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Bagerhat BNP splits | Dissolution of Sylhet JCD

large as learnt from the people of

Rampal upazila. Meanwhile, amidst allegation of a top BNP leader sheltering the prime accused Kazi Bashar, Bagerhat district BNP president MAH Salim MP went a step forward in condemning the incident, saying that even his own brother won't be spared from stern legal action if he is

a miscreant. Bagerhat district acting DC Mohammad Mansur Ahmed and Superintendent of Police Abdul Jalil Mondal have both been served separate show cause notices to explain their failure to take legal action against those who assaulted and molested Chhabi Rani. The government is blaming these two top officials for delayed action and both officials are likely to be withdrawn from the district shortly.

Shu Prakash Sanyal, UNO of Rampal, was also been served a show cause notice yesterday to explain about his failure to inform the higher authorities about the manhandling of Chhabi Rani

The acting DC and the police superintendent are expected to reply to the government's show cause notices today. But a reliable police source as

well as BNP insiders said both the acting DC and the police superintendent were asked by MP Selim to "go slow" and not be overzealous in dealing with affairs relating to the party in power. ÓC Nasiruddin of Rampal thana

was also reportedly asked not to 'go too far and beyond the limit'.

Properties of the FIR-named accused still at large were attached to the state yesterday by order of First Class Magistrate Haroon-ar-

Rashid. Earlier on Sunday, Investigating Officer (IO) of the case OC Nasiruddin, sought permission of the court to attach properties of the ten absconding FIR-named

and 188 new and 242 unapproved

minister has asked the commission

to avoid theoretical aspects and

International Monetary Fund are

asking about the progress of the

commission's work, the minister told

play an important role in disciplining

public spending, as it is involved in

formulating and implementing the

government's financial and mone-

The minister instructed the

tary policies, the minister said

The Bangladesh Bank should

look into practical problems.

At the meeting, the finance

The World Bank and the

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projects

the meeting.

Public expenditure

accused to the state. Nine out of 13 arrested so far are suspects and not named in the FIR, the OC said.

Police has seized the camera and films that were used to photograph Chhabi Rani Mondol in a state of undress. Palash studio of Rampal belonging to Jubo Dal leader Bazlur Rahman has also been sealed. The Jubo Dal leader is absconding.

Meanwhile, condition of Chhabi Rani, who was admitted to the Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) in a critical condition, has not improved. She has been suffering from fits of delirium and has been vomiting frequently, although doctors are trying their best to provide her the best possible treatment. The government has formed a five-member medical team for the treatment of Chhabi Rani

Also, Khulna Metropolitan Police (KMP) has arranged tight security at the hospital to ensure her safety as per the government's order and none other than her close relatives are being allowed to see her in the special cabin at KMCH.

However, death threats against Chhabi Rani's parents and relatives continue to be issued. Her parents have left Orhabunia village for fear of life. Mira Rani Mondal, younger sister of Chhabi Rani, who has taken shelter in the KMCH cabin. alleged that BNP leader Kazi Bashar, the prime accused of the case as well as the other accused

have threatened to rape and kill her. Residents in the area said Kazi Bashar's dispute with Chhabi Rani began when Bashar tried to occupy a shrimp enclosure at Hurka village owned by Rani

On August 21, a group of people picked her up from Rampal bus stand, took her to the local BNP office and assaulted her physically and sexually, and then thrown outside by the road in a critical condition, it was alleged.

FROM PAGE 1 president, does not enjoy blessing

of any faction of BNP, sources said. The senior leaders of BNP gave statements and counter statements accusing each other for patronising JCD factions, which lead to the clashes.

Former organising secretary of Svlhet district BNP Advocate Shamsuzzaman Zaman (now expelled) in a written statement accused general secretary Ariful Hague Chowdhury for the attacks on students in different areas of the city and on the office of daily Shyamol Sylhet on Saturday night. Advocate Zaman also termed

Ariful Haque Chowdhury a 'godfather of terrorists' in Sylhet and alleged that he provoked the Sadeque-Najib faction to attack innocent members of JCD.

Arif held meetings with "armed goons" before and after the attacks, he alleged.

Zaman, who is also the main

ETV case FROM PAGE 1

ing on the review petition on the ETV case

The licensing process is basically a regulatory measure and so, the irregularities in the licence, if any, should have ways to stand corrected and there is scope for that, Dr. Kamal contended.

The court questioned whether the ETV and its partners are in an insoluble situation or whether there is any way left for them to mend the irregularities. In response, Dr. Kamal said the problem may have solutions. Any decision from the government to this end may take time. But if the verdict is stayed for six months, such an effort can be initiated

instances of such decisions. He

pointed out that the court itself could

give clues in terms of mendina the

irregularities in the license. Dr.

Kamal said the court should give a

judgement taking into account the

perspective. In such a case, the

court should make a judgement so

that the interest of a vast segment of

the public is not compromised by

way of entertaining the interest of a

remedial measures.

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portrait of Bangabandhu."

and his family members)

proprietor of the newspaper and an aspirant for BNP ticket to contest in the ensuing mayoral election in the city, sought intervention of the finance minister and the party chairperson to stop unwanted incidents taking place in Sylhet "under the patronisation" of district BNP secretary Ariful Haque Chowdhury.

On the other hand, Ariful Haque Chowdhury said the people of Sylhet know well who is the 'godfather of terrorists' here. Without naming Zaman, he said, "we had expelled him (Zaman) from the party due to terrorism long ago".

He said, "Such comments from a leading terror can never be accepted. It is very much clear who are involved in terrorism and use of illegal fire arms in Sylhet".

Both Ariful Haque Chowdhury and Shamsuzzaman Zaman are aspirants for the party nomination for contesting in the mayoral election. There are some other senior

Investment gave them the approval. They established themselves after two years of business. Now, they should not stand loser due to mere irregularities in the license, Di

Kamal noted. He added that 250 people work in the ETV and about 9.000 others in its associated firms. The court should keep it in mind that should it declare the ETV closed it will directly affect all these staffs

On the third day of hearing, Barrister Rafiul Hag on behalf of the FTV concluded his submission before the court at 10:30 in the morning even though the court told him to finish by this time the previous day.

Yesterday he started from the He said there are countless very start. Dr. Kamal, too, could not finish his argument yesterday. He will resume his submission before the court today. Then, Barrister Syed Ishtiague Ahmed will speak for the Chairman of ETV AS Mahmud. The court asked him to finish by public interest litigation in a wider 10:30 am today. Barrister Abdur Razzaq will speak next on behalf of the writ petitioners.

Full Bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury is hearing the review petition

prits responsible for my daughter's death are arrested and punished so that no other girl meets the fate of my daughter," a grief-stricken father of Minu Ara told the visiting DIG and iournalists.

Meanwhile, five persons including Machhura's husband Abul Kashem were taken into custody for interrogation, police said

leaders who have already announced their desire to contest the polls and have started campaigning.

Meanwhile leaders of Sylhet district Awami League in a joint statement expressed grave concern at the gunfight among the rival factions of JCD.

ANM Shafique and Iftekhar Hossain Shamim, president and general secretary of district AL; Badaruddin Kamran, city AL president and Sylhet City Corporation Mayor; and Misbahuddin Siraj, general secretary of the city AL, in a ioint statement said the gunfight among the JCD factions also left a

number of innocent people injured. They called upon the district administration to take steps to "restore normalcy" in the city.

The Sylhet City Ameer and the secretary of Jamaat-e-Islami also expressed their concern at the clashes.

Press report denied Screw, not bullet, reveals CAAB

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) revealed that it was not a bullet but a screw that hit the plastic cover over the window panes of a GMG aircraft that was carrying two ministers . the whin and other passengers on Saturday "It was not bullet but a screw", a top CAAB official said. An inquiry

was carried out with the help of aircraft experts and they could not find any other marks of damage in any part of the body or engine of the aircraft

The inquiry team only recovered a screw one and quarter inch in length and half of a pencil in diameter. It was extracted from between the middle of two layers of window panel. CAAB sources said that the screw had become loose from the color cap of aircraft engine propel-

ler blade On Monday a newspaper report said that an unidentified person fired gunshot at the window of a GMG aircraft which was carrying Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, Agricultural Minister Maulana Motiur Rahman Nijami and Whip Mojibor Rahman Sarwar. The Home minister's wife and daughter were among other passengers.

The report said that as soon as the GMG aircraft Z-5-402 took off from Barisal airport on Saturday, a bullet hit the first widow left of the aircraft where the home minister was sitting.

The report, auoting the Agricultural Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami, said that they were frightened after hearing the sound on the window panel. He further said that miscreants, most probably, targeted the wheels or the engine of the aircraft trying to cause

Memo to VC 17 JU teachers demand law to check sexual harassment

JU CORRESPONDENT

Seventeen teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor yesterday demanding immediate introduction of new laws to check sexual harassment of female students on the campus and amendment to the existing Proctorial Law

As there is no specific law against the crime, the university authorities can not deal with the offenders who, even if brought under trial, escape through loopholes in the existing law, the memo said

As a result, the offenders roam scot-free while the victims fall victim to further torment, it added.

Introduction of rules against sexual harassment was a demand of the anti-rape movement at JU in 1998 when the whole nation was shocked at several such incidents on the campus.

Pointing out that the existing Proctorial Law is "repressive, irrelevant, inaccurate and backdated", the teachers said the university authorities can not cope with the present campus situation.

"We think that introduction of law against sexual harassment and revisions to some articles of Proctorial Law is a must to resist further incidents of sexual harassment, repression, rape and terrorist activities and to create a sense of security among the campus insiders" the memo said

Signatories of the memorandum are Prof Anu Muhammad, Prof Nasim Akhter Hossain, Prof Amir Hossen, Prof Nurul Hag, Prof Shaikh Monjurul Haq, Prof Khaled Hossain, Shamsad Mortuza, Ryhan Rhyne, Shajed Ashraf Karim, Farid Ahmed, Sharmind Nilormee, Mirza Taslima Sultana, Sayeed Ferdous, Manash Chowdhury, Shwadhin Sen, Altaf Hossain and Muzahidul Islam.

The teachers also attached with the memorandum a model set of laws prepared by themselves to prevent sexual harassment.

Alamgir's bail FROM PAGE 1

told The Daily Star that they were expecting that Dr. Alamgir would be released yesterday (Monday) after getting bail orders in all the six cases

Hundreds of AL leaders and activists gathered at the entrance to the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday to receive the former state minister, he said

"But later we came to know that the chamber judge has stayed the bail order without informing the

defence counsels," he said. Only after new discoveries Amir said there was no instance of staying a bail order after granting bail bond in any part of the world. FROM PAGE 1 "Besides, the chamber judge has set an unprecedented example by

C'wealth for democracy

Bangladeshi students for highe

studies in Canada, South Africa

utive recalled that the main empha-

sis of the Coolum Summit was on

economic progress and poverty

alleviation, and said the prime

minister's contribution in this

respect was recognised by all

McKinnon, who is from New Zealand, is visiting Dhaka for the

first time since the present govern-

Nazrul's death

FROM PAGE 1 Academy will hold a discussion

meeting presided over by Prof. Wakil Ahmed at its Art Gallery at

5:30pm. The discussion will be

followed by a musical soiree and

Quran Khwani at the university

mosque after Fazr prayers. Later, a

discussion will be held at the pre-

Cultural Forum has organised a

discussion meeting and cultural

evening at 4:00pm at the National

Museum auditorium. State minister

for Energy and Mineral Resources A

K M Mosharraf Hossain will be chief

guest on the occasion. Deputy

Minister for Education Abdus Salam

Pintu, Vice-chancellor o

Jahangirnagar University Prof. Jasimuddin, author Dr Rezwan

Siddiqui and cultural organiser

pictures, were small notices

Dhaka University will arrange

The Greater Mymensingh

The Commonwealth chief exec-

Australia and New Zealand

Commonwealth countries.

ment assumed power

poetry recitation.

mises of Nazrul's grave.

FROM PAGE 1 McKinnon said, "Commonwealth is closely watching the political development in Pakistan and polls observers from the Commonwealth countries, including Bangladesh, will be sent for Pakistan elections.

Speaking about the next Commonwealth Summit, scheduled to be held in Nigeria in December 2003, he said the theme of the Summit would be economic development in the Common-wealth especially poverty alleviation and trade issues

Welcoming the thrust the Commonwealth was putting on economic questions Khaleda spoke about her experiences in the SAARC in poverty alleviation in South Asia.

Foreign Minister Morshed Khan, PM's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Siddique and Foreign Secretary Shamsher M Chowdhury were present. The secretary-general was accompanied by an official of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Khaleda also inquired of McKinnon about the situation in Zimbabwe and said Bangladesh is concerned about the welfare of its people. The secretary general said. Unfortunately, there is no progress because of the attitude of President Mugabe.

McKinnon said Bangladesh has always played a useful role in the Commonwealth, saying he took note of the prime minister's insistence that more Bangladeshis should be employed in the Commonwealth Secretariat.

last week

Khaleda made a strong plea for Rezabuddoula Chowdhury will be increasing the number of present as special quests. Commonwealth scholarships for

The disappointment of the day

was that former president Nelson

Mandela did not show up as the

programme for the event promised.

the organisers had misled the

delegates, but instead they got the

celebrated South African singer

Miriam Makeba, who arrived fresh

from a conference on culture by

European ecologists on the side-

Outside, South African fisher-

lines of the summit.

sea.

His spokeswoman hinted that

Earth Summit

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announcing debates in the coming Just before the formal opening davs. of the Civil Society Forum, a hun-Amidst all the peaceful protestdred or so of the South African ing and dancing, the tension suddelegates led their colleagues from denly rose when a group of Jewish Asia and South America in the toyidelegates stormed into a meeting toyi, a dance borrowed from the of Palestinians, screaming that the country's Zulu tribe that became a Palestinians supported terrorism. fixture at anti-apartheid protests.

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The incident took place when the gang went to a shop and demanded toll at gunpoint from the shop owner at about 6:00am yesterday. Other businessmen of the area called the police, who went there and chased one of them. Police shot Hasan in the right leg, as he was about to fire at them. according to police.

The other, Noor Mohammah Babu, 23 was beaten by the mob. Police sent them to the Dhaka

men and their colleagues from Medical College Hospital (DMCH). elsewhere on the continent held a In another incident, two alleged protest at the scarcity of quotas, extortionists were chopped by a waving a banner saying: "There are mob as they went to an iron shop at more sharks on land than in the

Fakirerpool in the city's Motijheel area yesterday. In one of the halls at Nasrec an The injured are Mohammad exhibition of photographs silently Javed and Borhan Uddin, each 35

protested human rights violations years old. in China and the presence of US They were also sent to the DMCH. soldiers in South Korea. Next to the

gas demand growth up to 2020 and a small amount of revenue budget is a proven gas reserve of 16 trillion el(ICF).

The committee saw that the gas

particular party or prescribing Minu Ara Dr. Kamal said Citi Corp International Finance Corporation FROMPAGE 1 Ltd. and Water Ford Partners LLC are the third party here who invested a huge sum of money in

October1999. They invested the money taking credits from Citibank in December1999. Much before

this, in 1998 the ETV got the license. They invested being sure that all legal procedures to obtain the license were complete and all

management programmes. (a ministries and the Board of committee was formed but without the involvement of the DCC.) The DCC should form a technical committee having members

ith expertise in vector control to

submit an interim report as early as ossible "There is lack of coordination in managing development projects.

commission has been asked to

Different donors are assisting the same projects at a time, which leads to wastage of resources," Saifur told the reporters. "Resources are limited, but

demands are going up. Foreign aid is going down. So, we have to identify ways of better management of national resources," Saifur said. "We like to get a maximum

benefit at the minimum cost and the committee has identified many areas where we can look into. I look PERC to look into the development forward to receiving the interim side first and then revenues. The report in early November.

DCC blamed FROM PAGE 1

detected should be earmarked for immediate spraying of appropriate pesticide to kill the infective adult Aedes population, they suggested. Strategies for mid-term (1-3

years), long-term (5-10 years) and emergency control of Aedes mosquito should be developed to combat dengue fever (DF) and dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), the recommendations said.

The experts further suggested that to ensure broad-based public participation in 'container (breeding place for Aedes mosquito) disposal and management.' the DCC should initiate formulation of a new in line with the existing laws in other countries with dengue problem. Aedes breeding potential of different containers should be widely publicised to increase public

awareness. The current Culex mosquito control programme of the DCC should be reorganised to include the strategy for Aedes mosquito control, they said

All mosquito management programmes should include adequate manpower with entomological training.

The experts stressed formation c broad-based national committee to formulate and monitor dengue advise on dengue control and prevention and launch a vector surveillance programme immediately.

Entomologists and others at the roundtable exchanged views on how to eradicate Aedes mosquito. slide show presented by Dr Manzur A Chowdhury and Touhiduddin Ahmed illustrated best possible ways to to do this. Touhid Uddin said, "There are

various definitions of epidemic of different diseases. I am not a medical professional, but from an entomologist point of view I would say we are now facing an unusual outbreak of dengue and it is surely an epidemic."

President of the entomological society Prof Md Zinnatul Alam and general secretary Dr Enamul

Haque were present. Chief Health Officer of the DCC Dr Mohammad Ashraf Uddin and the health directorate's official

concerned, Dr Mannan Bangalee, were also invited to the roundtable, but they did not turn up.

Jail Killing Case

sent to Dhaka Central Jail. "Later, Then I along with my friend went to came to know that the killers of the T and T staff quarters. Obaidur Bangabandhu - Mushtaque, Rahman and Shah Moazzem Rashid, Farooq and their accomplifollowed us in their car. After some ces- killed my father and Syed time, my father returned to our Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed and residence at Hair Road and AHM Quamruzzaman in the jail on Obaidur and Moazzem also went November 3, 1975." there. We found that some uni-

Special PPs Anisul Haq, formed army men cordoned off the Mosarraf Hossain Kajol and house. The army men then entered Quamrul Islam appeared for the our residence and took away a state while Abdul Maiid Munshi ABM Sharfuddin Khan Mukul. He said, "On August 20, 1975, Arshadul Hague and Sohel Mallick Obaidur Rahman, Shah represented four of the 21 accused Moazzemn, Nurul Islam Manzoor in the case The four - Taberuddin and IG of police Nurul Islam went to Thakur, Lt Col (dismissed) Sved our house where my father was Faroogur Rahman. Lt Col (retd) under house arrest. They took him Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan and to the Bangabhaban. My father Maj (retd) Bazlul Huda- detained at later told us Mushtaque requested Dhaka Central Jail were produced him to take charge as prime minisbefore the court vesterday.

ter. As he refused to do so, Four other accused now on bail Mushtaque threatened him and KM Obaidur Rahman, MP; Shah reminded him of the August 15 Moazzemn Hossain. Nurul Islam incident (killing of Bangabandhu Manzoor and Mai (retd) Khairuzzaman- were also present On August 22, 1975, the witness said, his father was arrested and in the court.

it to crash The report further said ,quoting

anonymous retired airforce officer ,that the bullet was fired from a high range rifle such as AK47 or chines The GMG airlines in a written

statement yesterday said that the window pane was damaged as a result, but it was no danger at all for any of the political leaders.

They refuted the newspaper report saying that they neither have male Stewards nor do they have anyone named Hasan as was mentioned in the report. Our correspondent from Barisal

added that the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Police, Deputy Commissioner (DC) and Superintendent of Police (SP) disowned Saturday's incident. They said nothing like the incident mentioned in the report took place. Two hours after landing at Zia International Airport . CAAB authority completed the inquiry and gave

green signal for it to take off for its next destination following glass repairs.

staying the bail order without inform ing the defence," he said.

AL leader was arrested under section 54of the Code of Criminal for 1995-2001. Procedure (CrPC) at the Zia International Airport on March 15 on his return from Singapore. Later, he was shown arrested in the Janatar Mancha (sedition) case and five other cases. the oil companies will stand at \$154

Road accident FROM PAGE 12

case has been registered with Chandina police station in this connection

Meanwhile, three people injured Saturday in a road accident at Jinglatali on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway succumbed to their injuries yesterday raising the death toll to 13.

The victims were identified as Jabera Begum of Kargora village, Amzad Hossain of Hamdadi village both in Laxmipur district and Rubina Akhter of Guntali village under Muradnagar upazila in Comilla.

The EFA Phase-II will involve an expenditure of Tk 52.16 crore. including the government's con-tribution of Tk 22.16 crore.

CHT Regional Council Chairman Jiotirindria Bodhi Priya Larma (Santu Larma) inaugurated the programme at the Tribal Cultural Institute as chief guest.

Deputy Minister for CHT Affairs Moniswapan Dewan was the special guest.

WFP official Gabriella Duffy, Ramsara Bhanumutu, Md. Shahjahan Mia, LGED Project Director A Taher Khan also spoke at the launching ceremony, jointly organised by the LGED

Taslima's Utol Hawa banned

The government has banned a novel by Taslima Nasrin - Utol Hawaan official handout said yesterday.

It was the second part of Taslima's earlier banned novel Amar Meyebela.

The home ministry said the novel could jeopardise socio-political harmony in the country. It contained propaganda against Islamic values and this could create hatred among different communities in the country.

required for gas purchase from the IOCs under the existing contracts. The projection is based on the trend reserve with seven per cent demand in the growth rate of revenue budget

The government's payment to

million in 2002, or three per cent of

Another analysis shows that the

payment to the IOCs for gas until

2020 will hardly affect the balance of

trade contrary to the claims of the

IOCs, the World Bank and other

the \$4,637 million revenue budget

growth rate would be exhausted by 2014-2015. If the growth rate is set In 2020, the government has to at six per cent, the reserve would run pay the IOCs \$428 million, which will out sometime before 2020 and with e two per cent of the projected a five per cent demand growth rate. \$8,480 million revenue budget. the reserve would hold up to 2020.

The gas demand growth rate on average was 15 per cent in the 1980s and ten per cent in the 1990s.

Sony murder FROM PAGE 12

killing.

After hearing both the sides, the court rejected the petition.

The IOC payment will be only Sagar was arrested on August 14 0.64 per cent of exports in 2020 and and placed on a six-day remand in two phases. In broader terms, the committee

Sony, a student of the Bangbelieves the country's energy conladesh University of Engineering sumption scenario is beset with and Technology (BUET), was killed complex problems and recomduring a gunfight between two mends multiple approaches to factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

(JCD) on the campus on June 8. The utilisation committee made With the arrest of Sagar, the number of arrests is now 15.

Meanwhile, another probe

Chemical report

Huaue

has been levelled.

However, close aides to Islam told The Daily Star that the secretarial committee headed by a director of the food directorate, Aminul Hag, is best and honest efforts to expose now on a visit to nine districts of the the real players behind the scam. country against which allegation of buying low-quality imported wheat

MD of the BSL.

curement of an additional one lakh

ran from March 15 through July 31.

The procurement target was

A four-member food ministry

probe committee already submitted

its report to Food Secretary Abdul

Latif Mandal on August 18. The

report found involvement of ruling

party lawmaker Helaluzzaman

Talukdar Lalu and ten food officials

including the additional director

general of food directorate, Entajul

revised to four lakh MT despite the

fact that country grew two lakh MT

wheat less than the previous year.

houses of their rivals and looted valuables as well as food-grains and

Ruling party

in the attacks and counterattacks.

spot too late. None was arrested till filing of this report at 3:00pm yesterday.

No case was lodged with Sreepur thana in this connection.

Despite repeated attempts, the officer-in-charge (OC) of Sreepur Police Station could not be reached for his comments.

Superintendent of Police (SP) in Magura, Biswas Afzal Hossain, however informed that he ordered deployment of police in the village to keep the situation under control and assured proper action against the culprits

One dies, 141 infected Dark episode at DU Our northern region roving

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asked all its 10 zones to purchase Malathion, an effective mosquito killer which has also been recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"This insecticide is cheap. One litre costs about Tk 35 against Tk 355 a litre for quick-flying fogging fluid. And it is locally available. We have decided to purchase the insecticide as the current stock will not last more than a week," said a DCC official.

"Malathion will be equally effective in mosquito control programme. We are now using about 3000 litre of quick-flying fogging fluid a day," the official added.

Meanwhile, our Khulna Staff Correspondent reported vesterday that one person died from DHF in Magura district while four others were hospitalised in Jessore General Hospital in last 24 hours.

The dead was identified as Torab Ali who died on Friday midnight after returning from the capital in a critical condition. He died in a local hospital. No further details were available. The Khulna City Corporation I the meantime has launched an antimosquito drive in the city.

correspondent reports that at least one person died in Chapainawabganj district and 15 others were hospitalised for DHF. All of them were admitted to the Raishahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH)

during last 10 days.

The dead was identified as Zillur Rahman, 45, a businessman from Ranihati village in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj district. Infected with DHF in Dhaka. Rahman was admitted to the RMCH in a critical condition on August 18. He died on the same day. The RMCH authorities have opened a cell styled 'dengue corner' to facilitate treatment of dengue patients.

Of the 15 affected, only five are now undergoing treatment at the 'dengue corner' of the RMCH while the rest have been shifted to Dhaka. The five hospitalised are Nazrul Islam, 30, Safidul Islam, 17, Golam Mustafa, 40, Tawhidul Islam, 17 and Mohammed Selim, 16.

Besides, 10 more persons were being treated at different clinics in Raishahi city.

FROM PAGE 1 According to the sources, police

testified that they had entered the hall on the instruction of the assistant proctors, which was refuted by the latter. On the contrary, in their depositions. university authorities said police had entered the hall as per the instruction of then provost Professor Sultana Shafi. Shafi later

dismissed the claim. Police also testified that they had entered the hall at 12:30am upon hearing a 'false alarm' from Room No. 235, occupied by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Halima Khatun Lucy and Noorjahan Begum Shanta. They went to the room and stayed there until 3:30am when agitating stu-

dents inside the hall were being dispersed by the law-enforcers. The commission has found

improper the police decision to put the arrested female students in the lockup of the Ramna station. They should have been detained in the provost's chamber or the office of either the officer-in-charge or the second officer of the police station, it observed in the report.

The judicial probe body has also agreed with some findings in the

police commission report of 1988 89.

. after independence several governments... have also been accused of using police for their political ends and this resulted in political unrest accompanied by rivalries, agitation and lawlessness to the extent of violence," it said.

... there are alleged instances when leaders of political parties and particularly the ruling party by influencing the police prevented them from taking legal and proper actions in favour of the victims against the criminals thus disappointing the affected people," the report added.

The iudicial commission has recommended that the police findings should be taken into consideration to avoid repetition of such incidents, the sources said.

It also observed that if the former vice-chancellor, proctor and provost of the hall had look at the matter from a guardian's point of view and been more conscious, the incident could have been averted. The commission is also learned

to have linked the incident to teachers and students politics, sources

The judicial body probed into the July 24 raid on three terms of reference set by the government. It was to find out under what circumstances police had entered the hall, ascertain whether activities of the people concerned were appropriate and, if appropriate, whether they had acted responsibly and give comment to the related issues.

Police testified that they had entered the hall at around 3:30am. However, the commission has found out that they had entered the hall in two phases. Both male and female police personnel first broke open the hall gate at 12:30am and went inside. Later, they entered the

hall again at around 3:30am. The commission also found that the case filed against some Shamsunnahar Hall students with the Ramana police station at

10.45pm on July 23 was 'false' and 'fabricated' On basis of that case (No. 101)

police arrested 18 students of the , hall at around 3.30am and put them in the lock-up at the station.

The commission has held some police officials responsible for the false case and arrest of 18 resident students, sources said.

and WFP's CHT office.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

its assessments on the basis of the WFP aid will implement the programme.

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donors.

2.35 per cent in 2002.

resolve them.

probe committee was putting in its

Islam is working round the clock at the office of the managing director of the Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL), the owning company of Sheraton Hotel, avoiding visitors and away from day-to-day civil aviation jobs. Islam is the ex-officio

FROM PAGE 12 The much-publicised irregularities took place allegedly over pro-

Fourteen houses were destroyed

metric tonne (MT) of wheat worth Tk Police reportedly reached the 90 crore at the fag end of the extended procurement drive that