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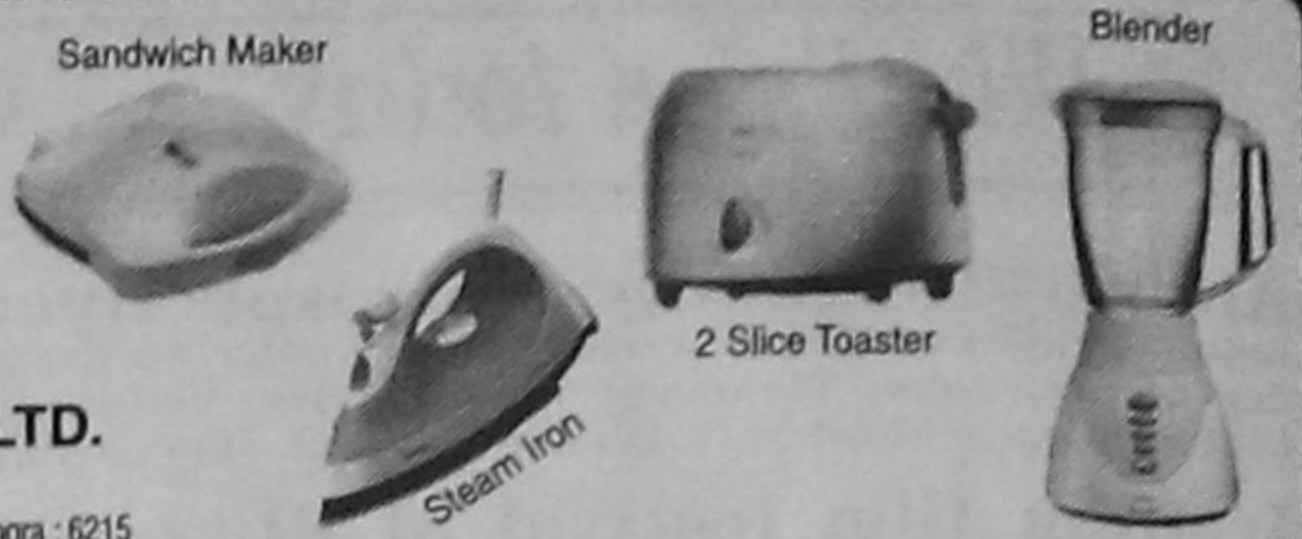
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# Ice is broken, says Kashmir CM

NEW DELHI, July 18: The much-awaited talks between Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee and Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq 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," Farooq Abdullah said after a 40-minute 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 Farooq 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-

# Draft list of 7.5 cr voters published

The Election Commission published yesterday a draft list of 7.47 crore voters, some 1.47 crore more than the previous list. The EC plans to announce the final electoral roll on October 26 this year after revision of the draft list following objections and suggestions from the people. The draft list was hung at the district and thana election offices, and the offices of the Union Parishad chairmen and

# Bushra murder: Sufia remanded again

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) took Sufia yesterday on a two-day remand again for further interrogation in connection with Bushra murder case. Sufia had earlier given sensational statement about Bushra's murder to the Detective Branch. Rushdania Bushra Islam Phool, 18, a college student and only daughter of a retired police officer, was killed in her bedroom at their Hajipara residence in the city on the night of July 11. The CID took over the case on July 11 from the Detective Branch of police, who had arrested five people including the relief and social welfare secretary 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. Abdul Kader, the main suspect, 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

KISHOREGANJ, July 18: A court here today sentenced a man to 10-year rigorous imprisonment on charge of kidnapping a schoolgirl, reports UNB. According to the case in brief, the accused Asad with the help of other accomplices kidnapped Shilpi, a student of class VII of Jassodal High School and daughter of Manik Mia of Dampara Bara Khalerpar village in Sadar upazila, from near her school on November 15, 1997. Examining the evidences and witnesses, the judge (in-charge) of the special court on Women and Child Repression-2, S M Hella Uddin announced the verdict. The court, however, acquitted seven other people from the charge, as there was no strong allegation against them.

# Truck kills one at Karwan Bazar

TANGAIL, July 18: Local administration has imposed Section 144 at Jhauail of Gopulpur upazila and its adjoining areas for 24-hour from 8 am tomorrow (Wednesday) as Krishak-Sramik Janata League and Awami League called meetings at the same venue and at same time, reports UNB. Convenor of Krishak-Sramik Janata League Abdul Kader Siddique is scheduled to address a meeting at Jhauail High School ground tomorrow. Local Awami League has also called a meeting at the same venue to protest the July 12 killing in Chittagong.

# Hoodlums allegedly ransack houses in Shyamoli

A gang of hoodlums bucked 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 yesterday. Bhuiyan said police along with some other armed hoodlums made the sudden attack at about 4 am while all were asleep. Some of the tenants were also arrested and hoodlums 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 hoodlums 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 court.

# 28,800 Indian chocolate bombs found at Magura

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 shutters from their possession. The arrested are Badsha, Kalam Sikder, Alamgir, Salaam and Alauddin. They were allegedly involved in the murder of one Ratan on July 4, the sources said.

# Sec 144 in Gopulpur as AL, KSJL call meeting at same venue

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# First round of autonomy talks held

adopted in 1957. Please do not try to pin me down on the cut-off years for negotiations," he said. 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 talks.

# Tremor kills 2 in Peshawar

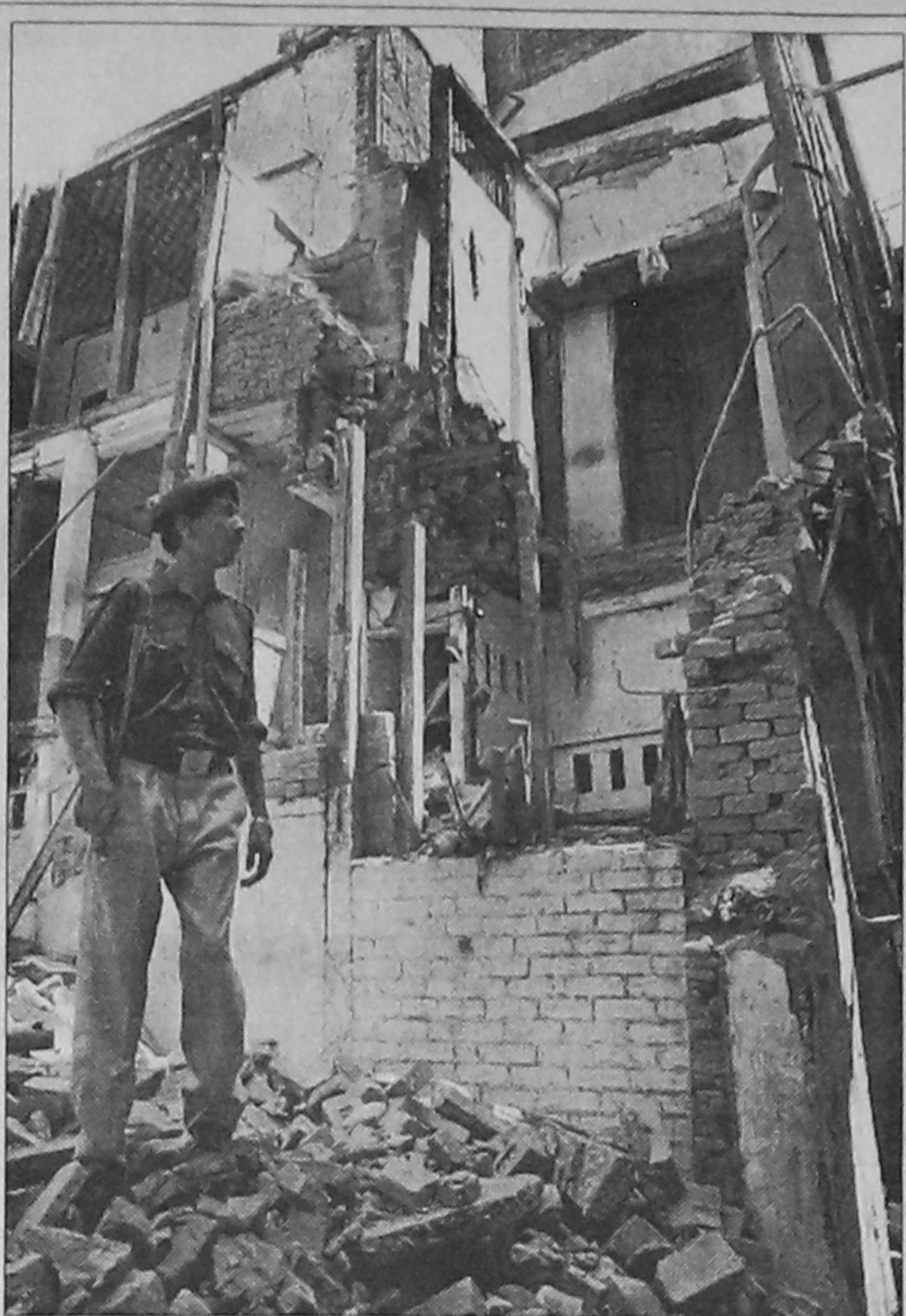
PESHAWAR, July 18: At least two people were killed today as an earthquake measuring 6.2 on Richter scale jolted northern Pakistan, police and officials said, reports AFP. Tremors lasting several seconds were felt around 03:54 am local time and people rushed out of their beds in panic, they said. A man 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 Chitral, officials said, but there was no immediate reports of casualties. The seismological department here said the epicentre

# 'TU activity at EPZs will be disastrous'

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 purpose." 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 is necessary but it can not be done hurriedly. Cookson mentioned that wages at EPZs are higher and safety conditions better than in factories outside.

# Moscow, Beijing denounce US anti-missile shield plan

BEIJING, July 18: Putting their burgeoning partnership on display, the Russian and Chinese presidents today denounced US plans to build anti-missile shields and agreed to closer cooperation on international affairs, reports AP. Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Russian President Vladimir Putin wrapped up nearly three hours of closed-door talks with a very public signing ceremony. Among the five documents they and their aides signed, two singled out the proposed high-tech national missile defense system. In a joint statement, Beijing and Moscow accused Washington of using the system "to seek unilateral military and security advantages that will pose the most grave, adverse conse-



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.

# Deadlock at NICVD ends

The deadlock at the National Institute of Cardio-Vascular Diseases (NICVD) over suspension of three doctors ended yesterday. Sources said the breakthrough was reached during a meeting between leaders of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and the health minister yesterday afternoon. The daily two-hour strike has been withdrawn from today. Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim assured the leaders that a departmental inquiry would be launched immediately. The minister said it would take three weeks to complete the probe and necessary action would be taken on the basis of the findings. The minister said the decision of the parliamentary standing committee on temporary suspension of the three NICVD doctors would remain in force, however.

# Dhaka, Tashkent sign accord on business promotion

An agreement on Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investment between Bangladesh and Uzbekistan was signed at Tashkent today, reports UNB. The agreement was signed following a discussion between Bangladesh Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and Uzbek Minister for Foreign Economic Relations Ilyiyev Ganiyev, according to a message received here.

# Bangabandhu Murder trial Execution of verdict thru' firing squad contrary to Sec 368 of CrPC: Defence

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 "biased" 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 (ret'd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan. Razzak's introductory argument mainly focused on the November 8 verdict of 1985 of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Court awarding the 15 former army officers death penalty to be executed through firing squad, and relieving four of the charges. On issue of "biased" judgement, he cited observations of the Pakistan Supreme Court: "The minority thinks the entire verdict is unacceptable while the majority feels the biased part should be deducted. Before the argument, the court of Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin and Justice A B M Khairul Haque heard the ending part of the paper book, including confessional statement of Lt Col (ret'd) Muhiuddin, reply against Section 342 and judgement of the trial court." Razzak Khan told the HC bench hearing death reference and convicts' appeals in Bangabandhu murder case that the prosecution in the lower court through witnesses and evidences had not been able to establish the allegation of killing after conspiracy. "The prosecution also couldn'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 lawyer said. As, according to him, confessional statements of the accused were the base of the case, the trial court didn't take into its cognizance whether the statements were true or made voluntarily. He argued that the judge of the trial court did not at all consider the depositions and cross-examinations of magistrates who recorded the confessional statements. There is no decision of the magistrates. Magistrates Afzalur Rahman and Habibur Rahman recorded the confessional statements and appeared as 51st and 52nd prosecution witnesses in the historic case. "The court should have reviewed their depositions, and examinations by the defence lawyers and then taken the decision," Razzak Khan said. The defence lawyer said, in a

# Acid throwers now threatening to kill her

Housewife Rahina 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 village under Mohanganj thana in Netrokona said she filed a case with the local police station against four persons for throwing acid on her mother-in-law Kaful Nesa, 55, on the night of July 4 following a dispute over felling a tree. Kaful Nesa was first taken to the local thana health complex and then shifted to Myensingh Medical College Hospital as her condition deteriorated, Rahina said. "The miscreants are enjoying the blessing of local Awami League leader Abdul Kuddus" she alleged. None of the culprits have been arrested, she said. She sought the Prime Minister's intervention for justice.

# 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.

# 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 1998.

# 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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ডেপুজুরের একটি মারাত্মক ভাইরাস জ্বর। এর একমাত্র বাহক এডিস মশা। এ প্রজাতির মশা বসতবাড়ি-ঘরের অভ্যন্তরে, কাপড়ের ফাঁকে, পর্দার আড়ালে, খাট বা চৌকির নিচে ও অন্যান্য আসবাবপত্রের নিচে এবং বাড়ির আশ্রিত আনাচে-কানাচে অবস্থান করে।
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