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Discussion on dengue

The Bishwa Sahitya Kendra will hold a discussion meeting to raise awareness among the students about dengue fever as part of its anti-dengue drive. Venue: Pallabi No. 2 Community Centre, Mirpur-12. Time: 10.00am.

ICC seminar

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is organising a seminar on 'e-Government and e-Commerce' with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Sonargaon Hotel. Time: 9.45am.

Lecture on commercial arbitration

The British Council is organising a public lecture on 'International Commercial Arbitration: Role of Advocates', Stuart Isaacs QC will conduct the lecture. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time:

PM's directive Keep price of rice under control

BSS, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has directed the Food Ministry to keep the prices of rice and other foodgrains under control.

During a meeting with Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman, she asked the ministry to immediately hold meetings with the wholesalers. The minister apprised the Prime

Minister of latest stock and price situation of food in the country.

Talking to BSS, the food minister said he would hold meetings over stock and price situation with the food traders. Besides, he said, he would visit the wholesale markets of rice at Badamtali. Karwan Bazar and Mohammadpur Krishi Market.

He, however, said dishonest businessmen sometimes create artificial crisis through hoarding food and the government has already alerted officials concerned against such possibilities.

4.30pm.

Report launching ceremony

The launching ceremony of the 'State of World Water Report 2001', organised by

the World Water Journalists' Forum, will

be held with Water Resources Minister LK Siddigui as chief guest. Venue: FEJB office. Time: 10.00am

Protest programme The Committee to Resist Slum Eviction will stage a sit-in to protest slum eviction without rehabilitation. Venue: Mirpur 10 intersection. Time: 8.00am

Kachua Students' Assoc

Dhaka-based Kachua Upazila Students' Association will hold the installation ceremony of its new committee and a cultural function with State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon as chief guest. The meritorious students will also be accorded a reception at the programme. Venue: TSC auditorium, Dhaka University. Time: 3.00pm.

Road accidents FROM PAGE 12

of vesterday. The dead were identified as Firoz Ahmed, son of Sekandar Ali of Dhakosha village under Faridpur

district and Shaheen, 16, son of Abdul Based of Changuir village under Bogra Sadar upazila.

A total of 13 people were killed in four separate road accidents here in the last three days.

Janakantha FROM PAGE 12

communal and fundamentalist forces." the Nirmul Committee said. It banned some newspapers. stopped giving government advertisements to many others, dismissed some journalists from the statecontrolled media and arrested and tortured a good number of journalists in conspiratorial cases, it added.

University in a joint statement said the "threat" to the Janakantha is "a clear attempt to gag the press" Bangladesh Charushilpee Sangsad also issued a similar state-

ment condemning the government actions against the Janakantha.

Sandwip polls FROM PAGE 1 Secretary for further briefing. New Ctg port order secretary for further briefing. The EC had earlier asked FROM PAGE 1 private workers and users as well," Chittagong Deputy Commissioner port workers and employees who Farid added.

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Abdus Salam Khan, Additional frequently go for agitation," he said. Deputy Commissioner Amir Ali, The number of Chittagong port Superintendent of Police (SP) Matium employees is nearly 7,000.

Rahman, Additional SP Awrongzeb Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain Mahbub, Deputy Election has told the BBC radio yesterday that Commissioner Siraiul Islam, District by declaring services of the port Election Officer Md. Shahidullah and essential its rules would be applica-Upazila Nirbahi Officer Bishawnath ble for all personnel working there. Banik to submit individual reports on "No one can hold any meetings at the port," he said. "We made this so that The complication began with the none can create anarchy by taking legal shelter; if disciplinary action is announcement of the election taken against someone for negligence of duty, he would not be able to Following a court order for suscreate political unrest." pension of the election for eight

The Chittagong port is the counweeks, the EC on October 27 sustry's first essential service facility that pended polling. And the situation has direct private-sector involvemen at its heart.

On April 11, the Local The immediate past president of Government Division in a letter to the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) the EC requested it to hold election in Sandwip municipality along with Farid Ahmed Chowdhury, talking to 14 other municipalities since the The Daily Star said, "I am sceptical about this declaration. If it is applica-The EC then asked the local ble for port employees apart from the authorities to report to it whether private workers and users, then it is there was any legal complexities in useless; but it will be a commendable holding election in Sandwip. On step if the new ordinance of essential services covers port employees, May 4, it was informed that there

sioner candidates including five for women's reserve seats.

BUET backlog FROM PAGE 12 reduced," he added

the Sandwip polls.

schedule in October 1999.

remained the same till April this year.

court order was no more in force.

was no such complexity. On June 12, the EC fixed July 20

as the voting day with 10 chairman

candidates and 44 ward commis-

Talking to The Daily Star, several teachers and students of the BUET expressed frustration over the lengthy closure and felt political reasons were involved. "Such closures are for political reasons. this not only hampers the academic

activities but also vitiates the peace-

ful campus atmosphere," a student

"We are fed up with the closure,"

Crisis stemmed in the BUET with

The university was to reconvene

ing has now been fixed on August 3.

extended thrice to make sure a

congenial atmosphere prevails on

the campus after the university

making optimum use of its land

Sources said the closure was

said.

been publishing reports against

another student said, adding that thousands of innocent students will be the victims of the country's dirty politics the first ever shoot-out that left one female student killed. The BUET authorities closed the university and Twenty-two teachers of Rajshahi ordered residential halls to be

vacated on June 9. on July 3, but as the situation remained unchanged, the closure was later extended to July 26.

However, the authorities again changed the date of reopening the university and its academic activities last week. The date of reopen-

Sandwip muck-up

electorate

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Meanwhile, the EC has transferred two of its officials in Chittagong for negligence of duty, a highly placed source at the commission said.

A move has also been initiated to identify government officials who failed in their responsibilities before

Mahbub, additional superintendent of Chittagong police, said that he had been to the remote island along with 100 police personnel three

In his report, Aauarangzeb

through lease. days before the polls. The minister concerned had There was no enthusiasm eady made anr

30 minutes before tea after the home side declared on their overnight silly point off Muralitharan.

With his second innings 5/59, Murali equalled Sir Richard Hadlee's world record of 36 five-wicket hauls. The off-spinner achieved the feat in

ers, merchant labourers and dock-

"Besides, if any ill motive is behind The Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) and the Non-CBA leaders also in this declaration to establish the proposed port of the Stevedores a statement protested the declaration. Services of America (SSA) at the The Bangladesh Garments estuary of the Chittagong port, it will Manufacturers and Exporters be too dangerous, and we will resist Association (BGMEA) yesterday hailed the government's decision

"Rather, I would suggest the saying that it was the demand of the government to declare the port a public limited company instead of exporters for a long time. 3 get life term declaring the ordinance of essential for rape of 2 The Chairman of the Bangladesh Master Stevedores Association (BMSA) Monjurul Alam, however, women in N'ganj hailed the government's declaration OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj of essential services. The BMSA chairman said, "It will

The Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Narayanganj, yesterday sentenced three people to life-term imprisonment for raping two women.

The convicts are Abul Kashem, Ismail Kamal and Nur Nabi. According to prosecution, the convicts forcibly took the victims --

Anowara Begum and Delwara Begum -- to Siddhirgonj power station on November 15, 1998 and raped them.

Pockmarked city roads

it," Farid cautioned.

services," he added.

really help restore discipline at this

premier port and stop the illegal

strikes that disrupts our cargo han-

dling activities." "If discipline is restored at the

Chittagong port the cargo handling

port said the declaration would

hardly be effective, as there are

chains of activities at the Chittagong

port that involves private truck work-

soon initiate an inquiry into the

construction of roads, which have

been damaged within a few months.

The DCC would not pay the bills for

the works done recently until the

Other sources, related with the

cost will be reduced" he observed.

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place in all the 10 zones under the city corporation simultaneously. However, he said the roads that are undergoing digging by the Dhaka WASA will be repaired later as those are not yet ready for such works. The WASA has been digging about 35 kilometres of roads for the last few months, he added.

"We will work throughout the night from July 25 to 30 and put in all our efforts to complete the repair. Besides, from now on the DCC staffs will be available in all the zones so that they can instantly repair a road in case of damage

after the fixing," Khoka said. The mayor said most of the roads have been damaged within a short time after they were built mainly due

to use of low quality materials and lack of quality works. For instance, he said, the road at Gabtali has been damaged in less than six months because of a very low quality construction. Mysteriously, the security deposit of the contractor was returned to the construction firm immediately after the work in violation of the rules, he

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score of 541-9.

endary New Zealand paceman.

victory in 126 Tests, surpassing the

innings and 166 run victory against

The tourists improved their first

Zimbabwe here in December, 2001.

innings score by 22 runs and sur-

vived 13 more overs but they never

looked like a Test side. It was

Bangladesh's ninth innings defeat in

Bangladesh were off to a poor

start losing two wickets for 12 in just

Khan and Aminul Islam in the last ten

And when Al-Shahriar, who

their 12 Test matches.

five overs in the morning.

said. The mayor said the DCC will

Innings ignominy

pair in the match. The right-hander was caught by Kumar Sangakkara at

Khaled Mashud blamed his middle order for the debacle after the match. "We need to review the performance of our middle-order because they are failing consis-

organisations for coordination soon. Khoka said after assuming in office he inquired whether the former mayor has done paper works on or set a modality for the metropolitan government. "(But) I didn't find any papers and found that everything were limited to speech and statement, which has frustrated me

The mayor said he would have views and suggestions from experts and people related to law and local government to prepare papers and fix a modality and then place it to the government.

About the proposed ban on pollutant-spewing autorickshaws in the city, he said the communication and environment ministries are working on it and the DCC has got nothing to do with it.

As for the planned stoppage of movement of rickshaws on the road from Azimpur to Mirpur, he said that the communications ministry has decided to introduced 50 big buses in this route and 33 are ready to hit the road

Khoka said there is a shortage of transport and manpower to keep the city clean. He informed that DCC has there is a total of 241 trucks to collect garbage, but 160 of them are out of order. Even there are no spare parts at the DCC store to repair the trucks. But steps have been taken to run the vehicles on an emergency basis.

The mayor also said the authorities are examining the waste man-Lohagara. agement project proposal and would go for a modern, sustainable waste management system Home Ministry

Tk 2.1 crore.

of Siddig Talukder.

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DU hall provost

chancellor and lodged a complaint

adding that proper measures would

The teachers and students of the

"They want to see someone from

be taken against those responsible.

DU reacted sharply to this incident.

BNP's White Panel to hold the

provost's post." said an MA student

ranking leader of Awami League-

JCD leaders were hatching conspir-

pro-BNP teacher in her place.

The tenure of Prof. Shafi, a front-

of Shamsunnahar Hall.

October.

the hall.

Trisha's killers

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Mehedi, alleged that the miscreants

She also claimed that her son

On the other hand, black flags

Advocate Masuda Royhana, and

Advocate Sultana Kamal will

Transport strike

charges; steps to check highway

robbery: ban on 'illegally' built trans-

ports; allowing transports older than

20 years on roads, lifting ban on

movement of buses, trucks and tank

Among others, Ashraf Khan

Rahman Ambia. Shahiahan

Chowdhury, Saleh Ahmed and Abu

Saleh Swapan spoke at the meeting

'Political killings'

Summary of each case was also

Earlier on March 11, Saber had

In yesterday's letter, a copy of

earlier list. He expressed deep

concern that proper investigation

and trial of the cases were yet to be

ensured and the AL was not even

informed of any developments in

address at the conference

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There was no information about the of V-aid road area were responsible involvement of any other persons, for the incident. except the three, in the murder, he mentioned. Mehedi was not involved in the When contacted, officer-in-

killing of Trisha. charge (OC) of Sadar thana Ashrafur Rahman said that their were hoisted atop all the houses investigation clearly established the and other establishments in the charges brought against the killers town protesting the killing of Trisha. in the charge sheet.

On Monday, Gaibandha Nagorik Committee declared a seven-day Abdul Wahed, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Sadar programme to protest and mourn circle, said, "Adequate information the tragic death of Trisha. and necessary documents support-Sadia Sultana Trisha, a student ing the charges were received. of class four of Madhapara govern-There are as many as 25 witnesses, ment primary school in the town, including several eve-witnesses, to drowned on July 17 as she jumped prove the allegations against the into a pond at Khanpara to save

killers of Trisha. herself from three vagabond youths Trisha's uncle Abdus Sattar, (known as her father as he was chasing her. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Mohila bringing her up from infancy) filed Parishad Gaibandha district unit will the case in this regard.

hold a press conference at Meantime, tension has gripped Gaibandha press club this afterthe town again as unidentified noon demanding punishment to the miscreants damaged and set afire killer of Trisha. the house of Mehdi Hasan Modern, Parishad's central general the main accused in Trisha murder secretary Aysha Khanam, central case, yesterday morning. leaders Rekha Chowdhury,

The miscreants equipped with lethal weapons attacked the house in Khanpara area of the town at around 8 am

Fire fighting units rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze. Meherun Nahar Mala, mother of

Wall collapse FROM PAGE 12

under Banskhali upazila at around 12.30am yesterday. Around 3000 families of seven unions of the upazila have been marooned. The fresh flood has also dam-

lorries on selected areas in the city aged crops in vast areas, the district and implementation of all agreeadministrations said. ments signed between the Samity The road communication with and the government earlier.

Rangamati was however restored yesterday afternoon. Moshiur Rahman Ranga MP, Saiful Alam, MA Baten, Ali Akbar, Azizur

The meteorological office here recorded 144 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours ending at 3pm yesterday and forecast more rains today.

The road communication between Chittagong and Khagrachhari has been snapped as a portion of the embankment of Halda river has been washed away near Nazirhut. Many points of the road went under water.

given with the list. The road link with Bandorbun remained snapped since Monday sent to the home minister a list of evening as a portion of the road at 208 'political killings' during the Amtola in Satkania went under period October 1 last year to March knee-deep water. The Chittagong-9 this year, along with the case Rangamati road is also under knee summaries. deep water at Munshirhut and Bottali points. Banshkhali is the which was sent to The Daily Star worst affected area. office. Saber also referred to the

Vast areas under Khankhanbad union in Banskhali have gone under water as the embankment in Shangkha river has breached. Ferry service between Chittagong and Banshkhali remained suspended due to the strong current of the river. The Shangkha, the Dalu and the Halda rivers are following above

Crack down their danger levels, worsening the FROM PAGE 12 flood situation in Satkania and Saudi Arabia.

business in the KSA

to 6.000 a month.

workers there.

this regard.

There are over 200 prominent middlemen in Saudi Arabia, engaged in the visa advice business

A Bangladeshi expatriate physician-turned-recruiter is the leader of a gang of middlemen contro over 70 per cent of the visa advice

Migration cost to that country

increased abnormally due to the

fraudulent visa advice business. A

worker has to spend at least Tk 1.30

lakh for a job that pays only Tk 5,000,

developed in other countries where

stopped recruiting workers from

Bangladesh a few years back, after

employment of Bangladeshi work-

ers in Mauritius, where severa

thousand were employed each year.

would get over US\$200 each month

while working in garment factories there. Now the average salary is

less than one hundred dollars only

because of some unscrupulous

recruiting agents, said a recruiter who had sent nearly two hundred

sent by him are in a good position

According to him the Bangladeshi

He claimed that all the workers

Earlier, a Bangladeshi worker

Bangladeshi citizens worked.

being informed of the business.

The visa advice business also

The Malaysian government

This business also reduced the

probe is complete. He assured that permanent construction of the damaged roads will start as soon as the monsoon is very much," the mayor said. over. Meantime, all process will be complete to avoid any delay. Khoka said the DCC is determined to recover all lands and parks

encroached upon and will soon launch a drive. He said dishonest people with the help of a section of DCC staffs

have occupied huge lands of the corporation and steps would be taken soon to recover the lands and punish the culprits. Besides, he said, unauthorised allotment of shops and lands will be cancelled.

About the much-talked about 'Metropolitan Government', Khoka said the DCC truly needs strong coordination among the different service-oriented organisations like WASA, DESA and the BTTB.

He said the prime minister at a recent meeting agreed to hold a combined meeting of the service

and on the poll date

The EC sends a letter today to the Ministry of Establishment, demanding action against those whose failure has blemished the constitutional body's image.

The EC has guestioned the role of the deputy commissioner and superintendent of police of Chittagong before and during the polls

Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed chaired a review meeting with senior officials of the Chittagong administration summoned to explain what had led to zero turnout in the Sandwip polls.

The seven local administration officials called to the meeting attributed the unprecedented episode to a sense of insecurity among the average.

According to the EC, on the

people would participate in the polls." concluded the report.

their votes were found invalid.

Student politics

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some short-and long-term measures

BUET was the first to announce a moratorium for an indefinite period on campus politics The academic council of the

university in a meeting on Sunday unanimously decided to slap the ban citing it as a means to restore congenial academic atmosphere. BUET took the decision following killing of its student Sadequn Nahar Sonny in a campus shootout last month.

The announcement of ban on student politics at BUET has sparked widespread criticism. The Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) protested the academic council's decision and termed it irrational and illegal.

EUCSU leaders on Tuesdav said the academic council does not have any authority to take such a decision. "The decision was taken to divert attention from the reality and to prolong the unstable situation on the campus." an EUCSU statement said.

Meantime, leaders of different student organisations have rejected the expert committee's recommendation for banning politics by students and teachers at educational institutions.

The expert committee has failed to identify the reasons behind campus violence, they said.

Selimuzzaman Selim, vicepresident of the JCD, the ruling BNP's student wing, said campus violence cannot be removed by banning student politics.

"There was hardly any sign that The report also mentioned that

almost all the candidates were outside Sandwip

Inclement weather and inclusion of some 6.900 new voters, many of whom could have filed nomination for the election, were cited as rea-

sons behind for the "zero turnout". Among the 26,753 voters only two female voters turned up, but

same day, it conducted election in seven other municipalities where voter turnout was 80 per cent on

"All political parties should take

initiatives to remove the dark sides

of present students politics.

Banning student politics will not

Free-float rate

introduce the floating foreign

needs to be expanded immediately.

money market that can adjust to the

international situation. he observed.

actively using the Reuters real time

transaction systems for foreign

exchange dealing and 28 banks out

of the 53 have installed the Reuters

money line to get information, he

Saifur said he has already asked

"Many new products are on the

Rabiul Hossain, managing

the central bank to introduce dollar

denominated bonds and interest-

way to make the market vibrant," he

director of the Sonali Bank and also

chairman of the Bangladesh

Foreign Exchange Dealers

Association (BAFEDA), and

Christopher W Webster, deputy

chief of the US mission in

Bangladesh were special guests at

the inaugural ceremony. Mamun

Rashid, chief executive officer of the

Citibank, NA Bangladesh, also

spoke on the occasion.

free (zero coupon) bonds.

The country's money market

is essential to have a vibrant

Currently, nine banks are

benefit any party," he said.

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mentioned.

said

exchange rate."

among the local people, he said. regard and held discussion on the different aspects of making use of railway land through joint initiative or leasing them out on BOT basis or in other possible ways, Ibrahim told

reopens.

Rly land

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The Daily Star. "The authority might go for long-

term plans and the matter is being discussed and examined at the ministry level at present." he said. We await a set of rules required for leasing out the lands for better profit and a decision in this regard is

likely within a month," he said. The income of railway through leasing out its land exceeded over Tk. 6 crore every year for the last

three years and proper leasing and realisation of revenue might benefit the authority a lot, he said. The CEO said the revenue from

have to pay rent.

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chessboard

Quazi Sadeq

uneven deal and pressed that the

game be started with all the 32

pieces on the board. Quazi appreci-

ated his ego and would comply, and

my friend would give his moves at a

snail's speed. Then a bemused but

impatient Quazi would bring out the

chess clock from his bag and silently

set it up right there beside the

prodigious moves and aggression

that would verge on audacity.

tournament in Quazi's name.

lease of land in the immediate past fiscal was Tk. 6.75 crore less than to lunch on 124 for five. that of the previous fiscal (Tk. 7 crore). Railway stopped providing played a superb 67, got out immedilease since November last year for ately after lunch, it was eminent that examining the previous system and the match was going to finish even procedures of lease and realisation of revenue and introduction of new before the tea break.

Al-Shahriar hit a dozen of bound-At present a handful of local aries off 123 balls in 155 minutes.

"mastans" are making money Although Akram Khan (20) and captain Khaled Mashud (24) chipped occupying the railway land illegally and helping different criminal and in with a few runs but they failed to anti-social activities, he said adding, build a good partnership. Veteran the poor who live in the slums are middle-order batsman Aminul got a not benevolently helped as they

Two killed

FROM PAGE 1 place over a row between Badal and one local youth named Tapu, who was given Tk 3 lakh to buy a flat in the area three months ago. Tapu his rooks from the board and with neither provided any flat nor that famous broad smile of his invite returned the money, Rafiqul added. his opponent to play. But one of my

Police arrested Tapu for his friends, now a joint secretary of the alleged involvement in the killing. government, would not like this

Nurul Islam, 23, the painter, was killed in the Sabujbagh area over a suspected row with some muggers. Police said Monir, Alamgir and

Hanif -- the muggers -- called him out of his residence in the morning and shot him in the head near an abandoned house.

The on-duty doctor at a local clinic declared Islam dead on arrival. The body was sent to the DMCH.

We would always enjoy this Islam's elder brother Ahmed Zafar thorough comic from Quazi. I very Babu said the gang of muggers sent much rue the fact today that I've lost three kids to take Islam to a nearby the notations of Quazi's famous restaurant. The gang then dragged game with Faruqui in which he him away and shot him dead. sacrificed his Queen and still won

Family sources said Islam asked the game. His playing style was like one woman not to buy stolen gold Mikhael Tal's, and like him Quazi ornaments from the muggers. The muggers became vindictive when would stun his opponents with those the woman informed them about it, the sources believe.

Police said the killers of Islam, At the end I urge upon the son of Ansar Khan, are accused in Bangladesh Chess Federation to several cases filed with the start a yearly international chess Sabujbagh Police Station Separate cases were filed

his 76th lest, ten less than the legtently," he said. "We have to do a lot of homework before we go into the next It was also Sri Lanka's biggest match

His Sri Lankan counterpart Sanath Jayasuriya gave full credit to his batsmen and Muralitharan for the victory adding that Bangladesh need to play more cricket. "Their bowling and fielding have improved but the batsmen failed."

Bangladesh get four-day's break before the second Test starts at the SSC ground on July 28. Meanwhile, medium pacer

Taposh Kumar Baishva and all-Opener Al-Shahriar and middlerounder Alok Kapali are scheduled to order Habibul Bashar however put up ioin Bangladesh team here tomorsome resistance with a 79-run third row. wicket stand. But once Bashar got Both are likely to be fielded in the

out for 34, Bangladesh lost Akram second Test along with off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and Mohammad minutes of the first session and went Ashraful

(Scorecards and more stories on page 13)

Floods turn FROM PAGE 12

Our Netrokona Correspondent says the floods in the district took a serious turn with heavy rainfalls and waters rolling down from the hills in neighbouring India over the last 48 hours. All major rivers in the district

Our Rangpur Correspondent reports that floods have affected more than two lakh families in remote areas. Floods and river erosion hit at least 22 upazilas. Crops on thousands of acres had been damaged by floodwaters.

reported that most rivers in the district were flowing above the danger level. The worst affected areas are

Jakiganj, Golapganj and parts of Sylhet Sadar Upazila All lowlands in Pabna have been inundated, as the water level in the Padma and the Jamuna rose, our Pabna Correspondent reports. The

people in four upazilas marooned. According to the district adminis-

Pabna, are the worst hit. Our Habiganj Correspondent says the flood situation in the district deterio-

Breaches opened in the embank-

due to surging waters. The district administration warned the local people against an impending havoc to be caused by the collapse of the dam. The deputy commissioner and the Hasına FROM PAGE 12 In the case, it has been alleged that

progress of 9 sensational Sheikh Hasina, in connivance with former state minister for foreign cases

reviews

affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, former principal secretary Dr S Å BSS, Dhaka

Samad and BEPZA (Bangladesh The Home Ministry Monitoring Cell in Export Processing Zone Authority) Executive Chairman Brigadier its tenth meeting with State Minister General MAB Siddig Talukder, for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar in the employed a lobbyist in the United chair, yesterday reviewed the prog-States for garment industries that ress of nine more sensational cases caused financial loss to the tune of for their speedy disposal.

The sensational cases, which Abdullah Al-Zahid, also investiwere reviewed are Sadia Sultana gation officer (IO) of the case, sub-Trisha murder, Babar Elahi murder, mitted the charge sheet to the Chief Mizan murder, model Sonia murder, Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, S I Kanokuzzaman murder, Juba Dal Dhaka, on June 18 against Hasina leader Farukh murder, Farida and two others, dropping the name Begum murder at Bailey road, acid throwing case on Atuna Bewa and Earlier. Hasina and two others Anita Bala and her children

were granted bail by the same court. Cabinet and Home Secretary Dr Sadat Hussain. Additional Attorney General, Inspector General of Police, Additional Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, Solicitor of the Law Ministry, Public Prosecutor They demanded removal of the of Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions house tutors from the hall and Judge Court, Additional Inspector sought action against the JCD General of CID Police and Law activists responsible for the incident. The VC assured them of Advisor Advocate Khan Saifur proper investigation into the matter, Rahman attended the meeting.

workers had a good reputation and were in demand at the garment factories there The entire island-state operates like an export processing zone and

largely depends on foreign workers, he added.

Hamas leader killed

FROM PAGE 12 beginning to rekindle a dialogue on humanitarian and security issues.

Palestinian security officials and backed Blue Panel, will expire in witnesses said a 1,000 pound (450 September. But resident students kilogram) missile slammed into a alleged that some house tutors and central area of densely populated Gaza City, destroying five buildings, acy to oust her from the post of including Shehade's, and damaging provost since BNP came to power in nearly a dozen others.

Hamas officials said Shehade, While talking to a group of jour-50, his bodyguard Zaher Nassar nalists at her office, Prof. Shafi and his wife Leila and daughter strongly condemned the incident. Eman were blown to pieces. She alleged that the JCD activists Nothing was left of their bodies and did it under direct patronage of the confusion surrounded the militant's university authorities and some fate for much of the night.

house tutors of Shamsunnahar Hall. Rescuers had difficulty getting "They would not dare such a through the rubble to search for thing without green signals from survivors as the neighbourhood was their patrons." regretted the provost. plunged into darkness. Frantic About some charges brought by the JCD activists labelled against crowds carried bloodied victims to her, Prof. Shafi said that allegations ambulances.

An Israeli army spokesman surfaced only because they wanted confirmed that Shehade was "tarto have her removed and plant a geted and hit" in the raid. Replying to a question, she said Government officials defended the that some former residents of the operation, even with its civilian hall belonging to JCD were trying to casualties

fetter the peaceful atmosphere of Shehade, founder and head of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, was one of Israel's most wanted men. He had been held in an Israeli prison from 1984 to 1998

One awarded death penalty, 3 others life term for murder

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Laxmipu

Sessions Judge's Court, Laxmipur, yesterday awarded death penalty to one person and life-term imprisonment to three others in Khorshed Alam murder case.

Ripon, 25, son of Delwar Hossain of Ramganj, was sentenced to death while Jhontu, 28, son of late Mojibur Rahman, Taslim, 30, son of late Sultan Mian and Anwar Hossain, son of late Abu Taher, were given life term imprison-

ment. Anwar Hossain and Taslim are still at large.

According to prosecution, the convicts killed Khorshed Alam on May 29, 1998 while he was returning home after Juma prayers.

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Jaintapur, Kanaighat, Biani Bazaar,

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superintendent of police visited some vulnerable places

recorded a sharp rise.