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International



Benazir Bhutto, prior to her departure for London, expressed fears the government might raid her house to malign her in false cases

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Speculation about who is to succeed Perez de Cuellar is hotting up.

The problem was always to find a compromise figure accept able to the two superpowers. This time. the US is likely to have the final nod Page 4

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Japan is likely to fund the reconstruction of the Chittagong Export Processing Zone damaged by the April 29 cyclone Page 8

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CIRDAP, a forum for regional development, celebrates its 12th birthday today. An interview of its Director ATM Shamsul Huq Page 6

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Dhaka Day by Day Scandals could be avoided if we could rise above the damaging myths and misconceptions about "love

> marriage" Page 3

NEWS BRIEFS

Turkish PM wins vote of confidence

ANKARA, July 5 : Turkey's new Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz won a resounding vote of confidence from parliament today, reports Reuter.

China flood kills 130

BEIJING, July 5: More than 130 deaths were reported today from flooding in China, which threatened to get out of control with further heavy rains forecast, reports AFP.

Beijing won't sell arms to Syria

CAIRO, July 5: An aide to Prime Minister Le Peng reaffirmed Thursday that China will not sell arms to Syria. The aide, Woo Zian, accompanied Li Peng on a five-day official visit to Egypt, reports AFP.

Quake kills 21

JAKARTA, July 5: A strong earthquake that rocked at least two southeastern Indonesian islands killed 21/ people and injured more than 130, a government spokesman said Friday, reports AP.

Rathore arrested, taken to undisclosed location

Pak Kashmir govt dismissed

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan, and threatened to launch a July 5: The President of Pakistan-held Kashmir dismissed the state's controversial Prime Minister Friday and semi-autonomous state that arrested him, the state-run once was part of a larger news agency said.

Abdul Qayyum said Prime Minister Mumtaz Rathore's outbursts since his party's control of the subcontinent. overwhelming defeat in legislaissue of divided Kashmir.

Sardar Mohammed Ashraf, Chief Justice of the Azad Minister, APP said.

May 1990, blamed the election termination. loss on vote fraud. He ordered fresh elections for Sept. 27 of Pakistan reported that

civil war if his opponents tried to remove him.

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Azad, or Free, Kashmir is a Kashmir. The former princely Kashmir President Sardar state was divided between Pakistan and India in the 1947 partition that ended British

Muslim secessionists in tive elections last week could Indian-controlled Kashmir damage Pakistan's stand on the have been fighting for independence since January 1990. The uprising has left more than 2,500 people dead. India Kashmir Supreme Court, was accuses Pakistan of arming, appointed as acting Prime training and harboring the insurgents. Pakistan denies that Rathore, who led a fragile allegation, saying it supports coalition government since the Kashmiris' right to self-de-

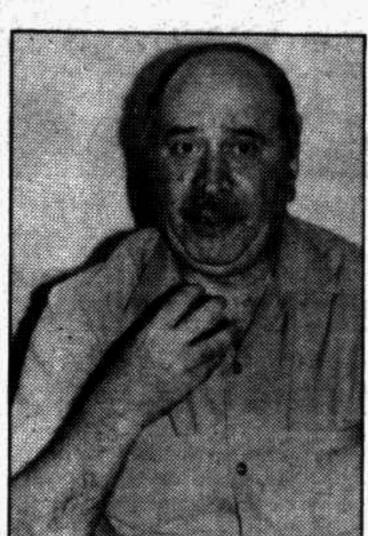
The official Associated Press

Rathore was taken by helicopter from Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir, to an undisclosed location.

"The arrest of Rathore will not spark any unrest or agitation in the state," said Sardar Abdul Ghaffar Khan, a newly elected legislator from the rival Muslim Conference, backed by Islamabad. The poor performance in office was largely responsible for the landslide victory of the Muslim Conference. Rathore's left-leaning

Pakistan People's Party won only two of 40 assembly seats in the June 29 voting, while the Muslim Conference got 28 But his allegations of elec-

tion fraud received little backing from the leader of the See Page 10 Col. 7



Mumtaz Rathore: The defiant Premier of Pak Kashmir was arrested and his government was sacked.

Constitution amendment bills

The points of difference

By Mostafa Kamal Majumder

Three Constitution amendment bills introduced in the Parliament by the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the opposition Awami League are essentially same.

They differ on provisions relating to election of the President, floor crossing by members of Parliament and the requirement of referendum to okey certain Articles of the Constitution.

of the Constitution, differences between the bills are matters of emphasis, scrutiny shows.

switching over to a parliamen- a comprehensive amendment tary system of government,

ratification of the appointment of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as Vice-President and all his actions as Acting President; and enabling him to go back to the office of Chief Justice of Bangladesh.

BNP introduced two bills on July 2, while AL introduced one bill on July 4 for the purpose. Workers Party member Rashed Khan Menon also in-On the rest of the Provisions relating to four specific arti- sues. cles on July 4. One of the BNP bills (Eleventh) seeks to make a transitional provision, while The bills are meant for another bill (Twelfth) proposes

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Amendment bills

AL discussion on strategy begins

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League Working Committee began discussion Friday to finalise its strategy regarding the Constitutional amendment bills introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad for switching over to parliamentary sys-

The committee met Friday morning at the party central office at Bangabandhu Avenue with AL chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair. In her opening speech, Sheikh Hasina dwelt on political situation in the troduced four amendment bills | country and organisational is-

Party's presidium member Abdus Samad Azad apprised the central leaders of the amendment bill introduced by him in parliament. He also

Violence marks reopening of DU halls

By DU Correspondent

Beating up of a student by University residential halls on Alam Khan Milon.

taken to check recurrence of nounced a programme violence that prompted its 14 Azha vacation.

Chancellor and the Dhaka Education Atmosphere Council (DUEAC) had decided at a meeting that killers of Dr. Milon." no rally or procession would be held on the campus in the first week of the re-opening with-Proctor.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof Moniruzzaman Mia along with Saturday includes submission the Proctor visited the resi- of memoranda to the VC and dential halls Friday morning to Home Ministry on July 13 and oversee the 'peace arrange-

League-backed Chhatra League (A-A) beat up a JSD (Inu)backed Chhatra League (N-S) will also bring out a mourning activist, Nikhil Chandra at Jagannath Hall. Tension sparked off.

Infuriated by the incident, Chhatra League (N-S) activists gathered in front of Modhu's canteen and brought out a procession from there without the out by Moniruzzaman Titu, permission of the Proctor.

They chanted various slorivals and a follow-up protest gans against BCL (A-A) deprocession in violation of the manding congenial atmo-DUEAC decision marked the sphere on the campus and trial reopening of the Dhaka of the killers of Dr Shamsul

Later at a press conference Classes of the university re- at the DUCSU (Dhaka sume the following day, today, University Central Students amidst tight security measures Union) building they an-

UNB adds : Pro- JSD (Inu) days' closure including Eid-ul- Chhatra League also called upon all the democratic On Thursday, the Vice- student groups to boycott the Awami League-backed Chhatra League both socially and politically for "sheltering the

The Chhatra League (N-S) also announced a 19-day action programme demanding arrest out the prior permission of the and trial of the killers of Dr. Milon and Mahbubur Rahman.

The programme beginning 14 respectively, protest rally and procession from July 19 to Hours later, the Awami 24 at different residential halls of Dhaka University.

The student organisation procession in the campus in memory of Mahbubur Rahman who was shot dead on June 20 following an armed clash between Chhatra League (N-S) and Chhatra League (A-A).

A written statement read See Page 10 Col. 8

Priority to disaster management: PM

Khaleda Zia has said her gov- Aminul Islam and was adernment will attach priority to dressed by Dr MA Wazed Miah, environmental protection and Dr SA Miah, Prof Mohammad its development in the coun- Hossain and Harunur Rashid. try, reports UNB.

cessity for giving priority to disaster management programmes which also comprises environmental and development schemes.

The 16th conference, organised by the Bangladesh Association for the Advancement of Science, was presided over by the

World Bank to spend \$200 m for cyclone shelters

The World Bank is examining a special project to build adequate cyclone shelters in some selected coastal areas, official source said in Dhaka on Friday, reports UNB.

The project, expected to coast between 150 million and 200 million US dollars, would also include support systems such as emergency communications, early warning systems and water and sanitation facili-

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Prime Minister Begum Association President Dr

Scientists, engineers, med-Inaugurating the 3-day an- ical practitioners, agricultural tional institutions including nual Bangladesh Science specialists, educationists and Conference at Shilpakala social scientists from Academy in Dhaka on Friday, Bangladesh, India, Nepal she said the past and recent China, Vietnam, Canada and experiences demand the ne- Netherlands are attending the conference.

promoting awareness about the importance of science and technology and providing an opportunity for the national leadership to formulate strate- planned conspiracy" is being gies suiting the need of the hour. This year's theme was "Science and Environment".

The Prime Minister stressed on afforestation programmes for maintaining ecological balance and said some initiatives had already been taken for the protection of environment.

Underlining the necessity for strengthening pollution | Staff General Sunith Francis control in industrial units, she said environmental matters should be taken into consideration before permitting new industrial units.

proper application of present laws related to pollution conprotection and development of environment." See Page 10 Col. 6

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students: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Campus violence

aimed to disunite

Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Sheikh Hasina Friday expressed grave concern over the recent terrorist activities in different educathe Dhaka University, Chittagong University and Jagannath College.

In a statement she said the student community fought against autocracy and commu-The conference is aimed at nal politics and also to establish democratic system in the country.

But the objectives are yet to be realised fully while a "well-See Page 10 Col. 8

Indian army chief arrives today

Star Report

The chief of Indian Army Rodrigues arrives in Dhaka today on a six-day goodwill visit at the invitation of the Bangladesh government.

General Rodrigues, to be ac-Begum Zia also called for companied by his wife, will present 30 mementoes of the 1971 Liberation War to his trol saying "we are to think of Bangladesh counterpart Lt enacting necessary laws for the General Noor Uddin Khan for their preservation in the war museum, being built in the See Page 10 Col. 1

BCCI operations in UK, Luxembourg, five other countries suspended

Identity cards of resident students of Dhaka University

being examined at the hall gates Friday in order to check

infiltration of outsiders. Classes resume today.- Star photo

LONDON, July 5 : Seven countries joined on Friday to seize assets and shut down operations of a huge private bank with ties , to deposed Panamanian leader Manuel

Noriega, reports AP. The Bank of England cited evidence of widespread fraud going back a number of years for the concerted action against the Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, which operates in 69 countries and whose assets are esti-

mated at 20 billion dollars. Banking authorities in Luxembourg, the Cayman Islands, the United States, Switzerland, Spain, and France also moved against BCCI on Friday, said a Bank of England

spokeswoman. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, said evidence suggests that BCCI was issuing

loans to businessmen without expecting to be repaid or was fabricating the existence of

"It is large. It is extensive. It has probably been going on for some time," Leigh-Pemberton told a news conference. "There was concealment of losses, false accounting, and other devices which has been highly

The Bank was ordered to cease its US registered operations by US authorities earlier this year. On Friday, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York took control of a New York City Branch of BCCI SA.

"It's unique as far as we know," said the Bank of England spokesman. "So far as we're aware we can't think of anything that has been as big as far as the number of institutions and the scope."

The central bank said it has

referred the case to a British prosecuting agency, the Serious Fraud Office.

BCCI officials had no comment, a London switchboard operator said, referring calls to the central bank.

Once one of the world's largest private banks, BCCl is registered in Luxembourg and based in Abu Dhabi, the largest of the United Arab Emirates. The bank is controlled by the ruler of Abu Dhabi and President of the UAE, Sheik

Zayed Al-Nahayan. Two divisions of BCCI pleased quality in Tampa, Florida, last year to laundering 14 million dollars as part of a 32 million dollars global money-laundering case.

Five former BCCI bankers and a Colombian businessman were also convicted of conspiracy and various money-See Page 10 Col. 3

BCL (A-A) processionists torch vehicles: 10 arrested

From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, July 5: Police arrested 10 persons after an Awami League-backed Chhatra League (A-A) procession went on rampage in the city this evening protesting assault on Jamaluddin Bachchu, a local

talks on flood control begin

See Page 10 Col. 6 Bangladesh-China

A three-day Bangladesh-China high level meeting on flood control and river training project on the Brahmaputra

BCL leader. The BCL processionists

began in Dhaka Friday morning, reports UNB, See Page 10 Col. 6

Slovenia lifts blockade of Y'slav bases federal presidency arrived racks and surrender captured

Slovenian authorities released more than 2,100 captured Yugoslav troops and policemen today but refused to blink in their tense faceoff with Belgrade, report agencies.

European Community Foreign Ministers meeting in The Hague decided meanwhile to immediately dispatch a in the breakaway republic.

Witnesses said new antitank barricades were created in Ljubljana streets during the

high-level mission to Yugoslavia to arrange for monitoring of the fragile ceasefire

In another development, two members of the Yugoslav

here Friday for talks with Slovenian leaders, said Dusan Plut, Vice President of Slovenia. Vasil Tupurkovski, the rep-

resentative from the southern republic of Macedonia to the eight-member collective federal presidency, and Bogic Bogicevic, from the central republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, were to "follow up" on a seres of ultimatums issued by the federal authorities Thursday and rejected by the Slovenian leadership.

The Slovenian presidency here described the orders. which included demands that Slovene forces return to bar-

federal property, as "useless and inappropriate". Plut said relinquishing control of Slovenia's borders with

Austria, Hungary and Italy, as demanded by Belgrade, "must be the subject of tripartite negotiations, with the participation of the European Community". The secessionist republic,

however, defied orders from Yugoslavia's collective presidency to withdraw its forces from combat positions. And the army said some barracks were still being blockaded.

Minister Jelko Kacin said the

blockades at federal army

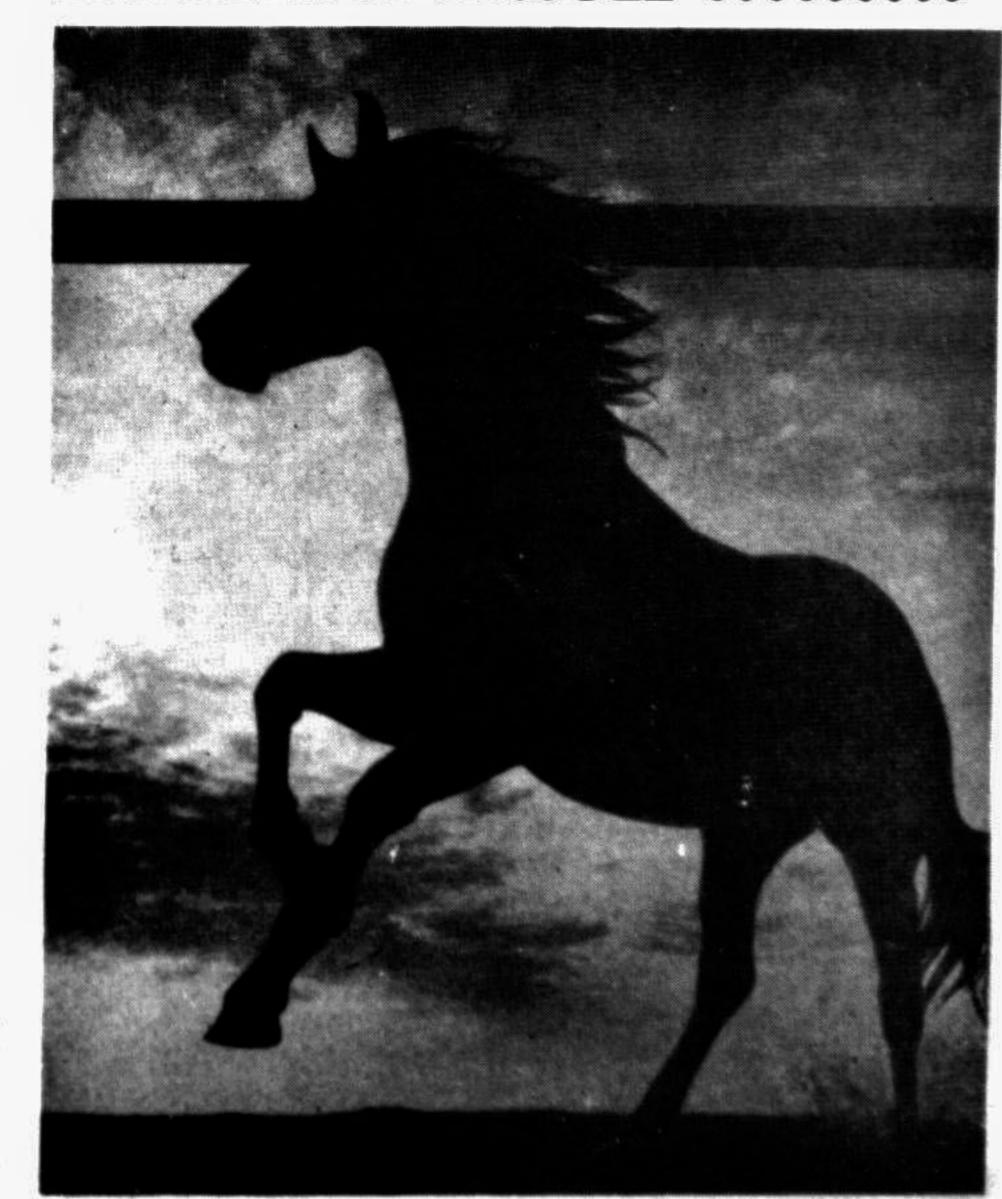
bases bad been lifted by the noon (1000 GMT) deadline. He said trucks were transporting the federal tanks - which had encircled Ljubljana's airport back to their bases. The European Community froze economic aid and halted

van den Broek said in The Lt, Gen Marko Negovanovic, a member of the general staff, said Slovenia continued to blockade many federal barracks, was mobilising its forces Slovene Information near Slovenia's second-largest city Maribor and had violated

all arms sales to Yugoslavia,

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans

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