Kashmir guerillas reject Delhi's

peace offer

the biggest Kashmiri guerilla groups Saturday rejected New

Delht's offer of peace talks and vowed to fight on for the

state's secession from India. Shahid-ul-Islam, 27, who head

the Hizbullah also warned in a telephone interview that his

group would take 'strong action' against three people it is

holding hostage if 10 of its members were not released from

Bangla-Romania JEC meet soon

nomic Commission will meet shortly to find modalities of

further strengthening trade relations between the two coun-

tries. Romanian Foreign Minister Adrian Nastase at the

meeting said his government would like to propose a number

of projects under joint collaborations at the JEC meeting.

ISLAMABAD, Sept 28: Pakistan's top election official has

threatened to put leaders of the main opposition alliance on

trial for charging that national elections it lost were mas-

sively rigged last October. Chief Election Commissioner Na-

jmuddin said 'The Commission will issue contempt notices

to the PDA leadership and could bring them to trial under the

criminal laws for using forged documents in the White Pa-

NEW YORK, Sept 28: The Bangladesh-Romania Joint Eco-

prisons, reports AFP.

per," he said, reports Reuter.

FWP in flood-hit

areas demanded

By Staff Correspondent

General Shah Moazzem

Hossain Saturday demanded

immediate launching of Food-

for-Work Programme in the

flood affected areas to help

starvation deaths in Rangpur,

Gafbandha and Thakurgaon and

said food for work programme

would save the people and

also help rebuild the damaged

20 injured

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which started at around 1 pm.

The rival workers used knives,

daggers, rods and other

The clashes spread to dif-

weapons to attack each other.

ferent areas of the mill

premises including New

Colony, Shapla Chattar and the

Today's incidents were a

sequel to Thursday night's

clashes between the activists

of the Jatiya Party-backed

Adamjee Jute Mills Sramik

Union and the BNP supported

Jatiyatabadi Adamjee Jute Mills

Sramik Dal, which left 30 per-

admitted to a local private

clinic. They were identified as

Anwar (21), Delwar (20), Belal

(24) and Hasan (25), all be-

longing to the Jatiyatabadi

Sramik Dal. The rest of the in-

jured were released after first

aid at the local clinics. When

contacted, mill authorities said

that production at the mills

was normal on the day but

tense situation prevailed in the

Four of the injured were

Dhaka Baju arcas.

sons injured.

afternoon.

infrastructural facilities.

In a statement he claimed

the people survive.

Jatiya Party Secretary

NEW DELHI, Sept 28: The military commander of one of

## Provost, tutors of JU hall resign

From JU Correspondent

Provost and House Tutors of A F M Kamaluddin Hall resigned en masse in protest against their confinement in their hall offices by some resident students Friday night.

Their resignation papers, were however, not accepted by the Vice-Chancellor.

Witness said that the students alleged the treasurer of the Kamaluddin Hall Students Union Almas Ali was responsible for the death of Nuruzzaman, a hall employee, on September 12.

Nuruzzaman committed suicide following a quarrel with the Hall Treasurer and the hall administration was reportedly negligent in performing the post-mortem of Zaman, the students said.

They locked the teachers

for four hours until they came to a reconciliation with the Vice-Chancellor.

But others said, the confinement was due to the publication of the Honours results of the English Department.

The Provost of Kamaluddin Hall Dr Khaliguzzaman Elias is also the Chairman of the Honours examination committee of the English Department.

Thirteen examinees got Third class in the Honours examination and have already submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor for re-examination to consider their re-

The university authorities will verify the scripts of these examinees and try to solve the problem, a source said.

## Suranjit campaigns for Badrul

By Staff Correspondent

Ganotantry Party leader Suranjit Sengupta, MP, Saturday called for electing Justice Badrul Haider Chowdhury President to nurture the fledgling democracy.

The President under parliamentary system should remain above party politics and be a symbol of national unity, he said in a statement.

Suranjit Sengupta called upon the Prime Minister to take the bold initiative as she did during the passage of the 11th and 12th Constitution Amendments to choose 'strong man from the weak, the brave from the vacillating and the widely respected from the

controversial'. "She should rise to the occasion, take the whole nation into confidence and add another landmark to our journey to the world of democracy," he added.

Sengupta justified the nomination of Justice Badrul Haider Chowdhury for presidency and said that the post of the President should be kept above politics.

"We should not repeat the mistakes of the past by appointing 'yes-man' President. The nation cannot afford anymore to have a 'yes-man' President under parliamentary system for which we had paid dearly in the past.

# Rangpur killing

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Hostel Wednesday. Patrol police rushed in from nearby Shahbag Avenue and put off the fire. The agitated students then damaged wind screens of a private car and another car belonging to a donor agency on the road behind the university library. They abstained from further damage of the private car following request from female passengers of the car, eye witnesses said.

Earlier on the day, various organisations including the newly formed Democratic Student Alliance (DSA), Chhatra League (N-S) and Awami League backed Chhatra League (S-A) held separate rallics and brought out processions on the campus protesting the killing of Habib. They all blamed BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal for the killing and demanded arrest

and trial of the killers. The Chhatra League (S-A) rally alleged that the JCD was creating anarchy at the educational institutions since long to foil the progressive student movement. It blamed the government for its failure to maintain law and order and called upon all to resist

terrorism unitedly. The DSA rally held at the

#### BCL's internal conflict caused the killing: Aman

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Central Committee Convenor Amanullah Aman Saturday strongly protested and condemned the incident at Rangpur Medical College on September 25 in which one student was killed following clashes between two rival groups of students, reports

He demanded proper enquiry into the incident to find out the killers and give punishment.

In a statement to the press Aman said student of the college Habibuzzaman Habib was due to clashes centerinternal conflicts of Rangpur Medical College Chhatra League (N-S).

Terming the death as regrettable, he said with a view to realise political objectives and belittle the image of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, a false case had been filed against the JCD. Leaders and workers of Chhatra Dal were

being harassed, he said.

He said, in the meantime, under this case, some student leaders including Rangpur Medical College Chhatra Dal leader Ziaul Ahsan had been arrested. He demanded immediate release of all of them.

'Aparajeo Bangla' was addressed by Ruhin Hossain Prince and Shafi Ahmed, a General Secretaries respectively of CPB backed Chhatra Union and Chhatra

The speakers said rivalry between JCD and BCL (S-A) for supremacy on the campuses was the main reason of

League (N-S).

They termed the incident at Rangpur Medical College as well-planed and demanded trial of the persons involved.

Later, the DSA brought out a mourning procession which, after parading the campus. ended in front of the National Press Club. Chhatra League (N-S) workers joined the procession wearing black

In a counter-move, the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) held rally at the DUCSU building premises accusing BCL (S-A) of unleashing terrorism through out the country. Habibunnabi Sohel and Ali Akkas Nadim told the rally that vested quarters were conspiring to create instability in the country since long. They must be resisted unitedly, they

#### AL condemns Rangpur Medical College violence

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League Acting President and Deputy Leader of Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad and the Acting General Secretary of the Party Amir Hossain Amu in a statement Saturday strongly condemned the armed violence at the Rangpur Medical College on Thursday in which Habibuzzaman Habib, a JSD (Inu)-backed Chhatra League (N-S) worker was killed allegedly by the pro-BNP Jattyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The AL leaders alleged that the ruling party was delivering 'bogus' speeches against terrorism on the one hand while resorting to terrorism by its student wing on the other. The armed attack by the JCD in the Rangpur Medical College was a part of such a

conspiracy', they commented. They alleged that the killers of Habibuzzaman were maintaining close contacts with a

minister now in Rangpur. The contradictions in the words and deeds of the ruling party proved that it was not sincere in rooting out terror-

ism, they added. The AL leaders demanded immediate arrest of the killers of Habib and legal action against those responsible for the Rangpur Medical College incidents.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing Secretaries and Additional Secretaries of Ministries and Divisions at - PID photo the PM's Secretariat Saturday.

## Corruption-free administration

From Page 1 Col. 7 interests above everything.

Turning to the national problems, she said the autocratic regime had not only shattered the national economy but also destroyed all institutions through bribery and corruption. She said the people were bluffed in the name of development. "There had been a large flow of foreign aid but those were misused by the regime to cling to power," she said. "If those aids were utilised properly, an infrastructure would have developed by now," she said.

During her about two-hourlong meeting with the officials, the Prime Minister gave a clarion call to all concerned to raise production in fields and factories for strengthening the economy and making the nation self-reliant. Mills and factories have to run profitably, she asserted.

She also called for proper utilisation of foreign aid and said a number of countries wanted to provide help to Bangladesh.

She said mills factories closed during the autocratic regime are being re-opened and mentioned that Delta Jute Mills had already been re-

Begum Zia said unlike the previous one, her government would pursue balanced development of all areas and give priority to small-scale industries also in the rural areas. "This will not only generate employment in the rural areas but will also accelerate the pace of economic activities in the country," she maintained.

Referring to terrorism on the campus, she said her government was determined stop it and would not hesitate to take stern measures to do it. The Prime Minister sought cooperation of all quarters irrespective of political affiliation to climinate this scourge once for all. On this score all should keep the interest of the country uppermost, she stressed. The campus violence was the result of actions by the autocratic regime that vitiated the atmosphere, she said.

"We held discussions with the political parties, teachers, guardians and students in this regard," she said adding "we will hold further discussion with them".

Begum Zia referred to smuggling and said it was eating into the vitals of the nation. She said goods were smuggled into the country as local production was being hampered. This has to be stopped, she

The Prime Minister said some parts of the country were now under the grip of floods. She said rehabilitation and reconstruction activities would start as soon as the flood water receded from the affected ar

Speaking on behalf of the officials, Cabinet Secretary Siddiqur Rahman, assured the Prime Minister of their total support to implement the guidelines given by her in running the administration.

Principal Finance Secretary Governor of Bangladesh Bank two members of Planning Commission, Industries Secr etary, Labour and Manpower Secretary, LGRD Secretary, Food Secretary, Shipping Secretary, Textile Secretary, Home Secretary, Agriculture Secretary, and Health Secretary, among others, spoke on the occasion.

## US battlefield N-weapons

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vated on a slower schedule under the strategic arms reduction treaty (START) signed this summer in Moscow. Bush's speech blended op-

timistic rhetoric about the potential for a more peaceful world with a series of concrete steps toward disarmament any one of which would have been considered unthinkable even two months ago. He said the collapse of the Soviet threat in the wake of a failed hardline coup last month was significant.

At the same time, Bush said he remained committed to two other costly and controversial weapon systems, the B-2 bomber and elements of the Strategic Desense Initiative, the anti-missile plan known as Star Wars.

Bush's initiative marks one of the broadest and most comprehensive changes in US nuclear strategy since the start of the nucléar arms race in the

early 1950s. The mainstay of Bush's proposal was elimination and destruction of so-called theatre weapons, the tactical nuclear missiles that can be launched from land, bombers, submarines and ships to hit shortrange enemy targets. Most are based in Europe, aimed at Soviet sites. Some are deployed in South Korea aimed at the North.

Bush's proposal would maintain tactical nuclear bombs deployed on land-based warplanes.

He called on Moscow to open negotiations for a quick agreement to eliminate all long-range ballistic missiles with multiple warheads, an area where the Soviet Union has a large advantage. He did not propose negotiations on multiple warhead missiles at sea, where the United States has the edge.

"The prospect of a Soviet invasion into Western Europe, launched with little or no warning, is no longer a realistic threat," Bush said. "The Warsaw Pact has crumbled. In the Soviet Union, the advocates of democracy triumphed over a coup that would have restored the old system of repression.

Bush said the leaders in the Kremlin and the republics are questioning their need for a huge nuclear arsenal. "As a result," he said, "we now have an unparalleled opportunity to change the nuclear posture of both the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Bush announcement included:

 Elimination of all groundlaunched, short-range nuclear weapons. Most of these are stored in Europe though some are based in South Korea.

- Withdrawal of all tactical nuclear weapons from submarines and surface ships. This would include Tomahawk cruise missiles, the weapons whose pinpoint accuracy helped Western-led allies devastate Iraq in the Persian Gulf

- Removal of all US strategic bombers from day-to-day alert status and the return of their weapons to storage area. In a corresponding gesture, Bush asked the Soviets to confine its mobile intercontinental missiles to their garrisons.

 The withdrawal from alert of all intercontinental ballistic missiles scheduled for deactivation under the yet-unratified strategic arms reduction treaty. He asked the Soviets to do the same.

 Abandonment of the controversial rail-based system for the MX missile, which was killed by the Senate a day ear-

- Consolidation of the strategic forces of the Navy and Air Force under one com-

Iraqi

mand — a move certain to raise hackles within the services.

President Bush's proposal to ban some of the most dangerous ocean-spanning nuclear weapons could produce a peace dividend from the Cold War far surpassing budget sav-

World leaders on Saturday called President Bush's proposals to sharply reduce nuclear arsenals a historic move toward international peace.

Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke described the cuts "the single most decisive step for world peace since the nuclear age began nearly 50 years ago.

Russian Federation President Yeltsin "gave high marks to the initiative and spoke in favour of identical huge cuts on the Soviet Union's side," the official Russian Information Agency reported.

North Korea also welcomed the announcement. "If the United States really withdraws its nuclear weapons from South Korca, the way of our signing the nuclear safeguards accord will be opened," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement carried on the official Korean Central News Agency.

The hard-line communist state has made the removal of US tactical nuclear weapons from arch-rival South Korea a precondition to opening its nuclear facilities for international inspection.

British Prime Minister John Major, in a statement released soon after the speech, hailed the proposals and urged the Soviets to respond "with equal imagination.

In Japan, the only nation to have been bombed by atomic weapons and a strong advocate of nuclear disarmament, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu lauded the initiative.

#### experts strowlz on goizod doorimonte work ou seized documents

BAGHDAD, Sept 28: United Nations nuclear inspectors and Iraqi experts, jointly started work Saturday on drawing up an inventory of documents seized by the UN team, after a four-day showdown at a Baghdad site, reports AFP.

A UN source said the registration began shortly after the 44 inspectors had been allowed to return to their hotel under an agreement reached late Friday. "They're expected to work at it all day," he said.

Mission leader David Kay, an American, said earlier he was "very glad" to return to the hotel, and said the end of the stand-off was the result of pressure from the UN Security Council on Iraq and the wide media attention.

His team arrived back at the Hotel Palestine just as dawn was breaking, from the car

400 metres (yards) away. They had spent four days and nights out in the open.

Kay also praised "modern technology" — his cellular telephone — which allowed him to remain in contact with the outside world while he and his crew were detained at the car park, surrounded by Iraqi

Under the agreement that allowed the nuclear team to go free, the inspectors will keep the documents but make an inventory together with Iraqi specialists. Iraq is allowed to copy the printed and filmed material.

Kay told the Cable News Network by telephone that an inventory of the documents would begin at 8 am (0400 GMT) Saturday, "with the obligation that it must be completed within 24 hours". He said the documents

spectors themselves and analysts" in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The stand-off had resulted in a victory for his team, the

would first be seen by "the in-

American said. "The important thing is, in fact, that the team gained exactly what it stood for, the documents remain the prop-

The UN mission is made up

crty of the inspectors". Justice Choudhury said on Kay said the documents allowed a better understanding of the Iraqi nuclear programme and added that the crew would remain a few more days in Iraq to complete other

of 27 Americans, two Britons, five Canadians, two Australians, three New Zealanders, two Germans, an Egyptian, a the race'. Moroccan and a Syrian.

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inspections.

#### Truck drivers call off strike in northern dists

union leaders, reports UNB.

called the strike after a clash Union on September 25 over collection of tolls. The clash left 20 people injured.

The decision to call off the strike was taken at a meeting this afternoon at the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner.

State Minister Rahman Patal, DIG of Rajshahi Range police, SP and DC of Pabna, DC of Natore and General Secretary o Bangladesh Truck Drivers Union Mohammad Ismail Hossain and General Secretary of Pabna District Truck Drivers' Union Shimul Biswas were present at the meeting.

Government college lecturers excepting those under Comilla Board would begin work stoppage for indefinite period from Monday (Sept 30) to press their 12-point de-

The decision was taken at a meeting of the central executive committee of the Government College Lecturers' Association in the city Saturday.

The strike in colleges under Comilla Board would, however, start from October 10.

6,000 vacant posts of lecturers in government colleges, creation of 3,000 new posts and promotion of college teachers. once again in support of the demands.

HSC practical examinations and written test for admission into army will be exempted from the strike programme.

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occurred at about 2.30 pm when policemen asked Mannan to halt near Hamidnagar

As soon the news spread, a mob attacked the police camp and set it on fire. Kotwali police said three

policemen were injured in the incident but declined to give details.

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Saturday that about forty young workers of the BNP hailing from Noakhali, Feni and Chittagong districts saw him at his residence. Asked if he would be in the race if the opposition failed to

candidate, Justice Choudhury said 'It's too early to say anything. But I think I will be in

of candidature will expire at 2.30 pm tomorrow(Monday).

#### Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman discussed with his counterpart matters of bilateral interest and reviewed the international situation, reports UNB. Pak EC to sue opposition alliance

PABNA, Sept 28: Interdistrict Truck Drivers' Union today called off its indefinite strike in 16 northern districts following fruitful discussion between the government and the

The Truck Drivers' Union between its workers and those of Nagarbari Chat Kooli Sramik

Communications Fazlur

#### Govt college lecturers' strike from tomorrow

The demands include filling

It decided to submit memorandum to the Prime Minister

Office-bearers of the association, including its President Kamal Ataur Rahman, Senior Vice-President A K M Muhammad Sanaullah and General Secretary Omar Faruque, were present at the meeting.

### Police camp

Witnesses said the incident police camp.

Mannan received bullet injury on his belly and was admitted to Osmani Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

## Justice Choudhury

wrong, he said.

Justice Badrul Haider Choudhury told The Daily Star that his friends had started an exchange of ideas with MPs belonging to the BNP and the Jamaat. He himself had telephonic conversations with Jatiya Party leaders.

put him up as their consensus

The last day of withdrawal

### OP-1 winners

From Page 1 Col. 6 "Over 1,000 winners were not issued visas, but the US authorities declared the programme completed in a press release issued in Dhaka August 21," one of the participants told The Daily Star.

The token fast aimed at drawing attention of the US authorities including the American President George Bush, he said adding that earlier the winners submitted a memorandum to the US Ambassador, the Acting President, the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs but were not yet shown

any positive gesture. He said that 4,900 people won the lottery from Bangladesh under the programme in 1990-91 and according to the conditions the lottery winner, his or her wife or husband and children below 21 years of age were supposed

to go to the US. Till August 21, a total of 6,324 winners and their family members were issued visas although the last date of issuing visas was September 30,

#### he added. Hartal

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night allegedly by some JCD All shops, schools, colleges, industries and banks remained closed and all vehicles went off streets from dawn to 2 pm. No

major incidents occurred dur ing hartal period. A series of processions participated by Eight and Five-Party Alliances and its student fronts paraded the streets of

the town. Public meetings were heldto protest the killing in the

# Flood situation

afternoon."

From Page 1 Col. 7 people homeless in the last 24

The affected upazilas are Bhangura, Faridpur, Chand-

mohar, Bera and Sujanagar. Tributaries of the Jamuna, Boral, Kumni and Hursagar were flowing above the danger mark although the Jamuna and Ganges recorded fall in their water levels.

Diarrhoea claimed 12 lives

and attacked 132 others in the four upazilas during the period, official sources said. Three died in Satia Upazila,

two in Chandmohar, five in

Bera and two in Sujanagar. About 4,000 out of 8,126 tubewells were inoperative due to the flood, Public Health Engineering Department sources said.

Road communications between Pabna and Bera, Faridpur and Chandmohar upazilas remained suspended for the last two days as the area went under flood water.

The flood embankment at Handiyal in Chandmohar upazila was partially damaged. Standing crops on 20,000 acres of land were damaged and about 10,000 houses were

washed away. A report from Sirajganj says: Overall flood situation in the district improved Saturday but at least 14 people died of diarrhoea or drowning in three upazilas in 24 hours till Saturday evening.

eight lives, raising the death toll in the district to 34. A total of 14 people were so far reported drowned. About 3,000 people have been attacked by diarrhoea. Officials confirmed 12

Of them, diarrhoea claimed

deaths Saturday and said that 258 others were attacked by diarrhoeal diseases. Six people were reportedly drowned in Tarash upazila and eight died of diarrhoea in

Kazipur and Kamarkhand Parts of the Tarash-Neemaichar embankment and 500 mud houses were washed away

Friday night by flood waters. Water Development Board sources said that the embankment was partially damaged. They admitted that about 1,30,000 people were living in a sub-human condition. Meanwhile, the miseries of

creased manifold due to lack of foodstuff and medicines. The 13 relief centres opened at Tarash upazila were too inadequate to accommodate the homeless people. Lack of boat services ham-

pered relief supplies to the af-

the flood affected people in-

fected areas, UZ Chairman Transport strike in 16 northern districts also hindered relief supplies. Government contractors reported that foodstuff did not reach the godowns at Kazipur and Belkuchi upazilas due to the

A report from Manikganj says: Flood situation in the district improved Saturday with the water level of the Jamuna receding but erosion by the river continued un-

strike.

Water Development Board sources said erosion by the Padma and Jamuna left about 600 families homeless in Harirampur, Shibalaya and Daulatpur upazilas. Daulatpur Upazila Chairman

told UNB Saturday 250 houses in Bachamara, Baghutia, and Jionpur unions were devoured by the Jamuna rendering about 430 families homeless in last three days. The Jamuna at Arichaghat

was flowing 30 cm below the

red mark. Seven thousand people became homeless during the period as flood waters inundated

about 50 villages and washed away 1,200 houses in three upazilas of the district. Standing crops on 9,000

acres of land, several bridges and culverts were damaged by the flood, relief officials said.