RANGPUR, Oct 22: The post-flood relief and rehabilitation activities in the district is in full swing, according to an official handout today, reports

A total of 1183.5 tonnes wheat for 716 test relief projects in eight upazilas has been allocated for providing work to the unemployed day labourers. Work on 149 project has been

So far. 620 tonnes of GR wheat, 1066 tonnes of GR rice, house building grant of Taka 15.50 lakh, Taka 8.25 lakh GR eash, 33 bags of old clothes. 145 tins of biscuit, 145 sets of utensils, 1607 cartons and 6006 Saudi food packets have been distributed among the flood-affected people of

Rangpur district. Beside 43,485 distressed families had been brought under VGD reltef. Each family is being provided with 31 kg wheat per month. In addition, 17,666 distressed families are getting 31 kg wheat under regular VGD cards. The relief materials are being distributed through 88 relief centres in cooperation with the army.

During the post-flood pertod, 8466 persons had been attacked by diarrhoea of whom 59 died.

A total of 74 doctors and 802 paramedics are working with 89 medical teams round the clock in the affected areas. 81 temporary clinics have been opened for treating the patients. Besides providing medicines, patients are being given jaubhat (rice ors) and five kg GR rice after their recovery. These centres have been supplied with 7890 tiv saline, 300,200 ore saline and 372,800 water purifying tablets.

Public Health Engineering Department has so far repaired 2503 tubewells out of 16376 government owned tubewells. sunk 32 new tubewells, resunk 53 and disinfected 266 tube-

The livestock department of the district has treated 25,608 cattle and 56,464 poultry and vaccinated 10,1281 cattle and 120,5215 poultry. Besides, six tonnes of food meal had been distributed in the affected areas free of

Non-governmental organisations like RDRS have distributed 465 tonnes of wheat through VGF cards among 15,000 distressed families. The World Vision has distributed 150,000 tonnes of food items among the distressed people, while the Red Crescent Society distributed 2.40 tonnes of rice, medicines, saline and baby food. The Rangpur Unnayan Samajik Sangha has distributed 60 tonnes of rice among the affected people, the handout

Khaleda

From Page 1 Col. 5 flash floods in the areas crops

had been damaged. The Prime Minister was told that the situation was not graver than what it was in the past years. The situation can-

not be termed 'famine condition" in any way. Begum Zia was informed that adequate relief has been provided and test relief work was in full swing in the affected areas. Apart from foreign relief and the food supplied under VGD cards, relief worth more than Taka 6.69

erore had been distributed by the Relief Ministry alone. Ninety thousand VGD cards have already been distributed among the affected people. Two lakh sarees and lungis and winter clothes were also dis-

tributed among the people. The Prime Minister was informed that 576 medicare centres had been set up in the affected areas and adequate treatment was being provided to the diarrhoa affected peo-

The ignorance of people regarding primary health care was causing diarrhoea in the district. But it is not in an epidemic form, she was told.

Later, the Prime Minister visited different places of Rangpur. Nilphamari, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts to. see the on-going test relief

In Rajarhat under Nilphamari district the Prime Minister was received by

Awami League member of Parliament Azharul Islam and Communist Party MP Shamsuddoha. The MPs told the Prime Minister that adequate relief was distributed in their constituencies. The Prime Minister urged them to work unitedly to mitigate the suffering of the distressed humanity of the areas.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Social Welfare Minister Tariqui Islam, State Minister for Land Kabir Hossain and State Minister for Communication Fazlur Rahman Patal, local members of Parliament, PSO to the Supreme Commander Brigd MSA Bhuiyan.

in Lalmontrhat, work under test relief (TR) programme to provide the unemployed is going on in all the five upazilas of the district. A total of 2475 metric tons of wheat have already been sanctioned to carry out the programme.

Mrs. Sahida Sarker MP from Rangpur and Lalmonirhat districts Monday visited Patgram and Kaliganj upazilas of the district to see the ongoing TR programme. During her visit in these areas she found no food shortage and no famine-like situation in the

Meanwhile, 1475 tons of rice, 220 tons of wheat, Taka 10 lakh in cash and other relief goods as general relief. 500 bundles of CI sheet and Taka 10.50 lakh as house building grant are being distributed among the affected

Besides, the local administration has undertaken distribution of 24 thousand special VGD cards and 8909 normal VGD cards.

RDRS and NGOs were distributing 18 thousand special VGD cards to the distressed.

The government has sanctioned Taka 11.20 lakh under agricultural rehabilitation programme.

The diarrhoeal diseases situation has improved in the district. 37 medical teams are working round the clock to combat the situation.

Rajshahi

The government has so far distributed Taka seven crore and 25 thousand out of Taka eight crore 75 thousand allocated for the flood affected people of the greater Rajshahi

This was intimated at a meeting on relief and rehabilitation programme of greater Rajshahi held here today with Md Saifuzzaman, DC, Rajshahi in the chair. The Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Prof Md Shahjahan Miah MP was present on the occasion.

Reviewing the overall postflood relief and rehabilitation activities the meeting took some important decision in that direction, a PID handout

The meeting was informed that besides the cash, 368.5 tons of rice out of total allocation of 1201 tons, 120 tons of wheat out of allocated quantity of 140 tons, 308 bags of flour, 2405 pieces of sarees out of 4344 pieces, 2190 pieces of lungis out of 2635 pieces, 935 cartons of biscuits, 113 bags of dal, 331 cartons of liquid milk, 125 bags of old clothes. 12.000 VGD cards had also been distributed among the destitute.

Meanwhile, the government has sanctioned Taka 12 lakh and 118 bags of fodder for agricultural rehabilitation programme.

70 injured in Jhenidah clash

JHENIDAH, Oct 22 : Some 70 people were injured, 14 seriously, as several hundred supporters of two feuding groups clashed at a village in the Sadar upazila today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said about 500 villagers from the two groups fought a declared battle with ramdao, spears and brickchips at Bhagobannagar.

The two sides in a medieval style came face to face and started fighting in what appears to be a show of strength by the village chiefs.

Ctg development

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Patenga airport as an international one, reopening of the Haji Camp at Pahartali, dredging of the Chaktai and the Mirza-Nasir canals and development of other infrastructures in the port-city and adjoining districts.

Chairman of the committee SM Jamaluddin said that some of the preliminary works to meet the demands were undertaken by the previous government but the present government has still remained silent on the issue.

He, however, did not identify the initiatives taken by the past regime.

"We are not pressing the government to meet the demands right now, but we are insisting on starting the file work for the projects that could be implemented phasewise," he added.

The committee chairman said that many victims of the April 29 cyclone were still homeless and passing their days in misery and demanded publication of a white paper on

the relief operations. General Secretary of the committee Manwar Ahmed, SK Shamsul Huda, Advocate Shafiul Alam, Prof. Safiul Basaar, Nurul Alam Chowdhury. AM Yousuf, Mainuddin Ahmed Khan Badal, Shanker Prasad Dey and Swapan Kumar Dey. were present at the confer-



EEC delegates addressing a press conference at a local hotel Tuesday after their four-day visit to Bangladesh. - Star photo

Y'slav army to call up more reservists for decisive action

BELGRADE, Oct 22 : The Yugoslav army said today it would call up more reservists for a decisive military action in the rebel republic of Croatia, reports Reuter.

Yugoslav Defence Minister General Veljko Kadijevic proposed an immediate call up of reservists from parts of Yugoslavia that favour keeping the Balkan federation together.

His suggestion was accepted by the republic of Serbia and its three allies at a meeting of Yugoslavia's eightmember collective presidency. Croatia and three other members of the presidency have boycotted the meeting for months.

Kadijevic fiercely criticised the West and rejected a European Community proposal to turn Yugoslavia into a looser association of its six republics.

"In the view of the army the time has come to take clear. decisive, coordinated and adequate political and military actions". Kadijevic said in a speech to the meeting.

"I therefore purpose..... immediately carry out a mobilisation of all army reservists and units in those parts of the country which are willing to remain in Yugoslavia in accordance with the operative

needs of the Yugoslav army. The Serb-led federal army. which fiercely opposes a break-up of the country of 23.5 million, has backed Serbs in Croatia who oppose the republic's independence declaration of June 25.

Meanwhile, AP adds: The Adriatic resort of Dubrovnik was "completely isolated" and hundreds of shells feel on the besteged city of Vukovar Tuesday, as fighting continued in Yugoslavia's civil war. About 250 artillery duels

were lobbed into Vukovar, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported. Tanjug said no heavy artillery was used.

Vukovar, a city on the Croatian border with Serbia, has been besieged for some two months, Tanjug said. The ctty's defenders "lacked every-

thing" and food supplies are running out. Tanjug quoted Croatian radio as saying. Powerful explosions were

also heard Tuesday morning in Zupa Dubrovacka, a resort area south of Dubrovník, Zagreb radio reported. It said artillery fire towards the town began in the early morning, and police blocked off roads in the area.

Dubrovník was without electricity and water Tuesday, the radio report said describing the one-time flourishing resort town "completely isolated from rest of the world".

Meanwhile, the Croatian Information Ministry released new casualty figures showing a steep increase in the numbers of both military and civilian killed and wounded.

Since ethnic Serbs in Croatia began fighting Croats in August 1990, 1,054 Croats have been killed and 6,234 have been injured, the report

The Serbs and their federal army allies do not provide casualty figures.

Shiks protest building Ram temple leader Simraniit Singh Mann temple demolished by the

NEW DELHI, Oct 22 India's Sikhs joined a Hindu-Muslim dispute over a mosque on Monday and set a meeting in northern Ayodhya town to protest against alleged atrocities against non-Hindu minorities, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said, reports Reuter:

The news agency said the Akali Dal party of Sikh Radical

Nidarabad murder case judgement

BRAHMANBARIA, Oct 22: The judgement in the sensational Nidarabad Shasanka Debnath murder case will be delivered tomorrow (Wednesday) by the Additional District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Nurul Wadud. The hearing in the case concluded on October 14, reports UNB.

Amnesty

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out that implementation of normal development programmes were hampered in the Hill Tracts because of subversive and harmful activities of the armed insurgents, including brutal killing of innocent people. No patriotic citizen can resort to such heinous activities, it said.

The government spent Taka 416 crore during the past ten years for socio-economic development of the Hill Tracts besides according special facilities to the tribals in the fields of education, service, etc. The establishment of local government parishads for three Hill Tract districts under special ordinance (1989) has created unique opportunity for the tribals to improve their own lot. The local government parishads have been given enough power and authority to decide their own affairs, without government interference.

The government hopes that the tribal insurgents will avail themselves the opportunity extended to them through declaration of general amnesty.

The insurgents surrendering to the appropriate government authority with arms will be offered following cash amounts :-

For each LMG- Taka 30,000/- Mortar - Taka 30,000/- SMG - Taka 25,000/-SMC- Taka 22,000/- Semi-Automatic Rifle -Taka 20,000/-Rocket Launcher-Take 20,000/-, Rifle (Boltaction) Taka 12,000/-, Pistol, Revolver Taka 10,000/-, Shot Gun Taka 7,000/, Small Gun - Taka 3000/-. Wireless set (each)-Taka 10.000/- to Taka 20,000/- Grenade - Taka 1000/-, Explosive (one pound) Taka 500/-, Bullet(each) Taka

5/-. Cartridge (each) Taka 5/-. Besides, each insurgent will be given five acres of land if he surrenders fire arms or wireless set which are in order.

decided to meet in Ayodhya in northern Uttar Pradesh state on Thursday.

The Akali Dal's decision came after Hindu priests signalled the beginning of a temple construction in Ayodhya, at the site of a 16th century Singh was quoted by PTI as

saying his Akali Dal party would seek the dismissal of Prime Minister Narasimha Rao's minority government if it allowed Hindus to demolish the mosque in Ayodhya.

Hindus claim the mosque stands at the site of a Hindu

Moghul emperor Babar.

The dispute over ownership of the shrine in Ayodhya has often flared into bloody sectarian riots between the Hindu majority and the Muslim mi-

At least 2,000 people have been killed in street battles between the two communities in the past two years and the fall of two successive governments has been linked to the

Former Prime Minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh has warned against the construction of the temple.

Radio, TV autonomy

From Page 1 Col. 4 said that the year-old crisis of the university was only because of one person, the Vice-Chancellor.

But even the President of the country who is the Chancellor of the universities has no power to remove him under the Autonomy Act.

He said that the present government wanted autonomy of the national media in line with the declaration of the three alliances. But the definition of auton-

omy should first be determined and for this a national consensus on the issue was imperative, he added.

He said that "no one would allow that the media work for a particular quarter using government facilities so a definition and outline of autonomy are essential."

He also said during the February 27 elections the television suppressed the correct results for some time as they were going against a certain political party. But it had to telecast facts from 12 am,

He however made a 7-point suggestion many of which covered the declaration of the three alliances.

Abdus Samad Azad said that considering Dr. Chowdhury as the representative of the government it could be said that the government was unwilling about autonomy to the national media. He said that being the rep-

resentatives of the three alliances, none of us could avoid the responsibility, but the role of the ruling party was more than that the opposition. Azad said that the declara-

tion of the three alliances was based on a fundamental consensus which included the autonomy to the national media. So the implementation of the declaration would further the cause of democracy, he added. The Opposition leader said that before grabbing state

power coup leaders usually oc-

cupied radio and television sta-

tions because of their impor-

tance adding that democratisa-

tion should also begin from these places. "We can do it easily if there is a good intention." he said.

He said that it was shameful for us that we were having discussions after nearly a year to find out the ways and means to fulfil our own demands.

Rashed Khan Menon said that with autonomy, the accountability of the media should be determined. Series of discussions would not bring any tangible outcome, it needs effective decision through a national consensus, he added.

Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed said that it is simply a matter of the government. If the government started thinking that radio and television were not its own, the problem would be solved and they would automatically become autonomous, he added.

.He said that mentality changes with the assumption of power.

Reazuddin Ahmed said that our media had lost its credibility, proved through different incidents in the past 20 years. and autonomy could restore the lost credibility. He suggested establishing a media trust fund in this regard. Saifuddin Ahmed Manik

said that the people would like to see some difference between the present and the past regimes. But the people were disappointed as there was no difference. Rather they were smelling another type of autocracy.

Zillur Rahman Siddiqui said that everything was being generated from the 'fears of freedom'. We have to come out of this fear, otherwise all attempts will be futile. He suggested a long-term and shortterm programme in this re-

Dr. Sarwar Morshed stressed the need of a national debate to determine the outlines of autonomy.

In his presidential address Foyez Ahmed thanked the participants and expressed the hope that by the two days of discussions a recommendation would possibility be made.

Bill to end 'police remand' procedure likely in JS

Supreme Court Correspondent

A Bill to end a procedure in the criminal law on sending on police remand an accused may be tabled on the private members day in the Jatiya Sangsad.

In criminal cases police oppose bail and usually pray for police remand on the plea of further investigation. This process is allegedly misused. The accused in remand remains a complete captive in a sub-human environment.

The Bill proposes that no accused person shall be sent on remand to police custody without the written consent of such a person and that no person shall be detained in police custody without being provided reasonable facilities for accommodation, food, toilet and other essentials.

Abdur Rab Chowdhury, MP from Lakshmipur-4, has sent a notice of the proposed Bill to the Parliament secretary.

In the objects and reasons of the Bill Abdur Rab Chowdhury stated that the existing provision of Section 167(2) is inconsistent with the provisions of the Article 7(2) and 35(4) of the Constitution and that it also violates Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which Bangladesh is a signatory.

The procedure of remand is also against the provisions laid down in Section 163(1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure, Rab stated.

Mosharraf granted bail for 6 weeks

A Division Bench of the High Court Division Tuesday granted bail to former industries secretary AKM Mosharral Hossain for six weeks on humanitarian ground due to his father's illness, reports BSS.

The bench comprised Justice Anwarul Huq Chowdhury and Justice Mohammad Ansar Ali.

The court ordered that ex-

tension of the bail period will not be allowed to him. The court also ordered him to surrender his passport with the government. Mosharraf Hossain filed ap-

plications in five different cases for ad-interim bail before the High Court Division on compassionate ground.

Half a dozen corruption cases were filed against Mosharraf Hossain with the police.

The Bureau of Anti-corruption has submitted charge sheet against him and his wife for misuse of government property and transports for their personal use.

Nasim

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ernment to declare Rangpur a distressed area, gear up test relief programmes and provide shelter to the thousands of people living on embankments and beside railway tracks in sub-human conditions.

He called on all political parties to rush to the aid of the starving people and declared that the Awami League would shortly launch a mass movement against the government failure to avert the famine.

The Awami League opened a gruel kitchen at the district AL office today. The kitchen would stay open during the crisis period, Awami League source said. At least 600 destitute were fed.

Awami League sources said that more such gruel kitchens would be opened Gangachara, Pirgacha and other badly affected areas of the district.

Hasina From Page 1 Col. 7

sympathy for the bereaved family members of Chhatra League leader Chayan Mallick killed recently, allegedly, by Chhatra Dal activists. She visited the houses of

Chayan and another Chhatra League leader Manik who was killed during the anti-autocracy movement. Hasina also went to Khulna to console the shocked parents of Chayan. The opposition leader

called Prime Minister Begum Zia's statement about "famine" in the northern region as selfcontradictory. She said the Prime Minister described reports of famine as politically motivated and then visited the affected districts. Hasina said people have be-

come disappointed at the remarks made by the Prime Minister about the situation in the northern districts where people are dying everyday of starvation and diarrhoea. The Awami League chief also addressed a meeting of

the lawyers at Narail District

Bar Library and attended a reception accorded to her at the local Press Club. The Narail District bar adopted a resolution in favour of repeal of the Indemnity

Ordinance.

Awami League Acting General Secretary Amir Hossain accompanied Hasina. She is expected to return to

The Midnight File

Husteini announces 14-member Palestinian team for Madrid talks

JERUSALEM, Oct 22: Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini on Tuesday announced a 14-member Palestinian delegation for the upcoming Middle East peace talks after a day of heated debate in the last-minute changes. Outmaneuvered by Israel into naming no delegates from Arab east Jerusalem or outside the occupied lands, the Palestinians also named a seven-person advisory committee to include such Palestinians, reports

ROK PM sees hometown first time in 45 years

SEOUL, Oct 22: South Korean Prime Minister Chung Wonshik saw his hometown for the first time in 45 years Tuesday as he traveled by train through North Korea for high-level talks, reporters traveling with him said. Chung, 63, left Sariwon in central North Korea in 1946, a year after Korea was divided into the Communist North and the capitalist South at the end of World War II, reports AP.

Ukraine to raise armed forces

MOSCOW, Oct 22: The powerful Ukraine, second richest Soviet republic, moved towards full independence today by voting in principle to create its own armed forces. The decision came just hours after President Mikhail Gorbachev and leaders of eight republies appealed to the Ukraine not to break away from the Soviet Union, saying it was "irreplaceable." The republic's parliament approved in principle five key laws paving the way for the formation of a Ukrainian army, reports Reuter.

JS session

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the issue of submission of the

reports of the Special

Committee on the Indemnity

Ordinance Repeal Bill. Before

the October 15 adjournment

the Committee was given 15

days' time to complete its

privilege under consideration

of the Privilege Committee is

an October 13 circular of the

Cabinet Division which says the

Ministry of Law and Justice

would be renamed as the

Ministry of Law, Justice and

Parliamentary Affairs and that

the Parliament Secretariat

would be put under the

Parliamentary Affairs Division

Dhirendra Devanath Sambhu

had caused a stir in the House

before its adjournment, be-

cause the opposition members

had argued that the ctrcular

amounted to infringement of

the sovereignty of the

that this was transitional step

which would go as and when a

law would be framed under

Article 79 of the Constitution

making provision for the

Parliament to have its own

secretariat independent of the

executive branch of the gov-

ernment. The treasury bench,

however, maintained that the

setting up a Ministry of Law,

Justice and Parliamentary

Affairs would not necessarily

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Among the hot questions of

Tk 15 lakh relief for Khulna fire victims, more assured

KHULNA, Oct 22 : Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Razzak Ali today visited the Khulna Bara Bazar to see the extent of damage caused by last Sunday night's devastating fire, reports BSS.

He went round different

sections of the bazar which suffered damage to the tune of several crores of takas. He talked to the victims and enquired about the extent

of their losses. Addressing a spontaneous gathering of the fire hit shopkeepers, the Speaker expressed his deep sorrows and sympathy for the fire victims.

that Prime He said Minister Begum Khaleda Zia became very much shocked when she came to know about this mishap and initially declared Taka 15 lakh cash relief for the victims.

officials to assess the actual extent of damage and to make, the list of genuine and deserving victims. He assured them of further

financial help keeping in view

He directed the concerned

the ' resource constraints of the government. Mayor of Khulna City Corporation Sheikh Tayeebur Rahman also spoke on the occasion. Syeda Nargis Ali MP and local BNP leaders were

also present. Meanwhile, the Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad, Sheikh Hasina, and **Acting General Secretary Amir** Hossain Amu today demanded adequate compensation to the victims of the fire incident at Khulna for their rehabilitation.

Biswas

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also affected the ozone layer. Quoting from he Holy Quran, he said there should not be any interference in the nature which was the gift of Allah, the almighty.

Mujibul Huq, the key-note speech was delivered by Ruhul Amin. Amanullah Aman, MP. and Alhaj Nurul Quader also spoke.

presented with the crest of

the organisation.

The president was later

Presided over by K M

mean the undermining of the sovereignty of the Parliament, because the Parliamentary Affairs Division would only coordinate between the parliament secretariat and the gov-

Another point of privilege that was kept suspended till the arrival of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia from the Commonwealth Summit meeting at Harare is why the restriction that members of Parliament could use diplomatic passports only during of-

ficial tour abroad. BUET probe body

The government Tuesday announced the constitution of a one-member enquiry committee with former chief justice Sultan Hossain Khan to probe the October 19 incident Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET). The committee will submit its report as early as

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