were formed under donor pressure and these never performed up to expecta-

"Much of the reform process over the last 15 years has been donor driven and has, thus, remained insensitive to the political realities of the country." he

"The government will have

to recognise the political cost of a malfunctioning power system with insufficient capacity to meet the public demand for power," he noted.

PDB Chairman Quamrul Islam Siddique said that created under pressure from donors, DESA had been the biggest liability of the sector with a Tk three billion debt to PDB. He also said PDB is suffering from inefficiency and corruption and at the same time, it is not getting the Atmosphere to become

efficient and corruption-free. Political leader Hasanul Haq Inu suggested that the government should immediately stop further talks with oil companies regarding new blocks for at least three years. It should also set up a gas research

centre. All payments to oil companies are now made in dollars but these should be done in taka, he said.

Md Avub Khan, architect Mu-

IGP AKM Mahbub Ul Haque,

Prof AA Haroon and Imdad

BRTC Chairman Azmal

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neer of DESA Mansur ur Rah-

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lege Latifa Ahmed, entrepreneur

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researcher Shamina Islam and

are Md Toufiq Ali of

Bangladesh Scouts, Syed Rafiq

Ahmed of Pacific Bangladesh

Telecom, Dr Mirza Ali Haider,

and representatives of

Bangladesh Automobile Work-

shop Owners Association Md

Bangladesh Scouts representa-

tives Afzal Hossain and Aminul

Kawser Khan, Deputy Commis-

sioner of Traffic, DMP, Dhaka,

Rezaur Rahman, NGO represen-

tative Salman Haider, and traf-

fic signal engineer Shohel

Body formed for

Green Team members are

Musa and Md Rahmatullah.

Red Team members are

Hossain Dilshad.

Zamil Ahmed.

4 citizens' team

Anam delivered the concluding nirul Haque, retired additional

The participants, divided into four groups, reviewed the recommendations made at last month's workshop and identified the government departments and agencies for their

implementation. The workshop resolved that two issues should be revolved immediately, which will ease the traffic problem. These are: building five multistoried parking lots in Motijheel commercial area and taking legal action against those who are using car parking spaces of their buildings for other purposes, violating law.

The workshop decided that in the first phase, the teams would ensure proper use of parking lots in buildings along the roads from New Market to Mohammadpur and from Science Laboratory crossing to Shahbagh crossing. Speaking at the workshop.

RAJUK Chief Engineer Saidur Rahman acknowledged that out Md Serajul Islam, Rotarian of five designated parking lots at Motijheel, illegal occupants occupied two. He also said that many own-

ers have converted parking

spaces of their buildings into commercial shops, violating At this stage, other participants expressed astonishment at Rajuk's failure to stop the

Md Serazul Islam, Deputy Commissioner of DMP Traffic. Dhaka told the workshop that although it is prohibited, at least 800 inter-district buses ply through the main streets of the city every day. Vehicles are parked on roads

even where there are parking space inside buildings along roads. This should be stopped, he said. The four teams are named

White Team, Red Team, Amber Team and Green Team. White Team members include RAJUK Chief Engineer

cremation of Mohathero CHITTAGONG, May 29: A coordination meeting has unanimously formed a 151-member broad based committee for cer-

lalankar Mohathero, the highest religious leader of the Buddhist community in Bangladesh, reports BSS. The meeting held on Saturday at Mirzapur Shantidam Vihar under Hathajari thana decided to celebrate the cremation

emonial cremation of late Shi-

ceremony with national honour, a committee press release said yesterday. Syedur Rahman, businessman

sale Motherhood Day on Sun-

According to the case, DMCH ayas Monwara and Shahatun and government aya Rahatun tempted Junmati to go to Dipali emergency gate with labor pain at 11 am on Sunday. They convinced her to go to the clinic.

Barokhata

mained suspended following derailment of a passenger train at Barokhata in Hatibandha Witnesses said three boogies

Meanwhile, journalists demanded immediate removal of the DMP commissioner, accusing him of violating press free.

detained by the DB and he

but he did not find any detained Taj then wanted to leave but Morshed said he was under ar

As the news of Taj's arrest

After hearing both the sides, Kazi Shahed Ahmed. Editor of the Ajker Kagoj and Aminur

general secretary of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) in a joint statement protested the illegal arrest of Aminur Rahman Taj.

Joynal was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday after completion of a ten-day police remand. He was arrested along with eight other accused in connection with the killing of a

> the school on May 18. Later, he was taken to a police remand Earlier other eight accused gave a judicial statements be-

fore the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's court.

12-year-old student named Abu

Gully From page 1 salt. The organisers must reward the team that made this possible under extremely difficult circumstances. It was pretty obvious that Jayasuraiya would put the hosts in to bat, if not for anything else, just to see how the wicket would behave. The opening bowlers got some assistance off the seam in overcast conditions, but their job

was made easier by indiscreet

shots played by the top order of

Bangladesh

Even the newcomer, first change Kaushalya Weeraratne had a good time. All credits must go to Javed Omar for holding the innings together with his superb unbeten 85. The dashing opener, who has been in fine nick and has a reputation of being a character with dogged persiverance, commanded respect from the bowlers and took the total to respectablity. He was ably assisted by the burly Akram Khan and Khaled Masood, the wicketkeeper. Another experienced player like Aminul Islam, Akram had a sudden rush of blood and lost his wicket. At this stage of his career he must understand that discretion is the better part of valour. It is always desirable to be more cautious against an irregular or occasional bowler like Aravinda de Silva. Apart from these two local guns, talented

The modest Bangladesh total was not difficult for the seasoned Sri Lankans to overhaul. Jayasuraiya and, for a change, De Silva, who happens to be the member of 8 thousand club in one-day cricket, had very little difficulty in mastering the opening, or for that matter even the role of a change bowler.

all-rounder Naimur Rahman

must have rued his day in the

impact on their opponents. The holders knocked off the runs quickly with a superb exhibition of hitting. De Silva, in particular, thrilled the crowd with his pulling, sweeping and cover-driving. He was unlucky to be left four shy of what could have been his 12th ton. A word for Venkataragha-

Hasibul must watch his steps

and Manjurul his line in future

if they at all want to make an

van, the very astute unipire: How can you be so sure all the ing the 200-mark. And the years, to the coast.

Leaders of the Mahila Parishad said that during the Beijing Five Plus Conference which will be held in USA next

velopment.

They speakers said, "things

Javed Omar Belim and an en-

played within himself on the way to celebrate his maiden one-day half century with the help of three fours and a sixer over long off off-spinner Muralitharan.

Akram hammered a quartet

The victory for Sri Lanka,

"Everything happened according to our plan and the de-

innings in one-day about four-While Javed held the rocking also received the Grameen-

the series Sports Reporter

troversial decisions, West Inseries against Pakistan 1-0 at yesterday. Set to score 216 in the second

> There are nearly 40 leading in Bangladesh, she noted.