War criminals trying to erase spirit of liberation war

Speakers tell roundtable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Terming the trial of war criminals an unsettled chapter of the national life, speakers at a roundtable yesterday said the antiliberation forces are trying to divide freedom fighters (FFs) with a view to wiping out the spirit of the liberation war.

Rural Journalists' Foundation organised the roundtable 'Future of Bangladesh, rights of freedom fighters and firm footing of the war criminals' at Comrade Moni Sing-Farhad Trust Bhaban in the city.

The speakers said the war criminals are gradually grabbing the economic, education and heath sectors and they are sheltering their people financially, spreading militancy across the country.

The war criminals are approaching in such a planned way managing a big political party and

Commodore Commanding Chittagong Commodore M Nasir sees off a batch

of 79-member navy team at Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday.

PARLIAMENT ELECTION

Says British envoy

British High Commissioner to

Bangladesh Stephen Evans yester-

day said the caretaker government

is moving towards a general elec-

tion in December and the process

by the caretaker government in last

18 months that include an impres-

sive voter list, amendment of elec-

with political parties. These are key

requirements for a free and fair

ment is heading towards a right

direction to hold the general election

on December 18," said the envoy at a

meeting with the journalists of differ-

ent print and electronic media at the

VIP Lounge of Chittagong Press Club

"Election under the state of

emergency is permissible as per

Bangladesh law. But I would say

total lifting of emergency will

create the most desirable and ideal

election and we think the govern-

"Lots of works have been done

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg.

is on the right track.

(CPC) in the evening.

tant activities, they added.

They further said Bangladesh is a secular country and it has a long tradition of communal harmony but the fundamentalist forces is trying to turn the country into a religion-based country. For this, they compelled the government to dismantle sculptures that represent the country's

The speakers said voters should be more alert so that war criminals cannot go to the parliament. The pro-liberation forces and freedom fighters can play an important role to identify the criminals who will contest the upcoming polls and forge public opinion against

Air Vice Marshal (retd) AK Khandker, who was the deputy commander-in-chief of the armed forces during the liberation war, said, "We will go to remote places now hatching a conspiracy to across the country to forge mass destabilise the country with mili- awareness of the war criminals so paper.

situation for free and fair election,

said the high commissioner when

asked by the journalists which

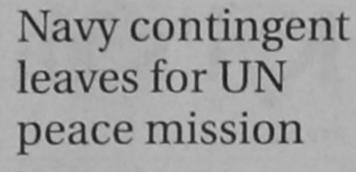
that they cannot return to power to make it a militant country."

He further added, "War criminals are hatching a conspiracy to make the country unstable to make a ground for foreign invasion in the

The speakers said the issue of the trial of war criminals remains ignored since the independence and now it is time to unite the freedom fighters in order to com-

Presided over by Chairman of the foundation SM Zahirul Islam, the roundtable was addressed by Standard Bank Ltd Chairman Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed, Bangladesh Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Misbahur Rahman Chowdhury and Lieutenant General (retd) Harun-or-Rashid.

General Secretary of the foundation Md Rejaul Huq Titu moderated the discussion, while MR Mahbub presented a keynote



UNB, Chittagong

A 79-member contingent of Navy (BANFRU-4) left Shah Amanat International Airport yesterday for

UN peacekeeping mission in Sudan. This contingent will replace the BANFRU-3 which is stationed at Malakhall of Sudan, said an ISPR release.

Earlier, two officers, 11 sailors and one civilian staff of Bangladesh Navy, led by Contingent Commander Captain M Sajjad Alam, left for Sudan as advance team of this contingent.

At present 73 BN officers and 180 sailors have been deployed in various countries of different UN peacekeeping Mission.

Govt is on right track Valuables worth Tk 7 lakh looted at Beanibazar

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

situation -- partial relaxation of Armed robbers looted gold ornacomplete lifting of emergency -- will ments, valuables and cash from the be supported by his government. house of an expatriate at Citing their recent bilateral talks Beanibazar upazila in the district in with the chief adviser and other the early hours of yesterday.

advisers, Evans said they have Around 10 to 12 robbers received assurances and commitattacked the house of Syedur ment from the caretaker govern-Rahman at Govindasri village ment that the upcoming election under the upazila and looted 18 toral rules and series of dialogues would be free, fair and credible and tolas of ornaments and valuables all parties concerned would take worth Tk seven lakh at gunpoint. They also gave the family mem-

Daily Purbokone Editor bers a good beating. They hit Syedur Taslimuddin Chowdhury and Daily with an iron rod. He received severe Azadi Editor MA Malek also spoke injuries on his head and hands. on the occasion. The victim was admitted to

Director (trade and commerce) Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical of the High Commission Kevin College Hospital. Ringham and official Kamrun He alleged that the masked Naharwere also present.

robbers stormed the house and Earlier, CPC President Ali | blindfolded the inmates before Abbas, General Secretary Ejaz confining them to a toilet. Yusoofi and other members of the They took the ornaments, valuclub greeted the envoy and his

Police Headquarters release. Apart from Darfur, some 1,062 ables and Tk 25,000 from the almirahs, he added.

injured.

day protesting indiscriminate felling of trees at Khashia Palli at Srimangal in Sylhet.

The injured were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital and Netrakona Sadar

Sylhet Division Unnayan Chhatra Sangram Parishad forms a human chain on the Dhaka University campus yester-

Our RU correspondent adds: One person was killed and 10 others were injured in a road accident on Rajshahi-Natore highway at Kapashia in Rajshahi yesterday.

The victim was identified as Nasir Uddin, 22, son of Taibur Rahman of Shibganj village in Chapainawabganj.

Police quoting locals said the accident occurred at around 12:00noon when two passenger buses collided head-on at Kapashia leaving 12 passengers injured.

Locals rushed the injured passengers to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital (RMCH) where Nasir succumbed to his injuries.

Following the accident agitating peoples blocked Natore-Rajshahi highway for one hour that created a huge traffic jam on the road.

Later, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Cops to serve better under political govt Hopes IGP

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

While denying making any comment on the proposed police ordinance, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Nur Muhammad has hoped that police would serve people better under the next political government.

He said police personnel up to inspector level will be transferred within the divisional range.

The IGP was exchanging views with the journalists at Barisal Circuit House on the occasion of the 2nd anniversary of Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP) yesterday.

Acknowledging the existence of militancy in the region he said its foundation has been destroyed

and they are now functioning

separately. They are also often nabbed by

the police in many places, he added. Talking about the post-election law and order situation, the IGP hoped that police are now more professional than before and will do better under a political government.

He said the success in reforming police force and creating closer relation between police and people, would yield positive result in preventing interference of political forces over the law enforcers in future.

The IGP said arrangement has been made for the residential accommodation of the BMP commissioner, and progress has also been made about the construction of BMP headquarter and police line.

4 killed, 45 injured in road accidents

NEWS

METRO DESK

Four people were killed and 45 others injured in separate road accidents in Netrakona, Kushtia and Rajshahi yesterday.

Our correspondent from Kushtia adds: Two people were killed and 10 others injured in a road accident on Kushtia-Bheramara road at Egaromile in Kushtia yesterday.

They dead were identified as Rezaul Haq Bablu, 48, and Sumon Kumar, 39.

The accident occurred when a Khulna-bound passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch loosing its control at about 9.45am leaving two dead on the spot.

Seriously injured passengers were admitted to Kushtia General Hospital.

Our correspondent from Netrakona reports: One person was killed and 25 others were injured in a road accident on Netrakona-Kendua road at Rantritola under Kendua upazila in Netrakona yester-

The dead was identified as Rasul Mia, 55, of Rantritola village.

Police quoting locals said the accident occurred when a Kendua-bound passenger bus fell into a roadside ditch loosing its control leaving Rasul Mia dead on the spot and 25 others

Police team leaves for Darfur peace mission

UNB, Dhaka

A 25-member contingent of Bangladesh Police yesterday left Dhaka for Darfur by a UNchartered flight to join UN peacekeeping mission.

Senior police officials saw the peacekeepers off at Zia International Airport (ZIA) in the morning, said à

members of Bangladesh police, at present, are performing well in peacekeeping missions in different troubled corners of the world including East Timor, Kosovo, Congo, Liberia, Ivory Cost and Sudan.

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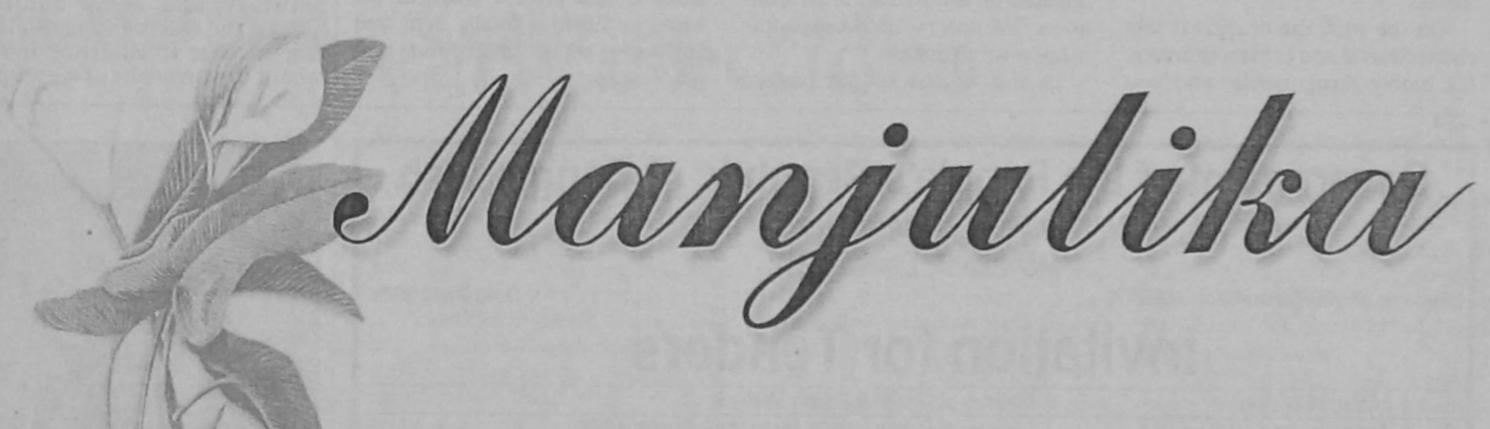
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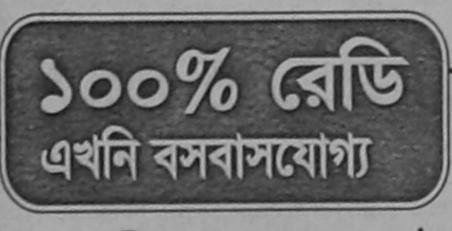
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Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad inaugurates the nomination form distribution programme of his party collecting a form at the party office in the city yesterday.



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