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 Leaders of Awami League and Jamaat-e-Islami Thursday met at the parliament office of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad and discussed the latest political development in the country. reports UNB.

**Most BCCI staff in UAE sacked**  
 ABU DHABI, Oct 3: The disgraced bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) has sacked most of the staff in its United Arab Emirates (UAE) office in a move seen as a first step toward liquidation. BCCI sources said today that more than 80 per cent of the bank's 480 employees here had received termination notices yesterday, reports AFP.

## Govt had no malafide intention, says Press Note Ordinance to be repealed

**Star Report**  
 The government decided on Thursday to repeal the controversial Ordinance relating to the presidential election. The recent promulgation of the Ordinance, which barred the members of parliament to vote against their party whips in electing the president, caused an uproar in the political circle. The Opposition termed the decision to repeal the Ordinance as the victory of democracy. The Awami League-backed presidential candidate Justice Badrul Haider Choudhury said that the government had been compelled to repeal the Ordinance in the face of public pressure. A Press Note said: "There was no malafide intention whatsoever in promulgating the Ordinance. The opponents of democratic forces have been unnecessarily trying to confuse the people about the intention of the said Ordinance. However, to remove misunderstanding from the public mind and to put at rest all unnecessary controversies, the government has decided to repeal the Ordinance." The Prime Minister has summoned the Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, now on a tour of his home district, Dinajpur. Mirza Hafiz is expected to come back to the capital today (Friday) to sign the Ordinance rescinding the earlier one. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressed BNP MPs available in Dhaka on Thursday evening at Sangkhata. She explained the intention of the Ordinance that had caused dissatisfaction among them. The MPs were learnt to have congratulated the Prime Minister for repealing the Ordinance. They criticised party leaders who had advised the Prime Minister to promulgate an Ordinance which embarrassed the MPs and the party. The MPs called for consultations in the Parliamentary Party meeting in the event of taking such political decisions. Awami League leader Abdus Samad Azad told The Daily Star that the democratic forces See Page 12 Col. 8



Artistes of Chhayanaut rendering Nazrul songs at a cultural function at the Shilpakala Academy yesterday to mark the poet's death anniversary. —Star photo

## Jamaat also files petition Stay part of Writs will be heard Saturday

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Hearing of the 'stay part' of the Writ petitions against the Election of President Act, 1991 will be held on Saturday despite the government's decision to repeal the Election of President (Amendment) Ordinance. Barrister Amirul Islam who with other lawyers moved the Writ petition of Awami League leader Abdus Samad Azad and others on Wednesday told The Daily Star even if the Ordinance was repealed, the main aspect of the petition to uphold the secrecy of the ballot would remain. On Thursday Chief Justice M H Rahman gave a decision that the single bench comprising Justice Ihabibur Rahman Khan should hear the 'stay part' of the Writ petition. And the time fixed was 3 pm Saturday. Meanwhile, another Writ petition was filed in the single bench on behalf of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Sheikh Ansar Ali by Barrister Abdur Razzak and others challenging both the Election of President Act and the September 28 Ordinance. Jamaat sources said that they would pursue the Writ despite the government's decision to repeal the Ordinance. The single bench had earlier on Wednesday ruled that since the Writ petition filed on behalf of Abdus Samad Azad and others contained a prayer not only for a stay but also for the consideration of the merits of the application seeking the issuance of a rule, not within the competency of a single bench, the matter should be heard by a larger bench. The single bench thus had forwarded the matter to the Acting Chief Justice for order. The Election of President Act, 1991 provides for election through an open ballot. The September 28 Ordinance had amended the Act making it further stringent to debar members of parliament from voting against party candidates. Attorney General Aminul Haq told The Daily Star that with the government's decision to repeal the September 28 Ordinance, a half of the case is gone. It was up to the petitioners to decide as to whether or not they would pursue the remaining part of the case. Barrister Moudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party which was also preparing to file two Writ petitions against the Act and the Ordinance also gave a similar opinion. Barrister Amirul Islam who with other advocates moved the Writ petition of Abdus Samad Azad and others said that the main thrust of their petition was to safeguard the sanctity of the ballot. The election of President as it stood now exposed the voters — members of parliament — making them vulnerable. He said that the ballot itself was meant to help secret casting of votes ignored while the Act was passed. Thus the Act was an infringement on the fundamental rights of the voters. He said no election in any public office was held through open ballot even during the British Rule. Barrister Amirul Islam, however, hoped that "the government which has already been well advised to repeal the Ordinance will be further advised to amend Sections 10 and 11 of the Election of President Act, with the same spirit to ensure secrecy of the ballot." That will help the growth of democracy and "I will be happy and congratulate See Page 12 Col. 7

## Water transit protocol with India signed

Bangladesh and India Thursday signed an agreement renewing for two years bilateral Inland Water Transit and Trade Protocol, reports UNB. The agreement gives India the facility to ply vessels between West Bengal and Assam states along a 1715-kilometre riverway through Bangladesh. Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh K Srinivasan and Secretary of the Ministry of Shipping M Azharul Haq initialled the accord on behalf of their respective governments. A BHTWA press release said "under the protocol, certain water ways of both the countries will be allowed to be used by the vessels of the other country." "Besides, transit facilities will be extended to Indian vessels for passing through See Page 12 Col. 8

## Sister-in-law's trap

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 A fake "shulika" (wife's sister) robbed a man of 1000 US dollars at gunpoint in the city on Thursday. The man Swapan, who returned from the Middle East was going from Motihel towards the Science Laboratory carrying 1500 US dollars with him. As Swapan was boarding the rickshaw, a young lady calling him "dula bhat" (sister's husband) said that she was a classmate of his wife's younger sister. The lady hijacker then asked Swapan for a ride and got on the rickshaw with him. When the rickshaw reached near Shahbag, the lady suddenly pointed a revolver at Swapan and wanted his belongings. Swapan gave her 1000 US dollars. He managed to save the remaining 500 US dollars as the money was tucked in another pocket. After taking the money, the lady stopped the rickshaw, got down and vanished in the crowd with the booty.

## Perez felicitates Begum Zia Report on recent cyclone will be submitted to UN Assembly

**NEW YORK, Oct 3:** The UN Secretary General, Javier Perez De Cuellar, congratulated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on her assumption of office and wished her government success, reports BSS. He conveyed his best wishes and felicitations to the new democratic government of Bangladesh when Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman called on him Wednesday at UN building. The Foreign Secretary, Reaz Rahman and the Permanent Representative, Mohiuddin Ahmed, accompanied the Foreign Minister. Virendra Dayal, Chief of Cabinet of the Secretary General's office and two other aides of the Secretary General were present from the Secretary General's side. The Foreign Minister told the Secretary General that the Prime Minister could not attend the UN General Assembly session owing to her pre-occupation and sudden floods. He extended to the Secretary General the warm greetings of the Prime Minister. The Secretary General lauded the role of Bangladesh in international affairs, especially for providing peacekeeping forces and mentioned the close connection of UN with Bangladesh. He also mentioned the support of UN in different development programmes in Bangladesh. See Page 12 Col. 3

## AL now wants repeal of President Election Act

Bangladesh Awami League Thursday demanded repeal of the President Election Act, 1991, terming it black law and called for electing a non-partisan and respectable personality to the presidency, reports UNB. Acting President Abdus Samad Azad and Acting General Secretary Amir Hossain Amu of the party in a statement said the President Election Act passed late night amidst walkout by the opposition. See Page 12 Col. 1

## 6-day congress of CPB begins Workers want Marxism, Manik nationalism

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 The fifth congress of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) began in the city Thursday with a call to form a patriotic democratic front with a view to resolving all national issues. The CPB will soon open talks with all patriotic political and social forces believing in the spirit of the Liberation War, to formulate programmes to reach a consensus on the issues. CPB General Secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik told the inaugural session of the congress held at the Engineers' Institution premises. Stressing the need for a consensus on the basic national issues, Manik said the six-day congress would formulate programmes on the basis of nationalism, democracy, development and social justice. To protect the hard-earned democracy and resolve all national issues, there is no alternative to a national consensus, the CPB leader said. Marked by repeated slogans See Page 12 Col. 4

## Biman's 'Rajanigandha' to wither

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Bangladesh Biman has decided to rename its Executive Class. The airline authorities are now looking for a new name to replace the existing name 'Rajanigandha'. The name 'Rajanigandha' was reportedly the choice of deposed President Ershad. The Executive Class in Biman flights was named 'Rajanigandha' over two years ago. A decision to change the name was taken recently at the system marketing conference of the airline. The reason for this decision was however not known.

## Transport strike from Sunday

**By Staff Correspondent**  
 Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation on Thursday decided to go on a nationwide transport strike indefinitely from Sunday (October 6) in support of the seven-point demands of its North Bengal unit, Federation sources said. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federation with its President Washuddin Khan in the chair at the Mahakhali Bus Terminal Thursday. Earlier on Wednesday two rounds of talks between the Communications Minister and the Federation leaders failed to resolve the crisis. The leaders said that immediate issuance of appointment letters to 1,400 workers of Naogaon could resolve the issue for the time being. The crisis first generated from Naogaon where the strike passed its 53rd day yesterday, Federation sources said. However, the Communications Minister has convened another meeting with the Federation leaders on Friday at 6.30 pm at his residence. "If the negotiatory bid fails, some 2 lakh 50 thousand bus, truck, coach, tanklorry, See Page 12 Col. 6

## Students pledge cooperation to contain violence on the campus

The leaders of all student organisations Thursday committed to extend all sorts of cooperation to contain violence on the campus at a meeting convened by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar at the conference room of the ministry, an official handout said, reports BSS. The commitment was made after a thorough discussion on violence on the campus and a fervent appeal made by the Education Minister in this respect. See Page 12 Col. 6

## \$ 1 crore Japanese grant

Japan has offered an emergency grant of 1500 million yen (equivalent to about one crore 10 lakh 42 thousand US dollar) under the Kennedy Round Programme for relief and rehabilitation of the victims of the devastating cyclone and tidal surge of April 29, an official handout said here last night, reports BSS. Bangladesh will spend the money on buying foodgrains from the United States. The foodgrains would be utilized for restoration and rehabilitation activities in the affected areas. The Japanese Ambassador See Page 12 Col. 7

## Croatian forces counter-attack Y'slav troops

**ZAGREB, Oct 3:** Croatian forces launched a "violent" counter-attack against Yugoslav federal troops in the east of the republic as the battlefront on the Adriatic coast swung west, Croatian television said, reports AFP. Croats defending the embattled strategic town of Vukovar in the Slavonia region in the east inflicted "heavy losses on the enemy," wiping out an elite unit from Belgrade and destroying 30 tanks, the television said. In the coastal region west of Dubrovnik, four federal fighter planes bombed Mount Rota on the Peljesac peninsula, while Yugoslav warships from Montenegro were sailing for Peljesac and the offshore islands of Mljet and Korcula. Two other planes attacked the bridge linking Pag Island, farther northwest of Dubrovnik, to the mainland, according to the television. Naval movements were reported after federal military authorities closed all Croatia's ports early today. Some 20 warships were sighted in harbour at Vis, a major island military base of the Croatian coast, the television said. In the east, federal forces were thrown back in a counter-attack launched along a north-west front around Vukovar and the nearby town of Vinkovci, which are some 150 kilometers (90 miles) west of Belgrade. The television said that Croatian forces continued to hold the two most strategic positions in Vukovar, where federal troops penetrated Wednesday, securing most of the town in fierce house-to-house fighting. Croatian authorities have appealed for reinforcements and more equipment. A Zagreb television correspondent said a Yugoslav army advance on Vinkovci, 30 kilometers (about 20 miles) southwest of Vukovar, had been halted by the counter-offensive by Croatian forces. He said about 15 tanks and troop transports had been destroyed by Croatian forces. Meanwhile, Reuter adds: The Yugoslav Navy reimposed a blockade of rebel Croatia's key ports today and the army closed in on the Adriatic coast in the Dubrovnik on the second day of a fierce offensive by federal armed forces, reports Reuter. The navy said it has resumed its sea blockade of seven ports in retaliation for a Croatian blockade of federal army bases and because the breakthrough republic had failed to respect a truce agreed on September 22. "Failure to observe this (blockade) will be resolved in accordance with the rules of combat," the navy said. The navy action strengthened the army's grip around Dubrovnik. Related story on P 8

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**আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল**

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