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Little growth in next year's ADP

At Tk 21,475cr, the ADP for FY05 will see only 5.78pc increase

STAR REPORT

The Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the next fiscal year beginning July has been proposed to be set at Tk 21,475 crore, a meagre 5.78 percent higher than this year's development outlay.

The planning ministry will table this proposal for the prime minister's approval today. The proposed ADP contains a local currency contribution of Tk 14,325 crore and a foreign component of Tk 7,150 crore. The new ADP heavily

emphasises transport and power sectors as each got 16 percent of the total allocation. It will be followed by the education sector with a 14 percent share. The foreign currency component has been envisaged lower than last year. SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

EPZ workers to vote on TU

Saifur, US envoy agree on draft proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Workers at the country's six export processing zones (EPZs) will vote to decide whether or not to have trade unions, according to a revised draft proposal agreed to by the finance ministry, US government representatives and EPZ investors yesterday. Each factory within the EPZs will have a single trade union free from any outside political influence and

union leaders will be elected by workers themselves.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), US Ambassador Harry K Thomas, World Bank Country Director Christine Wallich and a representative of the investors agreed on the corrected draft proposal during a meeting at the finance ministry yesterday. SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

AL on course to join JS today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition Awami League (AL) is likely to stage a comeback to parliament today as the Jatiya Sangsad goes into session this afternoon ending a 12-day recess to adopt an obituary reference on slain opposition lawmaker Ahsanullah Master.

A final decision however will emerge from a meeting of the Awami League Parliamentary Party (ALPP) at 3:30pm today. The AL presidium had a primary discussion on the issue at a meeting yesterday and decided to hold the parliamentary party meet to discuss the overall situation and decide on joining the session. SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

Electoral reform key to fight graft

WB VP Patel tells The Daily Star



INAM AHMED and ASHFAQ WARES KHAN

World Bank's Vice-president for South Asia Praful C Patel sees electoral financial reform as a very vital element to prove the government's seriousness to deal with corruption and malpractices in polls. "Asset declaration is promoted everywhere, we also SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

Proshika HQ raided again

Police arrest 12 staff

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers arrested 12 Proshika employees in a raid on the non-governmental organisation's headquarters in Mirpur yesterday for attacking some of their disgruntled colleagues, who demonstrated allegedly under police protection.

The raid -- a second in 10 days -- came after up to 25 Proshika rebel employees from its different units, led by a deputy director who was suspended from the NGO a day before, marched to the head office and came under attack with brickbats at about 11:00am.

Later in the day, police arrested a retired army man, Jahangir, believed to be the bodyguard of Proshika President Qazi Faruque.

Witnesses said the rebel SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

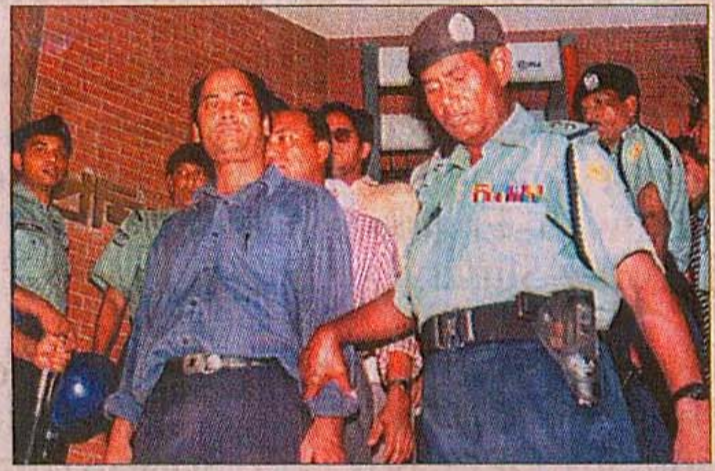


PHOTO: STAR

Police arrest Proshika employees on charges of assaulting fellow employees of a rival faction in a raid on the organisation's headquarters at Mirpur yesterday.

HSC exams start, 180 expelled

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For the first time in the country, only about 180 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means on the first day of the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the seven education boards that began yesterday.

Over 1,000 examinees were expelled for copying on the first day of the HSC examinations last year. About 6.29 lakh examinees, including those doing Alim under Madrassah Education Board, HSC vocational and business administration under Technical Education Board, are appearing at the examinations this year. The number is about 40,000 less than that of last year.

Yesterday, 34 examinees were expelled for adopting unfair means SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

Drop case or we dig out body

Killers threaten Ahsanullah's family

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The assassins of Awami League (AL) lawmaker Ahsanullah Master are threatening to take away his body from the grave in an attempt to press the family into withdrawing the murder case.

"Since my father's assassination, the killers are phoning and threatening us to withdraw the case," Ahsanullah's younger son Zabid Ahsan Sohel told The Daily Star yesterday.

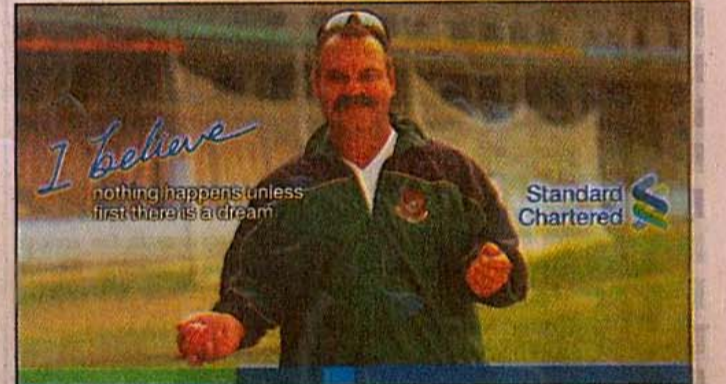
"One rang up last night and said they would take away his body from his grave unless we withdraw the case," Sohel said, adding they have also received a number of death threats in the last four days. SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

WI tour opener today

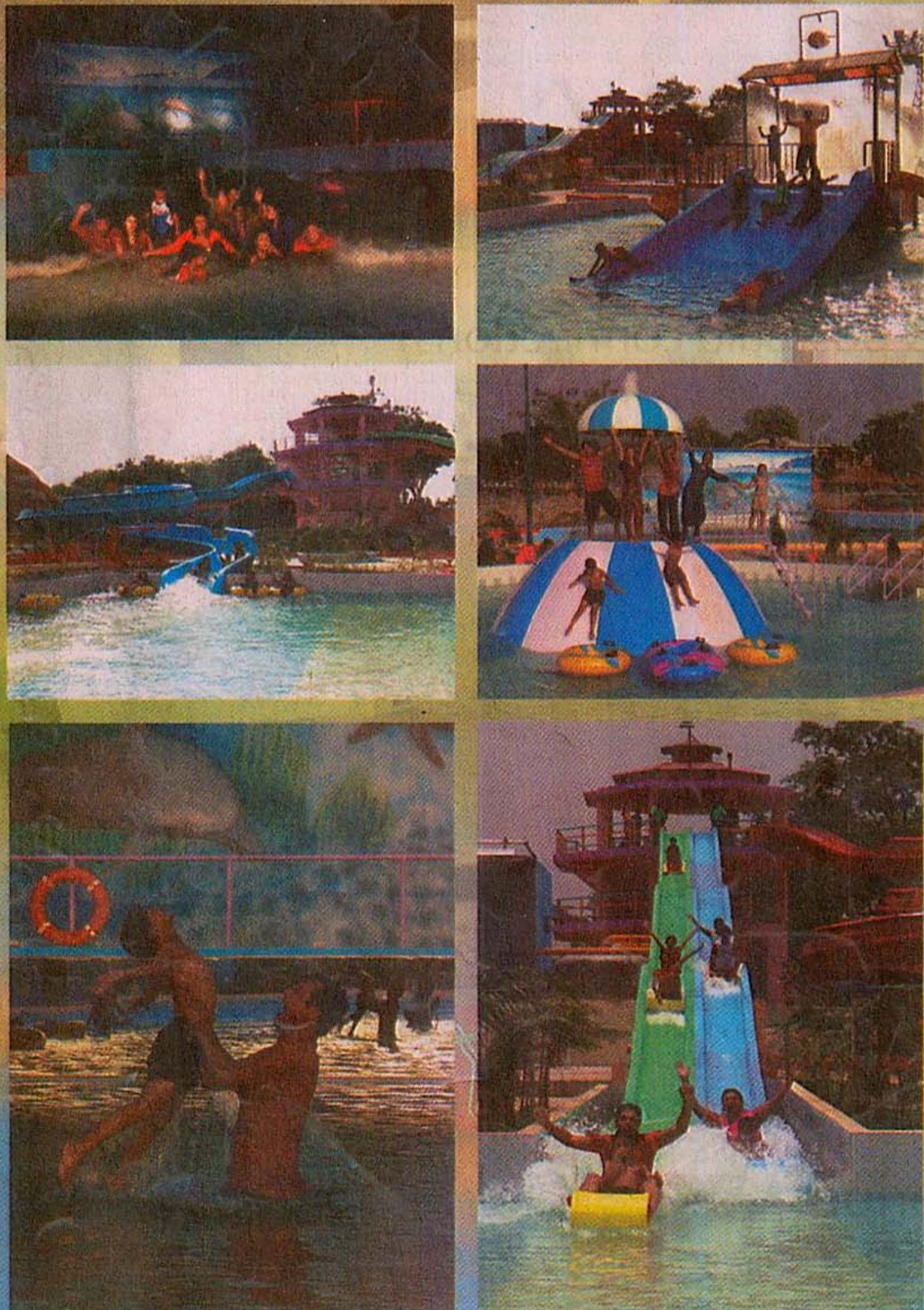
RABEED IMAM, from St Vincent

Seventy-two hours of travelling had tested the physical limits of the Bangladesh cricket team when they landed at the ET Joshua Airport in St Vincent on Saturday afternoon. But a good night's snooze later, they can't forget what they came here for. The Tigers' first-ever tour to this

part of the world starts with a limited-overs practice match against the West Indies Cricket Board Eleven today and already the whole island is buzzing in anticipation. Everyone knows that the Bangladesh team is in town and the two one-day internationals to be played here later on May 15 and 16 has even found a SEE PAGE 11 COL 1



মহাসাগরের ঢেউ ঢাকার সৈকতে



নন্দন পার্ক

বাংলাদেশে এই প্রথমবারের মতো নিয়ে এলো বিশ্বের সবচেয়ে জনপ্রিয় মজার সব ওয়াটার রাইডস

ওয়াটার ওয়াল্ড

ওয়াটার ওয়াল্ড রাইড প্যাকেজ জনপ্রতি ২৫০/- টাকা যতবার খুশি

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নন্দন পার্কে প্রবেশ মূল্য আর্থের মতোই ৫০/- টাকা

ওয়াটার ওয়াল্ড রাইডের জন্য বাড়তি কাপড় ও তোয়ালে সঙ্গে আনবেন



বিস্তারিত (মতিঝিল-পার্বতী-নবীনগর-নন্দন পার্ক) আবাবিল পরিবহন (গুলিস্তান-মহাখালী-আতপিয়া-নন্দন পার্ক)

নন্দন পার্ক

সব বয়সের সবার বিনোদন নবীনগর-চন্দা মহাসড়কে বাড়ইপাড়ায়

কর্পোরেট অফিসঃ ৯৬, সাহেবগাঁনী এলিভিট, বারিধারা, ঢাকা ১২১২ ফোনঃ ৯৮৯০২৮০, ৯৮৯০২৯১, ৯৮৯০২৯২ ফ্যাক্সঃ ৯৮৯০২-৯৮৯০২৯১

আরো অনেক মজার ওয়াটার ফান

সপরিবারে উপভোগ্য ওয়াটার ওয়াল্ডে ফ্যামিলি রাইড ছাড়াও রয়েছে মহিলাদের জন্য পৃথক রাইড (মহিলা ঘাড়া পরিচালিত) মহিলা ও পুরুষের পৃথক পৃথক চেঞ্জ রুম, টয়লেট ও লকার সুবিধা কিছু কিছু রাইডের ক্ষেত্রে পার্কের নিয়মকানুন প্রযোজ্য

* অনুগ্রহ করে বাইরের খাবার সঙ্গে আনবেন না