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#### Scud storehouse blows up

KABUL, July 30: An Afghan military storehouse containing giant Scud missiles blew up today following an intense Mujahedeen rocket attack on the guarded complex, sources said, reports AFP.

### Rao's minister offers to quit

NEW DELHI, July 30: Rangaranjan Kumarmangalam. Minister of State for Law and Parliamentary Affairs of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao's government offered to quit Tuesday over an inter-state river water controversy, but was persuaded not to press it further, reports AFP.

#### AL CWC meet Aug 2

An emergency extended meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee will be held at its central office on August 2 at 10 am, reports UNB.

#### Yeltsin meets Bush

MOSCOW, July 30: Russian President Boris Yeltsin held a 40-minute meeting here today with U S President George Bush after turning down and invitation to be part of the Soviet delegation during the U S-Soviet summit.

### Rival student groups fight running battles: School children stranded for hours: VC's office ransacked

# Dhaka Varsity closed sine die

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Star Report

Dhaka University was declared closed sine die Tuesday following running gunbattles among rival student groups on

The authorities were forced to announce the closure a day before the scheduled holding of a procession decided unanimously by the Dhaka University Educational Atmosphere Council (DUEAC) to initiate peace on campus.

The university authorities directed students to vacate residential halls by 8 am today (Wednesday).

The syndicate decided to close the University on a recommendation of the Provosts' committee to avoid a further deterioration of the situation.

Five students and a passerby were injured during the gunfights and admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. They all had bullet wounds.

The incidents leading to the closure began when a procession of the Chhatra League (S-A) reached the Vice-Chancellor's office at around 12-30 pm and ransacked it.

Some gunshots were heard at that time from the premises of the VC's office. Then shots were returned

from the nearby Suryasen Hall. The battles continued for about four hours and more than 1000 rounds were fired. The panic-stricken stu-

dents, teachers, passers-by and residents ran to safety. Children were trapped in the Udayan School and the University Laboratory School

for hours.

leged that the police re-

treated to safe places and witnessed the gunbattles without resorting to any action. Students with guns paraded

the campus in processions. At least 100 armed students entered the Rokeya Hall and Shamsunnahar Hall.

Residents of the both Shamsunnahar and Rokeya halls ran out to safety when the armed students entered the

The armed infiltrators began fighting with another group that was outside the halls using automatic weapons and homemade bombs, a female resident student said.

Eyewitnesses said that the armed students who entered the female halls raised slogans against the JCD and its female leaders in both the halls.

Tension on the Dhaka University campus began following the announcement of the DUCSU elections which the university authorities where forced to postpone to maintain peace.

According to witnesses, the clashes ensued when the activists of the JCD passed some provocative comments at a procession of the BCL (S-A) passing near a rally of the JCD in the DUCSU building premises at about 12.30 pm.

The BCL (S-A) processionists agitated by the comments passed counter-comments and rushed to the Vice-Chancellor's office chanting slogans for a gherao. Immediately after the inci-

dent the JCD rally ended and JCD supporters crowded Madhir's Canteen deserting

the DUCSU building premises anticipating a clash.

The BCL (S-A) procession reached the Vice-Chancellor's office and started ransacking

The BCL activists damaged the tables, chairs, telephone sets, windowpanes and valuable papers of the office.

They also fired two gunshots after the ransacking. JCD activists at the Suryasen Hall fearing an attack by the BCL activists, started firing and soon after gunba-

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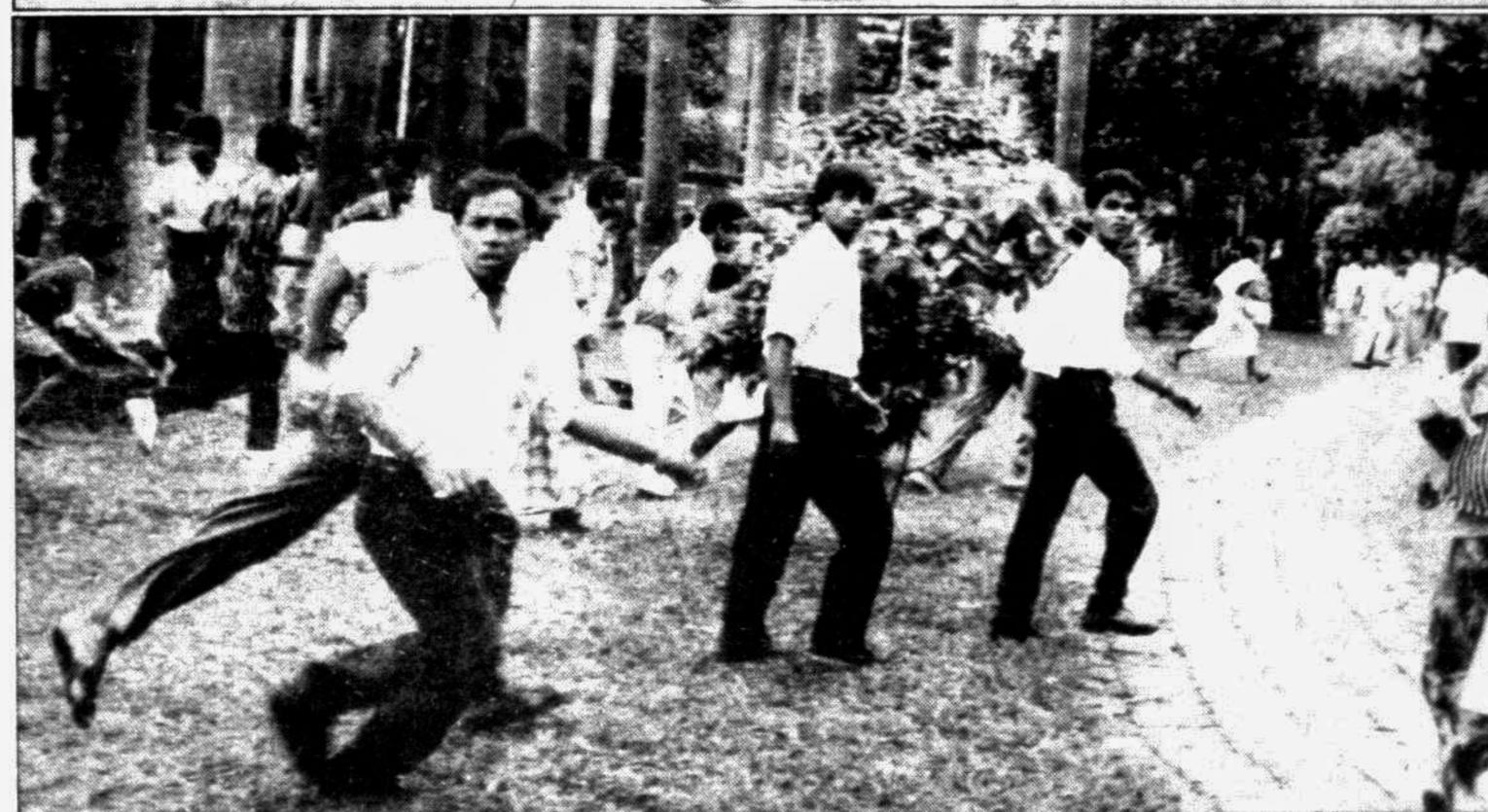
ttles spread throughout the

### JCD, BCL (S-A) accuse each other

By Staff Correspondent Both Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League at separate press conferences pleaded innocence and blamed Tuesday's terrorism on each other. They also held the authorities responsible for allowing the situation hang on.

JCD leaders at a press conference at National Press Club alleged that the university authorities postponed the DUCSU polls yielding to pressure from BCL, who gave sanctuary to Dr Milon's killers, Sajal, Masud and Jewel. These terrorists shot gunfire on Tuesday's peaceful procession of JCD. They also alleged that the role of law enforcing agencies Ser Page 14 Col. 5





FIGHTING WAY TO DOOMS: Armed students (above) fire at their rivals on the Dhaka University campus while panicstricken students and passers by (below) dash through the adjoining Subrawardy Udyan to safety on Tuesday - Star photo

AL seeks to delay passage of amendments/

Move to get two bills

### Bush, Gorbachev sign accord to reduce nuclear arsenals today

### Summit marks a new beginning



Mikhail Gorbachev at the start of their first round talks at the Kremlin St Katherine's Hall - AFP photo on Tuesday.

PM assures healthy growth of

business in private sector

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a healthy growth of business.

The development of the coun-

try depends largely on the

conditions of business, she ob-

long one and half hours dis-

cussion with the leading mem

bers of trade and industry in-

cluding the key functionaries

of the chamber bodies and

trade and industrial associa-

tions at her secretariat office.

About 80 representatives of

the private sector attended the

The Prime Minister had a

MOSCOW, July 30 : US President George Bush opened a superpower summit with Mikhail Gorbachev on Tuesday by proclaiming "an end to a long era as adversaries" and awarding the Soviet Union the long-sought economic prize of most-favoured-nation trade status, reports agencies.

Bush said the lowering of tensions between the two nations have 'made it possible for our two nations to normalise economic relations". He promised to send to the United States Congress a US-Soviet trade agreement that will give Moscow many of the trade benefits enjoyed by America's closest allies.

The two leaders on Wednesday will sign the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, the first accord of the nuclear age to actually reduce nuclear arsenals. Bush called it "another step away from the See Page 10 Col. 6

JP's plea to meet

Ershad to decide

on amendment bills

By Staff Correspondent

Party Barrister Moudud Ahmed

has demanded of the govern-

ment to allow them to discuss

with the jailed party chief

Ershad and three other MPs to

take final decision about the

party's stand on the Eleventh

and Twelveth Constitution

conference yesterday at the

JP's Parliamentary Party office

at the Jattya Sangsad Bhaban,

Barrister Moudud Ahmed said

that the party's stand on the

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In a hurriedly called press

Amendment Bills.

Acting Chairman of Jatiya

## bills the House shall have to

passed simultaneously Star Report

The . Business Advisory

Committee of Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) will meet this morning to work out ways to get the Constitution 11th and date of passing the bill. 12th amendment bills passed simultaneously. The House started discus-

sion Tuesday on the 11th Amendment Bill seeking to send back Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to the Supreme Court bench and ratify all actions taken by him as Acting President. Earlier on the day. Awami

League reportedly pressed for extension of time to facilitate more discussions. But the par liament functionaries told the committee that the bills were required to be passed within next four days to avoid crisis. After passage of the two

send the bill for a referendum. Because the President will call

a referendum to ratify the passage of the 12th Amendment Bill, switching over to parliamentary form of government, within seven days from the

The ruling party is pressing for passing the bills as soon as possible to expedite the transition and avoid constitutional crisis. But Awami League is reportedly mounting pressure to delay the passage of these two bills and tag them with the Indemnity Bill repealing the law which has blocked the trial of the killers of Sheikh Mulibur Rahman.

Interrupting the discussion on the 11th Amendment Bill Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad reminded the chair that the understanding was to take up both the bills together for discussion. The Deputy Speaker See Page 10 Col. 1

The operations of BCCI See Page 10 Col. 1 JCD-BCL (N-S)

### Shahabuddin's actions eulogised JS divided over his return to the bench

By Staff Correspondent Acting President.

The services of Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed were eulogized as discussion on the Constitution (Eleventh Amendment) Bill started in the Parliament on

The bill seeks to amend the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution to validate the appointment of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as Vice-President and all his actions as

It also seeks to pave the way for Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to resume the duties and responsibilities as the Chief Justice of Bangladesh

tion entered his office. A total of 18 members of parliament took part in the discussion on the day. They

after a new President elected

under the amended constitu-

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### joint panel sweeps DMCCSU election

Decision

on BCCI

shortly

Star Economic Report

announce within a day or two

its decision about the opera-

tions of the Bank of Credit and

Commerce International

This was indicated on

Tuesday by Finance Minister

Saifur Rahman at a meeting of

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Zia with the leaders of trade

and industry at her secretariat

try circles told The Datly Star

that various options for re-

sumption of banking opera-

tions by the BCCI clients were

under "active consideration" of

the government. Indications

given to the trade and industry

by the government suggested

that a "satisfactory" solution to

the BCCI tangle would be found

soon, the sources said.

Sources in trade and indus-

(BCCI) in Bangladesh.

The government is likely to

By DMCH Correspondent

The joint panel of the BNPbacked Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the JSD-backed Chhatra League (N-S) swept the Dhaka Medical College Central Students Union (DMCCSU) polls held on Tuesday.

Sarful Islam Khan Boby and Ahmed Zahid Hossain Shohel were elected Vice-President and General Secretary respec-

The Academic Council of the DMC declared the college See Page 10 Col. 5

### BKSAL decides to merge

with AL BKSAL leaders Tuesday officially conveyed the party's decision of merger with Award

The decision was conveyed to Awamt League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina at her Parliament office.

Awami League sources told UNB that Hasina welcomed the BKSAL decision and lasked all

#### Flood washes away over 700 in India Police said the Wardha NEW DELHI. July 30: the area with rescue teams.

About 700 people were feared drowned when a rain-swollen river burst its embankment and submerged a village in western India on Tuesday, police said, reports AP.

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia on Tuesday told

the leaders of trade and indus-

try that the Government would

go steadily ahead with its pro-

gramme for a competitive

soever that the Government is

reneging on its electoral

pledges, on the economic

tatives of the private sector

that the government would do

everything possible to facilitate

She assured the represen-

"There is no reason what-

market-oriented economy.

front", she said.

In eastern India, at least 32 laborers working inside a tunnel of a half-built dam were washed away by surging flood water on Sunday, a news agency reported Tuesday.

River broke through a dike and flooded the Mohad village in the western state of The exact casualty figure

was not known because communications were severed by the deluge and incessant rains during the past week, a police official said in Nagpur, about 90 kilometers (55 miles) from Mohad. He said senior police and civil officials had reached

"We cannot say how bad the loss to life and property is until our officers return or until communications are fully restored," said the official, speaking on condition of

The meeting was held

against the backdrop of a

restive situation in the trade

and industry circles following

some recent moves like publi-

cation of so-called bank de-

faulters list," "disclosures" of

credit liabilities of some direc-

tors of private sector banks.

closure of the operations of

Bank of Credit and Commerce

International (BCCI) in

Bangladesh, and introduction

of Value Added Tax (VAT) by

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the government.

arionymity Sketchy wireless reports indicated "the casualties are high," he said. More than 500 people were missing and feared dead in the

village of about 1,500 people.

Press Trust of India news agency said overflowing river water completely submerged the village, located 850 kilometers (530 miles) south of New Deihi.

Most of India has been lashed by heavy rains since the summer monsoon began last month. The rains are expected to continue until late August when the monsoon ends.

United News of India said a tunnel in the Indravati Dam project was flooded by the overflowing Indravati River in Orissa state, killing at least 32 workers. The region is 1,225 kilometers (760 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

United News said at least seven more people were killed in the state in heavy rains and Goods since Sunday.

in the south, six people were feared drowned in the

Karnataka state. Heavy rains brought down houses in Amravati district in Maharashtra , killing at least four people, Press Trust said. It said 10 more people were

> Scores of people are killed in floods every year in India. Many poor villagers build huts on dry river banks, and the filmsy sheiter wash away during the annual monsoon floods.

feared drowned in the district.

### flooded Cauvery River in the

League.

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