The Midnight File

Bush-Gorbachev accord on

arms treaty likely

President Mikhail Gorbachev are likely to agree on

Wednesday to a strategic arms treaty and a Moscow summit in

late July or early August, US officials said today, reports

20 Vietnam miners killed in

tunnel collapse

collapses while mining gold in southern Vietnam, an official

Bomb attacks on Turkish banks

in Bremen and at another in Hanover overnight in what were

believed to be politically motivated attacks, police said today

after a series of incidents believed to involve a left-wing

BONN, July 15: Fire bombs were thrown at a Turkish bank

newspaper reported today, reports Reuter,

Turkish group, reports AFP.

HANOI, July 15: More than 20 people have died in tunnel

LONDON, July 15: US President George Bush and Soviet

# Day-long hartal in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, July 15: A dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed peacefully in the port city today at the call of two rival camps of students, re-

All-Party Student Unity (APSU) and Islmai Chhatra Shibir-backed Sangrami former for 12 hours and the

after the fall of Ershad regime. lation of the one-man inquiry commission report on the December 22 incident at Chittagong University pub-

lished recently, while the Shibirites stand for implementation of the probe report.

house. He first saw a body in the kitchen covered with a and saw the face of Marzina

sure if she was dead. The floor was covered in blood."

and a rope tied around.

his neck. I almost fainted at the sight.

Jewel then heard his sister Nasima and Champa shouting from a room. He opened it and found both of them tied up with a rope.

Later more people came up and they opened the room in





in a pool of blood. He was also slaughtered.

This correspondent also talked with Champa, the landkiller took as a hostage.

from the room of the victim Moslem. Champa's father, the landlord, asked her to go upstairs and tell Moslem not to make noise. Accordingly

the killer in front of Moslem although she did not realise then that he was the killer.

tied her hands.

down after a long time, Shanu went upstairs to call her sister. When she called her,

called her. This time 'bhabi' (mother of the killed child) Champa was all right and she would come a little later." At this Shanu went down.

Jewel said that the killer Rafiq tried to take away orna-

in a nearby open place.

College Hospital for post mortem.

According to police, the suspected killer Rafiqul paid Mustafa a sum of Taka 20 thousand and he was pressing to

Rafigul used to visit that house occasionally and he was known to the neighbours. Rafigul was a resident of Mirpur.

Chases ensured between APSU and Sangrami Chhatra Oikya activists while an APSU procession was passing by a meeting of the rivals near Andurkilla at 11am.

None was, however, hurt in the incident. Police brought the volatile situation under control.

All local long-route buses remained off and banks and industries closed. Few rickshaws were seen in the street. Port and railway sources

said their routine operations

were hampered partially. Meanwhile, Sangrami Chhatra Oikya, from its meeting near Andurkilla, announced a three-day mass contact programme. Central leader Nastrullah chaired the

#### Hartal in Pabna against

meeting.

police excesses PABNA, July 15: An eighthour hartal observed in the

town today in protest against

police excesses during market eviction here, reports UNB. Sources said, the hartal from 10 am to 6 pm was called by the Tati Samabay Samity after police evicted the small mar-

ket at the traffic point in the

town early this morning. Vehicles were off the streets and shops remained closed during the hartal hours.

Police ransacked the shops and caused damages to property worth about Tk three lakh while evicting, traders alleged.

The eviction was carried out without any prior notice, they said adding the area belonged to the association and not to the government.

Later in a meeting this afternoon, the traders demanded compensation of the damaged shops.

Japanese team

calls on PM

The visiting four-member

Japanese parliamentary dele-

gation led by Yeneo Hirata,

called on Prime Minister

Begum Khaleda Zia at her resi-

dence here last night, reports

Zia for her heroic struggle dur-

ing the last nine years and for

becoming Prime Minister of

Bangladesh.

visions in it.

mentioned.

BNP-introduced

Hirata congratulated Begum

The team leader referred to

the assistance given by his

country during the recent cy-

clone in Bangladesh and said

they would use their influence

with the Japanese government

so that it could come in a big-

ger way with help and assis-

Hasina

tary form of government saving

She claimed that the AL-

there were undemocratic pro-

proposed bill in this regard

was "more democratic" and

would be acceptable to all. It

was examined by experts, she

Constitution amendment bill

providing for validating the

appointment of the Chief

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as

Vice-President, ratifying all his

actions as Acting President

many provisions in both the

bills which "would not be

aid dependent, she recalled

that in 1972 in a war-ravaged

country, Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman had made a

situation prevailing in the edu-

cational institutions alleged

that anarchy was being cre-

ated at the behest of the ruling

party for maintaining

supremacy of its student or-

bring back normalcy in the ed-

ucational institutions within an

hour if it really wanted, she

deplored what she called the

deteriorating law and order si-

tuation in the country

Government must ensure

safety of life and property of

Khan presided over the rally.

District AL General Secretary

Sheikh Md Abdullah and other

AL leaders Nuruzzaman Rizu,

Mahbub Ali Khan, Hasan Kabir,

Mahbubur Rahman and BCL

leader Khalid Aziz (Shipu), ad-

dressed the rally among

District AL President Md Ali

the people, she said.

The opposition leader also

The government could

Referring to the present

self-reliant budget.

ganisation there.

observed.

found anywhere of the world."

She alleged that there were

Terming the '91 budget as

and his return to the bench.

Hasina also criticised the

llth

From Page 1 Col. 8

## GPO clash tated attackers.

From Page ! Col. 5 The GPO staff member at one stage threw an instrument at the customer and jumped sources alleged. over the counter to get hold of

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Monday.

him, the witness said. The other customers became angry at the behaviour of the GPO employee and tried to resist him.

A section of the staff then launched a joint attack against the men in the queue and beat some of them after closing all the gates in the GPO, some witnesses said.

The furious GPO staff members chased the customers out of the building. But soon after they returned with other members of the public from outside and attacked the GPO staff triggering of the clash.

Window-panes, counters, doors and sanitary fittings from the ground floor to the second floor of the GPO build ing were damaged by the agi-

Police although informed immediately about the incident were late in coming, the

Chairman of the commission on enquiring into the allegations against former President HM

Ershad and his associates, Justice DM Ansaruddin Ahmed, accompanied by the members

The Motifheel police, however, said that the clash took place as a result of securing of front positions in the queue among some customers and soon spread to the GPO staff.

Police promptly rushed to the spot on receipt of the information and brought the clash under control, police source said.

Two separate cases were registered with the Motifheel police in this connection. Evening transactions at the

GPO from 2-30 pm to 8 pm

took place smoothly. The government has constituted a high level enquiry committee into incident at the GPO. One GPO staff member has been put under suspension.

## Shibir's call to DU campus

By Staff Correspondent

Islami Chhatra Shibir, stu-

Addressing a press conference at the city office Monday Shibir president Muhammad Aminul Islam also demanded of the authorities to ensure equal opportunity for his organisation in the polls campaign.

He critised the present university Education Council saying Shibir won the third posttion in the last DUCSU election but it was not invited to participate in any council meeting.

He demanded recasting of the council and participation of all student organisations in its meetings.

# ensure peace on

dent front of Jamaat-e-Islami has urged the authorities to ensure peace on the Dhaka University campus so that the ensuing DUCSU and hall union elections can be held free and

#### of the commission, submitted the second and last volume of its reports to Acting President shakeup in Biman -Photo PID By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Biman, in a major shakeup, has transferred 11 persons to different posts. The shakeup came in the wake of an investigation team report to streamline the Biman services.

Commission

volume of its report on March

volume of the report, the

Acting President thanked the

chairman of the commission

and its members for the hard

work done by them for com-

pleting the investigation and

compiling the report on time.

sion Shah Abdul Hannan and

AKM Mahbubul Huq were pre-

sent. Hannan is a member of

the National Board of Revenue

while Hug is an Additional

Inspector General of Police

now working as the Director

General of the Department of

Employees resist

Narcotics Control.

Members of the commis-

While receiving the final

From Page 1 Col. 8

Meanwhile, the Flight Service Department of Bangladesh Biman is in total disarray as the newly appointed manager of the Department could not join office falling prey to coterie polities, sources said.

The General Manager (Administration) in an official order appointed the present Deputy Chief of Training (Flight Service) as the Manager (Flight Service) with effect from July 13.

But the appointee could not join his new post as the incumbent Manager (Flight Service) appointed Deputy Chief of Training, but annoyed at the new arrangement did not turn up to take over his new charge. He has started evasive tactics in taking over charge and is now enjoying sick leave, sources alleged.

cational institutions and main-

tenance of proper academic

atmosphere there. She said if

necessary more teachers

would have to be appointed in

primary schools to make pri-

mary education more effective.

affected areas Begum Zia de-

clared Gabtoli College as gov-

ernment college and said the

government would consider

the proposal to make Siraigani

Government College a univer-

sity college. She also donated

her three months' salary for

Turning the Gabtoli College

into a government college was

fulfillment of Begum Zia's

ings with the local administra-

tion of Gabtoli, Sariakandi and

Sirajganj who had briefed her

on the extent of damage, the

relief and rehabilitation work

and needs of the hour. Begum

Zia was told that excessive

rains and increase of water

level had caused the floods in

Begum Zia also held meet-

the Gabtoli College.

election commitment.

During her visit to the flood

#### **BSP** petition From Page 1 Col. 5 Justice ATM Afzal, Justice From Page 1 Col. 2 Mustafa Kamal and Justice Latifur Rahman. The Appellate Division took

up the leave petition for hearing Sunday and heard the lawyers appearing for the BSP for the journalists and other two federations and the Ministry of Information. After hearing, the court fixed Monday for order. On Monday the full bench of the Appellate Division by its order dismissed the leave petition filed by the BSP and thus the stay earlier granted stands vacated.

The BSP's counsel on May 31 filed a provisional petition for leave to appeal before the Appellate Division against the verdict of the High Court Division allowing stay order till July 14.

A two-judge Division Bench comprising Justice M Abdul Jalil and Justice M Badruzzaman on May 30 rejected the BSP's writ petition and discharged the rule on the technical ground of maintainability. The court held that the individual newspaper establishment and or news agency could have been aggrieved by the impugned award of the Fourth Wage Board award but no direct or personal interest of the petitioner, BSP has been adversely affected by the award.

The High Court Division. therefore, did not consider BSP as competent to file a writ petition and invoke the extraordinary writ jurisdiction under Article 102 of the Constitution.

Asraful Hossain, Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Zainal Abedin and Mohammad Aftab Hossain appeared for the petitioner, BSP, the organisation of newspaper owners.

A R Yusuf, Sk Habib-ul-Alam and Nawab Ali appeared for the respondents - Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ). Bangladesh Newspaper Workers Federation (BNPWF) and Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation (BNEF).

Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, additional Attorney General and Sharifuddin Chakladar Assistant Attorney General appeared for the Ministry of Information.

#### Baker will travel to ME

LONDON, July 15: US Secretary of State James Baker will travel to the Middle East after the London economic summit on his fifth peace mission since the Gulf war, the White House announced today, reports Reuter.

#### RU clash From Page 1 Col. 2

BCL (S-A) RU unit and activists Shafiqui and Manik and Bahauddin Bahar General Secretary of JCD.

Babu, Shafiqul and Manik were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital while the rest were given first aid, at the University medical centre.

According to the eyewit-

ness, BCL leaders allegedly made provocative comments on BNP government at a rally on the campus at noon. The JCD supporters protested the comments and started altercation with the BCL workers. They soon started throwing brick-bats and at one stage were locked in a battle when lethal weapons were also used. Firearms were also brandished during the clash but no gun shot or cocktail blast was heard.

### Privileges

From Page 1 Col. 4

The Standing Committee of Privilegés shall examine every question referred to it and determine with reference to the facts of each case whether a breach of privilege is involved and, if so, the nature of the breach, the circumstances leading to it and make such recommendations as it may deem fit.

## BCL (S-A) activists burn 5 vehicles

arms and ammunition recovered during the two-hour

Soon after, the SM Hall activists of the Awami Leaguebacked BCL (S-A) brought out a violent procession. They set ablaze three private cars and a motor cycle of British Council officials parked in front of the council. They also had their wreath on another micro bus and a vehicle and set them afire near the Sher-e-Bangla Hall of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technolog (BUET). All these happened by 4 in the afternoon.

The fire-fighters extinguished fire of all the vehicles. Campus sources later

claimed that the suspected killers of Dr Milon, a martyr in anti-autocracy movement, were freely moving on the campus and sometimes seen staying at the SM Hall during past few days. They were also reportedly seen in a BCL (S-A) procession Sunday afternoon and in a motor cycle procession of the same organisation Monday morning, the sources claimed

Monday's police action followed a request by a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader, to nab the alleged killers, another source said. Witnesses later claimed the

alleged killers of Dr Milon's were on the campus while the raid was going on at SM Hall. Police guard on the campus

and at hall gates was reinforced to avert further incidents. Meanwhile, BSS adds, dif-

ferent student organisations of DU brought out processions and held rallies on the campus to muster support in favour of their candidates in DUCSU and hall union elections.

#### Select body

From Page 1 Col. 3

working on narrowing down the differences on conflicting issues like measures against floor crossing, procedures of president election and the making of ministers from non-

The issue of lifting the protected clause as proposed by the Awami League and Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers Party is also being discussed.

'According to insiders the Select Committee is working almost like the liaison committee, which played a vital role during the democratic movement.

The insiders said that before the reaching of any final decision by the Select Committee representatives of both the Awami League and the BNP have to take the consents of their party chiefs.

Committee other than those of the BNP and the Awami League however said that though the matter of seeking consent of the party chiefs was delaying the process, it would help in

A Jamaat member earlier put forward a proposal to arrange a meeting between Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina to decide on the conflicting issues. But the proposal was ruled out by other members.

Jatiya Party which has always stood for the presidential system is also working in the Select Committee for a parliamentary system.

Select Committee member Barrister Moudud Ahmed told

Select Committee." party had yet not decided about the form of government. The Select Committee

Chairman Mirza Golam Hafiz

sought four day's time Sunday to complete the scrutiny of the bills which was approved by

report before next Sunday be-



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited flood affected areas of Sirajganj district Monday.

Voluntary services

# Flood situation

From Page 1 Col. 4 At least three lakh population became marooned on Sunday in Jamalpur and standing crops on 50,000 acres

have gone under water. Harindhara flood control embankment in Islampur and Damudarpur Kawamara embankment in Sarishabari upazila also facing serious

Railway sources said due to erosion in the Jamuna ferry ghat were shifted on Saturday. In Sherpur district due to breach in flood control embankment six unions of Sadar upazila were badly flooded affecting at least one lakh popu-

land with standing crops. thority sources said disrupted road communication in Sherpur and Jamalpur would not be restored unless flood

the embankment of old Lohajang river near Bhuapur had been breached at midnight last night and a heavy rush of flood water was entering inside the embankment area, Water Development

Department source said. the Deputy Commissioner and relevant executive engineers rushed to

the place of occurrence. Due to this collapse in the embankment and onrush of Jamuna flood water had affected thousands in Ghatail, Kalihati and part of Basail upazilas. The closure embankment was not in danger, the sources said.

The overall flood situation in Tangail district covering Sadar, Delduar, Bhuapur, Nagarpur, Gopalpur and Kalihati upazilas had worsened further due to entrance of heavy flood water from the rivers Jamuna and Dhaleswari. Many low-lying areas of Tangail Paurashaba have also been

UNB adds: Ferry service in the Aricha-Daulatdia route remained suspended for nearly four hours following damage of link roads at Daulatdia by the swelling Padma, BIWTA sources said.

lion dollars of short-term loans of its total 71 billion dollar foreign debt, the third biggest in

ferry stuck in mud on the con-

necting road. The service resumed after

mained stranded during the period at the Aricha Ghat.

cm rise at Aricha point today and was flowing 5 cm above its danger level. The Padma at Daulatdia rose by 12 cm during the period and was flowing 10 cm above the flood level this evening

More than 60,000 people have been affected by floods and erosion during the last few days in the district, Deputy Commissioner Murtaza Hossain Munshi said.

undated nearly 40,000 acre of cropland and eroded more than 500 houses in the past few days, the local administration informed. The worst-hit upazilas of

district are Manikgonj Daulatpur, Bhibalaya and Harirampur.

Related stories on P-2

#### From Page 1 Col. 7

of the major reasons for the occurrence of such calamities. Begum Zia stressed the need for planting more trees to keep ecological balance and check desertification in the country.

The Prime Minister said the rapid growth population was also hindering economic progress of the nation. We must face such problems more consciously, she said. She called upon all to ex-

tend their cooperation to make the country self-reliance connection instead of looking forward to the help and assistance from the government. We do not want to keep the nation dependent on relief. It would be difficult to achieve the goal of self- reliance by the government alone as it was now standing amid the ruination caused by last nine years

of autocracy. Prime Minister Begum Zia stressed the need for strengthening the primary education in the country and said a separate ministry would be set up, if necessary, for the primary education which will be headed by the Prime

She also underscored the need for adequate supply of books and other educational - appliances to the primary edu-

measures we took by July 15,

India was going to become a

defaulter," Rao told parlia-

ment. The BJP has endorsed in principle Rao's plans to turn away from four decades of soforces in the state dominated

The government is expected to introduce a new industrial and foreign investment policy in parliament this week that would privatise some staterun industries and make it easier to set up joint ventures with foreign firms.

Begum Zia called upon the local administration to stand firmly beside the suffering humanity at the time of their

the areas.

of Sirajganj local administration Begum Zia said an enquiry would be conducted to find out whether the flood water had entered Sirajganj as the embankment was not constructed within in stipulated time. She said measures would be

While talking to the official

responsible for this. Begum Zia visited both sides of the Bangali river in Sariakandi where she went by

taken against those who were

#### Rao: confidence vote From Page 1 Col. 7 the developing world. "If we hadn't taken the

Rao, 70, who had a heart bypass operation a year ago, has not acted like a leader whose government could fall at any time.

Deregulation

Within 10 days of taking office, he devalued the rupee twice, raised interest rates, announced major deregulation of the trade regime and outlined an almost revolutionary programme to deal with the country's worst-ever economic

India has been struggling

for months to service four bil-

cialism and unleash market economy.

Muraduzzaman.

#### a speed boat, She talked with the affected people and enquired about their needs. She

with courage and fortitude. The Prime Minister was accompanied by State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, MP of Sariakandi Dr Habibur Rahman, MP of Dhunat GM Siraj and MP of Sirajganj Mirza

## Md Aminul Hug (BNP).

told them to face the crisis

The members of the Select

reaching a unanimous decision in Parliament.

On the other hand the

The Daily Star "We are playing a very effective role in the He however said that his

Parliament. However the committee will not be able to place the

cause the Parliament session will remain closed on Friday and Saturday.

# ports UNB

Chhatra Oikya simultaneously called for the shutdown, the latter for half the day.

It was the first general strike (hartal) in the port city APSU is demanding cancel-

Murder

From Page 1 Col. 8 After the killer escaped, Jewel came up and entered his white sheet. "I lifted the cloth

slaughtered. I pressed her belly to be

Then Jewel came out of the kitchen and his eyes caught something in the bathroom beside the kitchen. "I had a closer look and found that it was Zian. The baby was still alive with a wound on his chest



Moslemuddin which the body of Moslem lay

lord's daughter whom the She was in a shocked state and reluctant to talk. She still said that she and her elder sister Shanu were reading in a room when they heard noise

Champa went upstairs and knocked at the door. A little later the door opened. She entered and saw

The killer immediately seized her hand and pushed her inside a room. He then .When Champa did not come

Champa answered that she would come a little later. "Champa's voice was very shaky and strange so I again replied in very soft tone that

Champa said that the killer was threatening her and 'bhabi' Nasima Akhtar (24) with a sharp knife and forced them to lie to the calls from

ments by opening the almirah. But he later left the ornaments The bodies of the victims were sent to Dhaka Medical

get back the money.

Editor : S. M. Ali

others.

Published by the Editor on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd., 52 Motifheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 and printed by him at Offset Printing Dialogue Publications Ltd., 19 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215. Editorial, News & Commercial offices: 28/1, Toynbee Circular Road, Dhaka-1000. Tel: Editorial & News: 863036. Commercial: 863035. PABX-246023-4. Fax No. 88-02-863035. GPO Box No. 3257 GRAM: DAILY STAR, DHAKA.

lation and 20,000 acres of Roads and Highways au-

water recedes. In Tangail, a regulator on

submerged.

Four ferries with 2000

people, 11 inter-district coaches, 26 trucks and 19 cars on board could not berth as a truck disembarking from a

the ferry ghat was moved to another place. More than 40 passenger coaches and 300 trucks re-

The Jamuna registered 8

The Padma-Jamuna crossdam at Hemganj has been threatened by the swelling wa-

The rising rivers have in-