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Coalition govt in Kremlin: Cabinet asked to resign: Crackdown on CP: Parliament president fired

## Gorbachev, Yeltsin share power

MOSCOW, Aug 23: President Mikhail Gorbachev today asked his whole cabinet to resign and announced that he and Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin had agreed to form a coalition government in a power sharing arrangement, report agencies.

"We have agreed that if one of us cannot carry out his duties, then automatically the other immediately takes over his rights," Gorbachev told the Russian parliament.

He said a "mechanism" had been worked out for the arrangement.

A constitutional amendment passed in March 1990, when an executive Soviet presidency with enhanced powers was created, stipulated that the Soviet Vice-President should step in if the President were prevented from exercising his authority.

Vice-President Gennady Yanayev is under arrest following the collapse of a coup d'état in which he replaced Gorbachev earlier in the week.

The announcement of the Gorbachev-Yeltsin agreement followed calls from the deputies in the chamber demanding "concrete proposals."

Gorbachev declared today those who attempted to oust him from power would get "no pardon".

He told an emergency ses-

sion of the Russian parliament here that there would be no hesitation and no pardon for the traitors.

The coup leaders would be judged "according to the law," said Gorbachev, as he read out the names of the main protagonists.

Seven of the State-of-Emergency Committee have been arrested. The eighth, Interior Minister Boris Pugo committed suicide before police could arrest him.

Gorbachev also demanded a "reshuffle" in the national supreme Soviet, or parliament.

MOSCOW, Aug 23: The Russian white-blue-red tricolour flew over the Kremlin today for the first time since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, according to a late night Reuter report.

as some of its members had supported the failed coup.

Parliamentary Speaker Anatoly Lukyanov has notably been accused of involvement.

Gorbachev and Yeltsin also pressed ahead Friday with a sweeping purge of coup supporters, and the Communist Party suffered a series of stunning blows for not opposing the coup plotters.

Gorbachev threw out his foreign minister, and the Communist Party was banned from the KGB, which for decades helped enforce Communist rule.

A confident Gorbachev told an audience at the Russian

Parliament that the government would prosecute those responsible for the takeover. "They wanted to turn us into meat. They wanted to annihilate us, and for that they must bear the severe responsibility," the Soviet President said.

He accused the Communist Party Central Committee of panicking during the coup. "There are people who lost their heads, all sense of responsibility. You could even call them traitors! traitors!"

In his speech, Gorbachev praised "the outstanding role" of Yeltsin, his sometimes ad-

versary, in halting the hard-line Communist coup. Yeltsin has been a strong foe of Communist Party influence in the country; Gorbachev, however, warned in his speech against "any kind" of anti-Communist hysteria.

The Soviet leader said Communist Party headquarters was sealed Friday with his approval.

His opening comments drew a standing ovation from the lawmakers in the Parliament, where Yeltsin had led the opposition to the coup. Gorbachev praised the Russian Federation because it "barred

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## Political consensus needed to end campus violence : DU VC

By DU Correspondent

Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, has sought assurances from the government and the political parties for the security of the Vice-Chancellor in performing his duties.

He also called upon the guardians of the students to launch movement for a violence-free campus.

The Vice-Chancellor was speaking at a conference of guardians, organised by Jatiya Awamiul Samity at the TSC on Friday. He said the campus violence was the result of competition among the political parties to establish their supremacy in the educational institutions.

He said the terrorism could not be contained unless the

president of the association, was addressed by among others Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, Prof Shahadat Ali, Khondokar Mahbubuddin, M A Moinul Haq, Dr Captain Abdul Baset, Dr Abdul Baten Khan, Md Quamruzzaman and others.

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The conference, presided over by Dr A M A Zaman,

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## Expedite advance to BCCI depositors, Agrani Bank told

Star Economic Report

The central bank has asked Agrani Bank to expedite the process of making non-interest bearing advances or credits up to a maximum limit of Taka 50,000, available to each BCCI depositors in Bangladesh.

Agrani Bank, a nationalised commercial bank (NCB), was earlier designated by Bangladesh Bank with the approval of the government to extend such advances to the depositors with all the four branches of Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) Ltd in Bangladesh.

The government announced on August 9 its decision to allow BCCI depositors to draw an amount, up to a maximum limit of Taka 50,000 each, as interest-free advances from Agrani Bank in consideration of their distress following the suspension of the Bank's operations.

The convertible foreign currency account holders with

the BCCI in Bangladesh have also been extended the facility of non-interest bearing advances up to Taka 50,000.

Bangladesh Bank has also assured the non-resident foreign currency deposit (NFCD) holders with the BCCI that their claims will be fully honoured on maturity. NFCDs, maintained by the Bangladeshi wage-earners abroad, are term deposits.

For deposits of the overseas Bangladeshi wage-earners with the BCCI which are denominated in foreign currencies (FCs), no announcement has yet been made. Sources said there are problems involving such deposits denominated in FCs. The amount of money kept in such deposits is held abroad and remains stuck up because of the suspension of global operations of the BCCI.

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## West cold-shoulders Gorbachev's plea

BRUSSELS, Aug 23: Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev asked for a "significant increase" in European Community aid to the Soviet Union in a message to EC commission Jacques Delors, a commission spokesman announced here today, report agencies.

Gorbachev also expressed hope that the community would "take an active role" on behalf of the Soviet Union in international forums, including the Group of Seven (industrial countries), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the International Monetary Fund and the

World Bank, the spokesman told reporters.

The message from the Soviet leader, who was reinstated in the presidency after a failed coup last Monday, was given to Delors by the Soviet Ambassador to the EC, Lev Voronin, in responding. Delors stressed the importance of "proper use" of EC aid to Moscow up to the end of the year, the spokesman added.

On Thursday, the community lifted the suspension of economic aid to the Soviet Union that had been decided on Tuesday in protest against the Soviet coup, Prime Minister John Major's office said Friday.

But some critics charge that the failure to give the USSR financial aid may have contributed to the coup.

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BSC runs short of marine officers  
Star Report

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) has been forced to hire 22 marine officers from Burma on a temporary basis to meet an acute shortage of officers. About 300 marine officers of the ranks of captain and first and second officers defected from BSC to foreign ships with higher wages.

The officers, who got training in Chittagong Marine Academy and in foreign countries left BSC even forgoing their gratuity, provident fund and other benefits as the foreign ships offered them more than double the wages they drew from BSC.

A captain of a BSC ship draws a total of Tk 32000 a

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Ershad suffers from measles

By Staff Correspondent

Deposed President Ershad, now serving 10 years' R.I. for illegal possession of arms, is suffering from measles in the jail, according to a jail source.

The source said that the jail authorities had taken adequate measures for his treatment and care.

Ershad, facing another trial on charge of amassing wealth beyond his known sources of income, is scheduled to appear before the court tomorrow (Sunday).

Defence counsel of Ershad Mafizur Rahman Mazumdar, who met Ershad in the jail (Friday) told this correspondent that Ershad was looking very tired and apprehended that he would not recover before the trial begins.

Attorney General Aminul Haque when contacted said that he had heard about the illness of Ershad, and also that the trial could continue in absence of the accused.

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Govt employees warned  
Punitive actions if discipline hampered

The government Friday night expressed the hope that officials and employees at all levels would discharge their respective responsibilities and extend their all-out cooperation in the maintenance of discipline and congenial working atmosphere from today (Saturday), reports BSS.

The government regretted that despite all these steps a handful of employees were not only refraining themselves from work but also creating impediment in the work of others and compelling them under threat to join meetings and processions.

The way these employees were hampering discipline and working atmosphere in offices

sympathetic decisions all employees would be active in discharging their respective responsibilities and maintaining discipline by upholding the greater interest of the people keeping in view the declared development activities of the government.

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China says socialism will unite world

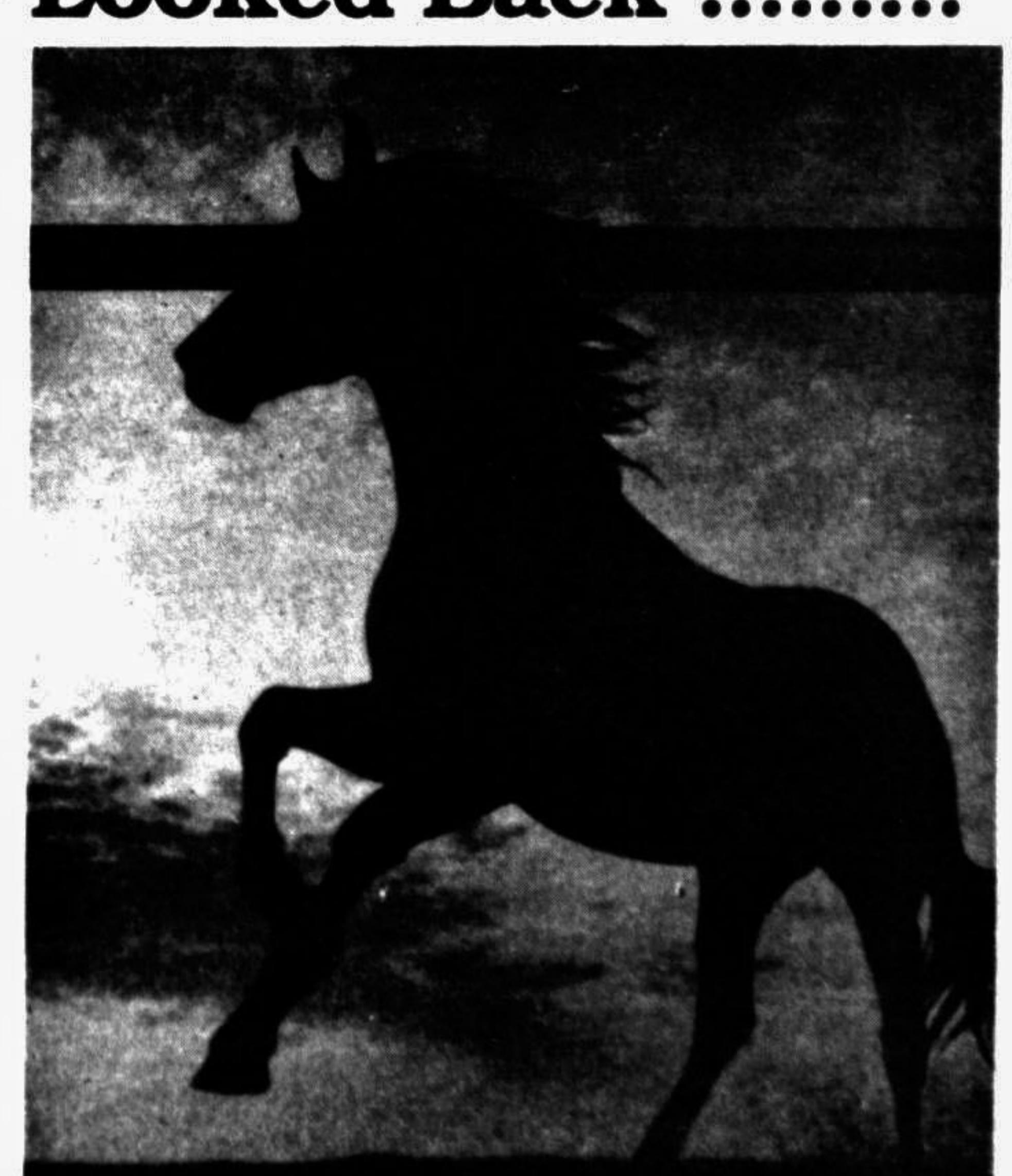
BEIJING, Aug 23: The hard-line communists who rule China, even more isolated after the failure of a rightwing coup in Moscow, told their people today that socialism was certain to unite the world, report agencies.

In case anyone had doubts, the official People's Daily newspaper reminded them China's army remained firmly committed to defending the rule of the Communist Party.

Beijing's tightly controlled official media has carried only sparse accounts of this week's attempt at a conservative communist coup in the Soviet Union, and has made no mention of the defiant "people power" protests that bled it.

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