Chairman Yasser Arafat, opening a crucial session of the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile, offered support for proposed Middle East peace talks but demanded concessions from Israel.

Everyone know that we reject Israeli blackmail and Israeli conditions, he declared Arafat urged the leaders of the United States and Soviet

Union to do every thing possible to resolve the Middle East crisis.

Delegates to the 20th congress of the Palestine National Council are divided on a response to Israeli conditions for Palestinian participation in the peace talks. Refusal to compromise may scuttle a historic chance for creating a Palestinian homeland.

Palestinian hard-liners favour a boycott because of Israel's insistence that the Palestine Liberation Organization, which it considers a terrorist organization, be banned from participation.

Arafat, in his address, pledged to cooperate in making the peace talks a success.

Arafat took the podium, arm raised in a "V" for victory salute, after the council's chairman, Sheikh Abdul-Hamid al-Sayeh, read a verse from the Koran and called for a minute of silence to condole "Palestinian martyrs."

Faisal Husseini and Hannan Ashrawi, Palestinians from east Jerusalem who met recently with US Secretary of State James Baker, had been expected at the conference. But in Israel Monday, spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel will prosecute the two if they meet with PLO officials abroad. Husseini and Mrs Ashrawi

are both abroad, reportedly in

Israel forbids Palestinians from east Jerusalem from contact with the PLO, which it considers a terrorist organiza-

### **CPB**

the decision regarding the document, was taken considering the latest situation in the socialist world and developments in Moscow.

its six-day meeting that ended Monday night, discussed preparations for the forthcoming congress.

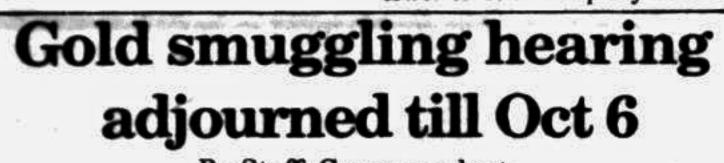
The meeting decided to place a comprehensive political resolution, instead of that document. The committee observed that due to the recent developments in Soviet Union, certain chapters of the document deserve re-evaluation and further analysis.

The committee's decision for not placing the political document before the congress, virtually keeps the document in abeyance.

This would be the first time that a congress of CPB would be held without a political

The political resolution, which has been prepared for the congress, will incorporate future programmes of the

lower level of the party.



By Staff Correspondent

the corruption case against deposed president Ershad on Monday told the special court that the Toyota Land Cruiser found in the Sena Bhavan was used by Ershad's brother-inlaw Mostafizur Rahman.

Investigating Officer Matiur Rahman Sardar said that Mostafiz told him that he would drive the jeep.

The jeep was valued at Taka 15 lakhs. However the documents of the jeep including the blue book and registration number were not available during the investigation.

The hearing in the Special Judge Court resumed yesterday with Judge Mohammad Ali Khan just after the adjournment of the sensational gold smuggling case hearing till

Defence Counsel Sirajul Haque continued his cross-examination of the Investigating Officer. The Investigating Officer during the cross-examination firmly said that the persons who decided the value of the goods and articles found in the Sena Bhavan were very experienced businessmen.

### JP plea

From Page 1 Col. 5 non" with the change in system of government.

"Jatiya Party demand only speaks about its political immaturity..... It's nothing but moanings of a defeated party, Menon said, adding JP voted for the 12th amendment bill for reverting to parliamentary system.

The November 19 joint declaration of the three alliances on the basis of which Ershad was ousted and elections were held under a neutral caretaker government categorically envisaged transfer of power to a sovereign parliament and establishment of an accountable government, he

The people gave their mandate through the February 27 elections for switching over to parliamentary system. So, the question of fresh polls doesn't arise at all with the restoration of parliamentary system, he argued.

He, however, said any political party might seek midterm election in view of government activities, but that election should not be linked to the change in the system of gov-

ernment. Jamaat-e-Islami General Secretary Matiur Rahman Nizami, MP, said the demand for fresh election was "unwarranted" since the objective of the anti-autocracy movement and the February 27 polls was to establish parliamentary democracy.

### Smugglers chargesheeted

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 23 Police submitted final charge sheet against two alleged smugglers named Bindu and Joy Kumer Kunda of the town Sunday. reports UNB.

London, but their itinerary was

not known.

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The CPB central committee

The central committee meeting also approved some amendments to CPB's constitution. According to proposed amendments that would be placed at the congress CPB would have a presidium and the party would be headed by a President. A National Council would also be formed with the elected delegates from the

The Investigating Officer in He also rejected a suggestion by Sirajul Haque that the value of the goods and articles was exaggerated and the prices of the articles inflated as was mentioned in the price Sardar said that the price of

the articles was fixed slightly less than the current year's price. He said none claimed the money found in the Sena

He also expressed his ignorance about a letter written by the Works Ministry to the Secretary General of the Jatiya Party about selling of a house to be used as an office of the Party. He also said that he did not know whether the Jativa Party lodged any case claiming that the money was kept with the Chairman of the Jatiya Party to make payment for the

In reply to another query Sardar said that the gold and silver ornaments found in the Sena Bhavan were valued at Taka 27,900.

Judge Mohammad Ali Khan adjourned the Court to resume it today morning.

Earlier in the Court of Judge Mohammad Fazle Kabir Ershad and five other accused including two to foreigners were produced in connection with the gold smuggling case.

Defence Lawyer Yousuf Hussain Humayun pleaded adjournment of the Court to allow the defence time to pre-

Abdur Razzak, Public Prosecutor however objected to the plea of the Defence that it was not supplied papers.

He however agreed to extend time as another case (corruption case) was on the verge of completion.

Judge Fazle Kabir also allowed time to Advocate Rokanuddin Mahmud to talk to his clients, who are foreigners on September 26 at the Dhaka Central Jail for an hour. The accusation in this case against Ershad will be made on that

### BCL rally demands arrest of alleged

### attackers on Hasina By Staff Correspondent

Chhatra League (BCL S-A) Monday held a rally in front of the National Press Club demanding arrest of the persons who allegedly attempted on the life of Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasing during by-election on September 11.

Speakers at the rally alleged that armed BNP workers Wahed and Nazmul had fired shots at the AL chief at Green Road but were still at large.

They said that the people voted BNP to power after a long struggle for democracy but, there was no difference between the present government and the previous one.

Chhatra League workers were being harassed by the law enforcing agencies they said and demanded immediate release of all the arrested persons and withdrawal 'false' cases against them.



The chiefs of three services, Lt Gen Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan of Army, Reaf Admiral Mohaiminul Islam of Navy and Air Vice-Marshal Altaf Hossain of Air Force, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Secretariat office on Monday - PID photo



Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting at Nekmarod, — AL photo Thakurgaon on Sunday.

### Ministers to coordinate flood relief activities

## Nilphamary diarrhoea situation worsens

Diarrhoea situation remained alarming Monday when 35 more people died in the flood affected districts raising the official death toll to 436 since Sept 1.

According to official sources, diarrhoea situation turned for the worse in Nilphamary where 127 people died of this disease in 22 days. On Monday six persons died in the district while 402 were attacked. A special medical team comprising experts of ICDDR, B rushed to Nilphamary

Situation aggravated in Gatbandha also where 407 people were attacked with the disease on Monday. Seven deaths were reported on the day raising the death toll to 48 in the district.

Official estimate shows that nearly 25 thousand people in the 24 flood affected districts were attacked with diarrhoea in this month.

In Joypurhat, UNB adds : Diarrhoea claimed three lives yesterday and attacked more than five hundred people in different upazilas of the dis-

With these two deaths reported from Kalai and Pantchbibi upazilas, the diar-

Salahuddin

Qader for

fresh polls

A prominent parliamentar-

ian and NDP leader Salahuddin

Qader Chowdhury favours fresh

election in view of country's

return to parliamentary dem-

the system of government and

a fundamental change in the

character and authority of par-

liament, people must be al-

lowed the opportunity within

the shortest possible time to

give their views through fresh

elected us to the legislature

under the previous

Constitution. "People and the

present government were fully

aware that it (parliament) was

not as competent under law to

exercise the executive author-

ity before the passage of the

Constitution 12th Amendment

was also preparing for presi-

dential election under the old

presidential system, he

Chowdhury said it will be

morally and politically the cor-

rect position for the present

government to seek mandate

of the people to govern under

this is a minority government

... BNP commands only 142 of

the 300 directly elected MPs.

It is in the interest of the gov-

ernment to try and improve its

position or allow others to im-

prove their positions."

"They (BNP) must realise

the changed circumstances.

pointed out.

The present government

The NDP leader said people

elections," Chowdhury said.

"After the basic change in

ocracy, reports UNB.

rhoeal death toll rose to 17 since the outbreak of the disease in the district.

The situation took a serious turn with recession of flood water, sources said adding that at least 11 persons were killed by the disease during the last three days. BSS says: One minister and

three state ministers have been entrusted with the responsibilities of relief coordination and supervision in the flood-affected areas for further intensification and proper coordination of relief activities, according to an official handout issued here last night. At the directives of Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Social Welfare and Woman Affairs Minister Tarioul Islam has been given the charge of the districts of Rangpur, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Kurigram and Lalmonirhat, Stair Minister for Land Kabir Hossain with the responsibilities of Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon and Nawabganj districts. State Minister for Finance Mujibor Rahman with the charge of Dinajpur, Thakurgaon and Panchagarh and State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal with the re-

Menon

election of President, he said

this provision infringed upon

the sanctity of franchise.

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In reply to a question, he,

however, said he had not yet

decided whether to join the

October 8 presidential elec-

Jamaat

Maulana Mattur Rahman

Nizami, MP, Monday said the

next President of the country

should be acceptable to all in

the context of historic

Jamaat Parliamentary Party

said putting up candidate from

the opposition to contest the

election would be a futile exer-

cise since the ruling party

commands an absolute major-

Suranjit

Suranjit Sengupta, MP,

Monday urged all political par-

ties to unanimously elect an

acceptable personality as

President who will not only be

the head of the state but "a

symbol of unity of a democratic

113 held in city

By Staff Correspondent

sons on various charges from

the city during the 24 hours

ending at 6 pm Monday. All

the arrested persons were

sent to the court. Besides, the

traffic division of the Dhaka

Metropolitan Police (DMP)

recorded 73 cases in connec-

tion with violation of traffic

Police rounded up 113 per-

Ganatantri Party leader

Nizami, also leader of the

changeover.

ity with 170 MPs.

nation."

rules.

Jamaat-c-Islami leader

sponsibilities of Pabna. Serajganj and Bogra districts. The minister and state ministers will coordinate and su-

pervise the relief works run by the local administrations. Meanwhile armed forces personnel have been sent to the upazila level in the flood affected areas of the northern region to help the local admin-

istration in relief works. One joint-secretary and one deputy-secretary from the Ministry of Relief are on duty now in the flood affected areas. the handout said adding that measures have also been taken to send more officials of jointsecretary and deputy-secretary rank to help and coordinate with the local administration in relief works.

State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman Khan has been supervising government relief works staying in the flood afected areas.

The flood situation in many parts of the district took a serious turn due to heavy rainfall and inflow of water from Rangpur, Dinajpur and Joypurhat.

The waters in Chalanbeel and Gomani rose 3 inches at Tarash point on Monday.

### 'Socialism will overcome crisis'

By Staff Correspondent Gonotantrik Biplobi Jote, a combine of the left parties and individuals, at a rally on Monday at Noor Hossain square (in front of the GPO) said it was more propaganda by the capitalist clique that socialism had been eliminated from the world.

Presided over by Badruddin Umar, the rally was addressed by Dr Ahmed Sharif, Faizul Ahsan Arif, Dr T Ali, Shamsuzzoha and Ayub Reza Chowdhury.

Speakers at the rally said that the recent changeover in East Europe and the Soviet Union did not in any way mean the failure of socialism but just a failure of socialist leader-

### Three services From Page 1 Col. 8

Begum Zia said all of us should work together for the advancement of the democratic system and also for leading the nation to its cherished goal of progress and prosperity. She recalled the services

rendered by the members of the Armed Forces during the last devastating cyclone along with the ministers, Members of Parliament, government officials, NGOs, Police, Ansar and VDP, and thanked them. Begum Zia expressed her

firm belief that the valiant members of the Armed Forces would contribute their mite to the welfare of the people along with safeguarding the national independence and sovereignty.

### DESA deadlock By Staff Correspondent

No break in

Energy Minister Dr. Khandaker Musharraf Hossain and other officials discussed launching of the Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) issue Monday with the union leaders of Power Development Board (PDB).

The meeting between the two sides held at the Energy Ministry continued for over three hours, but ended without any understanding.

The Minister and the union leaders will meet again tomorrow (Wednesday) for a settlement of the issue.

DESA, a new government organisation, was scheduled to be launched on September 21. But it could not go into operation because of the resistance by employees and workers of the PDB.

The workers' unions already announced that they would go for a 72-hour strike followed by more action programmes if DESA was launched During Monday's meeting,

the Energy Minister also discussed other demands of the unions. However, the DESA issue dominated the meeting on which union leaders remained firm in their stance. Meeting sources said that

both side agreed to come to a conclusion on Wednesday when they meet again.

### Bush

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of destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, Ambassador Rolf Ikeus of Sweden, told the Council during a closed-door briefing that "an early assessment by the inspectors indicates that Iraq was engaged in a nuclear weapons development programme.

Early Iraqi authorities forcibly removed boxes of documents from a UN team hunting for evidence of nuclear weapons-making today after detaining the team members for five hours.

Team leader David Kay said the team made a snap inspection at an undeclared site in central Baghdad and found a large amount of documentation on the Iraqi nuclear pro-

This documentation was in Considerable depth with regard to the programme in general as well as with regard to the production of physical nuclear material and nuclear weapons development."

### Growth

From Page 1 Col. 4 reforming the parastatal sector, improving the external competitiveness of the economy and making the environment more conducive to private sector participation."

The devastating clone caused extensive damages to agricultural production and storage facilities in the area struck by it. Vital public infrastructure was crippled, hampering immediate relief efforts and, later, economic recovery. The damage to infrastructure and production will have a negative effect on the country's macro-economic situation, it said.

About the situation in 1989 and 1990, the report stated, that the short term overall or macro-economic indicators deteriorated in late 1989 and into 1990 despite an upturn in foodgrain production.

Expansionary domestic policy led to a surge in imports and foreign exchange reserves fell sharply to 450 million US dollar (equivalent to 1.5 months of imports) in March 1990. In response, the government initiated a short-term programme to stabilise the balance of payments and the budget. These efforts which included a flexible exchange rate policy, were successful in restoring financial stability and improving external competitiveness," it added.

The report took note of some "prompt" policy response taken by Bangladesh to the Gulf crisis, both in terms of increasing petroleum prices and in restraining current expenditures while at the same time resettling displaced

workers. Related stories on Page 6

### The Midnight File

### Armenia declares independence

MOSCOW, Sept 23: The Armenian parliament today declared the republic's independence from Moscow, raising to 13 the number of Soviet republics that have broken with the Kremlin, Tass news agency said, reports Reuter.

### **Acting President of Tajikistan** forced to resign

MOSCOW, Sept 23: Parliament in the conservative Soviet central Asian republic of Tajikistan today forced its Acting President to resign and overturned a ban he imposed on the Communist Party. Deputies at an emergency session replaced Acting President Kadreddin Aslongo with former party boss Rakhman Nabiyev in the first republican communist backlash since the Soviet party was suspended after last month's failed coup, reports Reuter.

### Brother-in-law of Indian minister abducted

SRINAGAR, Sept 23: Suspected Muslim militants in Kashmir have abducted the brother-in-law of an Indian cabinet minister. Tasaduk Dev, described as a 20-year-old student, was seized by gunmen from his house on Srinagar's airport road late Sunday. Police identified him as the brother of the wife of Ghulam Nabi Azad, Parliamentary Affairs Minister in the government of Prime Minister P.V Narasimha Rao, reports AFP.

#### 'US forces should stay in the Philippines'

MANILA, Sept 23: Military leaders in southeast Asia say US forces should stay in the Philippines for 10 more years to avoid creating a power vacuum in the region, Philippine mili tary chief General Lisandro Abadia said today. Abadia was speaking to reporters after returning to Manila from Bangkok where he had talks with Thai and Indonesian military chiefs, reports Reuter.

See Page 12 Col. 8 and boosting agri-production

to alleviate poverty should be

the undertakings of demo-

coming local leaders and

workers of JSD (Inu) in her

party, Hasina said for the

progress and prosperity of the

country, all democratic forces

are gradually growing in force

due to disunity of democratic

"Enemies of independence

She alleged 'certain anti-

liberation quarters are out to distort the history of our lib-

eration war ... new generation

is being kept at bay from the

united to implement the ideals

and objectives of the historic

war of independence, she told

the gathering at the town hall

Awami League President Kazi

Omar, the function was also

addressed, among others, by

party General Secretary Begum

Shajeda Chowdhury, MP,

Ajharul Islam, MP, Abdur Rouf,

MP, and local JSD leader Prof.

today are local JSD (Inu)

President Tarekul Islam and

former Sadar Upazila Chairman

and freedom fighter Jainal

Among those who joined AL

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All patriotic people must be

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real history.

Afsar Hossain.

Addressing a function wel-

cratic government, she said.

### Two killed in city incidents

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed and another injured in separate incidents in the city Sunday and Monday.

According to our DMCH correspondent one person, Rahman (25), died on the spot after he falling from the roof of a house at Malitola Monday at 5.30 pm. The owner of the house is Joinal Abedin.

### DU VC

From Page 1 Col. 4 He was ready to resign if anybody could guarantee that terrorism would go along with his resignation, he said.

He sought cooperation from all quarters to restore academic atmosphere on the

The function, presided over by Korban Ali Joardar was addressed among others by Prof Wakil Ahmed, pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, President of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), Khairul Anwar Mukul, Rezanoor Rahman, Rezwanul Hug Raza, Nazmul Ashraf, Fakrul Alam Kanchon and Jonayed Halim.

The programme, was concluded with a cultural function.

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