Progressive forces should unite to save democracy

Foreign minister says while briefing newsmen

UNB, Dhaka

Azad yesterday said it is crucial for munal elements on the other. the nation to stand united sinking partisan outlook against fanatics way, he or she should return to the and communal elements to save path of democracy and peace," the

forces, even those in BNP and cal hullabaloo. Jativa Party, should unite at this

Giving a hint that there might slaughts by Islamic zealots, Azad ence. "Fanatics and communal release. must be isolated politically. The this country."

Erratum

In our photo feature yesterday on page 19 (bottom row) Mr CK Hyder, Secretary General of MCCI was inadvertently identified as Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury. The mistake is regretted.

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affiliation should unite on one side Foreign Minister Abdus Samad leaving out fundamentalist com-

"If anyone steps in any wrong Foreign Minister said in a veiled "All progressive political observation on the current politi-

Making a flashback on his long hour to protect democracy from political career and experience destructive acts of fundamentalist since 1938, Azad said people of terrorists," he told diplomatic this country never made any miscorrespondents of national dailies take at the crucial junctures in the and news agencies at State Guest- turbulent course of national his-

He explained how the people be instigation from external ter- got united under the leadership of rorists forces behind the on- Bangabandhu and won independsaid these religious extremists politics never gained ground in

The Foreign Minister deplored that the fanatics today are using mosques and madrassahs as arsenals, depositing bombs and weapons and killing police.

Recalling the planting of bombs at Kotalipara in a bid to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, he said 15 days ahead of the un- Director of Board of Investment.

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entire nation irrespective of party earthing of bombs, IOI leader Mufti Aminee had held a meeting there with a call for Taliban revolution in the country.

> New Foreign Secretary Syed Muazzem Ali and senior officials of the Foreign Ministry were pres-

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investment today Bangladesh MBA Association will hold a seminar on "Prospects of Foreign Investment in Bangladesh" at 4:00 pm today at Hotel Purbani International, says a press

Md Zillur Rahman will be present at the seminar as chief guest. Sirajuddin Ahmed, executive chairman of BOI will be

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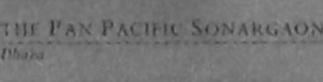
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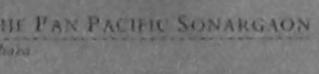
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'System should be developed to handle man-made disasters'

BSS, Dhaka

Delegates attending the three-day Pacific Rim Director of Air Operations Conference have stressed the in the greater interest of the peo-

In the concluding session of the conference on Thursday, they rather suggested that this matter should be included as an agenda in the future conference.

The conference is an annual event attended by Director of Air Operations from majority of the Pacific Rim nations, an ISPR press release said yesterday.

The delegates in their recommendations also laid emphasis on inclusion of civilians from other organisations, which were involved in disaster management operation, in handling both man- Khan. made and natural disasters as well

ercise between countries to the prayer session and milad. He streamline the process of handling is suffering from lung cancer. disasters, accelerate the process of getting quick help and quickening greater Pabna district.

the assessment of exact requirement to get the right kind of assistance from the friendly countries on such occasions.

The purpose of this conference need for developing a system to is to improve relations and coophandle the man-made disasters eration through building trust and side by side the natural disasters confidence and ensuring stability throughout the Asia-Pacific re-

Spl prayer at Sirajganj for Tawfiq Aziz Khan's early recovery

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

A special prayer was held vesterday after Juma prayers at Soyagobinda Jam-E-Mosque in Sirajgani town seeking early recovery of renowned journalist and Executive Editor of the Daily Star Tawfiq Aziz

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