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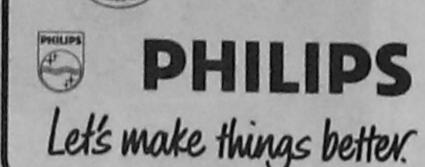
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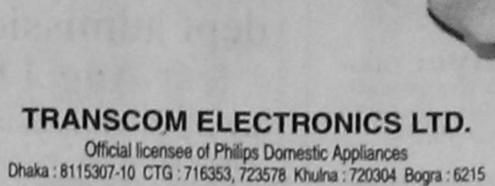
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First round of autonomy talks held

Ice is broken, says Kashmir CM

NEW DELHI, July 18: The erything barring defence, ex-much-awaited talks between ternal affairs and communica-Prime Minister Atal Behari Va- tions. jpayee and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Faroog Abdullah on autonomy issue ended here last night on a positive note, reports BSS.

"We have agreed to continue the talks on the autonomy issue and I am happy that we have been able to break the ice." Faroog Abdullah said after a 40minute one-to-one talk with the prime minister. He, however, did not give details of the talks.

This was the first meeting between Vajpayee and Faroog Abdullah after the union cabinet's rejection of the autonomy resolution passed by the Jammu and Kashmir state assembly. The resolution pleaded that the state should control ev-

of 7.47 crore voters, some 1.47

crore more than the previous

tions and suggestions from the

the district and thana election

Union Parishad chairmen and

Bushra murder:

Sufia remanded

again

By Staff Correspondent

Department (CID) took Sufia

vesterday on a two-day remand

again for further interrogation

in connection with Bushra

sational statement about

Bushra's murder to the Detec-

Phool, 18, a college student and

only daughter of a retired police

officer, was killed in her bed-

room at their Hajipara resi-

dence in the city on the night of

on July 11 from the Detective

Branch of police, who had ar-

rested five people including the

relief and social welfare secre-

tary of city unit of Awami

League. The docket of the case

was handed over to CID on July

13. The case was transferred to

CID on an instruction from the

police headquarters on July 10.

pect, was sent to Dhaka Central

Jail after he was produced in

the CMM's Court on July 10, the

second day of his four-day re-

One jailed for

kidnapping

schoolgirl at

Kishoreganj

court here today sentenced a

man to 10-year rigorous im-

prisonment on charge of kid-

napping a schoolgirl, reports

According to the case in

brief, the accused Asad with the

help of other accomplices kid-

napped Shilpi, a student of

class VII of Jassodal High

School and daughter of Manik

Mia of Dampara Bara Khaler-

par village in Sadar upazila.

Examining the evidences

from near her school on

and witnesses, the judge (In-

charge) of the special court on

Women and Child Repression-2,

S M Hellal Uddin announced

The court, however, acquitted seven other people from the

charge, as there was no strong

Truck kills

one at

Karwan Bazar

By Staff Correspondent

about 35 was crushed under the

wheels of a truck in front of

Ambar Shah mosque at Karwan

The driver managed to es-

Police recovered the body

cape from the scene, leaving the

and sent it to Dhaka Medical

A case was filed with Tej-

College Hospital for autopsy.

gaon police in this regard.

Bazar in the city last night.

vehicle on the spot.

An unidentified man aged

allegation against them.

November 15, 1997.

the verdict.

KISHOREGANJ, July 18: A

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Abdul Kader, the main sus-

The CID took over the case

Sufia had earlier given sen-

Rushdania Bushra Islam

murder case.

tive Branch.

The Criminal Investigation

people.

of the draft list following objec- dropped.

The meeting took place after Vajpayee, during his visit to Srinagar to attend the funeral of Farooq Abdullah's mother. invited the chief minister for talks on the autonomy issue. The meeting was earlier slated over dinner hosted by the prime minister, but later it was cancelled in view of the air crash in Patna vesterday morning in

which 51 people were killed. Faroog Abdullah dismissed the suggestions that the Indira Gandhi-Sheikh Abdullah pact of 1975 should have been the basis of dialogue. "Please forget about the cut-off years 1952. 1953, 1964. We are in year 2000 and in 21st century. Jammu and Kashmir's constitution was

The list will be hung until Au-

The fresh list was prepared

through registration of voters

tration began on May 15 and

the sixth voters' list prepared

1973 contained 3.52 crore vot-

ers (50.67 per cent of the total

population), the second in 1976

had 3.84 crore voters (50.48

per cent), the third in 1983 had

4.73 crore voters (51.48 per

cent), the fourth in 1990 had

6.20 crore (60.29 per cent) and

the fifth in 1995 contained 5.60

crore voters or 47.30 per cent

The list prepared in 1995

Each of the voters' lists was

The latest list shows the vot-

was later revised and contained

prepared ahead of the general

elections. But those were up-

ers to be around 54 per cent of

the population. However, the

number of voters in the draft

crore voters in Dhaka division,

1.83 crore combined in Chit-

tagong and Sylhet divisions,

1.79 crore in Rajshahi division.

86 lakh in Khulna division and

elections will be held on the ba-

SSC exams

Results of

Tongibari

Centre likely

today

MUNSHIGANJ, July 18: The

results of the SSC examinees,

who appeared from Tongibari

Thana Centre of the district

under Dhaka Board this year,

are likely to be republished to-

According to a competent

source, the board authorities

reevaluated the answer scripts

of two papers of religious stud-

ies by accurate question pa-

erroneously took the examina-

tion of the two subjects with 'Ka'

victims due to the error com-

Sec 144 in Gopalpur

as AL, KSJL

ing areas for 24-hour from 8

am tomorrow (Wednesday) as

Krishak-Sramik Janata League

meetings at the same venue

and at same time, reports

Siddique is scheduled to ad-

dress a meeting at Jhauail High

School ground tomorrow. Local

Chittagong.

and Awami League called

set instead of 'Kha' set.

mitted by the invigilators.

The invigilators of the centre

About 1,000 examinees fell

morrow, reports UNB.

Voting in the next general

50 lakh in Barisal division.

sis of the latest list.

The draft list shows 2.32

of the population.

revision.

about six crore voters.

dated at different times.

The first list prepared in

since the independence.

gust 3 for the people to raise

Draft list of 7.5 cr

voters published

By Staff Correspondent

published yesterday a draft list corporations and the municipal-

The Election Commission the commissioners of the city

The EC plans to announce objections, suggest corrections

the final electoral roll on Octo- or inclusion of genuine voters

ber 26 this year after revision whose names have been

The draft list was hung at across the country. The regis-

offices, and the offices of the was closed on June 30. This is

adopted in 1957. Please do not try to pin me down on the cutoff years for negotiations," he

Abdullah said that though many parties were involved. "a solution has to be found out and I am sure that we will find a solution to the autonomy issue."

The Jammu and Kashmir chief minister described the talks as just the beginning and said no parameters have been decided for continuing the dialogue but "we have agreed to carry forward the negotiations for a strong India and strong Jammu and Kashmir."

He expressed the hope that the leaders of his party National Conference would be happy at the outcome of the

Hoodlums allegedly ransack houses in Shyamoli

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of hoodlums backed by police allegedly ransacked several houses and drove out the inmates at Shyamoli in the city yesterday morning.

Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan, who claimed himself as the owner of the land brought the allegation at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yester-

Bhuiyan said police along with some other armed hooligans made the sudden attack at about 4 am while all were asleep

Some of the tenants were also arrested and hooligans took away valuables from some houses, he said.

Bhuiyan said he along with some other persons purchased a piece of land at 37/2 Shyamoli in 1992 and after about eight months one Dr Tofatun Nahar claimed her ownership over the land and filed cases.

"Those cases are still under trial and on July 13 last I appeared in the court," he told newsmen.

"But, suddenly police along with a group of hooligans attacked the houses on that land. assaulted the tenants, looted valuables and also arrested some of the tenants," he alleged.

Bhuiyan questioned how police could go for such action when cases were pending with list may rise or fall after the

28,800 Indian chocolate bombs found at Magura

From Our Correspondent MAGURA, July 18: Members of the Anti Smuggling Committee today seized 28,800 Indian chocolate bombs from a Dhaka bound bus at Bhayna square in the town.

Acting on a tip-off. the members of the committee led by a Magistrate, recovered the bombs kept in a polythene bag on the rooftop of the vehicle. None was arrested in this connection.

Five Sarbahara partymen held in Barisal

BARISAL, July 18: Mehendiganj thana police arrested five members of outlawed Sarbahara Party this evening, police sources said, reports BSS.

Police also seized two shutter guns from their possession. The arrested are Badsha, Kalu Sikder, Alamgir, Salam and Alauddin.

They were allegedly involved in the murder of one Ratan on July 4, the sources said.

A police officer stands on the rubble of a collapsed house in which a father and a son died after an earthquake jolted Pakistan's northwestern city of Peshawar, yesterday. - AFP photo

Tremor kills 2 in Peshawar

PESHAWAR, July 18: At least two people were killed today as an earthquake measuring 6.2 on Richter scale jolted northern Pakistan, police and officials said, reports AFP. Tremors lasting several sec-

onds were felt around 03:54 am local time and people rushed out of their beds in panic, they said. A man and his son died

when the roof of a house collapsed in the old part of Peshawar, police said. The earthquake was also felt in Lahore, Islamabad and Chi-

tral, officials said, but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

The seismological department here said the epicentre

'TU activity at EPZs will be disastrous'

By Staff Correspondent Hasty introduction of trade union activity at Export Processing Zones (EPZs) will be disastrous for the country and it may promote "labour racketeering," says Forrest E Cookson, President of American Chamber of Commerce

(AmCham) in Bangladesh. "If the country goes for hasty introduction of trade unions at EPZs, it will have a bad impact and may promote labour racketeering. I hope the US government will consider the situation here and not penalise Bangladesh," he said at a press conference at Sheraton Hotel in

the city yesterday. It is not the idea of the US government to introduce trade unions at EPZs. It is an idea of US trade unions, which are against globalisation. That is why trade union at EPZ has been made an issue for Bangladesh, Cookson said.

"I do not think trade unions should be used for political pur-

The AmCham President hoped that Bangladesh government would find a way for "freedom of association" at EPZs. "We feel freedom of association should be ensured. He however said growth of healthy trade unionism at EPZs

done hurriedly. Cookson mentioned that wages at EPZs are higher and safety conditions better than in

is necessary but it can not be

was some 200 kilometers northwest of Peshawar in the Hindukush range of neighbouring Afghanistan. AP adds: An earthquake

ble, said witnesses.

damage in Afghanistan.

with a preliminary magnitude of 6.2. jolted residents of Kabul out of their sleep today. The quake caused windows to rattle and furniture to trem-

Deadlock at

NICVD ends

By Staff Correspondent

Institute of Cardio-Vascular

Diseases (NICVD) over suspen-

sion of three doctors ended yes-

through was reached during a

meeting between leaders of

Bangladesh Medical Associa-

tion (BMA) and the health min-

has been withdrawn from to-

zlul Karim Selim assured the

leaders that a departmental in-

quiry would be launched im-

take three weeks to complete

the probe and necessary action

would be taken on the basis of

sion of the parliamentary

standing committee on tempo-

rary suspension of the three

NICVD doctors would remain in

Dhaka, Tashkent

sign accord

on business

promotion

Promotion and Protection of

Investment between Bangla-

desh and Uzbekistan was signed

at Tashkent today, reports

following a discussion between

Bangladesh Foreign Minister

Abdus Samad Azad and Uzbek

Minister for Foreign Economic

Relations Iliyor Ganiev, accord-

The agreement was signed

An agreement on Reciprocal

The minister said the deci-

The daily two-hour strike

Health Minister Sheikh Fa-

The minister said it would

ister vesterday afternoon.

terday.

mediately.

the findings.

force, however.

The deadlock at the National

Sources said the break-

There were no immediate riorated, Rahima said. reports of injuries or property

"The miscreants are enjoyhave been arrested, she said.

Boy killed as timber logs

fall on him From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, July 18: A boy was killed and another injured after timber logs fell on them at Halishahar area in the city this evening, police and fire

brigade sources said. On receipt of information, fire brigade personnel rushed to

the spot and recovered the body after removing the logs. Police said the accident took

place at 6 pm while some minor boys were playing in rain water at a ground there. Suddenly some timber logs kept there fell on two of them, resulting in death of one minor boy and injuring another, police said.

Execution of verdict thru' firing squad contrary to Sec 368 of CrPC: Defence

penalty to be executed through

of the charges.

should be deducted.

ment of the trial court

conspiracy.

lawver said.

voluntarily.

toric case.

firing squad, and relieving four

On issue of "biased" judge-

ment, he cited observations of

The minority thinks the entire

verdict is unacceptable while the

Before the argument, the

majority feels the biased part

court of Justice Mohammad

Ruhul Amin and Justice A B M

Khairul Haque heard the ending

part of the paper book, includ-

ing confessional statement of Lt

Razzak Khan told the HC

bench hearing death reference

and convicts' appeals in Banga-

bandhu murder case that the

prosecution in the lower court

through witnesses and evidences

had not been able to establish

the allegation of killing after

n't prove that Col Shahriar was

involved in any conspiracy or

present during the killing. He

was not in or outside the place

of occurrence at Dhanmondi

Road No. 32 during the incident

on August 15," the defence

fessional statements of the ac-

cused were the base of the

case, the trial court didn't take

into its congnizance whether the

the trial court did not at all

consider the depositions and

cross-examinations of magis-

trates who recorded the confes-

sional statements. There is no

decision of the court about

and Habibur Rahman recorded

the confessional statements and

appeared as 51st and 52nd

prosecution witnesses in the his-

viewed their depositions, and

examinations by the defence

cision." Razzak Khan said.

lawyers and then taken the de-

The defence lawyer said, in a

"The court should have re-

Magistrates Afzalur Rahman

He argued that the judge of

As, according to him. con-

"The prosecution also could

Col (retd) Muhiuddin, reply

Bangabandhu Murder trial

As hearing on Bangabandhu murder trial at High Court entered a crucial stage of argument yesterday, a defence lawyer termed the verdict of execution through firing squad as the Pakistan Supreme Court: "blased" and contrary to procedure, reports UNB.

"There is no provision of firing squad in Section 368 of the Criminal Procedure Code," advocate Abdur Razzak Khan told the division bench of the HC beginning his argument for condemned accused Lt Col (retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan.

Razzak's introductory argument mainly focused on the against Section 342 and judge-November 8 verdict of 1998 of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Court awarding the 15 former army officers death

Acid throwers now threatening to kill her

By DU Correspondent

Housewife Rahima Akhter is now moving from place to place to save her life after filing a case against some miscreants for throwing acid on her mother-in-law.

The miscreants threatened to kill her if she did not withdraw the case, she told a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The housewife from Mailora statements were true or made village under Mohanganj thana in Netrokona said she filed a case with the local police station against four persons for throwing acid on her motherin-law Kaful Nesa, 55, on the night of July 4 following a dispute over felling a tree.

Kaful Nesa was first taken to statements of the magistrates. the local thana health complex and then shifted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital as her condition dete-

ing the blessing of local Awami League leader Abdul Kuddus" she alleged. None of the culprits She sought the Prime Minister's intervention for justice.

SC rejects appeal of DU teacher

Appellate Division of Supreme Court yesterday rejected an appeal challenging creation of four teachers' posts in the Law Department of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

Prof Ershadul Bari, Dean of Law Faculty, filed the case in the High Court, which had earlier declared that the posts were created legally. Then Prof Bari appealed against the High Court order, said a DU press release.

Three posts of lecturers and one of assistant professor were created in the Law Department as per recommendation by the Coordination and Development Committee of the department in

criminal case, confessional statement is considered as lending assurance if there is any substantive evidence. In this case, the court took decision after analysing the confes-

sional statements as substan-

tive evidence." Razzak said that there were many hearsay in statements of the prosecution witnesses suggested by "I came to know", "I understood" etc. and the trial court had recorded and considered those despite repeated objections from the defence.

Anti-Jamaat drive

APAC Ctg chapter to go for counter offensive

CHITTAGONG, July 18: Opposition's All-Party Action Committee in a closed-door meeting today decided to go for counter offensive against what they said ruling party's "Jamaat-Shibir elimination drive", reports UNB.

At one stage, police ringed the meeting venue at ENESEL Bhaban sensing the presence of Jamaat leaders.

The local leaders of the fourparty opposition alliance held the meeting at Chittagong City BNP president Meer Nasiruddin's office in the afternoon.

As part of their action plan they will hold protest meetings and rallies for four days from July 21 to July 24 to protest police action on Jamaat and Shibir activists over the Baddharhat killing.

Presided over by Meer Nasiruddin, the meeting was attended by Jatiya Party City Unit Chief Muhammad Jahangir, Jamaat City Ameer Moulana Mohammad Abu Taher, Senior Naeb-e-Ameer Afsar Uddin Chowdhury, Secretary Mohammad Shamsul Islam and others.

CCC starts demolition of unauthorised structures

CHITTAGONG, July 18: Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) has started demolition of unauthorised structures in the city, reports BSS.

On the first day today, First Class Magistrate of CCC M Abu Naser ordered the removal of unauthorised shops and construction materials from footpaths in front of Chittagong Medical College.

Both sides of Maulana Muhammad Ali Road were cleared by police and the CCC workers

The CCC has launched the drive in order to help avoid traffic jam. The corporation has also asked the unauthorised occupants to clear the footpaths and open spaces immediately.



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ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা

আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিচ্ছন রাখুন আপনার শিশুকে টিকা দিন

ডেপুজুরের বাহক এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে নগরবাসীর প্রতি অনুরোধ

ডেঙ্গুলুর একটি মারাত্মক ভাইরাস জুর। এর একমাত্র বাহক এডিস মশা। এ প্রজাতির মশা বসতবাড়ি-ঘরের অভ্যন্তরে, কাপড়ের ফাঁকে, পর্দার আড়ালে, খাট বা চৌকির নীচে ও অন্যান্য আসবাবপত্রের নীচে এবং বাড়ির আঙ্গিনায় আনাচে-কানাচে অবস্থান করে।

এ প্রজাতির মশা সাধারণত ফুলের টব, ভাঙ্গা কাঁচের বোতল, ডাবের খোসা, পলিথিন ব্যাগ, ভাঙ্গা হাড়িপাতিল, পরিত্যক্ত ড্রাম বা বিভিন্ন ধরনের পাত্রে, পরিত্যক্ত গাড়ির টায়ার এবং এয়ার কন্তিশনারের নীচে জমে থাকা পরিষ্কার পানিতে ডিম পাড়ে এবং বংশবৃদ্ধি করে। এ সকল স্থানে ৫-৭ দিন পানি জমে থাকলে এডিস মশা বংশবৃদ্ধি করতে পারে।

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে বিশেষ করে এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে নগরবাসীর একান্ত সহযোগিতা কামনা করছে।

১। আপনাদের বাড়ির অভ্যন্তরে ফুলের টব, ভাঙ্গা বোতল, ডাবের খোসা, পলিথিন ব্যাগ, পরিত্যক্ত দ্রাম বা বিভিন্ন ধরনের পাত্রে এবং এয়ার কন্ডিশনারের নীচে জমে থাকা পানি নিয়মিত নিষ্কাশনের ব্যবস্থা

২। মশক নিধন কর্মীদের বাড়ির ভেতরে মশা নিধনের কীটনাশক ছিটানোর সুযোগ দিন।

৩। মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণ তথা এডিস মশা নিয়ন্ত্রণে ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন আপনাদের সার্বিক সহযোগিতা কামনা করছে

> ডাঃ মোহাম্মদ আশরাফ উদ্দিন প্রধান স্বাস্থ্য কর্মকর্তা

ঢাকা সিটি করপোরেশন, ঢাকা।

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ing to a message received here. factories outside. Moscow, Beijing denounce US anti-missile shield plan

call meeting BEIJING, July 18: Putting their burgeoning partnership at same venue on display, the Russian and Chinese presidents today denounced US plans to build anti-TANGAIL. July 18: Local missile shields and agreed to administration has imposed closer cooperation on interna-Section 144 at Jhauail of tional affairs, reports AP. Gopalpur upazila and its adjoin-

Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Russian President Vladimir Putin wrapped up nearly three hours of closeddoor talks with a very public signing ceremony. Among the five documents they and their aides signed, two took aim at Convenor of Krishak-Sramik | the United States, singling out Janata League Abdul Kader | the proposed high-tech na-

tional missile defense system. In a joint statement, Beijing and Moscow accused Washing-Awami League has also called a ton of using the system "to seek meeting at the same venue to unilateral military and secuprotest the July 12 killing in rity advantages that will pose the most grave, adverse conse-

the United States itself. Putin and Jiang urged Washington to adhere to the 28-year-

missile defense system. Their statement warned that altering race and lead to an about-face world. in the positive trend that appeared in world politics after the end of the Cold War."

China and Russia worry that US deployment of a national shield will upset the current nuclear stand-off and force both into costly military buildups. Washington argues that the shield is not aimed at China

and Russia but against missiles from North Korea and other smaller states hostile to US interests.

Beyond criticising the Uni-

ted States, Jiang and Putin old Anti-Ballistic Missile issued a separate statement Treaty, which prohibits the committing China and Russia to "work together in the international arena to promote the treaty "will trigger an arms peace and stability in the

> agreements on banking and energy cooperation. One accord will see Russia build an experimental fast neutron reactor in

and Putin's second in three weeks, after a Central Asian summit. Both its form and substance seemed intended to underscore their determination to continue the close ties forged by Putin and Jiang, in their Putin's predecessor, Boris

quences" to China, Russia and missile threat is totally unjustified.

Their aides also signed

Today's meeting was Jiang

statement, said "the pretext of a Yeltsin