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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Yves Montand dead

PARIS, Nov 9: French actor-  
singer Yves Montand died to-  
day of a heart attack in hospital  
at Senlis in northern France  
aged 70, an authoritative  
source said. Born October 13,  
1921, in Monsumano, Italy, his  
real name was Ivo Livi, reports  
AFP.

### Transport strike

RANGPUR, Nov 9: Motor  
Malik Samity here today began  
an indefinite strike protesting  
the alleged attack on some of  
its members. All sorts of ve-  
hicular traffic to and from the  
town stopped plying respond-  
ing to the strike call, reports  
UNB.

### Hijacked Soviet plane in Ankara

ANKARA, Nov 9: A hijacked  
Soviet Tupolev-154 aircraft  
with 171 passengers aboard  
landed in Ankara Airport to-  
day, airport officials said.  
They said the plane came from  
Moscow and landed at 1607  
local time (0807 pm BST), re-  
ports Reuters.

### President assents to four bills

The President has given his  
assent to four bills passed in  
the recently concluded third  
session of the Jatiya Sangad  
(Parliament). These are: The  
Bangladesh Space Research  
and Remote Sensing Organi-  
sation Act 1991, The Member  
of the Bangladesh Public  
Service Commission (Terms  
and Conditions of Service)  
(Amendment) Act 1991, The  
Comptroller and Auditor Gen-  
eral (Remuneration and Privi-  
leges) (Amendment) Act 1991,  
and the International Financial  
Organisations (Amendment)  
Act 1991, reports UNB.

## Panicky people flee Angarpota, Dahagram

# Indians threaten to turn enclaves into graveyards

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Nov 9: Panicky  
people are fleeing Dahagram  
and Angarpota under cover of  
night in the face of threat and  
confinement by anti-Tinbigha  
transfer activists, led by the  
BJP and backed by the BSF.

Some people, while coming  
to the mainland through the  
corridor for relief during day  
time were arrested by the BSF  
(Indian Border Security Force)

In past few days, Lalmonirhat  
district administration is  
awaiting a long sought permis-  
sion from Coochbihar (India)  
officials for relief and medicare  
supplies to the enclave people.  
Agitations have intensified  
following reported presence of  
BJP leader L K Advani at  
Indian Mekliganj to whip up  
support against the transfer  
while West Bengal Chief

Minister Jyoti Basu is sched-  
uled to visit the corridor on  
November 12.

Jyoti Basu's visit, an-  
nounced earlier, follows  
Thursday's finalisation of de-  
tails of the transfer at talks  
between the central and West  
Bengal government officials at  
Calcutta.

Abdul Kader, leader of  
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## The postponed SAARC summit-1

# What happened in Colombo

by Amanullah Kabir back from Colombo

The seven-year-old SAARC  
has reached a critically sensi-  
tive stage and in the context of  
the present geo-political situa-  
tion it has become necessary  
to justify afresh its existence as  
an effective forum for regional  
cooperation.

What happened in Colombo  
last week was nothing but a  
mere reflection of the culmi-  
nation of the political devel-  
opments that have been taking  
place jeopardising relations  
among the member states of  
the SAARC.

The spirit with which the  
SAARC was launched was vir-  
tually marred long before and  
what happened in connection  
with the Sixth Summit was  
not a surprise for those who  
kept a constant watch on the  
situation in the subcontinent.

The arrival of Bangladesh  
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda  
Zia in Colombo on November 6  
and the assurances by the  
Prime Minister of Pakistan  
Nawaz Sharif and the current  
SAARC Chairman Maldives Pres-  
ident Mamoun Abdul Gayoom  
to follow her were seen by the  
diplomatic circles in Colombo

as an injection of fresh blood  
into the SAARC body.

Infuriated by the last-  
minute stance by India, Sri  
Lanka could have struck the  
death blow to the SAARC by  
withdrawing its membership.  
The Sri Lankan government,  
which took all preparations  
including security measures to  
hold the Summit on November  
7 could not understand, as said  
by a top member of the  
Bangladesh delegation, that  
the scheduled summit was go-  
ing to be postponed because of  
the diplomatic offensive  
launched by India.

A clear picture emerged  
from the meeting of the  
Foreign Ministers on Novem-  
ber 6 when India represented  
by its State Minister for  
Foreign Affairs took the stand  
that the personal presence of  
all heads of state or govern-  
ment was necessary to hold  
the Summit.

On November 1, the King of  
Bhutan informed the Sri  
Lankan government that it  
would not be possible for him  
to attend the summit due to  
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## Sharif blames India for postponement of SAARC summit

ISLAMABAD, Nov 9: Pakis-  
tan Prime Minister, Nawaz  
Sharif has blamed India for the  
postponement of the sixth  
SAARC summit in Colombo,  
reports PTL.

Sharif told Pakistani jour-  
nalists accompanying him that  
had India accepted the offer of  
representation of the King of  
Bhutan by his envoy the sum-  
mit would not have been called  
off. Except India, all the other  
SAARC members had agreed to  
accept the offer of the  
Bhutanese King, he claimed.

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## Rao's denial

NEW DELHI, Nov 9: India  
is prepared to take part in a  
South Asian regional confer-  
ence in neighbouring Sri Lanka  
"even if it is for a day," Prime  
Minister P V Narasimha Rao  
was quoted as saying today, re-  
ports AFP.

"There is no question of  
India not attending. To say that  
India sabotaged it is totally  
false," the Press Trust of India  
(PTI) quoted Rao as saying in  
the southern city of Panaji  
during a brief transit halt.

The Prime Minister was  
referring to persistent reports  
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Wailing Abul Kashem Pathan of Sarail in Brahmanbaria lost five of his family when their  
bus plunged into the river Titas on Friday.

## Ill-fated bus salvaged from Titas 28 bodies recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Rescue workers recovered  
28 bodies from the ill-fated  
bus that plunged into the river  
Titas at Shahbazpur ferry ghat  
in Brahmanbaria Friday after-  
noon.

Firemen salvaged the bus  
from the river at 5 am  
Saturday and found 27 bodies  
inside it while another body  
was recovered from the river-  
bed.

The victims include seven  
children, nine women and 12  
men. Twenty-four victims were  
identified and their bodies  
were handed over to their  
relatives.

The overloaded bus from  
Brahmanbaria on way to  
Madhabpur fell into the river  
at around 2 pm while boarding  
the ferry and sank. About 50  
people were feared killed in  
the tragic accident.

The bus was salvaged by a  
crane sent from Dhaka and an-  
other from the Ashuganj  
Fertiliser Factory. A 19-men-  
ber special squad of the Fire  
Service was despatched from  
Dhaka to salvage the bus.

Divers and rescue workers  
searched about 200 yards  
around the accident spot, but  
no more bodies were found.

According to police  
sources, a good number of pas-  
sengers were on the roof of  
the bus and were saved while  
some people came out of the  
bus just before the accident.

A heart-rending scene was  
created at the accident site  
when the bus was salvaged and  
the bodies were recovered.  
Hundreds of people, particu-  
larly, near and dear ones of the  
victims, anxiously waited at the  
ferry ghat throughout the  
night.

According to UNB report,  
24 of the dead were identified  
as follows: Asia Khatun (18),  
wife of Bazlu Miah of  
Marichpur in Mahadevpur  
upazila, Fahima Khatun (4),  
daughter of Bazlu Miah of vil-  
lage Sonatala, Selina Khatun  
(18), wife of Shahabuddin of  
Sutnagar in the same upazila,  
Parul (4), daughter of Majed  
Ali of Kuttapara, Hassan Ali  
(40), of Kuttapara, Anjuara  
Begum (45), wife of Abdul  
Ahad of village Akhitar and  
Abul Kashem (24) of Naogaon  
in Sarail upazila, Sukumar  
Sarkar (65) of Burishar in  
Nasirnagar upazila, Sona Miah  
(60) of Birpash in sadar upazila  
of the district and Harunur

Rashid (22) of Boalia in  
Kishoreganj district.

Ruhin Rishi Das of village  
Nathghar in Brahmanbaria  
sadar upazila lost his wife Arati  
Rani Rishi (30) and daughter  
Champabala Rishi Das (12).

Two minor daughters —  
Taslima Begum (3) and  
Tahmina Begum (8) — of Abdul  
Ahad of village Akhitar in  
Sarail upazila of the district  
were killed in the accident.

Abul Kashem Pathan of  
Pathanpara in Sarail upazila  
lost his wife Arbeen Pathan  
(35), daughter Shibli Kanak  
Pathan (7) and son Sablan  
Pathan (5). The wife and a son  
of Abul Hussain Pathan of the  
same village were killed in the  
accident. They were named  
Dipali Pathan (35) and  
Saifuddin Pathan respectively.

Other dead are Motaleb  
Miah (20), Kajal Miah (30) and  
his younger brother Mukles  
Miah (22), Mukles Miah (25)  
and Talekh Miah (40) of village  
Belhati in Kendua upazila of  
Mymensingh district.

### Khaleda shocked

Meanwhile, BSS says:  
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda  
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## Zia's policy for Muslim unity to continue: PM

Prime Minister Begum  
Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka on  
Saturday Bangladesh would  
continue with Shaheed  
President Ziaur Rahman's pol-  
icy of forging unity among  
Muslim Ummah for the all-  
round socio-economic  
progress of Islamic countries,  
reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was  
talking to Monuchehr  
Mottaki, Deputy Foreign  
Minister for International  
Affairs of Iran and the special  
envoy of Iranian President who  
called on her at her office.

During the meeting the  
special envoy lauded  
Bangladesh's initiatives as a  
Third World and Islamic  
country for the social and eco-  
nomic progress of the Islamic  
Ummah.

Mottaki handed over a mes-  
sage to the Prime Minister re-  
lating to the OIC conference to  
be held in Senegal next month.  
He told the Prime Minister  
that Iran could not take very

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## Saifur admits stagnation in economy

Star Economic Report

Finance Minister, M Saifur  
Rahman on Saturday said that  
more credits would be pro-  
vided to the agro-based indus-  
tries.

He said that the fund would  
be available from the Asian  
Development Bank (ADB) for  
setting up more poultry farms  
and other activities. He stated  
that extensive services would  
be provided for proper care of  
the poultry population.

Speaking at the third  
founding anniversary of  
"Banker", a new magazine on  
economics at hotel Sheraton.

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## November 10 programmes

By Staff Correspondent

Different political parties  
chalked out elaborate pro-  
grammes to observe November  
10, the day which fuelled anti-  
autocracy agitation country-  
wide.

The day's programme in-  
clude public rally, discussion  
meeting, procession, special  
prayer for the martyrs and  
placing of floral wreath on the  
graves.

Noor Hossain and three  
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## DU reopens while teachers on strike

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University reopened  
Saturday after twelve-days un-  
scheduled closure following  
gunbattle between the sup-  
porters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra  
Dal (JCD) and Chhatra League  
(S-A) on the campus on  
October 27.

No classes were however  
held, as the teachers contin-  
ued their strike protesting  
failure of the government in  
ensuring security on the cam-  
pus and taking effective mea-  
sures to root out terrorism.

Few resident students re-  
turned to their halls because  
the teachers are on strike.  
The fierce October 27 gun-  
battle that left three students  
and an unidentified street  
urchin dead, caused severe  
deterioration of the campus sit-  
uation and the authorities an-  
nounced suspension of classes  
and examinations till  
November 7.

The Dhaka University

Teachers Association (DUTA)  
had given a November 1 ul-  
timatum to the government to  
arrest terrorists responsible  
for the October 27 killing.  
They went on strike from  
November 2 for an indefinite  
period as the government  
failed to arrest any of them.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh  
Federation of University Teach-  
ers Associations (BFUTA)  
Saturday assured of its full  
support to any anti-terrorism  
measure on the campuses and  
demanded an immediate and  
united commitment from  
political parties that they  
would not shelter terrorists.

Addressing a press confer-  
ence at the National Press Club  
BFUTA President Dr Enamul  
Hoq said campus terrorism  
was political in nature and  
came from outside at the be-  
hest of political parties. So po-  
litical parties would have to  
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## New phase of movement soon, says Hasina

Awami League President

Sheikh Hasina on Saturday  
said her party will soon start  
the next phase of movement to  
bury the remnants of "autoc-  
racy" and to ensure economic  
emancipation of the masses,  
reports UNB.

"Autocratic junta was ousted  
by the mass movement but au-  
tocracy still exists. Our strug-  
gle will continue until autoc-  
racy is dismantled and eco-  
nomic emancipation (of the  
masses) is guaranteed," she  
told a rally at Bangabandhu  
Avenue in Dhaka on Saturday  
afternoon.

The rally was organised by  
the city unit of Awami Juba  
League marking the fourth  
death anniversary of Juba  
League workers Nur Hossain  
and Babul who were killed in  
police firing in Dhaka on his-  
toric November 10, 1987.

Narrating the incident how  
Nur Hossain was gunned down  
in front of her at Bangabandhu  
Avenue on November 10,

Hasina posed the question if  
democracy earned at the cost  
of bloods of Nur Hossain is free  
after all.

She said that a democratic  
atmosphere prevailed only for  
a few months immediately  
after the fall of the autocratic  
Ershad. "But today people are  
questioning if that democracy  
exists at all."

The Awami League chief  
claimed that about 9,000 peo-  
ple died recently of starvation  
and disease in the northern  
districts but, she said, the go-  
vernment remained mum about  
it.

Criticising the "autocratic"  
attitude of the ruling party, she  
said BNP should learn to nu-  
ture democracy and behave  
democratically.

The opposition leader was  
highly critical of Prime  
Minister Begum Khaleda Zia  
for what she called squander-  
ing public money during her  
recent visit to Colombo and  
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## US joins EC sanctions against Yugoslavia

THE HAGUE, Nov 9: Presi-  
dent George Bush said  
today the United States will  
apply sanctions against Yugo-  
slavia and will co-sponsor a  
United Nations resolution  
calling for an oil embargo  
against the country, reports  
Reuters and AFP.

The Soviet Union expressed  
cautious support on Friday for  
European Community steps to  
put pressure on Yugoslavia.

A Foreign Ministry state-  
ment, issued by Tass news  
agency, criticised both sides in  
the Yugoslav conflict for break-  
ing their agreements and  
called on them to stop fighting  
and cooperate with EC peace-  
making efforts.

The Serbian controlled  
Yugoslav presidency called to-

day on the United Nations to  
dispatch a peace-keeping force  
to the breakaway republic of  
Croatia.

The call was made in a let-  
ter addressed to UN Security  
Council President Dragos Mun-  
teanu and signed by Yugoslav  
Vice President Franko Kostic.

Serbia and its ally  
Montenegro, along with the  
representatives of the Serbia-  
controlled provinces of Kosovo  
and Vojvodine took control of  
the federal presidency in  
September.

He will apply sanctions on  
Yugoslavia comparable to those  
of the EC, Bush told a news  
conference.

The EC can also depend on  
the United States to co-spon-

sor a new UN Security Council  
resolution on Yugoslavia look-  
ing toward a possible oil em-  
bargo and cooperate fully in ef-  
forts to strengthen an embargo  
on arms exports to Yugoslavia,  
he added.

The EC imposed broad eco-  
nomic sanctions on Yugoslavia  
on Friday after the warring  
factions refused to abide by  
12th ceasefire agreed in the  
Hague on Tuesday.

The EC sanctions suspend  
trade concessions an imports  
of Yugoslav textiles and drop  
Belgrade from a 24 nation re-  
covery programme for eastern  
Europe.

The EC also urged the UN  
Security Council to impose an  
oil embargo to cut off fuel to  
the warring Serbian and

Croatian forces.

The Security Council's five  
permanent members—the  
United States, the Soviet  
Union, China, Britain and  
France—are due to discuss  
the question of an oil embargo  
late on Monday, diplomats  
said.

The Security Council im-  
posed an arms embargo on  
Yugoslavia on September 25.

Canada said on Friday it had  
imposed immediate trade  
sanctions against Yugoslavia to  
help end that country's civil  
war.

Canada's sanctions will end  
preferential tariff treatment  
for Yugoslav imports and half  
all trade and technical promo-  
tion programmes.

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