FFs-people grand rally in Dinajpur

tomorrow

is set for the massive rally at

Dinajpur on October 28 where

freedom fighters, common

masses, political and cultural

activists will converge to renew

their pledge to foil conspiracies of

the opposition alliance to destroy

democracy and jeopardise the

country's independence, reports

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

is expected to attend the rally as

chief guest to be held at the his

toric Gora Shaheed Maidan at 2

carrying national flags and wear-

ing T-shirts inscribed with the

slogan-Joy Bangla and Joy

Bangabandhu will give a guard of

honour to the country's symbol of

independence and sovereignty-

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at

The guard of honours will be

conducted by a member secretary

of Sammilita Muktijoddha Front

(SMF) Mahabubuddin Ahmed

The main significance of the

mass contact programme in the

northern region is that the pro-

gressive democratic political

parties including Awami League,

Forum, freedom fighters bodies,

intellectuals and social and cul-

tural groups have joined the

movement against razakars and

enemies of democracy.

JSD, CPB, BSD, NAP, Gano

A batch of 3,000 war veterans

pm on the day.

the Dinajpur rally.

Birbikram.

DINAJPUR, Oct 26: The stage

### Contribution from IT sector will flourish economy

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a discussion meet- ute to the IT sector. ing vesterday said Information Technology will soon change the economic scenario of the country because of its tremendous poten-

"A miracle will occur in the country when Information Technology (IT) begins to contribute to the economy in full swing," Mahboob Zaman, Managing Director of DataSoft Systems Bangladesh Limited said while addressing the inaugural session of the DataSoft Software Fair

Kibria, who attended the function as the chief guest called on IT entrepreneurs to include Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRB) in the sector to share their expertise and experience for development of the sector.

He said the government has allocated Taka 15 crore in this critical sector so that computer programmers can really contrib-

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The minister said, "we could have made avail of fibre optic facilities in the 90s, but the chance was missed by the then BNP government.

He also warned that a section of so called IT training institutes in the country were charging fat amounts for training but delivering poor services. 'We shall take action against those IT institutions," the minister warned.

Daily Prothom Alo urged all to utilise the youth power in IT Finance Minister Shah A M S sector to achieve the best possible gain from the sector.

> is now the country's highest circulating daily and it has been able to became so because of the utilisation of youth power. Prof Muhammad Zafor Iqbal,

> Dr Atiur Rahman, Chairman of Janata Bank and Dil Afroz Begum, Chairman of the exhibition committee among others addressed the function organised

The software exhibition will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm till tomorrow.

## Army discards legacy

From page 1 being called a General, After the gazette notification, a Brigadier General will be called General. This will give us a psychological boost", commented a Briga-

Seeking anonymity, a senior officer said the change has been suggested by the Army Command to bring Bangladesh forces participating in UN peace-keeping operations at par with those from

western armies.

"It is a move to harmonise and synchronise the operational structure", said another officer. Bangladesh will be the first country in the Sub-Continent to make such changes.

The change will also cover all other ranks (ORs). A Sepoy will be called a Sainik. Naik will be Corporal, Lance Naik will be Lance

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina consoling flood victims at the Zila Parishad Bhaban in Satkhira yesterday. Corporal, Havilader will be Sergeant and Naik Subedar will be

is already following the American pattern to a large extent. Feni JCD president held

Bangladesh Navy and Air Force

called Warrant Officer.

FENI. Oct 26: Police arrested district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal President Yakub Nabi and another leader Naimullah Chowdhury from Rampur area in the town on Wednesday, reports

Protesting the arrest, JCD activists put up barricade on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Rampur at 12 noon. But police forced them to withdraw the barricade at about 2 pm.

The official said it was the first

time that the Myanmar army

attacked Indian soldiers in an

area infested by separatist gueril-

las fighting government forces of

five member patrol party of the

Assam Rifles close to the India

Myanmar border in Nagaland's

Mon district last night and killed

them," the police official, who did

not wish to be identified, told

He said the bodies of three

India's Foreign Ministry also

"According to preliminary

confirmed the incident, but said

the firing was a case of mistaken

information there was a case of

mistaken identity by the

Myanmar security forces when

they were carrying out combing

operations against militants in a

village which straddles the Indo-

Myanmar border. There have

been some casualties on our

side," Foreign Office spokesman

at the field level and at the diplo-

matic level, got in touch and the

situation is under control. Both

Fresh voters

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enrolled in the Dhaka Division

followed by 1,84,03832 in

Rajshahi Division and

1,43,04,332 in Chittagong Divi-

A total of 87,17,917 voters

have been enrolled in the Khulna

Division, 50,89,502 in Barisal

Division and 46,26,865 in Sylhet

the Khulna-5 constituency that

fell vacant due to the death of

Minister Salahuddin Yusuf on

fresh list, EC sources said.

October 6, will be held under the

They said there will be scope

for voter enrolment in the new

list, adding that any eligible voter

dropped from the list can apply to

The EC will make the fresh

SC pandemonium

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who chaired the meeting. After

passage of the resolution, the

Chair declared the meeting over,

Siddique said, "Before the motion

which was then presided over by

But the press release signed by

the EC authorities for enrolment.

The upcoming by-election in

Division.

sides understood the problem."

"Immediately after that, Indian

Ramindar Singh Jassal said.

"Myanmar's soldiers fired at a

both countries.

ered.

## Myanmar troops kill 5 Indian soldiers

NEW DELHI. Oct 26: Five Indian soldiers were killed in the remote northeastern state of Nagaland when Myanmar troops opened fire on a patrol party near the two countries' border, a senior police official said today, reports Reuters.

#### Biman

From page 1 be retained by Biman till the 'strategic partner' becomes a stake holder and decides which type of aircraft it would like to operate -- DC-10-30, Airbus A Indian soldiers had been recov-340 or Boeing-777.

The process of restructuring is scheduled to be completed by January next year and a deal with a 'strategic partner' is likely by March.

They say, the DC-10-30 aircraft can be converted to air freighters or leased profitably to other airlines.

Biman currently faces a serious problem in carrying cargo due to space in aircraft.

They also pointed out that the credit resulting from the deal will create more pressure on Biman's liquidity as it is still paying for the two Airbus A 310 aircraft, purchased in 1996 directly from the and Myanmar authorities, both

manufacturer. However, defending the proposed deal, a Biman official said the airline needs to upgrade its fleet to compete in the international market. "Fleet planning has to be done in advance because you do not get an aircraft from the show room", the official

said preferring anonymity. "It would rather enhance the prospects in finding a strategic partner", he added.

#### Japan

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that their aid money is used more efficiently and more effectively, in aid receiving countries such as Bangladesh," said team leader Shirakawa.

The net disbursement of Japan's ODA to Bangladesh rose to the tune of 4.6 billion US dollars in 1998. Dhaka is also the largest recipient of Tokyo's bilat-

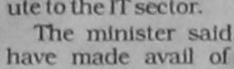
eral aid. Japan's assistance under ODA has mainly been targeted for poverty alleviation. However, four areas, namely infrastructure voters' list available in printed building, agriculture, social form by December. The process of

sector and disaster control have tender is underway, they said. received major focus. Observing that the public was becoming more critical about overseas official assistance, the Japanese team leader said, "As a the permission of Mainul Hosein result, we have decided to improve the method of the ODA system. We are going to apply the

new method of assistance plan to the press release said. Bangladesh first." The new aid evaluation process SCBA Secretary Shahidul Karim will broadly involve three phases Policy-level, project-level and was seconded, Mainul Hosein left

programme-level evaluation, he without concluding the meeting, team leader said. "Later on, other

strict method of evaluation will contribute to the continuation of further Japanese assistance



Motiur Rahman, Editor of the

He said the Daily Prothom Alo

at DataSoft IT Village.

### Irrigation scenario dismal Speakers tell BIDS seminar

By Staff Correspondent

Although it may be difficult to believe, the reality of the situation is that even after putting in 65 percent of its total agricultural budget for irrigation and water control sub-sector for years together, the share of publicly provided irrigation in Bangladesh stands at a dismal 4.1 percent.

This was revealed by speakers in a seminar held at the auditorium of leading local think-tank Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) in the city yesterday. They said, farmers managed to fulfill their irrigation needs under private initiatives while big public sector irrigation facilities languished in the absence of proper maintenance. 'This reflects how inefficient

we are," remarked the key speaker Raisuddin Ahmed while giving a speech on 'Agricultural Performance under Different Institutional Settings: A Comparative Study of Bangladesh and Vietnam'.

Allocating the same level of resources for agriculture. Vietnam succeeded in giving wider irrigation coverage to its cultivable land whereas Bangladesh's performance has been appalling, noted Raisuddin, a Bangladeshi researcher with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) headquartered in Washington DC.

Vietnam and Bangladesh got 63 and 65 percents respectively of their total agricultural budget allocated for irrigation and water control sub-sector. In return, Vietnam provides 100 percent of irrigation facilities under public sector while Bangladesh could cover only a dismal 4.1 percent, the seminar was told. Raisuddin apart, other

researchers attending the BIDS seminar vesterday blamed Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) for a miserably poor performance. They said, performance of public sector irrigation had faults

right from the beginning from

structure designing to planning,

from implementation to mainte-Quazi Shahabuddin, a research director of BIDS, was very critical about the 'vicious circle' of public sector irrigation system. "Poor operation of public sector irrigation facilities leads to poor service and poor service

leads to poor cost-recovery,

explained Shahabuddin, adding

'that "if farmers can bear the costs for their privately run irrigation pumps, there is no reason why they should not contribute in public sector irrigation." But first of all, he wanted

reform in the operation and main tenance of irrigation facilities and their services within the reach of farmers. In his speech, Raisuddin gave

some comparative figures of Vietnamese and Bangladeshi agriculture. He argued that institutions like strong local govern ment bodies pushed Vietnam to the status of a major riceexporting country within a decade.

Vietnam brought 70 percent of its 'rice-land' under irrigation coverage only through public sector initiatives, whereas Bangladesh's irrigation coverage is only 30 percent and that again mainly because of the private initiatives of farmers.

President of Bangladesh Economic Association Dr Mainul Islam, BIDS researcher Dr Binayak Sen were, among others, who took part in discussion at the seminar chaired by BIDS director general Dr Abu Abdullah.

### Flood forces Cambodia to defer AAPP confce

Star Report

Heavy flooding in Cambodia, the host country for this year's general assembly and conference of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP), has forced it to defer the annual conference for more than two-and-ahalf months, sources in Dhaka

"Now January 22 next year has been fixed as the tentative date for holding the annual conference that was scheduled to be held from 5 to 10 November in the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh. said an AAPP official, adding that the host country will confirm the date later.

The official said the Cambodian authorities expressed regrets for the inconveniences to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is currently the President of the international body.

Cambodia is now being swept over by devastating floods compelling the authorities to change the schedule, he said. However, preparatory works for the conference will continue both in Phnom Penh and Dhaka.

Till date, parliamentarians from some 24 Asian and the Pacific nations have confirmed their participation in the confer-

yesterday recommended more

dissemination of information

among masses to create aware-

communications which have now

for creating awareness among

2001-2005' to implement the new

people, they said.

become the most effective tools

BSS.

Some sources said the Cambo dian authorities were strongly criticised by opposition political parties for arranging such a mega

event at the time of deluge. The AAPP was formed at a conference attended by 31 countries in Dhaka last year. According to the charter adopted by the conference, the group is supposed to meet at least once a year.

#### Govt employees form national platform

Government employees belonging to more than 400 organisations have formed a national platform to press home their demands, a press release of the employees said yesterday.

The platform titled 'Bangla desh Sarkari Karmachari Dabi Bastabayan Parishad' was formed last night at a meeting of the organisations including Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Sanghati Parishad, Bangladesh Karmachari Samannoy Parishad Bangladesh Class Four Government Employees Association and Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association.

Speakers stress creating awareness

to lead safer life

ent as the chief guest at the inau-

gural session. Among others,

Director General of Bangladesh

General of DFP Iftekar Hossain,

Tasmia Bashar spoke on the

Presided over by Joint Secre-

tary, Ministry of Information

# 31 at ZIA

yesterday arrested 31 people from Zia International Airport for their alleged involvement in dif ferent criminal activities in the airport area.

ing passengers.

The raid was conducted follow ing several newspaper reports about harassing incoming pasbank.

Recently BBC Bangla service reporter Moazzem Hossain was robbed off in front of a police patrol van. But the patrol police did not pay any heed to the allegation of the reporter.

serious trouble mainly at night. A racket always try to snatch dollars and luggage from them. A section of unscrupulous staff

of Civil Aviation Authority are involved with the racket, sources

Kashem, Siarajul, Molesur, Rais, Majib, Jahid and Jaben, DB sources said.

programme implementing agen-

cies and said it requires more

financial support for implement

ing the programmes successfully

to change the living pattern of the

He said Bangladesh is fully

committed to ensuring children's

right to survival, protection

development and participation in

During the last five years the

Ministry of Information in collab-

oration with UNICEF have been

implementing the project 'Com-

munication for Achieving Bangla-

desh's Goals for Women and

shaping their future.

Children.'

country's mothers and children.

# DB rounds up

signed shortly, one source con-

opinion on some issues. The NSB head office has

directed the local office to close down its businesses in Bangladesh by December 31 this year, the source mentioned.

operation on May 30 last year and later took over operation of the Society General, a France-based In a change of policy, the Bank

is now deciding to withdraw from Asia and concentrate in North America, one source said. Other sources said the deci-

sion to close its operation followed Bangladesh Bank's new policy under which a foreign bank operating in the country is required to have a minimum capital of 10 million US dollars. Some other small foreign

banks also are now considering such moves, they added.

refused to talk on the issue while the HSBC Country Manager could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

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822,528 dollar, according to NAB documents. Adam said 22,000 pages of

documents have been given to the courts in Pakistan "for determination in accordance with due process of law. As well as properties, NAB

documents charge Benazir has Participants at a workshop tion, M.I. Chowdhury was pres- and transparency of the 11 separate bank accounts in Switzerland, one in the United Arab Emirates, five in France, five in Britain and four in the United States. The amounts in each account was not available.

in 1997 because of an investigation launched by the ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

large part because of allegations of corruption.

charges of corruption

# Bangabandhu Murder Case

From page 12 Bangabandhu before scheduled

The orgy of bloodbath started with the slaying of Sheikh Kamal on the ground floor, and Major Huda also killed Kamal, the prosecution counsel told the court, quoting the eyewitness account.

"Major Huda first shot Shelkh Kamal in front of the reception room and as he (Kamal) jumped inside the room, the major again fired on him leaving him dead," Serajul Haq contended in his submission.

Mohammad Selim, PW-3 who was the cook of Bangabandhu, was sleeping beside the door of Bangabandhu's bedroom and he woke up hearing sound of door opening by the leader late in the fateful night. Advocate Serajul Haq said Bangabandhu went downstairs wearing lungi and genji and Begum Mujib sent Selim with his punjabi and spec-

Mujib wore punjabi and spectacles in the reception room while precautionary shots were being fired at the house.

He then was trying to get somebody over telephone through telephone operator Muhit when a fire hit the window. Muhit was injured. Bangabandhu and Selim sat down while Muhit lay down on

while when Bangabandhu again residence while Lt Col Aziz Pasha went to first floor and closed the

downstairs and was gunned trying to bring Begum Mujib,

Two persons in black dress shouted entering the

Bangabandhu house: "Surrender

everybody, wherever you are." Advocate Serajul Haq yesterday gave this vivid description of the killing operation citing the prosecution depositions as hearings on the death reference case picked up.

A group of army soldiers led by Major Mohiuddin went upstairs and picked up Bangabandhu towards staircase while the leader shouted: 'What do you want, don't get disobedient.'

As he put one step on the staircase, major Bazlul Huda and Nur Chowdhury, standing on the base of the stairs, fired on Bangabandhu from stenguns. He fell dead there.

prior to shooting the leader, Huda and Nur shouted something in English and Major Mohiuddin and others stood aside from Bangabandhu. But Selim cannot say what the meaning of the English word was. Prosecution counsel Serajul

According to witness Selim,

Haq pointed out before the High Court bench that the killers recited and implemented their pre-plan. After killing Bangabandhu and

his son Sheikh Kamal, Huda, Nur Firing stopped for a short and Mohiuddin came out of the and Havildar Moslemuddin and next opening day of the court on door while Sheikh Kamal went their associates went upstairs Sunday

tive but to go for a tougher action

programme if the government

prevents the alliance from hold its

grand public meeting on Novem-

He confirmed that there would

be no hartal or any other tougher

programme before November 7.

First we will see the government

action and then go for counter

and hoped to talk with her soon to

finalise the strategy and action

plan ahead of the November 7

Blast kills mill

worker in

Mills in Panchabati area in

The dead was identified as

Police said the workers were

melting scrap iron in a furnace

when it suddenly exploded, kill-

ing Anwar on the spot. The

injured were taken to

Narayangani PS in this connec-

Unocal explains

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dental and environment ministry

to be freshly undertaken to deter

mine the actual environmental

damage there. The joint study

During that time, Petrobangla,

however, gave up a claim of Tk

200 crore for the Magurchhara

gas reservoir damage. It did so on

instruction from the top level of

the government not to complicate

A case was filed with

Fatulla on Wednesday noon.

Anwar Hossain, 35.

Narayanganj Hospital.

never took place.

the matter further.

programme

action," he added.

Sheikh Naser, Sheikh Russel and Rama to the ground floor. However, seeing the body of Bangabandhu, Begum Mujib screamed and returned to her bedroom.

Taking stengun from Moslemuddin, Aziz Pasha entered the room of Begum Mujib where wives of Sheikh Jamal and Kamal were present. "Pasha killed them," advocate Serajul Haq told the court.

Sheikh Russel and Sheikh Naser were brought downstairs while Russel was crying to go to her mother. Coming down from upstairs Pasha gave a connotative order to Moslemuddin: Take him to his mother.

Havildar Moslemuddin went upstairs with Russel. Shortly the Havildar returned and said: "All are finished," Advocate Serajul Haq restated this quoting PW-4.

The prosecution counsel said in such a way the killers ended their killing operation. Finishing the orgy, the killers informed their successful operation massage through a wireless. Who received the massage remained a conundrum.

Advocate Haq will continue his submission before the death reference bench of the High Court comprising Justice Ruhul Amin and Justice ABM Khairul Hagon

# BNP now plans

ing at Paltan Maidan. However, permission was not given for use of Paltan Maidan as the meeting

Sadek Hossain Khoka told this correspondent that the BNP delegation which met the City AL chief and Mayor reported to him that his (Mayor) 'attitude was not positive.

In reply to a question, he said the party high command would shortly take a decision in this Some other party leaders said

although BNP is firm to hold the public meeting, it wants to avoid a confrontation with the ruling They said party leaders would try their best to persuade the government to allow BNP to hold

the meeting at Paltan Maidan or

Manik Mia Avenue. "If the government does not allow, it would mean that it wants a confrontation," one leader said. A BNP policy maker said, "The

opposition will have no alterna-

HSBC From page 12 make sure that no bank official

loses job," said a senior BB official. They said they would look in to the matter.' The HSBC's deposit stands at

Tk 23 crore now, sources said. The formal sale contract between the two sides would be

He said that the City Bank N/A was also one of the parties interested to take over the NSB operation in Bangladesh but no deal took place due to difference of

NSB began its Bangladesh

The NSB Country Manager

#### Benazir

minister said she was worth

Benazir's Swiss accounts were frozen by the Swiss government

Both Benazir and Sharif were twice dismissed from power in

Sharif has been in jail since October 1999 when his government was toppled in a bloodless army coup. The military ruler, who took power, promised to weed out the corruption that had become endemic in Pakistani

Benazir's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, has been in jail since her last term in power came to an

#### Two murdered From page 1

Kashem's wife Firoza Begum said that he came out of their residence at Mirpur Section 10 at about 11 pm on Wednesday.

tives at Babupura slum. Ripon, Mamun and Babu called him out from there and killed him, she claimed. Guards of IBA Bhaban said

that they heard screaming at

He stayed with one of his rela-

Police recovered the undressed Some sources however said BNP hardliners and a section of body of Kashem from near the leaders of the three other compo-IBA Bhaban at about 4 am yesternent parties of the alliance are day and sent it DMCH morgue for 'very much interested' to launch a autopsy tougher action programme before Kashem was arrested on November 7 even if it leads to 'a

charges of mugging about two

about 2:30 am yesterday.

confrontation' with the governyears back but was released on bail on September 11. "It is wise to go for such a Kashem was the father of three programme right at the moment sons and two daughters.

to protest the government's Ramna police filed a case as refusal to allow holding of the none of Kashem's relatives filed November 7 meeting at Paltan any case in connection with the Maidan," a hardline leader said. killing. BNP policy makers are yet to discuss the issue with party chief Dhaka University authorities Khaleda Zia because of her illness

yesterday suspended four night guards of IBA who were on duty on Wednesday night and formed a four-member probe body headed by Pro Vice-chancellor Prof Md. Shahadat Ali to probe the inci-

# PM warns

From page 12 Narayangani among the genuine farmers. From Our Correspondent Hasina said stagnant NARAYANGANJ, Oct 26: A floodwater is being drained out by worker was killed and four others cutting embankments and roads were critically injured in a sudat different places. She suggested den explosion in Jamuna Steel

> bridges at these points. She also asked the authorities concerned to prepare projects for dredging the rivers in the area to

construction of culverts or bailey

avert floods in future. Health Minister Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, local MPs and Awami League leaders also addressed the meeting presided over by Syed Kamal Bakth MP, president of Satkhira district AL.

a meeting with Satkhira district disaster management committee at the local circuit house. Officials from different departments apprised her of the flood situation and requirement for rehabilita-On her arrival here in the morn-

Earlier, the Prime Minister held

ing, the Prime Minister visited a relief camp at Satkhira district council compound and distributed relief among the victims. She also distributed relief goods at Satkhira Government Boys' High School.

### गार्श वर्यनीि भश्विमान्य আজিমপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৫

२०००-२००১ সেশনে প্রথম বর্ষ সম্মান ও পাস শ্রেণীর ভর্তি পরীক্ষার পরিবর্তিত সময়সূচি।

অনিবার্য কারণ বশত গাইস্থা অর্থনীতি মহাবিদ্যালয়ের ২০০০-২০০১ শিক্ষাবর্ষের ১ম বর্ষ স্থাতক সম্মান এবং পাস শ্রেণীর ভর্তি পরীক্ষা নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরিবর্তে নিয়ে বর্ণিত সময়সূচি অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

#### ভর্তি পরীক্ষার সময়সূচি

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(প্রফেসর শামসূন নাস্তর) गाईम जबनीिंछ महाविमानिय, ठाका।

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master plan operation of the The government of Bangladesh Referring to people's better Asked why Dhaka has been Faruque Ahmed. Vice-president UNICEF to focus on disadvan- living standard achieved during selected for the new criteria, the of the Association. ratified the convention on the politics. taged group through priorities the last five years Chowdhury rights of children in September "After discussion, the motion based on girls and women held in said information plays a signifi-1992 as active participant at the recipients would be selected." was put to vote and was unani-He said more objective and mously rejected. The meeting in the conference room of the Press cant role in the process of World Summit for Children and Institute of Bangladesh (PIB) national development through its signed the World Declaration on abrupt end in 1996 when she was another resolution condemned the action of the (SCBA) Presimass media and agencies. the survival, protection and dismissed by the president on Secretary, Ministry of Informadent", the press release said. He emphasised accountability development of children.

ness for leading safer life, reports Betar M. Mohaddesh, Director

Joint UNICEF and the Govern- Director General of PIB Dr.

ment of Bangladesh programmes Sheikh Abdus Salam, Director

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goal of safer life through wider Rahman and Officer in Charge,

publications and mass- advocacy section of UNICEF

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tions in a day-long workshop on workshop was coordinated by

'Next Country Programme for Ministry of Information official

occasion.

Mojibul Haq.

By Staff Correspondent Detective Branch (DB) police

The DB squad, led by Deput Commissioner Abdul Hannan raided the airport at about 5 in the morning and arrested them for creating trouble to the incom-

sengers and their relatives.

The incoming passengers face

Those arrested by DB are Amir, Rashid, Rahman, Islam Nazrul, Faruq Afsar, Salam Omar, Mahfuz, Sirajul, Nurul Dulal, Mosharraf, Selim, Taib, Mannan, Ibrahim, Babul, Amin, Kamrul, Saidur, Nurun, Yaqub,