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**ME confce concludes**  
 MADRID, Nov 5: As delegates left the Madrid negotiating table, declaring they'd meet again but not when or where, both Israelis and Arabs reiterated their unwillingness to compromise, reports AP.

**China, Vietnam end rivalry**  
 BEIJING, Nov 5: The Communist Party leaders of China and Vietnam met and shook hands here Tuesday to signal the end of a sometimes bloody two decade of rivalry between the two Asian neighbours, reports AFP.

**BNP to observe November 7**  
 Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will observe the 16th anniversary of the historic Siphahi-Janata Biplab on November 7 in a befitting manner, a party press release said on Tuesday night, reports BBS.

**Hill Tracts councils meet**  
 RANGAMATI, Nov 5: A two-day closed-door meeting of the three local government councils is being held at Khagrachari to decide strategies about transfer of 22 subjects to them and rehabilitation of the tribal returning from India. The tribal leaders meet began Monday evening at the auditorium of Khagrachari Local Government Council with its Chairman Shamran Dewan in the chair, reports UNB.

**Imelda posts bail to avoid arrest**  
 MANILA, Nov 5: Former Philippine first lady Marcos today posted bail to avoid arrest for tax fraud and launched a transforming tour as diehard followers asked her to run for President in next year's elections, reports AFP.

## Dhaka's call to alleviate poverty

### SAARC FM's meet delayed: Koirala postpones departure

COLOMBO, Nov 5: Foreign Ministers of the seven members of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) met Tuesday amid growing apprehension that the regional summit may be postponed, official sources said.  
 There was no official statement on the fate of the three-day summit, but a scheduled meeting of Foreign Ministers was delayed for several hours earlier Tuesday.  
 A highly-placed official from one of the seven countries said the Foreign Ministers had agreed by consensus that the summit be deferred. Fresh dates would be announced Wednesday — a day before the summit is scheduled — said the officials abstained from giving any reason for the likely postponement, but informed sources said the absence of Bhutan's King Jigme Singye Wanchuck may cause leaders to defer the summit.  
 Bhutan's King has informed the regional summit's host, Sri Lanka, of his inability to attend the meeting because of domestic commitments.  
 At an informal discussion earlier Tuesday, India's Deputy Foreign Minister, Eduardo Faleiro called for the postponement of the summit until Bhutan's King could be present, said officials on condition of anonymity. The Maldives supported India's stand.  
 "A new precedent should not be created," Faleiro told reporters. "We have to decide at what level should Bhutan be represented."  
 Bhutan's Foreign Minister Lyonpo Dawa Tsering did not arrive Monday as scheduled, leaving Dasha Rinding, Secretary in the Foreign Ministry, to represent the Himalayan kingdom.  
 AFP adds: Nepal Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala today postponed his departure for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit in Colombo, the state radio reported amid speculation that he would not attend the meeting.  
 A Foreign Ministry source said Koirala had received a call See Page 12 Col. 8

## Economic stagnation total, say business leaders

Business community leaders Tuesday said country's economy had plunged into a serious crisis and lashed out at government's "inaction" towards salvaging it, reports UNB.  
 Painting a dismal picture of the current trend of trade and industry at an open discussion, they warned of a dire consequence of the present standstill in the national economy, unless the policy makers pay urgent attention to the situation.  
 The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBBCCI) convened the open discussion in a move to frame recommendations for the Prime Minister seeking removal of the current slump.  
 FBBCCI President Akram Hossain conducted the three-hour discussion that frankly dwelt on loopholes of the government policy and passivity of political circles which, they said, altogether contributed to corrosion of the economy.  
 More than a dozen businessmen, participating in the discussion, were of an identical view about a total stagnation persisting in almost every sector of the economy — export, import, investment — and the situation is gradually getting worse.  
 "Economy was never in such a bad state since liberation... the entire private sector is practically in an oxygen tent, please bring us out of the situation," said Abu Saeed Mahmood, Immediate past President See Page 12 Col. 3

## Khaleda leaves for Colombo today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia leaves Dhaka today to lead the Bangladesh delegation to the sixth SAARC summit beginning in Colombo tomorrow (Thursday), reports UNB.  
 Her entourage includes Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, parliament members Begum Rumi Khatun, Kamruddin Yahya Khan Majid, Abdus Salam Pindho, Wahidul Alam, Helaluzzaman Talukder and Syed Nazibul Basher, Planning Commission member Sheikh Maksud Ali, Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman, Health and Family Welfare Secretary Mokammel Haq, Additional Foreign Secretary AH Mahmood Ali and Additional Secretary in Prime See Page 12 Col. 6



Mind-boggling tangle of electric wire in Chowkbazar area in the city. —Star photo

## 'Govt leaders, stay absent most of the time' Opposition questions effectiveness of JS

The Opposition yesterday raised a debate on the effectiveness of Parliament as most of the leaders remained absent in the House during the current session, prorogued last night.  
 Raising the point, leader of the Jamaat-e-Islami Parliamentary Party Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami said that the absence of government leaders including the Leader of the House created a doubt among the members about the sincerity of the government in making Parliament effective.  
 BNP MP Major (Retd) Akhteruzzaman also supported the allegation of the Opposition when he took floor on a point of order after the statement of State Minister for Irrigation Advocate Mosharrat Hossain Shahjahan.  
 Mosharrat Hossain Shahjahan replying to a call of attention notice by a member of the BNP said that at least for political reasons he would visit the area of the said MP.  
 Major (Retd) Akhter said that it was evident from the statement of the State Minister that he did not take the notice of the MP seriously and by saying that he would visit the area at least for political reasons he was making Parliament ineffective.  
 He said that sometimes the ministers wanted to cold-shoulder the MPs. By doing this Parliament could not be made effective, he added.  
 The statement of Major Akhter also got support of the Opposition. It hailed him by thumbing the tables while the all other members of the Treasury Bench also enjoyed the scene. The debate on the effectiveness of Parliament could drag on for hours but for the Speaker, anxious to finish the day's business before declaring the session prorogued.  
 UNB adds: Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali, unwilling to lengthen the debate, expressed his dismay over the trend of raising unscheduled matters that stood in the way of transaction of normal business in the House.  
 "Parliament must not be a debating club. It must be effective and accountable to the nation. It's not the place for making allegations and counter-allegations and only making an issue over nothing", observed the Speaker.  
 Winding up the debate Deputy Leader of the House Dr. See Page 12 Col. 5

## 30 injured at Isuardi MMC closed after JCD-BCL clash

There have been more clashes between the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP students wing Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) in several places across the country, report our correspondent and UNB.  
 Mymensingh Medical College was closed sine die following a clash between BCL and JCD Tuesday.  
 Residential students were asked to vacate their respective hostels by 12.00 noon yesterday.  
 Witnesses said the clash ensued at around 10 pm Monday when some Chhatra League (A-A) and JCD activists attacked each other near Physiology Building on the campus. JCD workers were holding a meeting near the building.  
 The clash followed after exchange of hot words between the two rival groups of activists which led to altercations and chase and counter chase.  
 At least 15 rooms of 4 hostels, including three belonging to JCD workers were ransacked and 30 cocktail blasts were heard during the clash.  
 Police were deployed on the campus. Tension is prevailing in and around the campus.  
 There was no report of casualties.  
 Our staff correspondent said: A half-hour gunfight between the activists of JCD and BCL (S-A) rocked the Agrabad area Tuesday afternoon.  
 Witnesses said the gunmen escaped from the area when police rushed to the spot.  
 No casualty was reported following the incident and no arrest was made. However, police said they were investigating into the affair.  
 30 hurt at Isuardi  
 Report from Isuardi, Pabna says: Some 30 people have been injured, four critically, in clashes between the student activists of BNP and Awami League in the last three days, See Page 12 Col. 5

## 70 more days granted to report on Indemnity Bill

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Special Committee on the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill was granted another 70 days' time Tuesday night to submit its report to the House.  
 Chairman of the Committee Law Minister Mirza Golam Haliz requested extending the time to finalise the report.  
 He said that, though it was a private member's bill, he himself was nurturing it as the Committee Chairman, but its progress was delayed since he was occupied with other bills.  
 The Bill was moved on See Page 12 Col. 7

## Employers Assoc condemns road barricade

By Staff Correspondent  
 Bangladesh employers association (BEA) Tuesday criticised the "violence and unlawful activities" by some "so-called trade union leaders" to realise workers demands and said such acts would only aggravate the situation.  
 A BEA statement issued by its President M Anis-ud-Dowla condemned the October 28 road and railway barricade by the Patkol Sramik Karmochart See Page 12 Col. 1

## BSC runs aground

From Staff Correspondent  
 CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), already limping with a debt burden of Tk 385 crores, faces collapse in absence of proper marketing drive and loss of business contacts.  
 The crisis in BSC became acute with the shifting of its Commercial Directorate, its revenue generating source from Dhaka to Chittagong in September 1990.  
 Private shipping companies and foreign shipping lines in Dhaka have taken advantage of the absence of the directorate to grab a stable share of business which the BSC's Dhaka office with its skeleton staff is unable to cope.  
 Similarly carrying of containerised cargo on transshipment basis has slipped from the hands of BSC.  
 A concerned official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the authority of Bangladesh Shipping Corporation realising the position of the organisation wrote to the Ministry of Shipping for taking necessary steps to salvage BSC by shifting the marketing directorate back to Dhaka. BSC Executive Committee, in its 11th meeting also took decision to reconstitute the Commercial Directorate to Dhaka immediately.  
 Following the letter of BSC authorities on January 9, 91 the Shipping Ministry instructed the BSC authorities on May 20, 1991 to place the issue in the next meeting of Board of Directors of BSC. The national flag carrier with a fleet of 22 ships operates in three routes only against five routes earlier.  
 It can be mentioned that the Standing Committee members of Shipping Ministry in 1989 in its meeting expressed their opinion against shifting the Commercial Directorate to Chittagong, but some vested quarters in collusion with the cronies of See Page 12 Col. 7

## Parliament prorogued

By Staff Correspondent  
 The Jatiya Sangsad was prorogued Tuesday night after a 25-day session that began on October 12.  
 The prorogation order of President Abdur Rahman Biswas was read out in the House by Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali at 11.30 pm.  
 Before reading out the order the Speaker thanked the members and others for helping him conduct the sessions. He expressed the hope that this exceptional Parliament would fulfil the aspirations of the people. He hoped that the Parliament would be more effective and would help strengthen democracy.  
 Earlier, Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad also thanked the Speaker, MPs, staff of the Parliament Secretariat and others concerned for their See Page 12 Col. 2

## Miyazawa elected Japanese PM

TOKYO, Nov 5: Political veteran Kitachi Miyazawa was elected prime minister Tuesday, launching an administration that promised more forceful leadership than his inexperienced predecessor, Toshiki Kaifu, reports AP.  
 Miyazawa, whose election caps a government career reaching back 49 years, was chosen by the parliament in a largely ceremonial vote that confirmed his earlier selection by the governing Liberal Democratic Party.  
 Miyazawa, 72, was forced to resign as finance minister in 1988 in the recruit influence-buying scandal. His return to government was assured when he was elected president of the Liberal Democrats on Nov 27. The party controls the lower house of parliament, and its leader serves as prime minister.  
 Widely regarded as a brilliant See Page 12 Col. 2

## Code of conduct for students sought

By Nazmul Ashraf and Shamsad Mortuza  
 The Committee on University Campus situation has recommended formulation of a 'code of conduct' by the Jatiya Sangsad to stop students tailing political parties and raising 'campus police' to contain terrorism. The eight-member committee headed by Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed Vice-Chancellor of Jahangirnagar University in its 12-page report made 33 recommendations to the government to stop campus terrorism and bring back academic atmosphere in the universities.  
 The committee took opinions from Provosts of university halls, Proctors teachers and students (male and female) through distribution of questionnaires. The committee, formed on April 4 submitted its report last week.  
 The 'campus police' would work under different laws. The campus police will arrest terrorists under non-bailable section, recover illegal arms from any part of the campus in co-operation with the university administration and in exercise of powers to be given by the University Syndicate. For such acts, the 'campus police' might seek help from the normal police force and BDR. They would also punish the culprits.  
 No quarter should protest publicly against the action of campus police, the report said adding written complaint might be registered with the police authority or the Ministry of Home Affairs. Investigation into such allegations may be done and trial may initiated accordingly.  
 The committee also proposed for banning outsiders' entry into the campus without prior permission to be given by the 'campus police' and also processions and rallies in the university corridors during class hours.  
 The committee also suggested amendment to the University Ordinance of 1973 by a commission to be consisted of the teachers.  
 About session jam, another big crisis the universities now facing, the committee observed that the current session must be kept up-dated and academic activities including taking classes and examinations be continued under a planned programme. For this, additional shifts with allocation of necessary funds might be introduced, it said.  
 The committee further recommended introduction of 'academic calendar' according to which all the academic activities would be carried out. An evaluation report must be prepared whether the calendar was followed or not. Exceptions might be in case of natural calamities, political instability and difficulties in running the university administration or any extraneous factor. See Page 12 Col. 7

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