The leaders of Group Theatre Federation called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of Sugandha on Friday

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Begum Zia said that an effi-

cient management could help

increase production in an or-

gantsation and also reduce ex-

penditures. This is how an or-

ganisation can become a prof-

people would not be able to

enjoy the fruits of the present

democratic system unless

democratic values and norms

were practised in the adminis

cratic management system in

all the organisations including

the industries, corporations

and banks and insurance", she

said adding, "the basic concept

of which would be accountabil

ity." She said different organi-

sations had suffered huge

losses during the last nine

years in the absence of ac-

countability. As a result, many

mills and factories were shut

down and the number of

unemployed people increased

ernment had decided to re-

start the closed mills and fac-

tories in phases. In the mean-

time, the Delta Jute mill has

re-started functioning, she

government was pledge-bound

to present a corruption-free,

honest, dynamic, efficient and

accountable administration to

the nation. She said her gov-

ernment had taken over the

responsibility only four months

ago and added 'you all know

the Prime Minister said her

Begum Zia said her gov-

"We want to start demo-

The Prime Minister said

itable one, she added.

Bangladesh.

Efficient management

facing

what problems we have been

In this connection, Begum

Zia said the autocratic regime

had not only spread corruption

in the society, it had also cre-

ated a chaotic situation all over

the country throwing rules and

hope that members of IBA

would contribute their mite to

the overall development of the

country through their efficient

to three personalities for their

outstanding contribution in

different fields. They are M

Faizur Razzak, Kazi Salimul

Huq and MM Ispahani, AFA

Hossain was given posthumous

said the members of the IBA

Association have a great role to

play for effective management

science and management was

required for the development

of any society in the modern

sought whole-hearted coop-

eration of all to bring an end to

Talukdar said the IBA was

going to celebrate the 25th

founding ceremony of the in-

stitute sometime in winter this

ment to provide them with a

piece of land for the associa-

Momen urged the govern-

violence in the campus.

Prof Maniruzzaman Mia

He said that effective use of

system in the country.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury

She later distributed awards

management capabilities.

Begum Zia expressed the

regulations over board.

The Midnight File

Garbachev to discuss economic

cooperation with Bush

economic cooperation in his summit with President Bush, but

Soviet entreprenuers say the best way to build capitalism is to

give help directly to them. Gorbachev's agenda for his July

30-31 summit with the US President will include talks on

Call to oust Madagascar

President

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar, July 26: Opposition leaders

appealed Friday to the police and army to support their cam-

MOSCOW, July 26: Mikhail S. Gorbachev plans to discuss

Erosion threatens wide area of 7 districts

While the overall flood situation is improving fast with the recession of waters in the northern districts, erosion is posing a serious threat to many upazilas situated along the major rivers.

At least 1000 families in over a dozen villages of Tarash. Belkucht Shadatpur, Kazipur and Sadar upazilas of Stratgant district lost their homesteads into the river Jamuna over the past few days, District Flood Control official told BSS Friday.

Eroston by the river Jamuna still continues alarmingly, particularly in Kazipur and Belkuchi upazilas where the current is stronger, the official

In Pabna, at least 2,600 home steads went into the river Jamuna and Padma till today, District Flood Control official said adding that Bera upazila was the worst affected by the fury of the rivers. He said 90 kms of kutcha road along the river Jamuna was also in great danger because of the repeated lashing by the mighty waves

In Kurigram district, large areas of Baravita union under Fulbari upazila and Magalbas union under Sadar upazila are being eroded by the river Dharla. Besides, 100 ft pucca road of the Fulbari-Kurigram road has already been eroded

by the river Brahmaputra, the Brahmaputra has eaten up 3.5 kms of the 27-km embankment in Sherpur district, the District Flood Control Cell said adding that the river was still posing threat to some other

district are also facing erosion in some areas but the District Flood Control Cell said the situation was not grave now. Erosion in Jamalpur district

was stated to be usual while some areas in Bhuapur upazila under Tangail district were being eroded by the tide of the river Jamuna.

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CEC

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orderly society people's

representatives chosen thorough

free and fair election mechanism

was a must. In fact, Justice Rauf

said, "We have been fighting for

conducts nonpartisan pro-

grammes in support of democracy

around the world, had been vis-

iting Bangladesh for the last year

and a half in an effort to support

the movement for democracy and

free and fair elections. In course

of the deliberations in the work-

shop, he said, it could formulate

useful recommendations for our

election mechanism including

poll-watching before, after and

The Chief Election Commis-

He said the Election Commis-

Earlier, Eric Bjornlund of the

NDI introduced the participants

from the Philippines, Nigeria,

Bulgaria, Thailand, Northern

Ireland and the United States. He

also briefly spoke on what the

Larry Garber, senior consul-

tant on electoral processes of the

NDI, also spoke on various elec-

tion mechanism models being

practiced in different countries.

NDI stood for.

during the election day.

He noted that the NDI which

such a society."

In Manikganj district, the mighty tides of the rivers Jamuna and Padma are breaking down larger chunks in Harirampur and Daulatpur

District administration sources said the situation would turn serious as the current of both the rivers was getting stronger although they were flowing below danger

tion bulletin of Bangladesh Water Development Board said Friday that all the rivers were flowing below the danger mark, registering fall every

Enquiry into Col Taher's hanging demanded

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina has demanded formation of an enquiry commission to conduct a thorough investigation into the hanging of Col Taher following a judgement by a tribunal in

She alleged that veteran freedom fighter Col Taher was awarded the death sentence which she termed as a killing and demanded a trial for the killing.

Addressing a meeting to observe the death anniversary of Col Taher Friday evening, the AL chief said that those who were opposed to the independence of Bangladesh, hatched a conspiracy after 1975 and the death of Col Taher was nothing but an outcome of that intrigue.

She condemned the hanging and expressed sympathy with the family of Taher. This was for the first time the AL chief addressed a meeting arranged in memory of Taher.

Organised by Muktijoddha Sangram Parishad at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium, the meeting was presided over by Nasim Khan Taimur, Acting President of the organisation.

BKSAL General Secretary Abdur Razzak, CPB General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, JSD (Inu) President Kazi Aref Ahmed, AL leaders Col (retd) Showkat Ali and Barrister Showkat Ali. Prof Mosharraf Hussain, former student leaders Shaft Ahmed and Enayetur Rahman also addressed the meeting. Sheikh Hasina said that the

politics of killing and conspiracy was initiated with the killing of Bangabandhu in

She stressed on institutionalising democracy and establishment of a constitutional process for bringing an end and conspiracy.

amendment bills moved by he party and the BNP for switching over to a parliamentary sysdifference in the bills.

She said that the BNP added some clauses in its bill which have created complica-

She opposed the referendum system proposed by the BNP and said that referendums cannot be accepted under a

She observed hat the Parliament would not remain sovereign if the clause for referendums was added to the constitution.

She said that the election of president under a parliamentary system must be conducted by the Election Commission so that the MPs can express their opinion freely.

Sheikh Hasina also opposed strict provisions against floorcrossing by MPs and said that the Treasury Bench should not worry about this.

three alliances.

RU closed

From Page 1 Col. 5 dent organisations and Chhatra

League (S-A) failedearlier The JCD activists Thursday tried to fortify their positions in the Madarbox Hall and Habibur Rahman Hall while the Parishad activists at Latif Shah Makhdum, Amir Ali, Sher-e-Bangla, and Suhrawardy

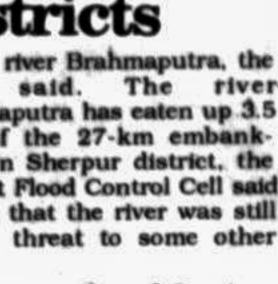
In the backdrop of last two days' fighting, attaining supremacy at the Suhrawardy Hall turned out to be the main contentious issue between the rival groups. In the evening, the JCD activists left the Suhrawardy Hall and the Oikya Parishad activists locked themselves inside and started preparation for fight. At about 10-30 pm the JCD activists came back with reinforcements, obviously to take control. After about 15 minutes' resistance from the Oikva Parishad activists from inside, the JCD activists broke open the gate and gunfight started. After an hour-long fight, the Oikya Parishad activists fled away. About 100 shots were fired and 25 students injured in the clash. The JCD then ransacked and set ablaze the rooms belonging to Oikya

Parishad activists. The JCD workers then targeted the Sher-e-Bangla Hall and after some hours entered the Hall by collapsing a boundary wall. At least 15 persons were injured in the battle between the rival groups there.

At around 4 am, Oikya Parishad activists from Shah Mokhdum, Amir Ali and Latif halls gathered and stormed into the Shurawardy Hall. They

into a firestorm of criticism over the Gorbachev platform.

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Four upazilas of Faridpur

Meanwhile, flood informa-

sioner stressed the necessity of an impartial election-running body for Bangladesh which had just entered into a constitutional system after having had a successful free and fair election.

sion was determined to maintain the same high level of supervision forever to the politics of killing and standard set up while con ducting the last national The AL chief mentioned election

about the Constitution tem and narrated the points of

parliamentary system.

Sheikh Hasina expressed the hope that the ruling party would remove the complications from its bill showing honour to the commitments of

set ablaze rooms belonging to

JCD workers. JCD workers

took shelter in Madarbox Hall

and the two groups had an-

other round of fierce gunfight.

About 40 students were in-

5-30 am, both Oikya Parishad

Police remained deployed

Later, JCD leader and Vice

President of RUCSU, Rizvi

Ahmed in a statement Friday

said the armed attacks were

pre-planned. The Oikya

Parishad at a press conference

also accused the JCD for ter-

rorism and demanded ouster

Friday condemning the closure

Shibir also held a rally

Now police are patrolling

BSS adds : Meanwhile,

five-member committee

headed by Prof A N Shamsul

Huq was formed to enquire

into the incidents on the cam-

pus. The committee is to sub-

mit its report within 15

Gorbachev plan

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drop tenets of orthodox

Marxism-Leninism from the

unexpectedly calm, surprising

political commentators.

Kremlin watchers and even

party members who had ex-

pected the plenum to lead to a

split in the party or to dissolve

The opening session was

and JCD activists dispersed.

When police came around at

jured in the clash there.

on the campus.

of the 'criminals'.

of the university.

the campus.

(fifteen) days.

party platform.

AL will support bill Khabar

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina addressing Adamjee workers at the Bangabandhu

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Bhaban on Friday.

the joint meeting of all the employees of the daily Khabar and four weeklies published from the same house to find out a peaceful solution to the issue of implementation of the 4th Wage Board award.

When the assault was going on, police came and with their apparent collaboration, the miscreants became more violent, the statement said.

The statement said police aided the attackers and took into custody 10 journalists and press workers. Police also manhandled them. False cases were also brought against five of the ten arrested, the statement said.

The leaders demanded release of the 10 journalists and press workers arrested during the incident, unconditional withdrawal of the cases against them and removal of the officer-in-charge of Tejgaon thana.

DUJ has convened a rally in protest against Friday's incident at 11am today (Saturday) at the National Press Club.

Shantibahini kills 3

Our From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 26: Shantibahini members from across the border shot dead three non-tribals and injured two others at Kadamtoli village of Matiranga upazila under Khagrachhari district in the small hours of today (Friday).

The dead were identified as Yousuf (3), Dipti Rahman (10) and Afzal Hossain (16). Three hours after the

Shantibahini attack a tribal villager was also killed in a crossfire between security forces and the Shantibahini men.

The Shantibahini attackers also set fire to five houses of Kadamtoli village.

— Star photo

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"We have asked to bring the bill in the House with amendments for restoring parliamentary system in true sense of the term... Only then we will give our support."

"I've repeatedly said we don't want a neo-autocracy in lieu of another, we don't want a new junta instead of another..We want people's rule and people's sovereignty", Hasina added.

The Awami League president said her party would now begin its next phase of movement for economic freedom of the deprived toiling masses.

"We will now launch movement inside and outside parliament to ensure people's economic emancipation after the long-drawn struggle against autocracy," she told a slogan-shouting rally of the

The rally was organised marking the Adamjee Jute Mills CBA president Rehanuddin Rehan's joining the AL along with 10,000 workers of the Mills.

Criticising the BNP government, Hasina said people had great expectations from the present government after the ouster of the autocratic regime. They hoped this government would bring about a change in their socio-economic life.

But unfortunately the ruling BNP is nakedly pursuing the same old anti-people policies of the autocratic regime to the utter dismay of the common man, said Hasina.

"After climbing the throne of power, they (BNP) have now become oblivious of their commitment to restore people's democratic and economic rights."

had further increased hard-

The Awami League president criticised the imposition of new taxes and the VAT system and said the new budget

ships of the poor and limited income groups.

In this context, she recalled that the Bangabandhu's government had prepared its budget without any new taxation in the war-torn post-independence Bangladesh considering the plight of the poor peasants and workers.

Amidst repeated slogans. Hasina called for implementation of the five-point demand of the SKOP, the Wages Commission for industrial workers, fixation of minimum wage at Taka 1400 and the reasonable demand for National Pay Commission.

She also called for setting up new industries, reopening of closed mills and factories, and reinstating the sacked

Adamjee Jute Mills CBA sources said its president Rehanuddin Rehan along with 22 other leaders of the CBA -Adamjee Patkal Sramik Union - and 10,000 workers joined the Awami League expressing their confidence in the leadership of Sheikh Hasina for completing the unfinished task of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Rehan presented a basketful of red flowers to a smiling Hasina on the occasion.

The rally was also addressed by Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu and Adamjee Jute Mills CBA president Rehanuddin Rehan.

Fight in Croatia

BELGRADE, July 26: Fighting flared in Croatia again Friday as Yugoslavia's collective presidency met in yet another effort to avert an all-out civil war, reports AP.

A Croatian policeman was killed in an early morning ambush near Otocac in western Croatia

"practical development" of a six-point plan offered by the Group of Seven industrialized nations in London in mid-July. said Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Ernst Obminsky, reports

Journalists and other employ-

ees of newspapers here today

refterated their determination

to continue their indefinite

strike till the realisation of

their three-point demand in-

clutting implementation of the

Fourth Wage Board Award

indefinite strike by journalists

Hartal

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struction of permanent embank-

ment from Kumira to Patenga.

developing Chittagong Afroort into

an international one, construction

of bus and truck terminals, de-

velopment of Patenga beach for

attracting tourists, expansion of

railway track from Dohazari to

Teknaf-Cox's Bazar, and ex-

emplary punishment to those

responsible for leakage of Comilia

Board SSC examination question

decided to launch a greater

movement soon to readse the

BNP opposed the hartal call saying

BNP government was pledge-

bound to develop Chittagong city

and any hartal in the name of

development of the city was

meaningless. Hartal will multiply

people's sufferings, city BNP

Bus services

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to bring the situation under

control. Regular bus services

did not resume till late in the

evening. A contingent of police

remains deployed at the bus

were lodged following the

Owners and Workers Action

Committee in a press confer-

ence held at the National Press

Club in the evening blamed the

Belayet group of transport

workers for instigating the

clashes in which several of

their members were injured

They demanded immediate ar-

rest of those responsible for

clashes and no arrests made.

Police said no complaints

The Bangladesh Transport

demands.

leaders said.

less hartal.

terminal.

The meeting, in a resolution.

Meanwhile, Chittagong city

Today was the third day of

,reports BSS.

and other employees.

- PID photo paign to oust President Didier Ratsiraka. Leaders on Friday also reported the first death of a demonstrator in the huge anti-government protests, reports AP. CUJ firm to Students clash with police in continue strike South Korea CHITTAGONG, July 26:

> SEOUL, July 26: About 700 students hurling rocks and firebombs clashed with riot police Friday outside Chosum University in the Southern city of Kwanju, the national news agency Yonhap said. Meanwhile, 21 students arrested earlier this month for involvement in anti-government protests had links with Communist North Korea, officials said Friday, reports AP.

Typhoon hits southeastern China

BEIJING, July 26: The eighth typhoon to hit China's southeastern coast this year has killed at least two people and destroyed several dozen homes, an official newspaper reported. Roads, bridges and telephone lines were cut in several countries of Guangdong province, according to Thursday's edition of the Yangcheng Evening News, which arrived in Beijing on Friday, reports AP.

Gaddafi threatens terrorist attack against Italy

NICOSIA, July 26: Libyan leader Moammer Gaddafi threatened terrorist attacks against Italy if Libya is attacked from US bases in those European countries, the Libyan News Agency JANA reported today. Colonel Gaddafi added that terrorism would also be justified in case of "aggression against Iraq," although he did not say whether Libya would launch a terrorist attack under such circumstances, reports AFP.

Ghorasal blast

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the time being. The Toyo Engineering Corporation of Japan which was installing the new process has agreed to put the factory back in its old production pro-

BNP leaders and workers cess within four months and brought out anti-hartal procesinstall the new process by sions in different parts of the city manufacturing a new stripper and called upon the people to in another 15 to eighteen resist what they called meaningmonths. The inquiry committee

headed by Prof Iqbal Mahmud of the Department of Chemical Engineering. University of Engineering and Technology, Police reached the spot later in the day and managed

found that the Toyo Engineering Corporation had installed the ACES process which was not a proven one. Iwo strippers were earlier installed in South Korea and

Spain for factories with a daily capacity of 600 and 750 tonnes respectively. But the Ghorasal Urea Fertilizer Factory had a capacity of over 1400 tonnes a day.

The Toyo Engineering Corporation had also got the critical machinery - 'carbon dioxide stripper' manufactured by the Olmi firm of Italy, not in the short list of the firms in contract with the Bangladesh Industries Chemical Corporation (BCIC). This it did to save 46 per cent of the money earmarked to manufacture the stripper, the report

The authorities concerned

are now formulating charges

against those who had initiated

the project violating adminis-

trative procedures, and

preparing to claim damages

from the Toyo Engineering

Corporation responsible for

trative procedures, the

Industries Minister said that

BCIC had signed a contract

with Toyo without getting the

project approved by the

National Economic Council.

Presidential approval was

signing of the contract.

should be dropped.

Islam Khan said.

taken three months after the

Again, the National

Economic Council had opined

after one-year of the signing of

the contract that the project

ued disregarding this, Shamsul

ment and the employees union

of the factory were opposed to

the factory, because in their

opinion it was not technically

pared for the project made

wrong calculations to show

that the rate of return would

be 15, whereas the rate of re-

again undertaken only two

years following the implemen-

tation of Taka 60-crore again

Balancing Modernization

Renovation and Extension

(BMRE) project expected to

keep the factory operational

till 1995. The BMRE project

was also implemented by the

Toyo Engineering Corporation.

ployees of the factory who had

protested against the move to

The Minister said that em-

The revamping project was

turn was actually negative.

A project proforma pre-

and economically viable.

But the project was contin-

He said that the manage-

On the violation of adminis-

minister said.

the accident.

the attack. The Action Committee threatened to go for an indefinite transport strike from July The stripper installed in 29 if their five-point charter of Korea was manufactured by a demands are not met by that first class firm in Japan, the

Moscow

From Page 1 Col. 3 to earn hard currency, the Soviet Union planned to sell its sprawling industrial units to

foreign investors. The country is now directly contacting various developed countries to sell Soviet products, and the country has even intended to sell 30 per cent of the state-owned Valga Automotive Plant, the largest autocar producing company in the Soviet Union.

To many Soviets a free market economy is associated with black marketeering and price extracting.

They think the selling of state-owned industries will pave the way for the earning of hard currency by the Soviet entrepreneurs, who will go for new investments. Similarly, the foreign office

sources said that the Soviet Union believed that the barter trade would not help generate any hard currency required for investment. However, Bangladesh is still

trying to persuade the Soviet Union to extend the barter protocol for yet another year from next September. According to a diplomatic

source it will be difficult for the USSR to renew barter protocol when the country is now trailing behind Poland and Czechoslovakia in opening its market in consonance with the political and economic development.

During his recent visit to Soviet Union the Bangladesh Foreign Minister however signed only a consular convention but failed to convince his Soviet counterpart on the signing of a barter protocol.

take up the revamping project were subjected to various harassments and some of them were put in detention to get it through. An Assistant Secretary of the ministry who had raised objections was also harassed. The project, the minister

once held the post of Chairman of the BCIC and then became secretary. Ministry of Industries, by utilising both his positions. The Taka 350 crore spent for the project included Taka

said, was pursued by man who

100 crore from the government of Bangladesh and the remaining amount from a Japanese loan. The Industries Minister said that the Toyo Engineering

Corporation has agreed to pay compensation to the families of the deceased. It also arranged for treatment of five of the seriously injured. Steps would be taken soon

to charge-sheet those responsible for turning the factory into a losing concern, undertaking the revamping project flouting administrative rules, and claiming damages, the minister said. The Factory used to earn a profit of Taka 12 crore a year.

Due to the project it will incur a loss of Taka 18 crore.

Assistant Secretary Moinul Hossain who had taken the courage to raise objection to the project, and two workers of Ghorasal Fertiliser Factory who had stopped further release poisonous gas by risking their lives following the accident would be rewarded.

Dr Igbal Mahmud, Chairman

of the Committee, Shafful Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Industries, Habibur Rahman, Additional Secretary in charge of the Science and Technology Division who was also a member of the committee and Nefaur Rahman, Chairman BCIC were also present at the news conference.

The Industries Minister said that Bangladesh was grateful to the people and the government of Japan, the single largest donor for Bangladesh, for their generous assistance. But at the same time it looked forward to proper implementation of Japanese assistance programmes so that economic cooperation became stronger between the two countries in fu-

He said during the rule of the previous government, many projects did not yield expected results due to lack of proper planning. We hope that properly planned Japanese economic and technical assistance and cooperation to economic and industrial development of Bangladesh will ex-

pand in future', he said. More on business page

100 Indian troops killed

ISLAMABAD, July 26: More than 100 Indian troops were killed when Muslim militants ambushed an army convoy in Kashmir state, Pakistan's offictal APP news agency said today, reports Reuter.