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## Government employees call off strike

All the programmes of the government employees were withdrawn Monday with immediate effect at the call of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, reports BSS.  
 The leaders of Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Sanghati Parishad, Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Samannay Parishad and Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Sangram Parishad called on Begum Khaleda Zia at her office at Sugandha separately Monday night and announced the withdrawal of their programmes forthwith.  
 The secretary general of the Sanghati Parishad, Syed Mohiuddin read out a joint declaration and said, 'all pro-

grammes is hereby withdrawn with an unanimous decision of all in view of the call of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and also in the greater national interest and overall economic condition.'  
 Syed Mohiuddin during his speech said that the government employees were always loyal to the newly elected government. There should not be any misgiving in this regard, he said and added 'if a son commits any mistake can't a mother forgive him?'  
 The President and Secretary General of Bangladesh Telecommunications Samik See Page 12 Col. 1

### Jobless youths flex muscles near Secretariat

By Staff Correspondent  
 Several thousand citizens most of them said to be unemployed held a rally on Monday in front of the National Press Club demanding recruitment in place of the striking government employees.  
 The rally under the banner of the Dhaka Social and Moral Development organisation also demanded cancellation of the newly announced pay scale and See Page 12 Col. 1



Unemployed youths held a rally near the Secretariat yesterday decrying the new pay scales. — Star photo



AL supporters smashing a TV set near TV Bhaban yesterday in protest against government policy on the electronic media. — Star photo

### AL will resist conspiracies against democracy: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent  
 Awami League President Sheikh Hasina in a statement to the press cautioned that her party would resist all sorts of conspiracies in the way of establishing democracy.  
 In her statement the Leader of the Opposition in parliament said that the country was to achieve a democratic system at its initiatives and active cooperation but the people would not spare the government if it failed to run state affairs and plunged the nation into a deep crisis.  
 Criticising the government Sheikh Hasina said that though the autocratic government was ousted from power the autocratic See Page 12 Col. 8

### One lakh metric tons of salt to be imported Punishment to curb unfair means in exams raised

The Council of Ministers at a meeting on Monday decided to amend the Public Examination (Offences) Act, 1980 to raise the degree of punishment with a view to curbing all kinds of unfair means in the examinations besides stopping other dishonest trends with regard to examinations, reports BSS.  
 Presided over by Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, the meeting was attended by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, ministers, finance secretary, cabinet secretary and secretaries of concerned ministers and division, an official handout said.  
 Under the Amendment, there will be provisions to award punishment of minimum two years and maximum five years of imprisonment to a fake examinee.  
 The amendment will further make the provisions for sentencing minimum four years and maximum 10 years of jail term for offences like leakage of questions paper while minimum three years to maximum 10 years of imprisonment for a crime like issuance of false mark-sheet, certificate, diploma or degrees.  
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### Mustafiz off to New Delhi

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman left here Monday for New Delhi on a three-day official visit to India, reports BSS.  
 He will have wide-ranging discussions on bilateral and other issues with Indian External Affairs Minister Madhav Singh Solanki.  
 This is the first high level contact at political plans between the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the New Indian government headed by Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao.  
 'Both the governments are democratically elected and I believe there will be no dearth of political will to promote neighbourliness' he told BSS prior to departure.  
 Rahman said the two sides would address themselves to all the issues at stake for furthering the cause of bilateral See Page 12 Col. 7

### AL, BNP run for all 11 seats 49 candidates to contest bye-elections

By Staff Correspondent  
 Forty nine candidates will contest the September 11 bye-elections to 11 vacant seats of the Jatiya Sangsad.  
 Of the 67 candidates whose nominations were found valid, 18 withdrew their candidature till Monday, the last day for the withdrawal.  
 The BNP and the Awami League have fielded candidates for all the 11 seats while the Jatiya Party has nominated candidates for nine seats.  
 The Jamaat-e-Islami will contest the bye-elections for only four seats in Rangpur. The See Page 12 Col. 4

## Union cannot be saved, says Gorbachev

MOSCOW, Aug 26: President Mikhail S Gorbachev saying last week's failed coup had completely changed the face of the Soviet Union, indicated today he could no longer resist the demands of secession-minded republics for independence, reports agencies.  
 In one of the most dramatic speeches since his perestroika reforms began six years ago, Gorbachev appeared to accept that the union of 15 republics could no longer be saved.  
 Several of those republics have already decided that. Uzbekistan began moves

toward seceding. Moldova said it would declare independence on Tuesday, joining the Ukraine, Byelorussia and the three Baltic republics.  
 Iceland became the first Western country to establish diplomatic links with Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia. Canada, Austria and Poland joined a growing list of countries saying they were ready to establish ties with them.  
 'People are saying that I came back to a different country. I agree with this,' Gorbachev said, referring to his return on Wednesday from

three days of virtual house arrest at this holiday villa in the Crimea during the takeover.  
 'A man returned from the Crimea to this different country who looks at everything — both the past, the present and the future — with different eyes.'  
 'This coup has accelerated the breakup of the Soviet Union,' Armenian nationalist President Levon Ter-Petrosyan told reporters in the lobby, reflecting a widely-held view.  
 Kazakh leader Nursultan Nazarbayev said in a speech the Soviet republics could live

only as a loose confederation.  
 'It is obvious to us that the renovated union cannot be a federation,' he said, rejecting the existing treaty.  
 Gorbachev said republics which did not sign, including the Baltics, 'should be given the right of independent choice.'  
 'After the signing ... we must start at once businesslike negotiations with those who want to leave,' he said.  
 Gorbachev said the republics should pay compensation to people who decided to leave the republics because of

independence, but he made no reference to previous Soviet demands that breakaway republics should pay for factories and other sites built on their territory with union funds.  
 He also apparently dropped demands that the republics follow existing constitutional procedures requiring five years of negotiation before secession.  
 Yeltsin's Russia said it reserved the right to question its borders with any republic which withdrew from the Soviet Union.  
 Gorbachev on Monday accepted the blame for not fail-

ing to head off last week's coup by communist hardliners and said national elections will be held for all government posts, including his.  
 Immediately after the Union Treaty is signed, we must begin a campaign to elect all union organs, including the President,' Gorbachev said. He did not give a timetable.  
 Calling presidential and parliamentary elections is the prerogative of the country's supreme legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, which will meet on September 2.  
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### OP-1 lottery winners appeal for US visas

By Staff Correspondent  
 Over 1,000 winners of the US OP-1 Immigration Lottery did not get visas due to early suspension of the programme in Bangladesh.  
 Arman Hossain Bakul, convener of the newly formed OP-1 Winners Association told a press conference at the National Press Club that 4,900 people own the lottery from Bangladesh out of 20,000 worldwide.  
 The last date for issuing See Page 12 Col. 3

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Diarrhoea claims five in Pabna**

PABNA, Aug 26: Diarrhoea claimed five lives including three children and attacked 75 others at Mahmudpur village in Sadar upazila of the district, during the last 24 hours, official sources said, reports UNB.

**DU Syndicate meets today**

By DU Correspondent  
 The Dhaka University Syndicate, under pressure to reopen the university, meets today at the Registrar's office at 4-30 pm. But the chance of reopening is slim, according to a Syndicate member.  
 Developments so far suggest See Page 12 Col. 8

**Prosecution Witnesses continue deposition**

## Raushan moved Ershad's belongings to Bangabhaban

By Staff Correspondent  
 Begum Raushan Ershad moved some of the personal belongings of her husband deposed President IIM Ershad from the Sena Bhaban to the Bangabhaban during the months of June and July 1990.  
 This was deposed yesterday by Prosecution Witness Lt. Colonel Atiqur Rahman Munshi in the Special Judge Court trying the deposed President for amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income.  
 Lt Col Atiqur Rahman Munshi, the Assistant Military Secretary to the President was a member of the Inventory Committee that prepared the list of Ershad's articles and cash found in the Senabhaban and the Bangabhaban.  
 During his deposition Col Munshi said that with the permission of the Military Secretary to President Ershad, he had kept the goods sent by Raushan Ershad in a room near his office in the Bangabhaban.  
 Col Munshi corroborated the statements of the other members of the Inventory Committee.  
 Two other prosecution witnesses were also produced yesterday. They were Abdul Matin Bhuiyan owner of a furniture and textile spares shop and Md. Fakhruddin owner of a crockery shop.  
 These two witnesses told the Court that they assisted the Inventory Committee in fixing the prices of the articles found in the Sena Bhaban.  
 Col Munshi was prosecution witness number 45.  
 He said that most of the money found in the Sena Bhaban were of the Taka 500 denomination in bundles with bank seals. He also said that the bundles of notes were found in the trunks under the clothes.  
 Col Munshi said that during the recovery of the goods kept in the Bangabhaban the Committee members had to break open the door of the room where the goods were kept as the key to the room was lying with the person who brought the goods at the instruction of Raushan Ershad.  
 None of the prosecution witnesses was cross-examined yesterday as the Chief Defence Counsel Strajul Haque was absent due to his other engagements.  
 The Defence submitting an application to this effect sought adjournment of the court till next Saturday.  
 The Prosecution raised objection to the Defence plea but See Page 12 Col. 3

### UN concerned at Kashmir situation

NEW DELHI, Aug 26: The United States permanent UN representative Thomas Pickering said today the world body was concerned with the problems of human rights violations and terrorism in the Indian state of Kashmir, reports AFP.  
 Pickering, who arrived here today on a two-day visit, told reporters that the United Nations was concerned with both problems. But he said the world body would consider a mediatory role only if approached by 'both the parties.'  
 'The UN cannot be the first resort for settling conflicts, but it may consider to mediate if both the sides approached it for a settlement,' he said, without specifying the two sides.  
 India which has fought two of its three wars with Pakistan, holds a northern third of the former princely Hindu Kingdom since the 1947 partition of the subcontinent by the British.  
 Muslim militants spearheading a secessionist drive in Kashmir have frequently urged the UN to press India to abide See Page 12 Col. 1

### College teachers postpones programme

Bangladesh Government College Lecturers' Association has postponed its abstention from work programme scheduled to begin today according to a press release of the association, reports BSS.  
 The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of the association held Thursday at Dhaka College with Kamal Ataur Rahman in the chair.  
 According to the press release, the meeting in a resolution said as the democratic government had in principle accepted a considerable part of See Page 12 Col. 6

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