# Construction of Ram temple from Oct 30

NEW DELHI, Oct 14: The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) today indicated that the construction of the proposed Ram temple in Ayodhya might begin any time between October 30 and Noverber 2, reports PTI.

VHP sources indicated the temple construction might begin during the four days when Hutatma Shraddhanjali Samaroh, to pay homage to those killed in violence last year will be organised. A memorial for those killed would also be constructed near the disputed site, they said.

Thousands of Bajrang Dal volunteers would converge in the holy city from Oct 18 when a 40 day Bajrang Rudra Mahayagna will begin, Ashok Singhal, VHP General Secretary told reporters here

Over 5,000 volunteers of Bajrang Dal and Durga Vahini would remain in Ayodhya during this entire period, he said.

The entire land on which the temple is proposed to be built, except for the 3,200 square feet which would constitute its sanctum sanctorum, there are no claims by Muslims Babri Masjid.

on this land, Singhal said.

The All-India Babri Masjid action committee today refuted the claim of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) that the land acquired by the UP government in Ayodhya was not disputed.

Addressing a news conference in New Delhi AlBMAC ehairman Sultan Salahuddin Court, soon.

The two Action Committee leaders said prominent leaders of the Action Committee and the Babri Masjid Movement Coordination Committee would stage 'dharna' and court arrest in Lucknow on October 19 to register their protest against the acquisition of the disputed

Both Owaisi and Habib urged the Prime Minister to station adequate central paramilitary forces in Ayodhya remains out of dispute and to ensure protection of the

# CPB fears autocracy

From Page 1 Col. 6 political arena.

A clearcut policy for national development was yet to be formulated although a democratically-elected government was in power, CPB president Saifuddin Ahmed Manik told a press conference at the party central office in the city.

Manik alleged that frustration and resentment gripped the people because of the deterioration in the country's law and order, social and economic situation.

Convened to brief the journalists on the successful completion of the party Fifth Congress recently, the press conference was also attended

#### Mayors From Page 1 Col. 5

Another one on Dhaka City Corporation is now being prepared. Similar white papers on two other city corporations will be published in due

Replying to a question from Monirul Huq Chowdhury of the Jatiya Party the minister said, "the roads of Dhaka city are in bad shape." Heavy rainfall and use of substandard ma terials in construction of roads in the past may be the cause, he said. Repair of roads will start in November, he said.

Replying to another question he said that some officials of the Dhaka City Corporation having corruption charges were put under suspension. But following issuance of a rule in response to a writ petition filed by them no fresh suspension order could be issued.

Answering a question from BNP member Sakhawat Hossain Bakul the minister said unpaid bills against development works completed before December, 1990 in the city corporations of Dhaka. Chittagong and Khulna were Taka 29.17 crore, Taka 3.37 crore and Taka two lakh respectively.

The development outlays of the city corporations of Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna and Rajshahi were Taka 72 crore, Taka 49.46 crore, Taka 20.28 crore and Taka two crore respectively, the minister said.

by the newly-elected party leaders including the General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid. CPB parliamentary Party leader Shamsuddoha MP, Ajoy Roy, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Nuh Ul Alam Lenin, Morshed Ali and Shekhar Dutta.

Manik reiterated his party decision in the just-concluded Congress on the formation of a patriotic-democratic front which would take up programmes on the basis of national consensus to resolve the prevailing crisis.

In this regard, Manik said that his party already had talks with the NAP, Samyabadi Dal and Gono Azadi League.

Such a front with all the political forces and individuals believing in the spirit of the Liberation War, Bengali nationalism and secularism would create public opinion in favour of its programmes and materialise those on being elected to power in a systematic way, Manik said. Replying to a question, Manik said that CPB would welcome any political party possessing the abovementioned ideals to join the front. However the Jamaat-e-Islami, Jativa Party and other communal and autocratic parties would not be welcome.

#### JS session

account of the Durga Puja being celebrated by the Hindu community.

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The dragging on of the session till the first week of November is meant to ensure that the winter session can be convened in the first week of January with the newly elected President Justice Abdur Rahman Biswas addressing the inaugural sitting.

The Constitution as amended by the 12th Amendment Act provides that the gap between two sessions of parliament not exceed 60

The Constitution also makes the President's address in the inaugural session of each year mandatory. Dragging on of the current session is necessary to take care of both, sources said.

Textile Secretary, Syed Hassan

Ahmed as the Principal

to the rank of joint secretaries

will be appointed for the

Prime Minister's secretariat.

There will be about 12 direc-

tors to the rank of deputy sec-

retary who will work directly

Secretary, will continue to

function in the same position

Changes in other top posi-

tions of administration includ-

ing heads of some sector cor-

porations are also taking place.

bureaucrats, Dr Mohiuddin

Khan Alamgir of the previous

government and now an OSD

has been promoted to the post

of secretary and placed as

Chairman of the Tariff

Commission, it is reliably

establishment told The Daily

Star that the structure of the

Prime Minister's secretariat as

has been envisaged by the new

government was not an alto-

gether unknown phenomenon.

system the president's secre-

tariat had also the principal

secretary, additional secretary,

directors general and direc-

tors. But this time the size and

authority of the secretariat has

been expanded by the Prime

Minister, he added.

During the past presidential

A senior official of the

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One of the most powerful

at the Prime Minister's secre-

Kamal Siddiqui, Additional

under the directors general.

Five directors general (DG)

Secretary to her secretariat.

#### **Kules** of has already appointed the

From Page 1 Col. 5 take all policy decisions, the heads of administrations of the ministries execute those and act as chief accounting officers

of the ministries concerned. The sub-committee consisting of Maj Gen (Retd) Majedul Hug, Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed and M K Anwar, a bureaucrat turned politician, expected to submit its report within a week. On return from Harare Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will approve the rules of business. The sub-committee is reportedly working on various options to strike a balance so that the position of the bureaucracy is not undermined.

#### PM's secretariat

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister will shift her office from the Bangladesh Secretariat to the Old Sangsad Bhaban at Tejgaon by end of this month. The place had so long been used as the President's Secretariat.

The Prime Minister is expected to sit at the new secretariat on her return from Harare after attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting

(CHOGM). With the completion of the transfer of power to a democratically elected government the Prime Minister has already initiated major changes in the bureaucracy to revamp the administration.

As a first step towards this objective the Prime Minister

Owaisi and its member Javed Habib rejected the claim of the VIIP Sceretary General Ashok Singhal in this regard and said they would challenge the two notifications issued by the state government, either in the High Court or the Supreme

land by the BJP government.

#### Ershad's case: Hearing adjourned From Page 1 Col. 7 of my mother's cousin. Fazle Rabbi (a lawyer of tioned the articles, which be-

longed to the Jatiya Party. A G: This is a voluntary answer and not relevant to the question. Did the letters men-

tion to protect the money? Judge: Where there was no mention of money how can the letters say about protection of

money?

A G (showing the copy of an amendment to the money suit): You have printed 1.50 lakh receipt books, each containing 100 leaves of one Taka each. Is it mentioned in the money suit?

T I: No. It was not. Judge: It was not mentioned in the FIR and the amended FIR.

TI: No. A G: Was it mentioned in the money suit by A B M Shahjahan when and where you had deposited the money with Ershad?

T I: The money was deposited with Ershad by instal ments, sometimes in the Sena Bhaban and sometimes in the Bangabhaban.

Judge Do you know when the money was deposited? T I: That was written in my

A G: Did you write any letter to the Bureau of Anti-Corruption ? T I: No. We asked the act-

ing President for the money. The bureau of Anti-Corruption is a department under his jurisdiction.

A G: You told the court that A B M Shahjahan wrote to the Acting President. Did they give any written statement?

T I: I did not go with them so I can't say anything. A G: Was anything said by Mizan Chowdhury regarding

this later? T I: I met him after many days. I did not talk anything about it with Mizan

Chowdhury. A G: Your mother had only one sister. Is it true?

T I: They were own sisters. A G: You told the court that your wife was your own cousin. T I: No. She is the daughter

From Page 1 Col. 7

Francis Sejersted said a tele-

gram had been sent to the

government of Burma, run by a

military junta which refuses to

recognize the May 1990 elec-

tion victory of Mrs. Suu Kyi's

The committee chairman

said the Burmese government

had been asked to pass to

Mrs. Suu Kyi a copy of the

Mrs. Suu Kyi's husband,

Michael Aris, a 45-year-old

Oxford University professor, to

tell him the news. "He was

overwhelmed and said he

would tell the two children,"

"It was circumstances and

fate which brought her to the

front of the battle for human

rights and democracy," Aris, a

visiting professor at Harvard

University, said in Cambridge,

Massachusetts. "There are

many sides to my wife. The

principal side, which we see

now, is her extraordinary

seen his wife since Christmas

1989, said he informed the

couple's two sons, Alexander,

18, and Kim, 14, of their

mother's award by telephone.

They are attending school in

collect the prize, which car-

ries with it about 1 million dol-

stances, Poland's Lech Walesa

sent his wife to collect his

will have any impact on

Burma," Burma's ambassador to

Thailand, Nyunt Swe, said

The ambassador said he did

"I don't think it (the award)

Under similar circum-

Aris said he would probably

Aris, who said he had not

Sejersted said he had called

prize citation.

said Sejersted.

commitment."

England.

Monday.

lars for his wife.

1983 peace prize.

Nobel committee chairman

prize.

Ershad): It is irrelevant. T I: This is irrelevant. I don't want to reply to any

question regarding this. Sudhir Hazra (another lawyer of Ershad); (pointing at Tajul): You said everything about your forefathers at a

A G: I want to show that he is not a man of character. (pointing at Tajul) You said earlier that your wife was your first cousin. You are a liar (shouting at the defence wit-

T i: I am not a liar. I am also an Advocate. If you question me on personal affairs, I can also question your personal life. You are also in trouble in

BRAVING RAIN: A couple on a Dhaka street almost deserted owing to rain yesterday.

your personal life. Mosharraf Hossain Kazal (junior of Sirajul Haque): Was the court conducting the prosecution of the evidence? All these personal questions are being raised to malign the witness's personal life.

Farid Ahmed (junior of the Attorney General): Why you are raising questions in this manner?

Kazal: Who is asking me questions, I can also question his personal life. He is very much in trouble with his personal life. (Sirajul Haque, rising at this

stage, said that the cross-examination should be conducted according to law.) A G: There are evidences in courts in America and the UK

questions during prosecution. A R Mollah (a lawyer of Ershad): I spent 17 years in the UK and I have never heard

about the relevance of such

such irrelevant arguments by any prosecution. T I (in anger): He (Attorney General) is holding a constitu-

tional position. What kind of a position is he holding? Fazle Rabbi: No embarrass-

ing questions should be raised. A G: Is your son Jewel in America? T I: I will not answer any

question related to my per-Nobel Peace Prize

not think the award would lead

Order Restoration Committee

has said Mrs. Suu Kyi may leave

the country if she pledges to

abandon politics — a condition

the daughter of legendary

Burmese independence strug-

gle hero Aung San, returned to

Burma in April 1988 to nurse

her ill mother, who died in

leaders of the opposition to

the regime. She proved to pos-

sess considerable political and

worked to unite the various

regions and ethnic minorities

of the country into an opposi-

had controlled Burmese poli-

tics since 1962, was forced to

resign in July 1988 'it appears

as though that was when Suu

Kyi decided to remain in

Burma, enter politics and join

the struggle against the

authoritarian regime," the

She was swept into promi-

nence during a nationwide

pro-democracy uprising that

which the military brutally

crushed, killing a huge number

opposition leaders were im-

prisoned or forced to flee the

country. The United States es-

timates that Burma is holding

some 2,000 political prisoners.

Czechoslovakia, himself men-

tioned as a candidate for the

Peace Prize last year, nomi-

nated Mrs. Suu Kyi for this

year's prize, saying her nomi-

nation would focus attention

on human rights in Burma.

President Vaclav Havel of

Subsequently, a number of

The committee said she

When General Ne Win, who

Soon she became one of the

December of that year.

organisational talent.

tion front.

committee said.

protesters.

After long resisting politics,

she has rejected.

The ruling State Law and

to freedom for Mrs. Suu Kyi.

S II: Does this question bear

- Star photo

Attorney General: Yes it is

Judge: The witness said that Jewel is not his son. So why has this question been raised? You can ask just whether Jewel is in America. Attorney General: Do you

know who was shown as Jewel's father in the passport? T I: I don't know. A G: Jewel's passport proves

that you are his father. You have concealed the truth. T I: You can say this. I don't

A G: The US chancery also knows that you are his father. T I: I don't know it.

A G: Is Chandan your daughter or son? T I: I will not answer this question

A G (suggesting in the Court): Tajul will not answer whether Chandan is his daughter or son. Sharp came the retort from

Tajul: How can I identify a girl as boy - I can't tell lies as you

"It is you who is telling lies .... you are a liar ....." retorted the Attorney General. A former minister in the

Ershad government and sitting MP from Kurigram Tajul could not accept it and shouted back "You are a liar". This made Aminul Haq furi-

ous: Forget you were a minister. You are a witness. (And addressing the court said) Let it be noted that he called me a liar ... I will prosecute the witness for falsehood. At this stage the Attorney

General was trembling in anger He see Calred by his aides Judge Womanmaa Ali Khan

at this stage adjourned the Court till October 21.

Gold smuggling

case today The gold smuggling case in which Ershad was implicated later for 'abetting and conspiring will resume today at the same venue the corruption

case is being held, the Old Jail Wardens' Barracks near the Dhaka Central Jail. Milky Way is

## shaped like a cigar?

TOKYO, Oct 14: After three years of intensive observations, a Japanese astronomer says he has discovered that the Milky Way is shaped like a cigar, reports Reuter.

The finding was based mainly on the distribution of gas density in the central part of the galaxy, Naomasa Nakai of the National Astronomical Observatory said today.

The Milky Way, the galaxy which contains our solar system, is composed of innumerable stars that are almost invisible to the naked eye from the earth.

"It is extremely difficult to determine the shape of the galaxy because we are living in it", Nakai said.

It had been widely believed that the Milky Way was shaped like a spiral, he said, but it now appeared it was cigarshaped. Nakai's research was car-

ried out with the help of a huge radio telescope, 45 mctres (146feet) in diameter, in Nagano, central Japan.

#### Aminul Huq From Page 1 Col. 8

nouncement said. President Biswas Monday also administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni at the President's chamber in the Sangsad Bhaban. Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali, Chief Whip Khandokar Delwar Hossain and other Whips of the Treasury Bench were present.

President Biswas witnessed the proceedings of the House for some time from the President's gallery.

## Depression causes rain across

country By Staff Correspondent

The Bay depression which crossed the Khulna-Patuakhali coast in the early hours on Monday weakened and moved the mainland causing heavy rainfall all over the country, Met office said yesterday.

It was moving gradually north-north-castward towards Dhaka and Sylhet regions and would finally die down in Indian Assam state and adjoining areas. Under its influence heavy

rainfall occurred Dhaka, Khulna and Chittagong divisions Tuesday. The weather is likely to start improving from today, the Met office said. The Met office also said that

the depression was of low intensity and there was no report of any casualty or damage in the coastal areas.

Meanwhile, Mymensingh experienced the season's highest 305 mm rainfall in 12 hours Monday.

Rainfall recorded at other places during 12 hours Monday were: Tangail 74 mm, Dhaka 45 mm, Teknaf 31 mm, Cox's Bazar 30 mm, Faridpur 28 mm, Bogra 27 mm, Kutubdia 26 mm, Khulna 16 mm, Comilla and Hatiya 15 mm each, Sylhet 13 mm Chittagong 12 mm and Matidicourt 11 mm.

### **BKSAL-autocracy** fight in parliament

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) on Monday witnessed an exchange of words between some Awami League leaders and Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed as to which one was bad - autocracy or BKSAL

Veteran politician Mohiuddin Ahmed of AL(who recently joined the party by dissolving BKSAL) initiated the exchange of words when he used a finger to point towards Moudud Ahmed while blaming autocratic rulers for the purchase of three aircraft which cannot be operated for spraying insecticides.

In point of personal explanation Moudud said the honourable member was only a few days ago the President of BKSAL which believed in oneparty dictatorship, but was now pointing at me to be an autocrat.

Taking the floor again Mohiuddin Ahmed said showed a finger but how could Moudud conclude that it was pointed at him. May be it was due to his guilty conscience that he was associated with autocracy, he observed.

Moudud Ahmed rose again to assert that the two regimes that preceded the present one were multi-party presidential systems, not one-party dictatorship.

At this the Deputy Leader of the House Dr. Badruddoza Chowdhury got infuriated, and said the two previous regimes could not be viewed as similar. The BNP government was a democratically elected one, another government that had rule for nine years had come through the backdoor and was thus autocratic.

Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim of AL reacted to the statement of Moudud Ahmed saying BKSAL was not one-party, but a national forum of all parties. People like Moudud Ahmed were not allowed to join it.

Moudud Ahmed rose again on point of personal explanation and said Sheikh Selim was giving BKSAL a new definition which, however, the nation did not accept. However, Sheikh Selim's information about him was wrong. "The question of my seeking BKSAL membership did not arise because was held in jail without trial when that party was formed", Moudud said.

Mohiuddin Ahmed again took the floor to state that Moudud was in jail at that time not due to BKSAL, but for some other reasons which he preferred not to disclose.

At this point, Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali intervened and said the thing should end there. Moudud Ahmed submitted that he owned an explanation because his name was used again, and said, 'I have learnt a good lesson from the senior member. Abdur Razzak who was

General Secretary of BKSAL before joining the AL recently, took the floor and said people tried to misinterpret BKSAL, but Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was not given the time to experiment with the system. He said it was true that a single party was formed but it comprised many political parties and the aim was to achieve national unity. He said autocrats who, through nine years of corrupt rule, ruined the nation simply did not have the credence to talk about BKSAL. Several Jatiya Party MPs stood up and raised their voices in protest. Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali requested all of them to resume their seats and the thing ended there.

# The Midnight File

VINKOVCI, Oct 14: A relief convoy gave up a new attempt to get emergency aid to the besieged Croatian town of Vukovar today, pushing a ceasefire agreement in the rebel republic to the brink of collapse. The convoy, which reached the edge of Vukovar on Sunday, turned back without delivering food and medicine when it failed to cross the frontline into the town centre, almost flattened by a seven-week siege by Serbs and the Serb-led Yugoslav army, reports Reuter.

#### Jordan-Palestine joint delegation

DAMASCUS, Oct 14: A radical Palestinian group said today the Palestine Liberation Organisation had officially agreed that Palestinians would attend a Middle East peace conference as part of a joint delegation with Jordan. Omar Kutaish, spokesman for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), said the PLO executive committee took the

#### Mayor quake hits South Pacific

MENLO PARK(California ), Oct 14: A major earthquake with a magnitude of 7.3 on the Richter Scale struck in the area of the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific ocean carly

The quake was centred about 130 miles(210 kilometers) northwest of Guadal Canal. It occurred at 2:58 am (0958 GMT), reports AP.

#### Rules of procedures to be amended: Speaker

The rules of procedure which guides the business of parliament will have necessary amendments to suit the changing need after country's return to parliamentary democracy. reports BSS.

This was disclosed by Speaker Sheikh Razzaque Ali Monday when Awami League member Principal Nazrul Islam suggested necessary measures for making the parliamentary proceedings more effective.

The Speaker said the relevant committee on the rules of procedure has begun discus sion on the issue and it is likely to recommend certain changes in the existing rules of procedure, so that members of parliament could play a more effective role

#### OIC summit From Page 1 Col. 5

panded and strengthened in future for the mutual benefit of two peoples.

The Prime Minister suggested that Bangladesh could help Senegal in its development efforts by providing skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workforce. Begum Zia also hoped that

the rich Muslim nations would extend their assistance in im proving the condition of their less fortunate brethren. The Prime Minister ac-

cepted the invitation. While handing over the invi tation the Scnegalese Minister said Bangladesh's participation in OIC conference would bear

great significance. The envoy said the forth coming OIC conference was aimed at finding out ways and means to solve the problems of developing countries among the OIC members. It will also take stock of the overall situation of the world vis-a vis the Muslim countries.

The creation of a common market of the Islamic countries and establishment of two branches of the Islamic Development Bank one in Africa and the other in South Asia, will also come up during the conference.

The Senegal Ambassador to Bangladesh was present on the occasion.

### WB assistance for private sector investment Finance Minister Saifur

Rahman Monday sought World Bank assistance for private sector investment when its Vice President Joseph Wood Hed on him in Bangkok Monday morning, reports

The Finance Minister is now in the That capital leading a 6-member Bangladesh delegation to the 46th annual meeting of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund

### PM off to Jeddah

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host President Robert Mugabe. She will attend a banquet to be hosted by Queen Elizabeth Il now on official visit to Zimbabwe.

The CHOGM is being held against the backdrop of momentous changes in global pol-The main thrust of the

meeting in Harare will be on

the planning of a more active and dynamic role for Commonwealth in 1990's and beyond. It is likely to pay a special attention to South Africawhere apartheid is being slowly dismantled, after pro-

tracted struggle of the majority

blacks for human and demo-

cratic rights in their own homeland. International trade, flow of istance, debt issue development and women and drugs will also figure prominently in the Harare conference which is expected to leave a lasting

impact on future of the Commonwealth. The summit will see 10 new faces as heads of government, three alone from the subcontinent — Bangladesh, India and Pakistan - since the last summit in Kuala Lumpur in 1989. The other new faces are from Great Britain, New Zealand, Grenada, Singapore,

Nigeria, Namibia and Tonga. Editorial on page 4

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Relief convoy turns back from Vukovar

### Baker for ME confce on schedule

CAIRO, Oct 14: US Secretary of State James Baker hinted today that Washington could issue invitations to a Middle East peace conference even if all issues on the scope of the forum are not resolved in advance. Baker, on his eighth mission to the Middle East since the Gulf war ended in February, also said that the conference should be held by the end of October as originally planned, reports AFP.

decision at a meeting in Tunis on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Monday, a US Geological Survey official said.

Saifur seeks