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### Moudud condemns BJP decision

Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed has condemned the decision of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to build Ram Mandir at the historic Babri Mosque site at Ayodhya in the Indian State of Uttar Pradesh, reports UNB.

### Jamaat for early amendment

Jamaat-e-Islami parliamentary group at a meeting Friday urged the ruling party to immediately move the constitutional amendment bill for reverting to parliamentary democracy, reports UNB.

### Kurd guerillas kill nine

DIYARBAKIR, Turkey, June 28 : Nine people, including a village mayor and four rebels, have been killed in attacks by Kurdish guerillas in southeastern Turkey, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported Friday, says AP.

### Tagore manuscripts

CALCUTTA, June 28 : The West Bengal government has acquired some valuable Tagore manuscripts, which were put to auction in London recently, according to official sources here said today, reports PTI.

### Polish Parliament rejects Waleasa's veto

WARSAW, June 28 : Poland's communist-dominated parliament overwhelmingly rejected President Lech Waleasa's veto of a controversial election law drafted by the assembly, reports Reuters.

EC foreign ministers going to Belgrade for negotiations : Many killed in Yugoslav attacks

## Slovenia airports, frontiers bombed



A border outpost on the Slovenian side of Bleiburg on fire after it was attacked by Yugoslav army on Friday. — AFP photo

BELGRADE, June 28: The Yugoslav army said today it was halting a three-day military blitz against breakaway Slovenia after seizing all frontier posts between the republic and neighbouring countries, report agencies.

Slovenia said today Yugoslav troops and planes were still on the attack in the breakaway republic despite a ceasefire announcement by the federal government.

"I am receiving information that bombing is still occurring," Slovenian Defence Minister Janez Jansa told a

President Milan Kucan of Slovenia said his government was "open for negotiations" with federal authorities but only "after this horror is ended on Slovene territory".

Federal troops in armoured vehicles were reported fighting fierce battles with some of the republic's 40,000 strong armed defence units which tried to hold positions at border crossings.

Tanjung news agency announced an end to the offensive by federal forces after they pounded the northern republic's airports from the air

LJUBLJANA, June 28: The President of Slovenia on Friday night agreed to a cease-fire declared by the Yugoslav federal army, reports AP.

news conference.

He was speaking in the Slovenian capital about three hours after the government in Belgrade said the army had achieved all its objectives in Slovenia and was stopping operations.

Slovene Defence Minister Janez Jansa, speaking on Ljubljana television, said Thursday there were about 100 killed and injured on both sides, but there was no independent confirmation of that figure.

Shaken but unbowed,

and sent tanks and troops to control its last frontier posts.

"The Yugoslav army says it gained control over all border crossings in Slovenia and therefore ceases further activities", Tanjung said.

The announcement came after a morning of intense military pressure by Belgrade's forces on the government of the Alpine territory which proclaimed its independence last Tuesday.

The Ljubljana government said warplanes bombed

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## Announcement

"Hundred Days of Democracy," a special feature section, containing an exclusive interview of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, opinions of the opposition leaders, and also special articles by senior staff members of The Daily Star on the performance of the BNP Government will be published tomorrow (Sunday) to mark the occasion of the first hundred days in power of the new Government.

## Begum Zia may address nation

### Star Report

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to address the nation over Radio and Television tomorrow or day after tomorrow prior to the introduction of the Constitution amendment bill in parliament for switching over to the parliamentary form of government.

A high-level meeting of BNP was held Friday evening at the Sugandha to finalise the content of her address. The BNP leadership felt it necessary to inform the countrymen about their decision to revert to the parliamentary system.

Meanwhile, intellectuals and leaders of different professional groups who met Begum Zia congratulated her for her decision to switch over to the

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## Kidnapping for ransom a must to win homeland: GM Syed

KARACHI, June 28 : A separatist Pakistani politician said on Thursday his followers had no choice but to kidnap people for ransom in their campaign for an independent homeland in the southern province of Sind, reports Reuters.

"Kidnapping for ransom to buy arms is the beginning of our struggle," declared Jijye Sind Movement (JSM) leader G M Syed, giving unprecedented public support for the frequent abductions in the volatile province.

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said earlier in the day that turmoil in Sind posed a major challenge to his eight-month-old government and could harm his economic reform plans.

But Syed, 88, told Reuters : "The Sindhis have no choice but to kidnap people, take ransom and buy arms to wage a

struggle for independence. We want Azadi (liberation), we want autonomy... we want sovereignty."

Sind province Chief Jam Sadiq Ali blames most violence on opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) which, in turn, accuses him of using it as an excuse to crack down on political opponents.

More than 1,500 people have been killed in Sind since 1986, many of them in ethnic and political violence involving native Sindhis, migrants from India and Afghan refugees.

AFP adds : A powerful bomb exploded in the busiest bazaar in the Pakistani capital today slightly injuring one man, police said.

The bomb went off in a make-shift bazaar held in the city every week to offer goods such as fish, meat and vegeta-

bles at below market prices.

The bomb was planted near fruit crates and watermelons along the outer wall of the enclave known as Jumma Bazaar. Afghan refugees sell rugs and carpets in the area.

Police were questioning some Afghans but no arrest was made, they said.

Exploding with a deafening noise when the morning crowd had thronged the bazaar, the bomb which was heard several kilometers away caused panic and many shoppers and vendors fled for safety.

"Luckily it did not cause much damage," a police officer said, adding that only one man who received sharp injuries was taken to local hospital where his condition was reported out of danger.

The explosion was the first

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## Shantibahini kills six in seven days

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 28: Renewed Shantibahini insurgency left six security personnel dead and several others injured over the past two weeks in the hill districts of Rangamati and Khagrachhari.

According to official sources one security man was killed and several others were injured in a three-hour gun battle Wednesday last at Kusumchura of Borkal upazila under Rangamati district when

## BSF kills one at Meherpur

MEHERPUR, June 28 : A Bangladesh national was shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at Tetulbaria border this morning, officials said, reports UNB.

Mofazzel Hossain (30) of Tetulbaria village in Gangni upazila was shot while he was cutting grass near pillar number 137 at the border, 27 kilometres from here.

After the firing, the BSF jawans along with some other Indian civilians dragged the body into Dighalkandi village on the Indian side of the border. See Page 10 Col. 7

## Comilla, Jessore Board SSC exams begin tomorrow

The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination 1991 under Comilla and Jessore Education Boards will begin tomorrow (Sunday). A total of 2,28,753 candidates will appear in the exams, reports UNB.

The examination, scheduled to be held from May 2 simultaneously in four Boards of the country, was postponed in Comilla and Jessore Boards following the devastating cyclone of April 29.

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## Benjedid quits as party chief, Madani calls for jihad

ALGIERS, June 28 : President Chadli Benjedid facing violent challenge from Muslim fundamentalists resigned today as head of the National Liberation Front — the movement which won the war of independence from France and has ruled Algeria ever since, reports agencies.

Chadli's decision, reported by the official news agency APS after a stormy meeting of the party central committee appeared to be a new attempt to separate party from state and make possible the country's first democratic general election.

While the committee met, 20,000 fundamentalists chanted "Jihad, Jihad" — at Friday prayers in Algiers.

APS quoted sources close to the party Central Committee as saying Chadli would remain as an ordinary party member.

Police-fundamentalist clashes forced Chadli this month to sack the govern-

ment, postpone Algeria's first multi-party general election and send the army into cities under a state of siege.

The new government headed by Sid Ahmed Ghozali, is formed largely of independents.

At least 36 people have died in the violence this month. Diplomats say between 55 and 65 have been killed.

The country's top opposition leader Friday threatened a jihad, if the government does not call off the state of emergency declared earlier this month.

The call by Abassi Madani, head of the fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front, came as the Algerian army put on its strongest show of force since violent unrest this month derailed plans for legislative elections.

Tanks and military vehicles were deployed at major mosques and strategic sites in Algiers as Muslim

fundamentalists opposed to the government gathered for weekly prayers.

Soldiers and policemen stood guard throughout Algiers and checked some passing vehicles.

Tens of thousands of supporters of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) greeted Madani's call at the Kouba mosque in Algiers with raised fists and shouts of "Allahu Akbar".

Madani said the FIS "will refuse henceforth all dialogue" with the government as long as the state of emergency, implemented four months ago, remained.

"If the army does not return to its barracks, the FIS will have the right to call once again a jihad, as in November 1954," he threatened.

In 1954 a revolt against French colonial rule began which ended with Algeria's independence in 1962.

Madani accused Ghozali of

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## VHP warns Delhi over Ram Temple

ALLAHABAD, June 28: Ashok Singhal, General Secretary of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad, has warned the central government of a 'confrontation' if they stall the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site in Ayodhya, reports PTI.

Speaking to reporters here today, Singhal said the Congress government at the centre would have the same fate of the previous government if it sought the path of 'confrontation'.

Singhal said, according to information available to him, the central government was planning to present some bill in the monsoon session con-

cerning the temple issue and he warned that if any hurdle was created by the central government in the construction of the temple a 'confrontation' would result.

He said he was hopeful that the BJP government in the state would make necessary provisions to hand over the 'Ramjanambhoomi' to the Vishwa Hindu Parishad for the construction of the temple at an early date.

Singhal said it was apparent that the state government was interested in solving the temple dispute in an amicable way. Meanwhile, the All India Sikh Students Federation (AISSF) headed by Bhai Manjit Singh today turned

down the centre's offer for talks with the militants in Punjab.

Addressing a press conference here the AISSF General Secretary, Bhai Harminder Singh Gill, said that there was no possibility of talks with the Congress-I government which, he charged, had hurt the religious sentiments of the Sikhs in 1984 by resorting to 'Operation Blue Star' and now in 1991 had hurt their political sentiments by postponing the elections.

The Home Minister, SB Chavan, had yesterday expressed the centre's willingness to talk to Punjab militants if they abjure violence, show allegiance to the constitution

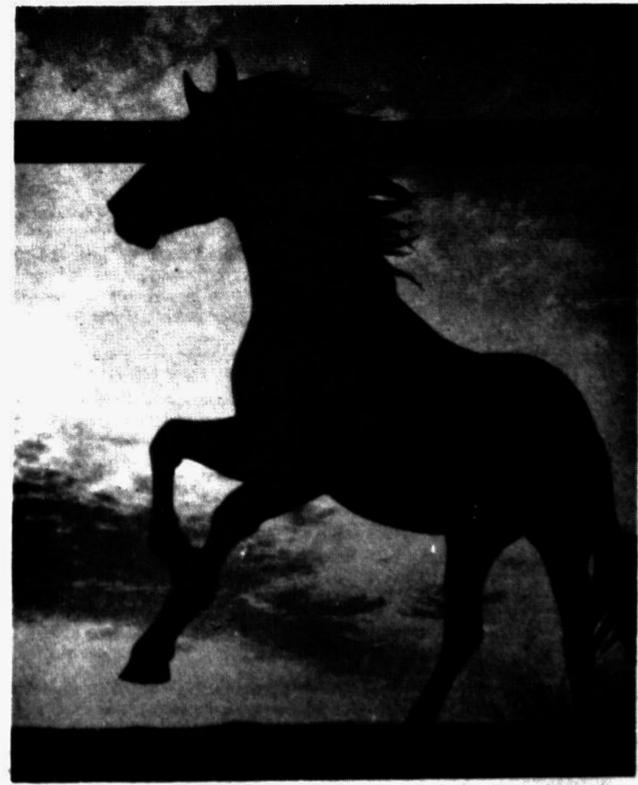
and work for the unity and integrity of the country.

In another development, the new government of India's Tamil Nadu state today ordered all Sri Lankan Tamils living in the southern coastal province to report to police stations within a week.

The five-day-old administration of Chief Minister Jayalalitha Jayaram warned potential violators of "severe penal action" including deportation.

All Sri Lankan Tamils living outside refugee camps were asked to furnish "full information" to the nearest police station including names, occupations and addresses, within a week, PTI said.

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