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**PM to visit India, Pakistan next year**  
 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will visit India and Pakistan early next year. This was stated by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman at a press conference at the Ministry Tuesday, reports UNB.

**AL working body meet today**

An emergency meeting of the Awami League Working Committee will be held today (Wednesday) with those members currently present in Dhaka at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at 10 am, says a press release.

**BIT closed**

CHITTAGONG, Oct 29: Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) here was closed since today because of 'unusual situation' prevailing on the campus, a BIT press release said. Resident students were asked to leave their hostels by 4 pm today, reports BSS.

**'Campus violence needs a political solution on the basis of consensus'**

## Home minister's statement on DU killings creates uproar in JS

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) witnessed uproar again Tuesday night over the Home Minister's statement on the Dhaka University situation blaming Awami League-backed Chhatra League for Sunday's killings.

The Opposition termed the statement as partisan and objectionable, while the Treasury Bench maintained that the Opposition's comments on the statement were totally devoid of rules of procedure.

Heat generated in the House when the Home Minister Abdul Matin

Chowdhury said that a group of students belonging to Chhatra League (BCL) accompanied by the killers of Dr. Milton attacked the DUCSU office Sunday afternoon when DUCSU General Secretary and others were present. Shootout began with this attack, in which Mirza Galib and Liton, workers of Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were killed and some others were injured.

As regards issuing two Press Notes on the incident, the Minister clarified that the first one was issued on the information available soon after

the incident. The second Press Note was issued after gathering details about the attackers, the Minister added and alleged that the JCD supporters are becoming victims of attack of BCL activists at other places of the country also.

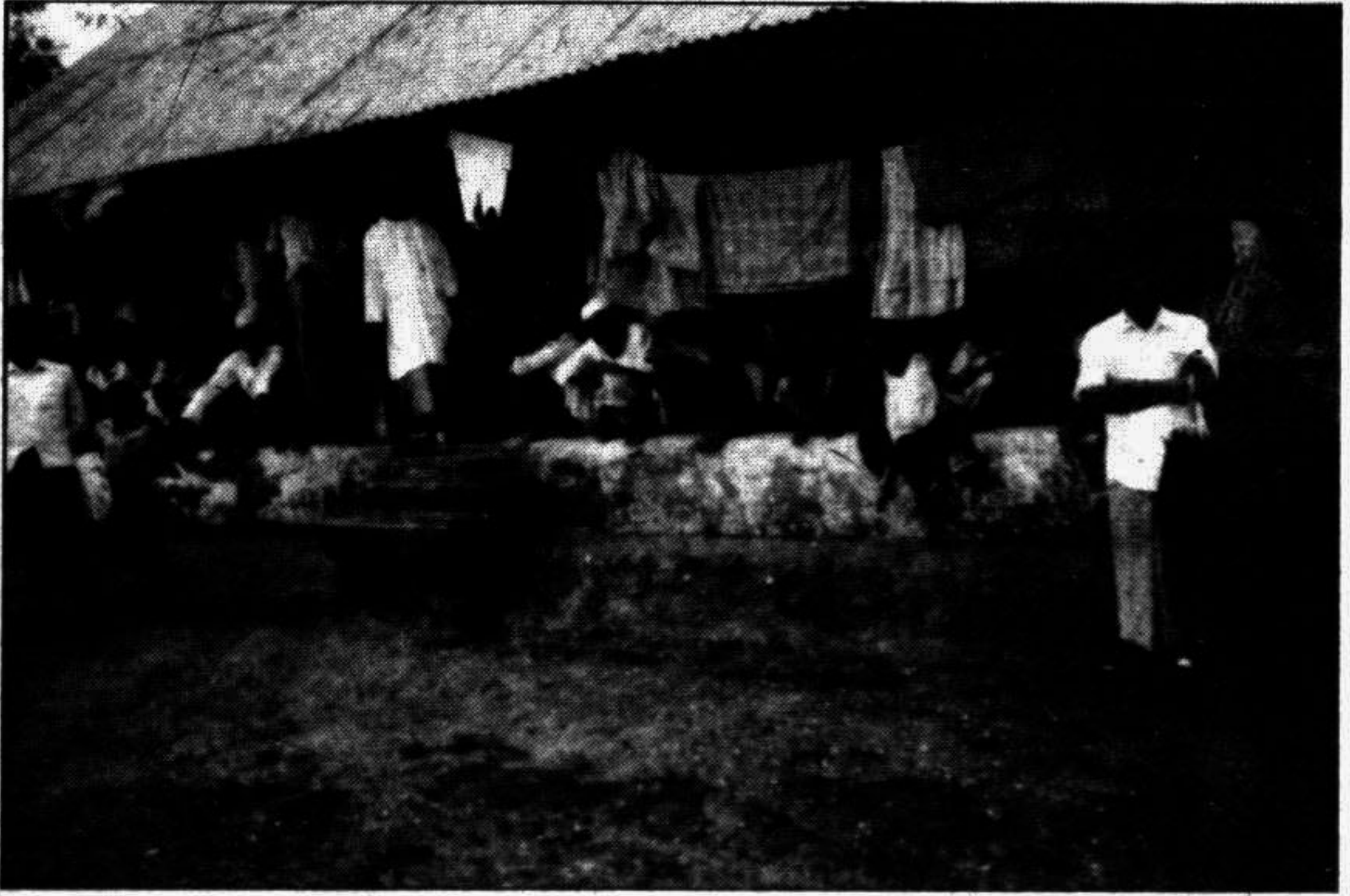
The Minister said that the campus problem was political and it should be solved politically. Consensus of all concerned was needed to solve it, he said and called for cooperation to this end.

During the Home Minister's statement, the Awami League MPs raised objections and

protested against the contents of the statement. At times the Minister's voice sank in the opposition's uproar.

After the statement was over, Tofael Ahmed of AL took the floor on a point of order and said that the statement made by Home Minister was totally partisan and was objectionable. He said that it was unfair to make BCL responsible for Sunday's incident which he claimed, was the outcome of JCD's inner conflict.

Tofael Ahmed said that Mirza Galib, who was killed in



Rohingya Muslim refugees sheltered at a make-shift camp at Moricha Palong under Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar. —Star photo

**Govt plans to take up the issue with Burma**

## 30,000 Rohingya Muslims enter Bangladesh

Influx of Rohingya Muslim refugees from Burma into the border villages in the Chittagong Hill Tracts regions in Bangladesh is increasing every day, according to reports received in Dhaka.

The refugees, an estimated 30,000 of them, have taken shelter along the border belt from Shahpur Dwip, the southernmost Bangladesh village in Cox's Bazar to Lama in Bandarban.

The refugees are bringing with them harrowing tales of atrocities allegedly stepped by

the present Burmese military junta since March.

Official sources in Dhaka prefer to keep their mouths shut since they are keen to take up the issue first on a bilateral basis with Burma. If, however, a bilateral approach for a solution to the problem fails, the issue may be raised at international forums, sources have indicated.

The present influx of Rohingya Muslims in the most serious since the 1978 crackdown on the ethnic minority Muslims by the then govern-

ment of Burma that had forced three lakh refugees to take shelter in Bangladesh.

After a nine-month stay in refugee camps in Bangladesh at that time about two lakh Rohingya Muslims returned to Arakan under a bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. Others either merged with the Bangladesh society or moved to Pakistan for the Middle East.

Refugees now fleeing into Bangladesh allege that the military regime in Burma has

## Settlement of Jamuna Bridge issue unlikely before year end

Controversy over the 530 million US dollar Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project is unlikely to be settled before December this year.

The government wants an early 'green signal' from the World Bank for floating the international tender among the pre-qualified bidders for construction works of the bridge. The World Bank as the international co-financiers' coordinating agency has delayed its clearance for invitation of bids.

Indications given by resident mission chief of the bank CR

Willoughby to a visiting Asian Development Bank (ADB) press team in Dhaka on Tuesday suggested that the bank's position on the bridge would not be finalised until the end of the year.

External Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury told the ADB press team in a separate meeting the same day that the Jamuna Bridge, integrating the two parts of the country — eastern and western, was of 'great national importance' for its sustainable development.

The government has so far mobilised resources worth over Taka 3.5 billion (approximately 92 million dollars at current official exchange rate of Taka) as Jamuna Bridge surcharge levied on telephone bills and other collections. Already, over 20 million dollars have been spent for pre-construction works of the project.

The WB mission chief told the ADB press team that his bank 'appreciated' fully the social, cultural, political and

## SAARC summit to adopt action plan

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said here today the forthcoming SAARC summit is expected to adopt broad-based action plan to promote the socio-economic conditions of more than one billion people of the region, report UNB and BSS.

The three-day summit of the seven-nation forum begins in Colombo on November 7.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will lead the Bangladesh delegation to the conference, the sixth annual assembly of the South Asian heads of state and government.

The Prime Minister is due to leave for the Sri Lankan cap-

ital on November 6.

Mostafiz told a press conference at the Foreign Ministry that an integrated plan of action now under consideration of the member-states mainly aims at 'bolstering mutual cooperation among the member-states in specified areas.'

He said the sixth SAARC summit would be 'significant' since it is taking place at a time of remarkable changes sweeping across the world and also the SAARC member-nations.

The triumph of democracy in the SAARC region and the attendance of the conference by four new heads of govern-

ment make coming conference more interesting than before and the leaders are expected to throw new ideas to make SAARC more vibrant and effective, Rahman said.

The proposed action plan, he said, will cover alleviation of poverty, prevention of natural disasters, protection of environment, social development, trade, scientific and technical cooperation, economic progress, child welfare and role of women.

Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman was present at the press conference.

The SAARC had already identified 13 areas of coopera-

## JCD threatens to gherao residence of Hasina

By DU Correspondent

Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of BNP has threatened to 'gherao' the Dhanmondi residence of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina if the government fails to arrest the killers of Mirza and Liton in 24 hours.

The JCD held a rally Tuesday at the 'Aparajeo Bangla' of the Dhaka University protesting the killing of its two activists Mirza and Liton on Sunday.

The rally alleged that terrorist acts were being stepped up in the educational institutions with the direct patronisation of Sheikh Hasina and that the JCD workers were becoming the victims of those acts.

## All-party accord for students in Rajshahi

RAJSHAHI, Oct 29: All political parties and their student organisations held a meeting at the Rajshahi University gallery today and took some major decisions regarding code of conduct for the students, reports UNB.

The meeting called upon all to abide by the code of conduct earlier announced by the political parties. They sought cooperation from all quarters to keep the campus situation under control.

The meeting also decided to formulate a code of conduct for the students and announce it at a teacher-student-parents convention on November 15.

Leaflet on the codes will also be distributed among the students.

## Union councils given more time to deposit RMP money

The government has further extended the deadline for depositing the counterpart contribution by the union councils to the Rural Maintenance Programme (RMP) aimed at upliftment of the country's rural womenfolk, reports UNB.

The extension of the deadline which was October 15, was decided after a meeting between the LGRD Ministry and CARE in a bid to continue the programme.

Officials said the programme is likely to face uncertainty if the union councils again fail the deadline of November 15.

## ME peace talks begin today in Madrid

MADRID, Oct 29: Arabs and Israelis, shackled by decades of enmity, are determined that a bloody attack on Jewish settlers and last-minute logistical wrangles won't derail their inexorable move toward peace talks.

As Wednesday's opening neared, Israel was edgy over the killing in the occupied West Bank of two settlers by gunmen who sprayed bullets into a bus carrying settlers to a rally protesting any concessions of land to the Arabs.

Israeli leaders were also grumbling over a procedural victory by Palestinian delegates to the talks that was approved by the Jewish state's closest ally, the United States.

President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev pledged Tuesday to use "all the remedies at our disposal" to nudge Arabs and Israelis toward peace, but said they would not try to dictate a settlement at the Middle East peace talks.

Soviet President Mikhail S Gorbachev arrived late Monday and President Bush landed Tuesday to lend moral and political support to the sensitive negotiations. Their countries are co-sponsoring the talks.

Bush and Gorbachev, who lunched at the Soviet embassy, will preside jointly over Wednesday's opening ceremony with Syria, Lebanon, the Jordan and the Palestinians sitting at the same table as Israel for the first time in 43 years of war and implacable hostility.

## DU campus tense: 2 students stabbed

By DU Correspondent

Two activists of the now-defunct Jatiya Chhatra League, Ali Hossain and Kamaluddin were stabbed Tuesday on the Dhaka University campus allegedly by the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists.

Ali Hossain and Kamaluddin are residents of Mohsin Hall.

and the 12-nation European Economic Community and speeches by Israel, Syria, Jordan, the Palestinians and Lebanon.

The delegates will sit around a T-shaped table, with the Israelis across from the Jordanian and Palestinian delegation heads and flanked by Egypt and Lebanon.

As the superpowers put finishing touches to a unique joint diplomatic venture, at least two Israeli soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in occupied southern Lebanon, the latest victims of a wave of attacks apparently aimed at sabotaging the talks.

Israeli helicopter gunships responded by strafing a Palestinian refugee camp in southern Lebanon, killing one refugee and wounding three.

The bombing, for which the Iranian-backed Hizbollah movement claimed responsibility, came hours after radical Palestinian gunmen shot dead two Jewish settlers in the occupied West Bank as they were driving to a hardliners' rally in Tel Aviv.

Five Israeli soldiers were wounded and two Arab guerrillas killed in a separate clash in Israel's self-proclaimed 'security zone' in Lebanon on Tuesday, the Israeli army said.

An angry Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel knew how to strike back at the "Palestinian murderers and their leaders" and rejected any idea of freezing settlements in the occupied territories, a key Arab demand.

After both sides reaffirmed their commitments, Bush said US experts would visit Moscow to narrow the differences.

Agitated JCD activists after Sunday's killing of two of their members forced all the members of the Jatiya Chhatra League to leave Mohsin Hall and Suryasen Hall.

Tension was prevailing on the campus and a large number of observers' teams — Egypt

## Old woman dies of heart attack at Gangachara relief camp

From Moinuddin Naser  
 GANGACHARA (Rangpur), Oct 29: Mossamat Tussil Begum, aged about 60, died of a heart attack today while collecting relief at a camp in Barabil union under Gangachara upazila.

The old woman who had also collected relief yesterday came to the camp from her house about a mile away after having her normal breakfast of 'rotis', according to her daughter Kala.

As the old woman waited in See Page 12 Col. 6

## Tinbigha transfer in a couple of months: Mostafiz

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman on Tuesday expressed optimism about transfer of the Tinbigha corridor by India in a couple of months, reports UNB.

He expressed the hope while answering a question at a press conference about the outcome of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's talks with Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao in Harare.

About the result of Khaleda Sharif parley aside the Commonwealth Summit, he told another questioner that


## Rains may continue today

By Staff Correspondent  
 There was light to moderate rainfall in Dhaka and most other districts on Tuesday under the influence of a depression crossed the south-west Bay.

The depression crossed north Tamil Nadu coast of India Tuesday morning and weakened. However, all fishing boats and trawlers in the Bay have been advised to keep close to coast.

Rainfall over Bangladesh is likely to continue today under its influence. The sky may become clear by tomorrow, Met Office says.

On Tuesday the highest (43 millimetres) rainfall was recorded at Comilla. Rainfall records at other places were: Faridpur 38 mm, Patuakhali 22, Feni 21, Bhola 18, Dhaka 15, Sitakunda 14, Majdicourt 11, Rangamati 7, Madaripur 5, Sandwip 3, Hatiya and Tangail 2 mm.



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