Disabled to get Tk 175 allowance a month

Inter-ministerial meet decides on the programme for next fiscal year

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government will introduce a programme for monthly allowance of Tk 175 each for 50,000 disabled people in the next fiscal year.

Designed in line with the widows and senior citizens' allowance programme, it will be included in the next budget, according to a decision of an inter-ministerial meeting held

at the finance ministry conference room and headed by Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman.

The meeting also decided to increase the number of beneficiaries under the programme for widows and senior citizens from the present 13 lakh to 15 lakh and the monthly allowance of Tk 175 from the present Tk 165 per head by the next fiscal year.

The government grant of Tk 700 each per month for orphans will also be increased to Tk 1000.

Saifur Rahman at the meeting suggested that the agriculture ministry take steps to convert the Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation into a seed development corporation.

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SEDITION CASE

Ex-Ingilab TV

MD gets bail

as PP keeps

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday granted

bail to sacked managing director of

Inqilab TV, Salauddin Shoib

Chowdhury in a sedition case, while

the public prosecutor (PP) did not

oppose the bail petition despite

being the prosecution lawyer since

During a hearing on the bail petition

from defence lawyers, PP Abdullah

Mahmud Hassan told the court that

he would have no objection as the

court grants bail to the accused with

Visitors' entry

to PMO to be

controlled by

Visitors' entry into the Prime

Minister's Office (PMO) will be

processed through a computerised

system to make the access simple

the visitors, having information and

monitoring facilities, has been

developed under ICT System

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Online access control system for

ICT system

and monitoring viable

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the filing of the case.

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Corporation (DCC) worker takes away a heap of May Day posters removed from the roadside walls yesterday. The DCC as part of its clean-up drive has moved to keep the

walls free

from graffiti.

BDNEWS, Dhaka

SAVAR TRAGEDY

BGMEA

receives

The Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has so far received only 15 applications for compensation from relatives of the workers killed from Source building workers killed in Savar building collapse on April 11.

15 prayers for

compensation

BGMEA officials said they will hand over the major part of the compensation to the relatives of the dead workers of Spectrum Sweater Industries Ltd. at a programme

Tuesday "We'll give Tk 79,000 for each death victim," said Ali Azam Khan, chairman of the BGMEA's Standing

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Dhaka hails development in Nepal

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh yesterday welcomed as "very positive" the withdrawal of the state of emergency in Nepal, saying that any development that contributes to peace and stability in the region is encouraging.

Prayer Timing		
May 1		
	Azan	Jamaa
Fajr	4-15	4-50
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-31	6-35
Esha	8-00	8-30
Source: Islamic Foundation		

Nepal King ends emergency

Retains extra power

REUTERS, Kathmandu

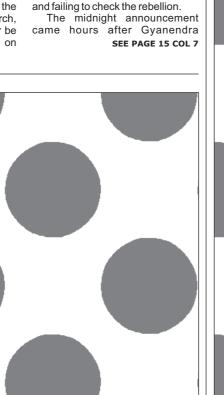
Nepal's King ended a state of emergency two days early, the Palace said yesterday, but the sudden midnight proclamation does not reduce extraordinary powers he seized in February's royal coup.

Politicians said it was a positive move but advised caution and urged the King to hold talks with political

Constitutionally, the three-month state of emergency granting the military extra powers of search, arrest and curfew had to end or be formally extended by midnight on

King Gyanendra's announcement made no mention of him giving up most of the extra powers assumed when he sacked the government, suspended democracy and took control himself on February 1 in a bid to end a longrunning Maoist rebellion.

The King suspended civil liberties, arrested the ousted prime minister and gave sweeping powers to soldiers to fight the Maoist rebels, drawing international condemnation



FAVOURING RULING ALLIANCE CANDIDATE Two CMP high-ups

deny allegation

EC hears arguments, judgment tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two high officials of the Chittagong police administration yesterday appeared before the Election Commission (EC) and denied the allegation that they were favouring the ruling four-party candidate in Chittagong City Corporation (CCC)

Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Commissioner Amjad Hossain and Assistant Police Commissioner (Detective Branch)

Gazi Jasim Uddin answered various questions of the EC and defended themselves.

During the hearing the representatives of the Nagarik Committee that backs ABM Mohiuddin SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

Gas explosion kills 1, injures 6 in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna One person was killed and six

others were injured in an ammonia gas pipe explosion at an ice factory at Rahimnagar under Rupasha upazila of the district at about 7:30pm yesterday. The dead was identified as Jalal

Sarder, 25, a worker of Tahura Ice Factory.

The injured were admitted to Rupasha upazila Health Complex in SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

