BTTB mobile phones in 10 months likely

BSS, Dhaka

The introduction of mobile phones by Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) may take ten more months, the period required to complete the formalities and setting up of necessary infrastructure.

The government has already rescheduled the tender opening date to March 15 from February 28, one official of BTTB said. The decision to delay in opening tender documents was decided at a prebidding meeting last month.

The bidders might offer more facilities to the BTTB if they were given more time, he said.

The officials said the price of the mobile connection could not be ascertained unless the bids are finalised to know the real structural and other costs involved in introducing mobile connection.

The government is planning to introduce a four lakh mobile phones service for the capital and other parts of the country simultaneously, BITB officials said yesterday.

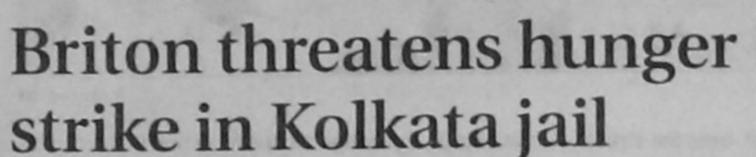
"The government wants to introduce mobile phones as fast as possible but it would take some more time which cannot be avoided," the

He said the board has floated international tender for selecting the company which will supply, install, test and commission the required equipment and accessories to introduce the mobile phone

The official said so far seven international and local companies bought the tender papers from BTTB.

With the introduction of the BTTB's mobile phone, 6,85,000 people will come under mobile communications network. The present number of users is 285,000. There will be no formal dealers for the distribution of the mobile phones. The people will have to apply in the same process as for the land line of BTTB.

The service will be the country's



indefinite hunger strike," he said.

for at least 14 years.

does not become eligible for release

1995 with four Russian pilots and a

Latvian pilot over an illegal arms

drop in the eastern Indian state of

West Bengal. They all received life

were released in July after authori-

ties in Moscow lobbied the Indian

government on their behalf.

others convicted with him.

Use of force

of the three foreiners were jeopar-

dised due to 'newspaper reports'

about payment of ransom. The

abductors are now demanding 'a

ransom of Tk one crore because they

Mikkelsen and Nills Hulggard of

said that the abductors had agreed

to free the hostages if they were

exempted from legal action in this

changed situation, the authorities

are now drawing a new strategy. Late

night strategy meetings chaired by

the minister were held at Rangamati

Circuit House yesterday and the day

Karwan Bazaar

other cattle markets in the city as

well. As a result, the roads near or

through the cattle markets of Naya

Banani and other places were simi-

The lack of civic amenities for

cattle traders, most of whom are

small traders or farmers from vil-

lages, was also felt. The vendors have

made sleeping arrangements in the

lessees did not arrange anything for

only the northeastern part of WASA

Bhaban for the cattle market at

Karwan Bazaar. There is, however,

no open space other than roads

used by trucks and other vehicles for

transporting essential goods for the

biggest kitchen market in the coun-

The DCC officially leased out

Bazaar, Hazaribagh, Azimpur,

one source pointed out.

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Sources said that in view of the

Denmark and Tim Selby of Britain.

The hostages are Torben

Kalparanjan Chakma had earlier

believed I received the ransom."

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He was arrested in December

The Russians and the Latvian

AFP, Kolkata

Peter Bleach, a Briton serving a life sentence in India for gun-running. has threatened to go on hunger strike if Britain fails to secure his release within two weeks.

In a written statement seen here Monday, Bleach said he had been forced into taking such a drastic step by the failure of the British authorities to get him freed -- despite appeals from British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook.

"If the British authorities fail to

Over 3000 cases

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Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) gathered the information | the fact that I am a British citizen." through the registrar of the Supreme Court aiming at fighting on the defence side of the distressed.

She said of around 3,500 cases 1,348, including some 228 cases of 1993, 199 of 1994, 189 of 1995 and 132 of 1996, are awaiting hearing.

BSEHR also requested the government to appoint lawyers for the defence so that the people can get justice and will not be languishing in jail year after year.

According to the report, 116,671 cases were under trial at the High Court as of October 31, 2000.

Of them, criminal cases are 48,965, writ cases 17,739, civil 48,908 and ancient civil cases 1,059.

Moreover, 4,609 cases were pending with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for appeal hearings, including 580 criminal

"There is no lawyer for all these appeal cases against the jailed accused," the report said.

Sky will clear FROM PAGE 12

Sylhet and Khulna divisions and one or two places in Chittagong and Barisal divisions. Rain/thundershower may

increase during the 48 hours beginning at 6 p.m. today, the forecast

Truck drivers'

FROM PAGE 1 involved in it.

As Mizan and some of his suplarly covered with faeces and hay. porters went to Begunbari area to catch Mony and Masum, he was taken to an isolated place on a plea.

Several supporters of Mizan later went to the Tejgaon police station at about 10 pm on Sunday to file a case. adjacent places on their own, as the Police filed a case three hours later, Mizan's supporters said.

Some local people saw Mizan's body lying near the Begunbari lake at about 7:30 am yesterday. Police recovered the body at about 9:30 am yesterday.

Mizan left behind his two wives, two daughters Shumi and Rumi and one son Babu.

A case was filed with Tejgaon police station but police could not arrest any one in connection with the killing.

AL move

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day as the anniversary of the fall of Khaleda government in 1996.

On the following day, the prime minister will address another meeting at the historic Osmany Udyan while inaugurating a monument being built at the site where the Pakistani occupation army had surrendered to an Indo-Bangladesh joint command on December 16,

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina apart, as many as nine other ministers are now in Saudi Arabia on account of the annual pilgrimage. They all would join the designated. groups for the countrywide tour programme.

officials said.

fourth GSMC (Global Standard for Mobile Communication) operation.

Eid-ul-Azha tomorrow

With just a day more to go for Eid-ul-Azha, commonly called the Qurbani Eid, people have not forgotten to buy

wooden chopping boards to sort the meat. These boards, seen in the picture, are being sold at prices ranging

FROM PAGE 1 ing for village homes to celebrate the

Eid with their near and dear ones.

To catch up with the rush of homebound people, Bangladesh secure my release on remission in accordance with Cook's request Railway and Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) within two weeks, I shall observe an have pressed special trains and Bleach is at present in jail in the launches into service. West Bengal capital, Kolkata, and

between Tk 30 to 140 each, at a market in Mohammadpur.

But still all transports leaving the city are seen overloaded, Buses and launches are charging much higher than normal fares. President Justice Shahabuddin

Ahmed and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina have given separate messages greeting the people on the occasion. In his message, the President said the unique example of sacrifice set

by Prophet Hazrat Ibrahim (RA) will

always inspire Muslims to sacrifice

one's interest for the sake of others. While the Russians had been Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina freed. Bleach said he had remained in prison "for no reason other than urged the people to share the joy of Eid-ul-Azha with each other. The Eid teaches us the spirit of sacrifice, Cook had written to his Indian which should help us build the counterpart Jaswant Singh in nation with tolerance and self-December, asking that Bleach be control, she said. accorded the same treatment as the

The trouble-torn world will

become an abode of peace for all if a BUET mosque will take place at 8.15 portion of the wealth of the rich is am. spent for the poor and achievements are shared, she said.

upon the people to be more careful to protect the environment by removing pollutants during the Eid. Leader of the Opposition in

Parliament and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia also greeted the people on the occasion. In a message she also urged the people to pray to Allah on the Eid-day so that the country is freed from 'misrule'.

released 250 under- trial prisoners Maidan, Port Stadium, Polo Ground, on the occasion of the Eid.

Eid-ul-Azha will be held at the National Eidgah Maidan in the city. Separate arrangement has been made for the women to say Eid Shershah Colony Maidan, Haji Saleh

8 am and 9 am. The Eid Jamaat at the Mosque.

In the city, Eid jamaat will also be held at Gulshan Central Mosque and The Prime Minister also called Eidgah at 7.30 am, at Abujar Gifaree College field at 8 am, SOS Shishu Palli Jame Mosque at 7,45 am and at Fakirbari Jame Mosque at 8.30 am.

The main Eid jamaat in Chittagong will be held at AM Aziz Stadium at 7.45 am. In case of inclement weather, the main Eid jamaat will be held at the Anderquillah Shahi Jame Masjid.

The places for Eid jamaat at 8 am The government meanwhile in the port city include Parade Shah Amanat (RA) Mosque, BSS adds: The main jamaat of Dampara Police Line Mosque, Nasirabad Housing Society Maidan. Sugandha Jummah Masjid, Chalitakhali Eidgah Maidan, High School Maidan, Chittagong Four Eid jamaats will be held at University Mosque, Dewanbazar (the Baitul Mukarram National and B Colony Mosque, Baitush Sharf Mosque at 7 am, 8 am, 9 am and 9.45 Jummah Mosque, Gousul Azam am. Other main Eid jamaats will be Jilani (RA) Mosque Maidan and held at Dhaka University Mosque at Mehedibag (CDA) Colony Jummah

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The opposition leader could easily spell out the time of her choice for the elections and thus demand for the government's resignation within that period. It is true that a consensus on early election should follow the resignation of the government since it's the prerogative of the party in power to announce an early

Conversely, the PM could also say that she was ready to resign and thus force the opposition to join an early election. Or, the PM could also offer a dialogue to decide on early polls.

of the Muslim faithful occurred at

A blaze at a Mina tent camp for

Muslims from 160 countries, to

cries of "Allah Akhbar" hurled

stones at the pillars yesterday as

Saudi authorities announced a

revised figure of 1.8 million pilgrims

Abdullah, in a message carried by

the official Saudi news agency SPA

before news of the tragedy emerged,

congratulated the pilgrims and

wished travellers from abroad a safe

crush, elderly pilgrims had ahead

start Sunday night on the stoning

As part of measures to avoid a

return to their countries.

King Fahd and Crown Prince

around 8:00 am local time.

for this year's Hajj.

pilgrims in 1997 cost 343 lives.

But why are the two sides not "All avenues were explored to narrowing down the gap while they renew contact with the abductors, are speaking for the same? What

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prompted Hasina to come up with face of a mass movement. can bring about an end to the dead- the offer for early election? And, Besides, AL leaders claim to be lock by accepting the other's offer, what made Khaleda side step the better prepared for the next general issue? These are the crucial questions pricking the public mind.

War of words to shroud hidden agenda?

believes that Khaleda is not ready for an early election or an election volunteered by the ruling party through peaceful hand-over of power. By rejecting the PM's offer, the opposition leader has once again proved that she prefers an election only after winning her

learnt to be of the opinion that success in the anti-government agitation would help the party win the election and that's why, it is stressing more on a forced resignation of the Hasina government in the March 21 and AL on March 30.

pass through the area.

appeared before them.

stones each at the devil when he

After Sunday's climax to the

last sermon 14 centuries ago, the lifetime.

pilgrimage at Mount Arafat, where

pilgrims moved to Muzdalifah to

election than the BNP and its partners are. The BNP-led opposition According to AL sources, Hasina alliance is yet to settle the dispute over sharing of seats in the election. By offering an early election, the AL is trying to take this advantage.

With the combined opposition planning to give an ultimatum to the government to stand down and the ruling party preparing to frustrate the opposition scheme, the politics battle to topple the government, the over election is set to witness a significant development later this Likewise, many in the BNP are month. Both parties are expected to come up with major disclosures as regards the election, of course, in line with their respective hidden agendas when they will hold big public rallies in the capital -- BNP on

Stampede kills 35 at Mina

Before the stampede, Saudi

incidents during this year's Hajj,

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persons were killed and 10 injured in A total of 1.364 million pilgrims The site at Mina in present-day have travelled from abroad for this

The dead were identified as Shafiqul Islam, 32, Kohinoor

Ibrahim, his wife and their son million in 2000 and 1.056 million in Ismail are said to have thrown seven 1999, according to Saudi authorities. They joined 441,000 pilgrims living in the kingdom for the Hajj which is one of the five pillars of Islam. Every able-bodied Muslim 1.8 billion Muslims prayed for for- with the financial means is required hospital giveness at the site of Mohammad's to make the Hajj at least once in a

> Bahubal health complex. Police seized both vehicles but

the drivers fled.

of sadar upazila was killed when he was run over by a tempo on Shaestaganj-Deondi road yesterday.

Indian press takes up Mahmud Ali's

BSS, Kolkata

issue

Leading Indian newspapers and current affairs websites have joined their counterparts in Bangladesh in exposing BBC's Bengali Service chief Syed Mahmud Ali's role in the 1975 coup.

The most detailed exposure appeared in India Today's online site. This is the site that had first scooped the detailed findings of the Hamoodur Rehman Commission of Pakistan. They also followed up their initial expose by taking on board the BBC World Service's reaction, but described the reaction as "weak and feeble."

The online paper detailed Ali's career as a military officer and beefed up its report by interviewing some BBC Bengali staffers in London.

The reports in this website, the most popular news website in India, saw "enough justification" behind Bangladesh government's demand to the BBC to remove Ali so that he could face investigations in view of his confessions during an interview published in the "Janakantha."

Both Kolkata's Ananda Bazar Patrika, India's largest single edition newspaper and the multi-edition Times of India ran detailed stories on Ali. They quoted Bangladesh Foreign Ministry sources as saying the government was dead serious about pursuing the demand to have Ali sacked and referred extensively to the interview published in the Janakantha.

Ershad's bail

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the Dhaka Central Jail and chanted slogans to welcome their leader. Some JP leaders took the High Court bail order to the District Magistrate at 1:30pm to process Ershad's release. Before the release process could be completed, the Supreme Court issued the stay order. Jail sources said, as frustrated JP

workers started leaving the area at 3:00pm, Ershad asked jail employees why there was no more slogans outside. They informed Ershad that he was not being released and that was why his supporters were leav-Ershad was sentenced to five

years in jail along with a fine of Tk 5.5 crore, or six months more in prison on failing to pay. Since he has completed three months in jail from November 23, he attempted to get released by paying half of the fine.

On March 1, after the JP had paid a fine of Tk 2.75 crore for Ershad's release, the District Magistrate issued a one-month detention on Ershad. It followed a move by Ershad's lawyers to obtain a bail.

Vienna remains FROM PAGE 12

Europe, diplomatic sources pointed

Norway's has a fully-fledged

resident mission in Dhaka. Hungary, however, in 1998 closed down its chancery citing 'budgetary restraints' although some diplomatic observers said Dhaka's failure to open a mission or a trade office in Budapest as an act of 'mutual reciprocity' may have led to the closure. Bangladesh, after the opening of

the Male mission, now has resident missions in all the SAARC countries. Presently, it has 48 resident

Road mishaps

a bus-truck collision at Bargaon in Kanaimura hilly area on Dhaka-Sylhet highway at 11am yesterday

Begum, 22, and Peara Begum, 31. Peara Begum from Harigram in

Dhaka district died on the spot while Shafiq, a security department employee of Osmani Airport and Kohinoor, wife of DIG's guard Mustafa Kamal, died on way to The injured were taken to

Another report said: Noor

Hossain, 50, of Brahmandora village

8 West Bengal Cong MPs defect to Trinamool

KOLKATA, Reuters

Eight state legislators from Congress party have defected to a regional ally of the federal government in West Bengal, adding to a string of national and local problems for the party.

The eight switched from India's largest opposition group on Sunday to the Trinamool Congress of Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee, an ally of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Political analysts say this and

Congress in forthcoming elections in five states. Trinamool Congress is the main challenger to the 24-year-old communist regime in West Bengal,

other problems boded ill for

elections are due in April. "We are happy. Those who have left the Congress are the true anti-Left forces," said a spokesman of the Trinamool Congress, which itself

The latest blow to Congress comes after an opposition bid to oppose the government's sale of a state-owned aluminium company was roundly defeated in parliament last week, and the party's poor performance in state by-elections last month.

electoral alliance in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, where legislative assembly elections are also due next month. Media reports say the powerful regional party, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam

(AIADMK), has offered just five of

bling in its attempts to work out an

Congress has also been stum-

Tamil Nadu's 234 state electoral seats to Congress. where crucial legislative assembly A meeting was being held in Madras, the capital of Tamil Nadu, on Monday to sort out the seat-

The ruling party in Tamil Nadu, broke away from Italian-born Sonia the regional Dravida Munnetra Gandhi's Congress party four years Kazhagam, is allied with the BJP in the federal government.

5 get 15 yrs RI for snatching in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

14 years rigorous imprisonment and fined Taka one lakh each, in default to suffer one year more under Public Safety Act on Sunday. They were sentenced for snatch-

Five young men were sentenced to

ing money and gold ornaments worth Tk 1.75 lakh at gun point from fish trader Shaikh Habibur Rahman on Khulna-Satkhira road on the early morning of the July 24 last year. The convicts are Khalil, Ripon,

Hasan, Nasir and Ashik. They are professional muggers. The Tribunal Judge Anisur

Rahman Khan delivered judgement.

Trawler loot in Shitalakhya:

One arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

sharing issue.

Police arrested a person on Sunday night in connection with the death of 16 sacrificial animals in the river

The animals drowned in the river near Bandar thana in Narayanganj when armed miscreants sank a

Jimkhana cattle market as it was declared illegal by the Narayanganj Pourashava.

to continue peace process

AFP, Colombo

cess, bogged down over a ceasefire,

on Sunday met with Kumaratunga overnight and held talks with the island's main opposition leader Ranil Wickremesinghe Monday. He would return to Norway on Tuesday, the sources said.

"He is trying to bridge the differinsisting on a truce before talks.

said that a ceasefire could be disquestion of a truce or a de-

Hostage drama

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A press release issued from the Operations Room at the Circuit House said efforts continued to free the hostages -- Torban, Tim and

appealed to the media not to indulge in speculation. Meanwhile, the minister has

directed Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Abu Haidar Sardar to initiate legal action against the daily Janakantha, one of the papers which reported payment of a ransom of Tk one crore for release of the foreign-

escalation of the military conflict before that. Solheim's latest mission to Colombo follows Britain's recent

ban on the LTTE. The Tigers had earlier warned they would pull out of talks if Britain proscribed them under new anti-

terrorism laws that went into effect from February 19. The LTTE in a statement following the ban said that although there were now constraints imposed on

them they were committed to remaining in the peace process and were supportive of Norway's efforts. Nevertheless, Tiger supremo Velupillai Prabhakaran had reportedly told his supporters that they should spare no expense to have the ban lifted in Britain where they

tariat." Kumaratunga late last month raised hopes of early negotiations between her government and the LTTE saying there could be talks

maintain their "international secre-

11 killed in truck accident in India

within about two months.

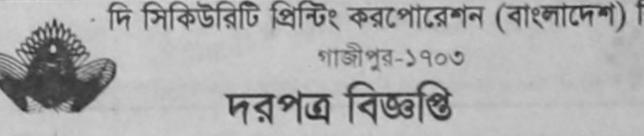
AFP, New Delhi

Eleven people were killed Monday and four others injured when their truck overturned in Kurnool district of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, the Press Trust of India

The truck toppled over after the

The news agency said 15 people, belonging to a community of fishermen, were travelling on the truck to a nearby lake.

ভারিখ:২৮/০২/২০০১ইং



পি ভরিউ ডি/এম ই এস ফ্যাসিলিটিজ ডিপার্টমেন্ট ও অন্যান্য সরকারী এবং আধা-সরকারী স্বায়ন্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানের তালিকাভুক্ত পূর্ত নির্মাণ কাজে অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন ঠিকাদারদের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত কাজের জনা সীলমোহরকত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে কাজের নামঃ প্রেস ভবনের দক্ষিণ দিকের সীমানা প্রাচীর নির্মাণকরণ কাজ (২য় পর্যায়)। অুুুুুর্বা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ নিম্নলিখিত শুর্ত সাপেকে সিডিউলে ক্রুয় করিতে পারিবেনঃ

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: 02/08/200588 দরখান্ত ও দলিলাদি

এবং দরপত্র জয়া দেওয়ার তারিখ সময়

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দরপত্র দাখিল সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত নিয়মাবলী ও শতাদি দরপত্রের ভিতরে সন্ত্রিবেশিত রহিয়াছে। বোর্ড ক্রম, দি সিকিউরিটি প্রিন্টিং করপোরেশন (বাংলাদেশ) निः, गाञीभूत-১१०७।

(অফেরতযোগ্য)

কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করিবার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। মোসলেম জালী

Launches still carry passengers beyond their capacity When contacted, leaders of Mannan llias was seen active in the Faruque, secretary general of Matlab in Chandpur, M V FROM PAGE 1 required safety gears, life buoys and Bangladesh Launch Malik Samity evening on Sunday. He ordered Consumers Association of Madhukhali heading for Moralganj

such other things.

22 directed Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) and other authorities concerned to take necessary measures as per law to pre-

directed to immediately ensure that the vessels are equipped with adequate number of life buoys and such Bhandaria, Asha-Jaoa bound for festivals. So it is no use trying to crore. So we do not want to take risk other things. The HC issued the directives Barguna, Sagar-15 and 5 bound for section of officials of BIWTA and

vessels, especially before the Eid. launch, Jalkapot-II. The authorities were also

Bangladesh (CAB), with legal assis- in Bagerhat and MV Panama bound denied that the vessels were plying The High Court (HC) on February tance from Bangladesh for Hatiya. Environmental Lawyers Association

vent overloading of passenger Meghna when hit by another BIWTAofficials and those at ports."

following a writ filed by Qauzi Barisal, M V Baishpur going to BIWTCgetshare of our profits"

overloaded. Abul Hossain, supervisor of a One of them, G M Sarwar, of it. launch Asha-Jaoa told this correclaimed, "There is no record that At least 204 people were killed on spondent, "We have instructions any launch accident occurred due to offload excess passengers and get the night before the Eid-ul-Fitr in from our owner to take maximum overloading. In fact, the more pas-December last as an overloaded number of passengers. Our extra sengers avessel carries, the more it is ties concerned before their deparlaunch Rajhangshi sank in the earning is also shared by a section of balanced."

ritual. Yesterday each group of mark Ibrahim's willingness to sacri-

western Saudi Arabia is where year's Hajj pilgrimage up from 1.267

gather stones unloaded there by Arabia had reported no serious

the pilgrims also sacrificed sheep, were free of disaster amid a tighten-

goats, camels and cattle for yester- ing of security measures since the

day's start of the feast of Al-Azha to Mina stampede of 1998.

Like Muslims around the world, following two previous years that

200,000 was allowed one hour to fice his son for Allah.

His colleague Monir Chowdhury An employee another vessel -- said, "The authorities do not go for power to enforce the laws but we are Some of the vessels which were Sagar-15-- said, "This is the business any supervision. Rather, we are trying our best," he said. seen overloaded on Sunday are season and we make maximum interested in preventing overload-Tarika-2 bound for Pirojpur via profit before and after the two Eid ing as each vessel costs about Tk one Charduani, Belayet heading for prevent us from overloading. A bynot following safety rules."

Marine Court's Magistrate Abdul nal.

police personnel to make the pontoon free of vendors occupying most Ilias also asked launch operators

ture.

However, the country's only in different routes from the termi-

"We don't have sufficient man-

The Shipping Secretary, officials of BIWTA and BIWTC, the Port and Traffic Director visited the terminal. Over 500 passenger launches ply

trawler carrying the cattle and some traders from the town's Jimkhana cattle market in the early hours of Saturday. The arrested person is Khalid Hasan, son of Manjur Hasan of the town's Paikpara area. Meanwhile, police shut down the

Norwegian envoy urges Chandrika

Norway's special envoy. Erik Solheim, held talks with President Chandrika Kumaratunga in a bid to push Sri Lanka's fragile peace pro-

diplomatic sources said Monday. Solheim who arrived in Colombo

ences between the two sides to clear the way for an early meeting," a diplomatic source here said amid reports that separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were

The Colombo government had cussed at talks but there was no

The authorities have also

driver lost control of the vehicle.

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