SSMC Correspondent The Academic Council of Sir Salimuliah Medical College Monday decided to reopen the college on August 31 if all the student organisations in the college assure the authorities to cooperate in maintaining

congenial atmosphere. Meanwhile, the authorities have discussed with the student organisations except Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) about possibility of reopening the college. BCL is expected to sit with the authorities on Tuesday.

In case the college reopens on August 31 the hostels will be reopened on August 29.

Another report adds Medication and other authorities in all departments and wards except the emergency in Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital remained almost closed on Monday, the second day of strike called by the Internee Doctors Association.

Serious patients were being shifted to Dhaka Medica College Hospital and other hospitals in the city.

A decision on whether the strike would continue or not would be taken on Wednesday at a meeting of all doctors.

The internee doctors called the strike in protest against the reinstatement of nurse Monika Rebeireo.

23 fire arms recovered

The police under its "Operation Doorbar" have recovered 23 illegal fire arms, 46 rounds of bullet, one S M G one rifle, one revolver, 20 pipe - guns, two explosives and five parts of weapon from different parts of the country during the last 24 hours, reports BSS.

According to a police press release, the arms and ammunition were recovered from Dhaka, Munsigani, Sariatpur Madaripur, Comilla, Feni, Khulna, Bangerhat, Magura and Pirojpur districts.

Police also arrested a number of miscreants, absconders and anti- social people, the press release added.

Call to cast 'yes' vote in referendum

State Minister for Education Principal Md Eunus Khan Monday called upon people of all walks of life to partic ipate spontaneously in the forthcoming referendum, according to a message received in Dhaka.

The State Minister was addressing a series of rallies at various educational institutions in Barisal.

Moshartaf Hossain, MP, also spoke on the occasion.

Eunus Khan called upon all to cast their "yes" vote in the referendum. He asked the people to take part in the referendum with the same zeal as in the last parliamentary elec-

He said a vested group was creating anarchy, commotion and indiscipline in the cam-



injured student admitted in the Dhaka Medical College is seen. - Star photo

AL blames BNP for unrest

Awami League leader Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, MP. Monday blamed the BNP government for growing hardship of the people and unrest in socio-economic sectors, reports UNB.

"The people have got nothing but misery and sufferings from the BNP government in five months of its rule", she told a bye-election rally at Azimpur, Uttara, for Awami League nominee Advocate Shahara Khatun running second time for the Cantonment-Gulshan parliament scat.

In the February 27 JS polls, she contested BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia in the constituency and lost. The Prime Minister vacated this seat besides three others.

The Awami League General Secretary appealed to the people to vote for "Boat" in the September 11 bye-elections to help her party bring about a change in the condition of masses.

Party leaders Zillur Rahman, Advocate Shahara Khatun, Laisuzzaman, former DUCSU VP Akhtaruzzaman and Film-maker Alamgir Kumkum also addressed the rally.

State Minister for Land

Jamiruddin Sircar said, the

government of Begum Khaleda

Zia was pledge-bound to root

out terrorism and corruption

from all spheres of social life,

The State Minister was ad-

dressing a conference organ-

ised by Mohammadpur unit of

Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal at

Minister for Labour and

Among others, State

Mohammadpur Sunday.

reports BSS.

'Govt firm to root out

terrorism, corruption

Sajeda Chowdhury said ruling BNP's wrong policy had aggravated the hardship of the people on the one hand and on the other deteriorated law and

Criticising the economic policy of the government, she said prices of essentials spiralled for introduction of VAT, while the government failed to control the market.

She also criticised the government for "rehabilitating" the pro-Ershad elements in the administration and victimising the officers who supported the anti-autocracy movement.

The Awami League leader demanded immediate reopening of all universities and colleges by restoring healthy academic atmosphere. Zillur Rahman urged Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to help adopt the Indemnity (Repeal) Bill in parliament to free the country from the politics of killing and treachery.

Manpower Rafiqul Islam Mia

Aminul Haq MP, Zainal Abedin,

MP, Ahsanul Kabir, Special

Assistant to the BNP

Chairperson and BNP leader

Shahe Alam and Ahsanul Haq

dom and sagacity of

Jamiruddin Sircar, who is

contesting in the by-election

to the Jatiya Sangsad from

constituency, Rafigul Islam Mia

renowned in the political

arena of the country for his

honesty and dedication. He

went on to say "That is why he

has been entrusted with the

responsibility of a minister by

ernment harbours firm belief

in people-oriented politics.

The minister said this gov-

ernment would adhere to its

commitments with all-out sin-

cerity. In this, context, he re-

called that BNP government

had already exempted the

taxes on land upto 25 bighas,

agricultural loan Taka five

thousand including interest

besides enhancing the age to

enter into government service

He urged the people of all

walks of life to east their votes

in the coming by-elections in

favour of the politics of devel-

opment for strengthening

hands of Begum Khaleda Zia

and help expedite the process

Nasim Khan

returns today

Khan returns today (Tuesday)

after "meaningful" discussion

with Pakistan President and

Prime Minister on immediate

repatriation of the stranded

Pakistanis in Bangladesh, re-

Khan also had discussions

with high officials and political

leaders of Pakistan in this re-

gard, said a press release of

the Stranded Pakistanis

The stranded Pakistanis

will give him "fusing recep-

tion" at the Zia International

Airport and will be carried in a

grand procession towards

He will also address the

Mohammadpur and Mirpur.

Repatriation

SPGRC leader M Nasim

from 27 to 30.

of development.

ports UNB.

General

Committee (SPGRC).

stranded Pakistanis.

Sircar said, the BNP gov-

all BNP government."

"Jamiruddin Sircar is

Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur

Regarding the political wis-

spoke on the occasion.

"BNP will be identified as enemy of democracy if it dosen't bring an end to politics of killing, coup and conspiracy through the passage of the Indemnity Bill", he said.

Referendum to be a decisive factor: Hafiz

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz Monday directed the representatives of local government bodies to motivate people for massive participation in the coming referendum, reports BSS.

He said the referendum would be a decisive factor for switching over to parliamen tary form of government.

Addressing as the chief guest at a meeting of the local government bodies officials and local elite in Panchagar the Minister said the people of Bangladesh were proud of their spontaneous participa tion in the last parliamentary election and the unity and consensus arrived at the Constitutional Amendment Bill.

He said tolerance and respect to the opinion of others was imperative for establishing democratic values and giving it an institution shape.

List the welfare oriented activities, undertaken by BNP government within short spun of time, he urged the people to extend cooperation in maintaining congenial atmosphere to carry forward the development programmes.

Communalism harms cause of democracy: Kemaluddin

By Staff Correspondent

Former chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossain has said communalism was contrary to democracy.

He was speaking at a seminar on 'democracy and communalism' organised by the Communist Party Bangladesh (CPB) at its central office in Dhaka on Monday.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Awamt League leader Prof Abu Sayeed, CPB leader Mujahidul Selim, United Islam Communist League leader Tipu Biswas and National Awami Party leader Moulana Ahmedur Rahman Azmi spoke at the seminar which was presided over by CPB General Secretary Satfuddin Ahmed Manik.

Justice Kemaluddin Hossain said democracy does not mean only this rule of the majority. It must guarantee, protection of the minorities and national interest.

state religion the former Chief Justice said Islam does not permit state religion in a multi- religious state. He said the vested interest groups explott religion by making it state religion. He said democracy is a healthy political lifestyle and communalism is just opposite to it.

Prof Kabir Chowdhury said the common people have been non- communal through out the ages. The emergence of Bangladesh was based on non communal spirit, he said and recalled that communalism was nourished through distortion of history.

Prof Chowdhury said that the provision of state religion should be dropped from the Constitution for strengthening democratic system Communalism helps terrorists , he added.

CPB General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik said Criticizing the system of the rise of communal forces

can he attributed to the failure of progressive forces. He called upon all progressive forces to be united against communalism. He said it is necessary to create a sense of security among the minority communities for speedy development of the country.

Mujahidul Islam Selim referred to the reign of terror unleashed by a communal force in Fatikchari Upazila of Chittagong district and cases of looting in Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj district. He said the communal forces were strengthened by declaration of state religion in the Constitution.

Prof Abu Sayeed said communalism is a vile form of using religion for political ends. Tipu Biswas said communal-

ism is a weapon of exploitation. Maulana Ahmedur Rahman Azmi called upon all progressive forces to resist communalism unitedly.

Residential area for lower middle class at Panchabati

RAJUK has taken up a plan to build up a residential area for the lower middle class at Panchabati near Narayangani town, reports UNB.

Anwarul Alam, Chairman of RAJUK (Rajdhani Unnayan Katripakkha), in a television programme "Sanglap" on Monday evening said a new master plan for the capital is being taken up to expand the city area to 590 sq miles from the existing 230 sq miles.

The new master plan will extend the city up to Savar in the north-west, Mcghna in the east. Dhaleswari in the west and Gazipur in the north.

The programme titled "the future of the Dhaka city" was conducted by Mohammad Jahangir and participated by Group Capt (Retd) Nurul Islam, Chairman of WASA. Chief Executive of the Dhaka City Corporation Janibul Huq and Prof Nazrul Islam, Director Town Research Centre of Dhaka University.

Prof Nazrul Islam taking part in the discussion said it

would not be effective if the foreigners were called in for town planning and stressed' the need for giving opportunity to the local planners.

He called for measures to check migration of villagers to the capital. He strongly sug-

Solidarity with PLO expressed

Speakers at a discussion in Dhaka on Tuesday reaffirmed their solidarity on behalf of the people of Bangladesh with the people of Palestine and said only the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) had the right to represent the Palestinians at the Middle East peace conference expected to be held next month, reports

They welcomed the peace conscrence initiated by the United States and supported by the Soviet Union and the United Nations (UN) and hoped its success would bring lasting peace in the Middle gested creating job opportunities in the rural areas by setting up industries and diverting business in the district towns and upazilas which would stop migration. Prof Islam cautioned that i

the present rate of migration to the capital continued Dhaka's population would rise to 1.5 to 2 crore by the year Nurul Islam said WASA is going to take up a plan to sup-

ply water to the city from the rivers Meghna and Buriganga instead of underground water. He said 80 per cent demand of the city's requirement could be fulfilled if the plan

could be implemented by the year 2020. He said WASA has got an outstanding arear of Tk 23 crore and the rate of water would not have to be increased

in next 5 to 6 years if system loss could be reduced. On the city's traffic system, Jantbul Huq, Chief Executive of Dhaka City Corporation said rickshaws would be phased out from the main roads by the year 2000 and would only be

allowed to ply in the lanes and suburbs and satellite towns. the country.

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MD MOHIBUR RAHMAN General Manager (Engg)

Two cheats arrested By Staff Correspondent

Dhaka Metropolitan Police on Monday arrested two cheats and recovered 15 poisonous tablets from their possession.

Md. Sagir (20) was arrested from Bijoynagar and Md. Salam (20) was arrested from Sipahibag in the city? They used to rob people in a novel way. Each of them used to buy two cinema tickets. Later they sold one ticket to some cinema-goer pretending that his companion failed to join him. In course of enjoying cinema, they made friends with the person to whom he earlier sold ticket. They would offer him drinks and mixed it with tablets which made him unconscious for a while. In the meantime, they would rob the man of whatever he had with

Training on narcotic detection begins

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: A four-day training programme on the detection and interdiction of narcotics and other dangerous drugs and inaugurated at the Customs House this morning, reports BSS.

Being held under the auspices of US Customs Services in cooperation with Chittagong Customs, the training programme was inaugurated by M Member Hena. (Administration Development) National Board of Revenue.

Leader of the three-member US Customs Services delegation Pamela Ford and Chittagong Customs Collector Nasir Uddin Ahmad spoke on the occasion. Members of US delegation Patric Reed and Argent Acosta were also pre-

BDRCS relief operation

Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) has geared up relief activities in the flood affected districts of the country, reports BSS.

During the last few days, the society sent a large quantity of relief materials to the flood affected districts including Rajbari, Faridpur, Gaibandha, Rangpur, Pabna, Scrajganj, Bogra, Tangail, Mymensingh, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Manikganj and Scrajganj.

A government employee in the Secretariat reading newspaper in a relaxed mood during strike hours Monday. Other chairs are seen empty and typewriters idle: Later, the strike was withdrawn.

Ceramic industries make headway

by A B M Mokshed Ali

The ceramic industry of Bangladesh is as old as its history. The term "Ceramic" properly applies to a vast number of products made by shaping moist clay or similar substances, which are then dried and subject to temperatures high enough to give the finished article strength and permanence.

Ceramic products, therefore, include many varieties of were from the crudest vessels of prehistoric time to the most beautifully decorated porcelains, stone wares and earthen wares. It also includes many articles such as, large grainjars which are used from ancient times for storing corns and other dried materials, wincjars and modern sanitary wares and the large tanks containing corrosive acids.

The profusion of earthen ware, that is the ceramic products in Bangladesh, is amazing in variety. Domestic pottery is produced in abundance by the traditional village potter who turns out earthen ware pots, bowls, plates, jars, urns, decorative items, toys and religious icons, statues and figures. Besides these, ceramic porcelain and china-white wares of various types to utensils, sanitary wares, tiles, bricks etc. are also produced in Bangladesh and having a

sound competition with the imported and foreign materi-In context of cultural her-

itage and socio-economic realities of Bangladesh the importance of ceramic industry is very clear. Pottery, the earthen ware making, is the very ancient cottage industry in Bangladesh. Our historic and cultural values lie behind this art. All the monuments and memorials excavated are rich with fine ceramic works. Terracota designs showing the silent wonders through the relics of Mahastangarh, Moynamoti, Paharpur and all the historical places reveal the background of Bangladeshi skill in ceramic works. Temple like Kanta Mandir at Dinajpur shows the highest skill in ceramic tiles in the whole of the sub-continent.

The principal type ceramic items and their raw materials 1. Glazed wall and floor tiles; -

Clays & Glaze, Pyrophylite, 2. Domestic and Sanitary-

wares: Clays, Feldsper, Fleint Glazes, Cormishstone. Bonechina (China-wares); Clays Boneash, Cornish-

stone, Feldsper. Porcelain (Domestic, Laboratory and Industrial items);

Clay, Feldsper, Fleint. 5. Stoneware; Clays & Fluxing

The basic raw material of ceramic products is the clay. Clay is plentiful and inexpensive in a riverine country like Bangladesh. Scientifically, it is proved that Bangladeshi clay is suitable for ceramic processing. It has its ceramic characteristics. It is sufficiently rich with its ceramic ingredients.

The constitution of Bangladeshi clay is found more suitable as the ceramic raw material at Bejoypur, Mymensingh and Mirpur. Its chemical properties are equivalent to Ball clay widely used in ceramic industries throughout the world.

The common clay, with such rich properties are available in almost 64 thousand villages of Bangladesh and has, from time immemorial, helped in development of rural high quality pottery for local consumption as well as handicrafts items for urban and city consumption. The white china-ceramic-wares and ceramic handicrafts are being produced in Bangladesh. With latest modern technology and equipment some large industries have been established to withstand competition with those imported white-wares or china-wares.

Assault on govt employees protested

By DU Correspondent **Dhaka University Technical** Employees Union and Third Class Employees Union jointly held rally and procession Monday on the campus protesting police assault on the government employees.

The rally expressed its full supports to the demands and programme of the Sarkari Karmachari Sanghati Parishad and the action committee for implementation of pay scales and demanded release of the arrested leaders of the em-

The rally also decided to hold demonstration today (Tucsday) at 10.30 am on the

Govt firm to establish stability

Minister for Health and Family Welfare Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf Monday expressed the hope that the people would extend their support to BNP during the coming bye-election as they did in the last parliamentary elections, reports BSS.

He said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was pledge-bound to establish peace and stability in the country and called upon the people to strengthen her hands by extending their allout support to her.

The Minister was addressing the biennial conference of Ward No-17 of Dhanmondi Thana BNP at Rayerbazar Cirls High School in the city Monday evening. The conference was presided over by Dr Tofayel Ahmed. State Minister for Land Jamiruddin Sircar. who is contesting from the Dhanmondi-Mohammadpur constituency in the coming bye-election to be held on

the occasion. Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf called upon the people of the area to cast their votes in favour of the BNP candidate and said that it would strengthen the productionoriented polices of the present government for the over-all

September 11, was present on

development of the country. "Your support will help a lot in establishing peace and stability as well as perusing politics of production in the country," he said. The Health Minister also said that BNP came' to power only because the nation had wanted it after nine years of autocratic rule which shattered the economy and all political institutions in

"By the grace of Almighty Allah and with the support of the people of the country, BNP will be able to bring smile on the faces of the people," he

RU Masters exams postponed

RAJSHAHI, Aug 26: The Master's final examinations 1988 of Rajshahi University scheduled to start on September 2 have been suspended, reports UNB.

The university authorities today said fresh date of the examinations will be announced later.

Purbokone staff call off strike

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: Journalists and other employces of Dainik Purbokone here today called off their strike following an understanding the reached with the management for implementation of Wage Board Award, reports BSS.

According to a press release of the Chittagong Union of Journalists (CUJ) the management, the Union General Secretary Anjan Kumar Sen and Dainik Purbokone Unit Chief Omar Kaiser signed an agreement to this effect this afternoon.

Journalists an other employees of the daily began their indefinite strike on July 24 to press home their demands.

Chehlum

Chehlum of the mother of Moulana Mohammad Saidur Rahman Syedabadi will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) at her village home in Rampal. She died at the age of 65 at Rampal on July 20 last and was buried

The deceased is survived by four sons and two daughters. Moulana Syedabadi is her second son.

Disciple of hujur Syedabadi have been requested to attend the chehlum and pray for the departed soul.

Obituary Prof Shafigur Rahman, an

economist, died in Dhaka Monday afternoon following protracted illness. He was 78. Rahman is survived by his

wife, two sons, six daughters and a host of relations to mourn his death.