# Pak businessmen invited to open joint ventures

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia vesterday invited Pakistani businessmen to invest and open joint ventures in

There is an ample scope for investment in the polyester and bamboo-and-cane industries and in the light engineering sector where the Pakistani investors can take the advantage of attractive incentives.

she said. The offer was given when visiting Pakistani Commerce Minister Abdul Razak Daud made a courtesy call on the prime minister at her office

yesterday afternoon. There is an immense potential for shoring up regional trade in the spirit of SAARC forum, Khaleda pointed out. "The SAARC membercountries have the scope to increase bilateral business which

will enhance regional trade.' Showing keen interest in business and trade partnerships. Daud assured that Pakistani businessmen would come forward to help

grow light industries in Bangladesh. The Pakistani minister suggested that cooperation in service sectors like banking, insurance, medical education and cargo shipping between the two countries be

Referring to his meeting with his Bangladeshi counterpart, the Pakistani minister informed that they had focused on strengthening of bilateral trade relationship to the

mutual benefit of the two countries Daud apprised the prime minister that Bangladesh had requested for duty-free access of 21 items to the Pakistan market to reduce trade imbalance now with a slight tilt to

Apart from tea and jute, which top the list of proposed exports, the

### Winter

FROM PAGE 1 Satkhira during the next 48 hours

beginning at 6pm yesterday. The night temperature may fall slightly across the country today, the met office said, adding that light rain or drizzle are likely at a few places over Rajshahi, Khulna, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places of Barisal and Chittagong

In Dhaka City, a thick shroud of fog and an overcast sky blanketed the sun almost throughout the day, and occasional drizzles with winds swept down the metropolis.

Streets wore a deserted look as

many rickshaws stayed off the road and people mostly stayed indoors. The few rickshawpullers who braved the weather charged high Auto-rickshaw drivers also

reaped a bonanza, taking advantage of the situation. Street side tea vendors did a brisk business.

The city had a total of 5mm rain till 6pm yesterday. Rajshahi had

10mm, Chuadanga 11mm, Tangail 8mm, Bogra 6mm, Dinajpur 2mm, Khulna 3mm. Jessore 8mm and Sylhet had 4mm of rain. Our correspondent from

Narayanganj adds that the rain and cold disrupted normal life and business at the river port and industrial town yesterday. Drizzles continued in the evening forcing people to stay

items include pharmaceutical products, leather and leather goods,

wires and cables The Pakistani commerce minister assured the Bangladesh side of import of more tea, jute, leather and

ceramic and melamine crockery,

pharmaceutical products from here. During the meeting with the prime minister, Daud appreciated the quality of Bangladeshi garments and said this sector was doing even hetter than Pakistan's and still had great potentialities

The two sides stressed exchange of visits by representatives of the chambers of the two

The two sides, during the talks, agreed to increase exchange of

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Muhmud Chowdhury, State Minister for Commerce Barkatullah Bulu and Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Dr Kamaluddin Siddiqui were pres-

Pakistani High Commissioner to Dhaka Igbal Ahmed Khan was on

the other side. Khaleda through the Pakistani minister invited Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf to a visit to

### Young man shot dead in Kushtia

**IU CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia** 

Terrorists shot dead a youngman in front of the general hospital here

yesterday morning Witnesses said Mizanur Rahman Manu, 30, was taking tea at a stall when some gunmen came to the spot and shot him point blank.

The killers then walked away as none intercepted them. All shops and business houses in the area remained closed following

the incident. Police later arrested one Alep in

this connection. UNB quoting police said, a long time cadre of Gano Bahini of JSD, Manu recently associated with underground Sramajibi Mukti Andolan. They suspect that his

rivals within the party killed him. An accused in six criminal cases, including murder, Manu got bail

AL, BNP clash

and Jativatabadi Jubo Dal workers - Golam Murtaza and Sohel Rana. The incident took place at noon

en a group of I GFD co belonging to the AL protested the sudden postponement of the lottery to allocation of 32 construction works estimated at Tk 3.75 crore. The BNP contractors brandish-

ing firearms captured the LGED Bhaban and drove the AL contractors away. Later, some BNP cadres

attacked the chamber of Advocate Hanif Ali Sheikh on the court premises, where some AL contractors took shelter. The attackers hurled bombs at the chamber, leaving Hanif injured. They beat the AL activists up with the batons grabbed from the policemen present there. Later, the police sealed the

chamber following an allegation that the AL activists concealed firearms inside the chamber. Four persons were arrested.

### **AL: Join JS session** pate in parliamentary standing committees' meetings. He men-

"We must attend parliament proceedings, but government's actions and attitude keep us away from the House. The government has to restore an atmosphere in which the opposition can play their role parliament," Opposition Chief Whip Abdus Shahid told newsmen after a three-and half hour meeting of

"Harassment of opposition leaders by filing false cases is still on," he said. Thousands of opposition leaders and activists cannot stay at their homes due to police harassment and repression by ruling party-men. Many other people are also not being spared, he

The ALPP meeting observed that the government has deprived the people of their fundamental rights by 'pressurising' both private and state-run electronic media not to air

the Opposition Leader's address to In reply to a question, Abdus Shahid said the ALPP meeting formed two committees to give reports on government-backed 'torture and repression' and 'sack-

ing' of government officials 'without

Abdul Hamid heads the committee on 'torture and repression'. It would visit places where 'massive torture and repression' have taken place and then report to the party. Responding to another question,

tioned that the chief whip of the House in a letter sought names of AL representatives in the committees. According to the Treasury Bench

proposal, AL would get one member in an eight-member committee, two in a 10-member committee and three in a 12 to 15 member one.

The ALLP also expressed concern over 'deterioration' of law and order. It said the government move to 'release 35, 000 convicts' will worsen law and order.

### Textbooks

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Earlier, a taskforce headed by State Minister for Education Ehsanul Hug Milon and Deputy Minister Abdus Salam Pintu was formed to monitor printing and distribution of text-

Last year, the NCTB awarded the printing of about eight crore textbooks of primary and secondary levels to Free Press, Shuktara and Pustaka sister concerns of Beximco Group -- which failed to

deliver them even three months after the deadline. The delay forced students to use old books collected from their seniors or from old book markets and many schools had to defer their

Shipu murder case

The people of the market took the manager Abul Kamal Azad and Shipu to Metropolitan Hospital for treatment and later the victim Shipu was shifted to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) where he (victim) died at about 1:30 am, Ishtiaque

The witness further told the court that he came to know about the incident from the manager, shopowners and other people of the market and filed a murder case with Gulshan thana accusing three people including Jewel, son of former Awami League MP Kamal Ahmed Majumder, the following day.

The victim Shipu also told the complainant and other people at the hospital that the accused Shafiul Alam, Zobayer and Jewel went to the shop for the same intention, the

witness said. The witness further said, the bloodstained shirts and pants of the accused -- Shafiul, Shaikat and Zobayer -- were recovered from the residence of another accused. Sagar. Later the witness identified the three accused -- Kazi Sharif Ahmed Saikat, Kazi Arif Ahmed

Sagar and Joy Hasib in the dock. Accused Saikat, Sagar and Jov were present at the court but three others -- Jewel, Zobayer and Shafiul Alam -- have been absconding since the incident.

Iftekher Ahmed Shipu, 38, a mobile phone trader at UAE Market in the citv's Banani area was shot dead on the night of May 24, 2000.

Advocate Mahbub Ahmed and Shamim Ahsan appeared for the

the Dhaka International Leather Fair 2002.

Bitter pills FROM PAGE 1

accused.

base, reforming the taxation policy, having in place an energy pricing policy to increase fuel prices from time to time, reforming public expenditure and revenue and putting in place a regulatory body to fix power and gas tariff by passing an electricity act and a gas act.

The cabinet will also look at proposals to set up the Patenga port terminal, make telecom tariff competitive by eliminating the govern-

ment control Sources said the list prepared by a committee headed by Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmed Khan reflects on many of the World Bank's

Morphine FROM PAGE 1 have licences to manufacture the

drug in Bangladesh. When contacted, an official of the Gonosasthya Pharmaceuticals at Savar said the production of the drug has been stopped since December last year. However, he said the company would soon go into commercial production. Currently, the drug is being manufactured on a trial basis.

Dhaka Medical College Hospital and National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease, which are major users of the drug, said the supply has run out. Some other hospitals in the city have echoed

#### Attack on US office FROM PAGE 12

in Hazaribag, was being run by a Dubai-based Indian, Aftab Ansari, who he said is also known as Farhan

Pandey alleged that Ansari "operated this terrorist module in conjunction with Harkat-ul Jehad-e-Islami and Lashkar-e-Tayyaba. which Pandev said are two Pakistan-

based terrorist groups. It was the first mention by Indian officials of any alleged participation in the Kolkata attack by Lashkar-e-Tavvaba, one of the main Pakistanbased militant groups fighting to separate Kashmir from India and merge it with Pakistan.

The Pakistan government and Harkat-ul Jehad-e-Islami denied India's allegations last week that they were involved in the attack on the American Center.

AFP adds: Earlier Indian Home Minister LK Advani said today that two Pakistani nationals had been arrested in connection with the recent attack on the American cultural centre in Kolkata.

The two suspects were arrested on Sunday night in the northern state of Jharkand. "Both the accused were injured

while they attempted to flee and have been hospitalised," Advani was quoted as saying by the Press Trust "Both are Pakistani nationals," he

added.

### Lagos explosion

FROM PAGE 12 from the scene of the explosions independent radio stations reported.

Lagos State Police Commissioner Mike Okilo said panicked residents had jumped and driven into the canal as they fled the blasts at the Ikeja military base Sunday evening. But he had no information on the number of people

killed or injured. Dozens of explosions, which began shortly before 6:00 pm. Sunday, sent a fireworks display of artillery ammunition hundreds of

metres (yards) into the sky. The blasts, which shook the city's northern neighbourhoods and broke some windows at the international airport 10 kilometres away, continued into the early morning hours.



Models wearing leathers participate in a catwalk on the closing ceremony of

## Mob takes law in hand again

oblige and at one stage, the miscreants fired on them. Hit by bullets in his hands and the neck, Arju collapsed on the ground, the witness

Meanwhile, some BD Corporation employees, who had gone to the bank to withdraw money, watched the incident. They along with some bank staff and other people chased the gang, who tried to speed towards the Shapla Chattar. But people from the opposite side of the road also chased the

alleged muggers into an alley near Sonali Bank Head Office. Chased by another mob, the miscreants tried to make an exit through Gulistan. But when they reached the road between the Biman Bhaban and BIWTC building,

they were caught. Angry people started beating the three, while others set fire to the motorbike, witnesses added. At one stage, they tossed the suspected muggers onto the burning motorbike. Two of the muggers were roasted alive, while the other succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital

The mob also did not allow

Minister's Office Abdul Majid with

contractual appointments for two

years, five for one year, one for three

years, and two others for indefinite

periods whose extent will be

Lt. Commander (Retd) Saiful

Islam, son of one of the elder sisters

of the PM, has been appointed as

Private Secretary-2 to the Prime

Minister. His contract period would

Khadija Khanom, a retired major

of the army's nursing department,

has been appointed as the PM's

Protocol Officer. She is also the wife

of the PM's Assistant Private

Secretary-1 Shamsul Alam. Her

contractual appointment will also

Other officials with contractual

appointments in different govern-

ment offices, corporations, institu-

last as long as the PM desires.

also be at the PM's discretion.

decided by the PM.

Of the 30 officials, 22 were given

of Motijheel Police Station who also carried out the inquest report, told The Daily Star, "We are sure that the

three were muggers as a revolver and some money were found on their person.' Asked why the police could not save the three, he said. "A huge crowd gathered around the (suspected) muggers and we were short of personnel. So, we could not act

timely to save the three from the grip Fire fighters were also late to arrive at the spot and douse the flame, another police sub-inspector said. Moreover, had the firemen arrived in time, in all probability they would not have been allowed to do

their job, as the mob was hell-bent

on punishing the suspected mug-

gers, he said "Mugging businessmen in the presence of police in the busy Motiiheel commercial area is a common phenomenon. At the same spot the day before, muggers took away Tk 4 lakh from a man," an employee of a Motijheel firm said.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Mohammad Abdul Quiyum told The Daily Star

Abbasi, DG of Shilpakala Academy,

Foundation, Mahmudur Rahman,

Executive Chairman of Investment

Board, Amanullah Kabir, Managing

Director of BSS news agency,

Taimur Alam Khandaker, Chairman

of BRTC, Dr Jahan Ara, Director of

Shishu Academy, Nur Mahal Islam,

**Executive Director of Jatiya Mohila** 

Sangstha, Zubaida Gulshan Ara,

Chairman of Shishu Academy, Dr

AZM Iftekher-ul-Awal, DG of

National Museum, Brigadier

General (Retd) M Mofizur Rahman,

Chairman of BEPZA, Mohammad

Zunaid, Chairman of Dhaka

Education Board, Sultan Mahmud

that it was unfortunate that three were murdered without trial although police tried their best to

New mancha FROM PAGE 1
Hayat, who was then home secre-

"Janatar Mancha".

Mancha.

tary, was one of the pioneers of the

termination of and stern legal action

against the serving secretaries, who

expressed solidarity with the

It said incumbent Home Secre-

tary Dr Sadat Hussain, Health

Secretary Fazlur Rahman, Cabinet

Secretary Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Com-

munications Secretary Sved Rezaul

Hayat, Information Secretary Syed

Marghub Murshed, Agriculture

Secretary Ayub Kaderi, Chairman of

Sonali Bank Ayubur Rahman

Chairman of Agrani Bank Dr ATM

Shamsul Huda, Chairman of

Employment Bank Syed Ameer-ul-

Mulk and Advisor to the Prime

Minister Mofazzel Karim had joined

actions taken against mid-ranking

officials and low-income employees

on charge of joining "Janatar

Mancha" until the top brasses are

action against and termination of

services of 35 secretaries including

the then cabinet secretary Ayubu

Rahman for organising the Mancha.

ence by the prime minister for

The meeting was addressed, among others, by ABM Salehuddin

Khan, Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tajul

Islam Mia, Subashis Roy, Mahbub

Hossain, Enamul Haq Akand, Foyez

Ahmed, Arshad Ali, Nazrul Islam

and Matiur Rahman Patwari.

It demanded immediate interfer-

The meeting demanded legal

It urged the government to cancel

the "Janatar Mancha".

removed.

ensuring justice.

The forum demanded immediate

"People became very angry as the muggers fired indiscriminately on them, and when they ran out of bullets the mob caught and killed

Another senior DMP officer said the three suspected muggers were tied with the motorbike and set on

An employee of BD Corporation, who witnessed the incident, said five men on two motorbikes swooped on his colleagues. Three

were burned to death, while the rest

fled the scene

Where did the loot go? Meanwhile, a controversy has arisen over the recovery of money. Initially, police said they recovered Tk 50,000 from the muggers. Later, Motijheel police said they recovered only Tk 2,500, while SB sources said police recovered Tk 32,000. Yet another senior police officer said all the money was burnt in the flame.

At least 35 people were beaten to death by mobs in and around the capital in the last two months.

Rahim, DG of NSI, Mostafa Zaman appointments to a total of 206

ment could give contractual appointments to retired government servants under the article 5 (3) of the Public Servant (Retirement) Act of

He said contractual appoint-

officials at different levels.

ments are basically given to people who are skilled and have expertise in various development projects. Moreover, there is a shortage of The official said that although the

He said the government could also cancel the contractual appoint-

ments at any time if the appointees are found to have violated the conditions of the contract or if it is deemed necessary for public inter-

### UK may deport thousands of Afghan

Thousands of Afghan asylumseekers in Britain may be ordered to return home now that the oppressive Taliban regime has been ousted, the Independent newspaper reported yesterday. Immigration Minister Jeffrey

Rooker told the paper that

Afghanistan was becoming a safe country which could take back people who had previously been seeking refuge. "Afghans, month in, month out, are in the top three of people coming here to claim asylum. Nine times out

of ten, they are young single men and they have been fleeing the Taliban the Taliban's not there anymore now are they?" said

Rooker. He added that asylum claims

were being examined on a case-bycase basis, using the same criteria employed to determine the status of refugees from the breakaway Yugoslav province of Kosovo "Most of them (Kosovars) have

gone back, they have been returned because of stability and nation building. Afghanistan will be in that position," Lord Rooker told the

NHA changes plan

# Flats, not plots to be sold at Mohammadpur

The National Housing Authority (NHA) has decided to construct flats, changing its earlier plan of distributing plots at Mohammadpur

in the city. A proposal in this regard was sent to the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council for

its approval, sources said. Acting Chairman of NHA Abu Saveed told the news agency that the authorities after a thorough examination cancelled the earlie plan of allotting plots and decided to build flats at Mohammadpur (F

Block) and sell them to the people of fixed-income bracket. He said those who applied for the

plots before would be able to buy the flats on the basis of their interest. In 1997, as many as 30,000 people applied for 150 plots in the F Block. Later, the NHA decided to build flats instead of distributing plots. Meanwhile, many applicants took their security money back for

the delay in taking the final decision

exchange

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been decided to build 720 flats under the project with 300 of 1,000

square feet (SFT) and the remaining 420 of 800 SFT each. The sources said that total cost of the project is estimated at Tk 104 crore 46 lakh 21 thousand. The estimated price of each of the 1,000-SFT flats will be Tk 17 lakh 72 thou-

sand, while the 800-SFT flats will be Tk 14 lakh 71 thousand. A summary of the revised project containing a proposal for allocation of Tk 3 crore in the Annual Development Plan (ADP) has

already been sent to the ministry concerned, the sources said. The sources said illegal slums,

which could not be evicted from the project area have been a big problem in implementing the project.

The NHA has taken up more projects to ease the housing problem in the city. The projects include construction of 500 flats at Lalmatia 648 flats at Mirpur for the wage

9 of Mirpur, the sources said

### Power

technical activities and other issues. The Asian Development Bank will

present a paper on regional energy activities. Secretaries and high officials of energy, power and planning ministries of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka will participate in the meet to be addressed by Commerce Minister

and State Minister for Energy Mosharraf Hussain, among others. "We are trying to build a network among the professionals dealing with the same type of issues, Beckman told journalists yesterday, adding that SARI brought together some 500 professionals of the

Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury.

US Ambassador Mary Ann Peters

region. He noted that apex business groups like the federations of business chambers of the participating countries were also involved in the

Giving a brief background of SARI, Robert W Beckman said the USAID have been giving assistance to energy related projects in the region for a long time. Three years ago, it felt that it was time to promote regional cooperation in energy sector for the benefit of these coun-

The first meeting ended with a decision to proceed with the SARI project, the second one agreed on work plans for cooperation, while the third decided to pursue a couple of specific activities including undertaking a pre-feasibility study for power exchange.

Beckman said the study aims at analysing technical and economic feasibility of power exchange among these four countries.

"We are aware of the political tension among the countries in the region," he said. "But there are many instances of successful regional cooperation among countries having political tension among them. The people involved in SARI\Energy are also aware of the regional conflicts, but they are guided by a certain vision.'

Representatives from the ADB the USAID, the US State Department for Energy, the US Department of State, the US Asia Environmental Partnership Academy for Educational Development, Nextant, Core International, the US Energy Association and Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu will also participate.

# New e-mail bug

earners and 10,000 flats at Section

'My Party'

REUTERS, London A new computer bug that tries to trick computer users into clicking on a virus-infected Web link masquerading as party photos

emerged in Asia yesterday morning and began spreading to Europe, computer experts said. The so-called 'My Party' worm, which is not considered destructive, spreads by infiltrating popular e-mail software

Microsoft Windows Address

Book and Outlook Express Database. The worm emails itself to every person in an infected users' email log making it look as if the worm comes from a col-

league or friend, experts said. Anti-virus specialist Trend Micro gave it a medium risk rating. Security firms said that compared with past email worms, such as Nimda and Sircam, the number of reported "My Party" infections thus far is

The virus arrives as an email with the subject line "newphotos from my party!" It contains an innocuous looking file attachment called www.myparty.yahoo.com. A message in the body of the email reads: "Hello! My party... It was absolutely amazing! I have attached my web page with new

moderate.

Thanks! Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant for Sophos Anti-Virus, said because it carries what appears to be an authentic link from the popular Web portal Yahoo and appears to come from a colleague or friend, the worm has the poten-

photos! If you can please make

color prints of my photos.

As of 1200 GMT, Sophos received reports of infection from corporate clients and academic institutions in Asia, the Middle East and Europe

tial to spread quickly.

Sophos has devised a patch http://www.sophos.com/virus

info/analyses/w32mypartya.htm

## PM may address

unknown reasons

The sources also indicated that there are some differences among some BNP leaders about the message and content of the speech. They said a few days ago some

senior BNP leaders, including party secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain. Haris Chowdhurv and Nazrul Islam Khan in presence of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gave necessary directions to her speechwriters about the content of the speech. As per their directions, the

the speech and later sent it to the editor of a Bangla weekly for the purposes of editing, and then it was again sent back to the Prime Minister's Office. The Prime Minister is now herself examining the draft of the speech.

speechwriters prepared a draft of

which will be recorded by BTV after her final approval. BTV sources said they are yet to get any instruction from the PMO about the recording. Preferring anonymity, a leader

who was present during drafting of the speech, told The Daily Star vesterday that the BNP leaders differed on the issues of whether the speech should adopt a modest tone about achievements and whether there should be a call for the opposition to join the parliament. A hard-line BNP leader present

during the discussion was strongly opposed to making any appeal to the opposition and wanted projects

that were initiated by the previous government but inaugurated by the present government to be also included in the speech as government successes. Khaleda Zia however opposed

the idea and advised that there must

be an appeal to the opposition as

well as the people. She also refused

to take credit for the previous government's programmes that were inaugurated either by herself or her ministers since the 4-party government assumed power. Finally, it was decided that there would be an appeal for the opposi-

tion to join the upcoming Jatiya Sangsad session beginning January 31. Sources said the Prime Minister in her speech may not claim any success regarding improvement in

the field of law and order, but she

would inform the nation about the in this regard. would be mention of the progress rates of various programmes that

yet to reach completion.

Meanwhile, the government has

have already been launched but are

#### relentless efforts of her government Source said there would be mention of success stories of programmes implemented in the 100-day timeframe. Besides, there

yet to take any decision about the much-speculated second round of 100-day programme. Sources said another round of similar 100-day programme is unlikely.

## MBBS doctors

Contracts galore

to provide free medicare to at least four or five people a day on an

"Only you have such scope for sacrifice for the welfare of humanity.

individual level.

various democratic struggles by physicians, Khaleda Zia remembered martyrs with deep respect, including Dr Shamsul Alam Milon.

The PM said she is confident that physicians would come forward with the same spirit as when they particinated in democratic movement, in order to help successfully implement her government's plédges to ensure modern health services in remote areas.

Arafat and Dr Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad for their excellent accomplishments. Health Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister Amanulla Aman, Health Secretary

Mohammad Fazlur Rahman, VC of

BSMMU Prof M A Hadi and president of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons Prof A K M Mahbubur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Speaker FROM PAGE 12

Development Board.

Shahid with whom he had talks on different occasions recently. "I can assure that I will remain impartial in running the House. I will entertain the Opposition Leader's request for the floor and will not switch off her microphone unless

the House Leader seeks the floor,'

the Speaker emphasised

eagerness to join parliament ses-

sion. He mentioned the names of

Abdus Samad Azad, Mohammad

Jalil, Mohammad Nasim and Abdus

About the formation of parliamentary standing committees, Sircar said the main opposition party has been given its due share in those committees. The opposition lawmakers would be accommodated in such committees as per their strength in the House. discrimination will be made in this regard," he said. When his attention was drawn to

longed abstention from the House, Sircar who was elected Speaker by the BNP-led alliance, said the then speaker had switched off the microphone of the Opposition Leader. He termed it unprecedented in the parliamentary history of South Asia and also the world.

#### people proficient in English. government has so far given many contractual appointments, it is trying to limit such appointments in the

Chowdhury, Chairman of Chittagong WASA, Washimul Bari Rajib, Managing Director of BFDC, and Moklesuzzaman, DG of water Official sources said the Awami League government from July 1996

### tions and boards include, Abdur to June 2001 had given contractual

The Prime Minister requested kindhearted and generous doctors

None in the country would be deprived of treatment for want to money if you take such initiative and if all physicians express solidarity with the drive." Khaleda observed. Appreciating the contribution and sacrifice in language movement, Independence War and

The physician and BMA leader was shot dead on November 27, 1990 at the climax of the antiautocracy movement.

Later, Khaleda distributed certificates among the physicians. The PM also gave gold medals to Dr Mohammad Sohel Mahmud

BNP's (when in opposition) pro-

# asylum-seekers AFP, London