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Select body may return bills to House Sunday

By Moinuddin Naser

The Select Committee for scrutinising the Constitution amendment bills is expected to submit its report to Parliament next Sunday.

The bills will be taken up for discussion on the same day, according to committee sources.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia told the Japanese parliamentary delegation Monday that the bill would be passed within this month.

A senior Awami League leader told The Daily Star that there was no major hurdle in passing the bill. He also said that the Awami League was equally concerned about ensuring stability of the parliamentary system.

He was of the view that if the government become unstable under a parliamentary system people would lose confidence in the political process.

Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed hoped that there would be no impediment in reverting to a parliamentary form of government.

Select Committee member Rashed Khan Menon told The Daily Star that the committee could succeed in narrowing down the differences efficiently.

He said that the committee was holding its meetings twice a day and was expected to make its final report within a day or two.

Meanwhile the Select Committee has completed its first reading of the bills and reached a broad consensus on fundamental principles of parliamentary democracy.

The committee is now

Sangsad appoints Standing Committee on Privileges

The Jatiya Sangsad on Monday unanimously appointed a 10-member Standing Committee on Privileges headed by the Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas, reports BSS.

The members of the Standing Committee on Privileges are: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, Law and Justice Minister Mirza Gholam Hafiz, Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Chief Whip Khandkar Delwar Hossain, Tofael Ahmed (AL), Shahjahan Straj (JSD), Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami (Jamaat) and

Flood situation turns worse

Water enters into Tangail town, Aricha-Daulatdia ferry service disrupted

The overall flood situation in the northern districts is worsening with inundation of more croplands and homesteads and waters entering a district town, according to district officials and the flood information cells, reports BSS.

Tangail and Sirajganj districts are the worst affected among the seven districts by the fresh monsoon flood, the officials said.

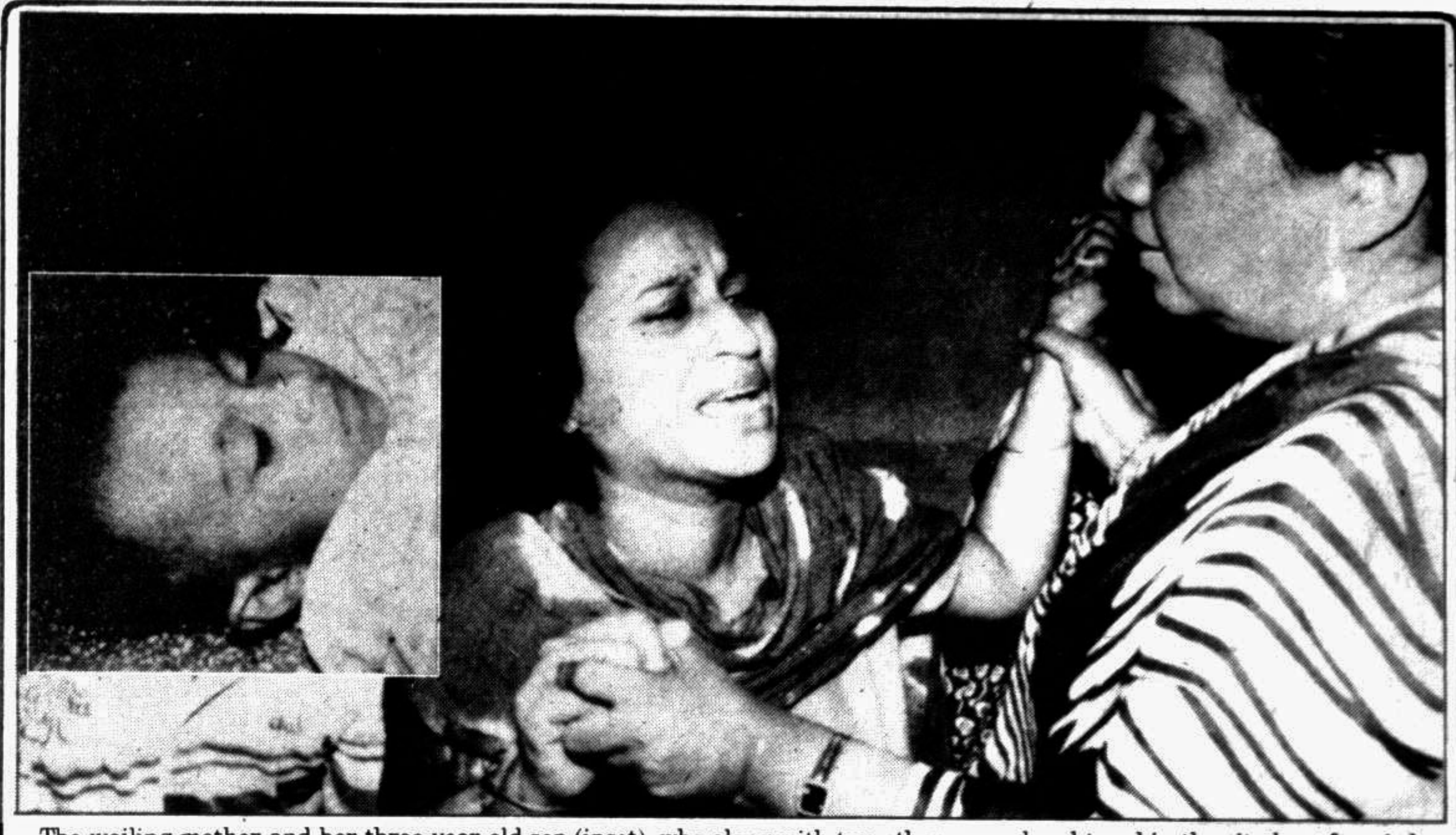
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia Monday visited Sirajganj, Dhunat, Shariatkandi, Gabtali to see the extent of flood damages and relief and rehabilitation work.

Flood waters entered the court area of Tangail town, the ADM told BSS over telephone adding that eight upazilas of the district were affected by the flood, inundating over 26,000 acres of cropland and an unspecified number of homesteads. Five lakh people of the district are the victims of the flood, he said.

In Sirajganj, 39 out of 79 unions of the district were inundated by the flood water which damaged 5,015 homesteads fully and 20,120 homestead partially. So far 22,643 acres of cropland were inundated which also rendered a total of 1,02,450 people homeless in the district, the District Flood Information Cell said over telephone.

At least 300,000 people in Kurigram district were affected by the flood which inundated four unions out of the total 74, the District Flood Information Cell said. In Gaibandha, four unions came under the deluge rendering at least 50,000 people homeless. "A good number of homesteads are now under three to four feet of flood water," the ADC said.

In Mymensingh district, flood water from the Brahmaputra river spilled over the embankment and inundated a vast tract of cropland and homesteads in the Sadar upazila. Flood Information Cell



The wailing mother and her three year-old son (inset), who along with two others was slaughtered in the city by a frenzied young man Monday. —Star photo

Triple murder in broad daylight

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons including a child and a minor girl were murdered in the city Monday. The sensational murders occurred at a house in Mohakhali around noon.

The victims were identified as Moslemuddin (20), a student of Tejgaon College, Marjina (10), a maidservant of the house and Nazmul Sadat Zian (3).

Moslem and Marjina were slaughtered while Zian was strangled and stabbed to death.

One Rafiqul Islam, a young man who is absconding, is suspected of being the killer of these three persons.

The triple murder occurred in a flat on the second floor of a four-storied building at 143, Mohakhali. The rented flat belonged to Golara Mustafa, an agent in the manpower business. Moslem was the brother of Mustafa, while the child Zian was his son.

The motive of the murder was not clear till last night, however, police suspect that the incident was linked with the manpower business of Mustafa in which Rafiqul Islam became involved.

According to an eyewitness and the inmates of the house, Rafiqul Islam, a friend of victim Moslemuddin, entered the flat at about 10 am and escaped in the afternoon after committing the murders. He was found holding a knife in his hand as he fled.

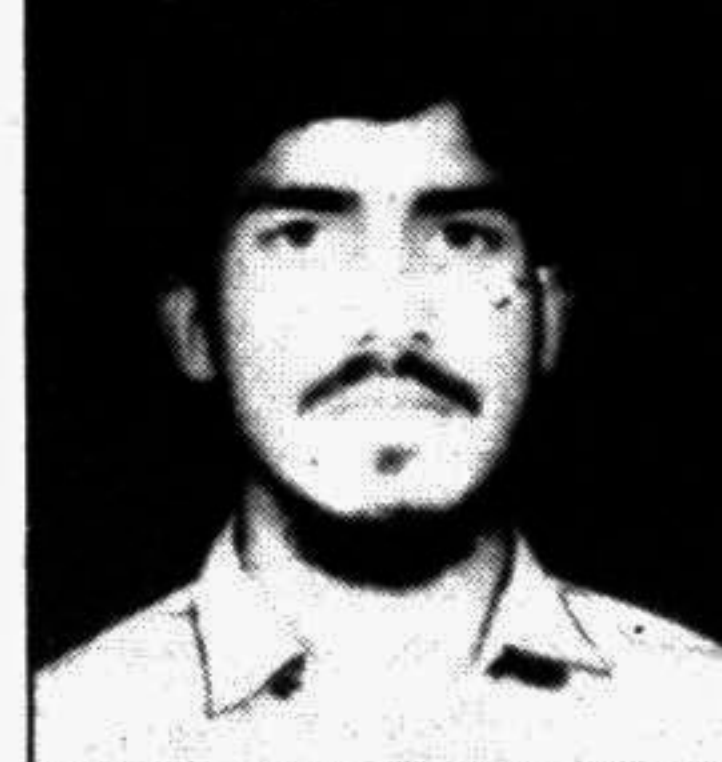
Jewel, the brother-in-law of Golara Mustafa and an employee of York Garments who first saw the killer and found the bodies gave an eyewitness account of the incident to this correspondent.

Jewel came home at around 1.15 pm for lunch. When he knocked at the door, Champa the landlord's daughter replied from inside. She urged Jewel to come later without giving any reason.

Jewel suspected something wrong. He went to the landlord who lives on the first floor, and asked him why Champa was behaving in a strange way.

At this, Jewel and the landlord took a stool and went upstairs.

Jewel stood on the stool



Suspected murderer Rafiqul Islam

and tried to peep inside through the grill above the closed door. After some efforts, he saw a bearded man moving suspiciously inside the house.

Jewel immediately bolted the door from outside and went downstairs to call neighbours for help. He gathered about six to seven men and came back. "But they did not dare to come upstairs. They remained on the ground floor and I alone went up," Jewel said.

When he reached the door of his house, Champa's voice came from inside the house. She urged him to open the door.

"At this I opened the bolt," Jewel said, and as soon as I unbolted it, the door was flung open. A bearded young man with a clean, big knife stepped out and tried to stab me.

Awe struck, I fled downstairs. The killer chased me. But when he saw other men waiting on the ground floor he stopped.

After this the killer apparently jumped down from the first floor and fled away. Some of the neighbours also said that they saw the killer running away with a knife still in his

BCL protests hall raid, burn five vehicles

By Staff Correspondent.

Angry activists of Chhatra League (S-A) Monday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University Campus and set ablaze five motor vehicles and a motor cycle in and around the campus protesting police raid of the SM Hall.

Acting on secret information, police made a room-to-room search of the hall from 1 pm to 2 pm for the suspected killers of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon. But none could be arrested nor any unauthorised

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15 injured as BCL (S-A), JCD clash at RU

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 15 : At least 15 students were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash between pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-A) and BNP-backed Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Rajshahi University Campus Monday.

The injured include Rabul Alam Babu, Acting President of

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One of the five vehicles set ablaze by a group of BCL (S-A) activists on the Dhaka University campus. Their anger fell on the vehicles while protesting police raid on a hall. —Star photo

GPO staff's misbehaviour leads to 3-hour clash

By Staff Correspondent

Misbehaviour meted out to a customer at the Dhaka General Post Office (GPO) counter by a postal employee resulted in a three-hour-long clash between members of the public and the GPO staff Monday.

Normal transactions remained totally suspended and at least 10 persons were injured in the incident.

According to an eye witness, the GPO employee behind the enquiry counter became furious when a customer asked him the procedures of sending his mail more than once.

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BSP petition rejected

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court Monday rejected the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) petition seeking leave to appeal against the judgement and order of the High Court Division of May 30 which rejected the writ petition challenging the implementation of the fourth Wage Board award for journalists, reports BSS.

Acting Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman was in the chair. The other judges in the full bench were

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PM visits flood affected areas Youths asked to start voluntary services

SIRAJGANJ, July 15 : Prime Minister Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today called upon all, particularly the youths, to render massive voluntary services in development work to resolve national problems with their own efforts, reports BSS.

Begum Zia was addressing a series of public meetings in the flood affected Gabtoli, Sariakandi, Dhunat and Sirajganj while she visited the areas including Sariakandi to see the extent of damage and relief and rehabilitation work being carried out there. The Prime Minister gave Taka 2.50 lakh as immediate relief for the affected people.

The Prime Minister said during the dry season the programmes like canal digging, re-excavation of rivers and construction of roads had to be taken up in which the youths including the students had to take part in their free time.

Begum Zia said though we have limited resources but we have manpower by which we can best utilise our resources.

Begum Zia said the natural calamities had become a common phenomenon for our country. She pointed out environmental degradation as one

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Ansaruddin Commission submits report

The commission for enquiring into the allegations of abuse of power and corruption against former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad, his Council of Ministers and others, and officers and employees of government and autonomous bodies submitted the second and last volume of its report to Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in Dhaka on Monday, reports BSS.

The commission, headed by Justice DM Ansaruddin Ahmed, submitted the first

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BNP's Constitution amendment bill has undemocratic elements : Hasina

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, July 15 : Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina Monday urged all the political parties to work sincerely for establishing democracy in the country.

She was addressing a joint workers' rally of district Awami League (AL) and its students outfit, Chhatra League, at circuit house auditorium here.

She criticised the 12th Constitution amendment bill introduced by ruling BNP for swiftness to the parliament.

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Medical board for Raushan

By Staff Correspondent

Government formed a three-member medical board Monday for Raushan Ershad to examine her health.

The board was formed following request from her husband, deposed President H M Ershad Sunday.

The request was conveyed to the authorities through his (Ershad's) defense counsel Advocate Strajul Hoq, according to sources.

London summit opens: No fat cheque for Gorbachev likely

LONDON, July 15: Leaders of the world's seven richest nations opened a summit amid pomp and pageantry with their own disagreements over trade and interest rates competing for attention with Iraq, the Soviet economy and arms control, reports agencies.

Security was the tightest in British history with elite Special Air Service (SAS) commanders standing by to help 4,000 policemen.

At the end of their two days of talks the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States will be meeting with Mikhail Gorbachev, the first time they have tied a Soviet leader to their annual get-togethers that began in 1975.

British Prime Minister John Major, the summit host, greeted each leader on a red carpet as they arrived one by one in limousines at tightly guarded Lancaster House. German Chancellor Helmut Kohl arrived first at the 19th Century Mansion in central London, followed by US President George Bush.

The first order of business of the three-day meeting was posing for the group picture that traditionally opens every summit.

Then the summit seven adjourned for their first session to the Music Room, an ornately decorated salon in the elegant mansion on St. James' Park.

Even as the leaders assembled, much of the attention was already being given to the Soviet Union. Gorbachev arrives on Wednesday to make a plea for western economic help.

An adviser to the Soviet President said Gorbachev's position could be endangered if he returns home empty-handed. Yevgeny Primakov said the West must respond with aid to the Soviet leader's programme of political reform.

"There's no one here who wants to send Gorbachev discouraged away, and there's no one here who wants to send him away with a big fat cheque," British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said.

Hurd, interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America," said Gorbachev must implement an economic reform plan before the West provides anything beyond technical aid.

French President Francois Mitterrand arrived at midday Monday to join the other leaders who already were in London, holding preliminary meetings among themselves.

Kohl met with Bush, then with Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu and Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti.

Bush, who also met with Andreotti and leaders of the European Economic Community, expressed optimism about concluding a nuclear arms treaty with Moscow, saying "It's encouraging" that US and Soviet negotiators had narrowed differences.

His national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft, said "it is quite possible" the arms treaty will be wrapped up by Wednesday. Interviewed, on NBC's "Today" show, Scowcroft said Bush would not go to Moscow for a summit with Gorbachev unless every last detail of the treaty was nailed down.

Bush hailed Syria's acceptance of a US proposal for a Middle East peace conference as "a good response."