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Khaleda shocked
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed her deep sorrow at the untimely death of Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal leader Nurul Absar of Feni. Nurul Absar, AGS of Sonagazi College Student Union was stabbed to death by some miscreants on Thursday, reports BSS.

Painting exhibition
A painting exhibition by Rafiqul Islam will begin on July 12 evening at La Galerie at Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Barani, in the city. Begum Sufia Kamal will be present on the occasion as chief guest. The 9-day exhibition will remain open between 9 am and 8 pm everyday till July 21, reports BSS.

200 join Juba Dal
Nearly 200 workers from Bangladesh Awami League and Jatitya Party formally joined the Mohammapur thana unit of Bangladesh Jatityabadi Juba Dal at a function at the BNP's central office in the city yesterday. Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, Juba Dal President and Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Mirza Abbas, Juba Dal General Secretary and State Minister for Forest and Environment Goyeshwar Chandra Roy and other Juba Dal leaders attended the function, reports BSS.

Move to enforce UN sanctions on Serbia

West European warships steaming toward Y'slavia

HELSINKI, July 10: Nine western European nations Friday sent ships to help enforce UN sanctions against Yugoslavia and increase pressure to stop the bloodshed in Bosnia-Herzegovina. NATO also agreed to take part but made no immediate offer of equipment, reports AP.

Foreign Ministers of the Western European Union, meeting on the sidelines of a 51-nation European security summit, agreed to send five to six ships to the Adriatic Sea, with backing from aircraft and helicopters.

"The ships are steaming in," said Willem van Eekelen, WEU secretary-general.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the 16-nation military alliance, said it would also participate in the naval operation.

Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek said NATO would decide later what type of assistance to offer.

The task of the sea and air operation is to monitor traffic flowing through the waters to try to see whether oil and other goods prohibited under sanctions imposed May 30 by the United Nations Security Council.

But the nations hope the operation will step up pressure on Serbia and Montenegro to halt the bloodshed in Bosnia-Herzegovina, which has claimed more than 7,500 lives.

Italian Foreign Minister Vincenzo Scotti said the measures were designed to send a signal of its concern about "a tragic crisis in an area so geographically close."

The ministers fell well short of ordering a naval blockade against Yugoslavia. They had said in advance that any move to halt ships to search for prohibited cargoes would need UN approval.

The ministers said in a

statement they would keep their options open regarding naval enforcement of the UN sanctions.

German spokesman Hans Schumacher said the WEU also examined the feasibility of opening a land corridor from Croatia to neighbouring Bosnia for aid convoys to the besieged capital of Sarajevo.

But the ministers said UN authorization would be required before they could set up such a corridor.

Ships dispatched to Yugoslavia will be allowed only to monitor traffic in the waters to try to determine whether cargo prohibited by United Nations sanctions are getting through to Serbia.

"They will call on the ships to report to them what is abroad," said Dutch Defense Minister Relus Ter Beek. "That's it—it's monitoring and surveillance."

There have been persistent reports that oil and other goods continue to get through to Serbia and Montenegro in violation of the UN ban.

The naval mission will take place in international waters, in the Strait of Otranto, a narrow passage between Italy and Albania and off the Yugoslav waters. Italy, which holds the WEU's rotating presidency, will be in charge.

Van Eekelen said all nations, except Luxembourg which has a limited military force, would rotate ships to the region. Other WEU members are Belgium, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

British Prime Minister John Major said earlier in the week that the HMS Nottingham would take part.

The fighting in Bosnia — and the West's inability to halt it — dominated the opening

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Star Special

Sharif keen on Khaleda's visit

By Mahfuz Anam from Islamabad

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has expressed his keen interest in the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to Pakistan and said the visit would further improve the "very close and brotherly" relations between the two countries.

"Please convey, through your newspaper, my highest regards and best wishes for Begum Zia. She is really taking her country towards prosperity and I pray for her success", the Pakistani Prime Minister was speaking to this correspondent during an exclusive interview with The Daily Star earlier this week at the plush hill-top official residence of the Prime Minister, overlooking the Margala Hills and the Rawal River.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, speaking in a low voice and choosing his words carefully, underscored his firm determination to increase economic co-operation with

Bangladesh and said "Pakistan will enhance trade, encourage joint ventures in industry and buy more goods from Bangladesh whenever we can." Terming Bangladesh-Pakistan relations to be improving constantly, he said he intended to give a firm economic basis to

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Nawaz Sharif

Population Day today

The World Population Day will be observed throughout the country today as elsewhere in the world, reports BSS.

The day is being observed every year under the auspices of the United Nations Population Fund to highlight adverse effect of population growth and increase awareness among the people of accept small family norms.

This year the theme of the day is 'A world in balance.' Special thrust has been given on environmental protection and making a balance between natural resources and population.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has chalked out an elaborate programme to mark the day in befitting manner.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the day's programmes at Osmani Memorial hall at 10.30 am.

A colourful procession will be brought out from Shisu Park at 8 am with banner, festoons and placards depicting various family planning messages, which will end at the National Press Club.

To mark the day, the national dailies will bring out

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Over 500 Bangladeshis arrested in Malaysia

By Chapal Bashir

At least 265 Bangladeshis workers were arrested in Malaysia till Wednesday after the crackdown on illegal immigrants that began July 1, according to latest information available from Kuala Lumpur.

The deadline for illegal foreign workers to register and legalise their stay for temporary employment was June 30.

With the arrest of 265, the number of Bangladeshis workers held in Malaysia rose to 550. Before the expiry of the registration deadline, 285 Bangladeshis were arrested for their illegal entry and unauthorised stay in Malaysia.

According to reliable sources in Kuala Lumpur, till July 8 after the crackdown, nearly 2000 illegal foreign workers, mostly Indonesians were held at different places in the country and were sent to detention camps. These workers will be deported later. Till June 30, about 320,000

illegal foreign workers registered with the immigration department. In December last year, Malaysian government asked the illegal immigrants to register themselves with the concerned authorities by June 30 this year to avoid action against them.

Most of those who have registered before the deadline were Indonesians. Bangladeshis come second in number followed by Filipinos, Thais and others. However, accurate number of Bangladeshis workers registered at different centres could not be gathered from official sources. "Several thousands of Bangladeshis have registered, but it will take some time to get the correct picture", said a source in Kuala Lumpur.

According to an official estimate, about 120,000 foreign workers have not registered themselves during the stipu-

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The road in front of Rajarbagh Police Line has remained closed for over the last two months for development works causing much trouble to vehicular traffic. — Star photo

Erosion : 800 families homeless

SIRAJGANJ, July 10: At least 800 families in five thanas of Sirajganj district were rendered homeless in last 48 hours by erosion of the Jamuna, officials sources said today (Friday), reports UNB.

According to District Relief Office and Water Development Board sources, about 13,000 families fell victim of erosion during June-July this year and took shelter on the Brahmaputra Flood Control Embankment.

The widespread erosion of the mighty river Jamuna is continuing unabated in some 115 villages of the district — 18 in Sadar thana, 33 in Kazipur, 19 in Belkuchi, 25 in Chowhatt and 20 in Shahjadpur thana.

At least 25 primary schools, 25 government and private offices and two thanas went into the Jamuna due to erosion during the last one and a half year. Twenty seven villages of four thanas which were hit by erosion last year went into Jamuna this year.

The villages are: Pikepara, Simla, Charnalsapara, Margram, Mirpur, Biara, Mesra Satpara in Sadar thana; Sohagpur, Delua, Agaria, Randhuni Bari, Khidramatia, Ajugara, Panchasonachar and Char Delua in Belkuchi; Khukni, Kajuri, Jalalpur and Makra in Shahjadpur; Tekani, Segai, Puratan Khasrajbari, Biara, Natuarpara, Chormara, Prajarapara and Doel in Kazipur thana.

BSS adds: The Ganges and the Brahmaputra showed rising trend during the last 24 hours ending 6 am Friday according to a bulletin of the Water Development Board.

The rivers in the Meghna basin, excepting the Surma at Kanaighat and Sunamganj, the Kushiya at Amalshid, the Manu at Manu Railway Bridge and the Gumti at Comilla, and the rivers in the South Eastern Hill Basin also registered rise during the period.

The Brahmaputra registered rise in all points. It marked rise by 4 cm at Noonkhawa, 5 cm at Chilmari, 25 cm at Bahadurabad, 7 cm at Sirajganj and 5 cm at Aricha.

The Teesta recorded fall by 11 cm at Kaunia while the Dharla at Kurigram marked rise by 3 cm.

The Old Brahmaputra recorded rise by 6 cm at Jamalpur, 4 cm at Mymensingh.

The Buriganga at Dhaka remained steady, the Lakhya at Narayanjan marked fall by 3 cm, the Turag at Mirpur by 17 cm while the Kaliganga at Taraghat registered rise by 1 cm.

The Ganges remained steady at Pankha while it marked rise by 5 cm at Rajshahi, 11 cm at Hardinge Bridge, 2 cm at Goalundo and 1 cm at Bhagyakul.

The Mahananda at Chapainawabganj, the Gorai at Gorai Rly Bridge and the Jumuna at Naogaon, the Kumar at Faridpur registered rise while the Punarbhaha at Dinajpur recorded still fall.

The Surma recorded fall at Kanaighat and Sunamganj but remained steady at Sylhet. It is still flowing above danger level by 19 cm at Kanaighat and 14 cm at Sunamganj.

Seven killed in road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

Seven persons were killed and 15 others injured in three separate road accidents in Dhaka and Mymensingh over the last two days.

Our DMCH Correspondent says, two pedestrians were killed in two road mishaps at Kafrul and Jatrabari in Dhaka Friday.

A 60-year-old pedestrian, Ismail, was killed when a speeding truck ran over him at Kafrul in Dhaka Cantonment yesterday. Ismail was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

In another accident at Jatrabari, an unidentified pedestrian was killed when a Narayanjan bound passenger-minibus, Rajshahi Ba-5538 ran over him at around 11:30 am yesterday.

The victim was rushed to DMCH where he was declared dead. He was around 40.

Our Mymensingh Correspondent says

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Indian commerce minister quits over bank scandal

NEW DELHI, July 10: Indian Commerce Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram resigned Thursday after admitting that he and his wife invested in a company linked to a vast securities scandal, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported, says AFP.

Chidambaram, 46, said in a letter to Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao that he and his lawyer wife, Nalini, bought shares worth 250,000 rupee (9,615 dollar) in September 1991 from the Fairgrowth Financial Services Ltd.

The minister, one of the architects of India's new liberal economic regime, said the money was paid by three crossed cheques and they did not "suspect any wrongdoing" by Fairgrowth when they made the investment.

"It is my sincere hope that these small investments will not cause any embarrassment to the government," he said in

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Chidambaram leaving Lok Sabha yesterday— AFP photo

Mostafiz in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 10: Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman arrived here today on a four-day official visit to Pakistan at the invitation of State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan Muhammad Siddique Khan Kanju, reports BSS.

He is accompanied by his wife Sufia Rahman.

Mostafizur Rahman is visiting Pakistan after attending the SAARC council of ministers' meeting in Colombo as the leader of Bangladesh delegation.

On arrival at the Islamabad Airport, the Bangladesh Foreign Minister was accorded a warm welcome by Kanju, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan M Anwar Hashim and other members of the mission were also present

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Pandemonium in Lok Sabha over temple construction

NEW DELHI, July 10: During stormy sessions of Parliament on Friday, lawmakers urged the government to stop Hindu zealots who have begun building a temple near a disputed mosque in eastern India, reports AP.

The construction was started Thursday in the holy town of Ayodhya by 8,000 Hindus who chanted hymns while pouring cement. The parliamentarians fear the work could trigger new nationwide Hindu-Muslim riots.

Both houses of Parliament adjourned several times when lawmakers favouring and opposing the temple screamed and yelled at one another.

Many asked the prime minister, PV Narasimha Rao, to

dismiss the Uttar Pradesh state government for sympathizing with the temple builders. Others said the builders would not be intimidated by anyone.

The Pandemonium prevented lawmakers from dealing with any other issue.

PTI adds: The Lok Sabha was abruptly adjourned yesterday after a sixty-minute Pandemonium over the temple issue.

Agitated National Front and left party members virtually stalled the proceedings and vociferously demanded that the government should spell out its position on the issue.

As the Speaker, Shivraj Patil's repeated plea for order went unheeded, he adjourned

the House 45-minute ahead of schedule.

The furore began soon after the former Prime Minister, Chandra Shekhar, stated, while the House was in the midst of a discussion on the securities scam, that construction work on the temple had started and one thousand people were engaged in the work.

BJP members led by L K Advani and Atal Behari Vajpayee, rebutted charges that the Uttar Pradesh government had violated any court order in this regard.

Several Congress(I) MPs yesterday demanded imposition of President's Rule in Uttar Pradesh if the BJP government failed to stop immediately the construction work at Ayodhya.

In a letter to the Prime Minister, they said that in order to maintain peace in the country and in view of the centre's commitment to protect the minorities 'we request you to take immediate action of calling for a report from the UP governor.'

If the state government failed to stop construction immediately, the state assembly should be dissolved and President's Rule proclaimed to maintain peace and harmony all over the country, they said.

This was also necessary to preserve 'our composite heritage and safeguard the unity and integrity of the nation' they said, adding that action should be taken against those who had violated the law of land by attempting to undertake the construction.

The mosque was built 400 years ago by Muslims when they conquered the town and destroyed a Hindu temple. In 1949, Hindu fundamentalists stormed the mosque and installed an idol of Rama, one of their gods.

The mosque was locked and closed to people of both faiths until 1986 when a court reopened it to Hindus only.

Around the same time, the World Hindu Council, an organization of Hindu zealots, called for the removal of the mosque and began collecting money to build a temple in its place.

Businessman stabbed, robbed Tk one lakh

By Staff Correspondent

A businessman, Sohrab, 30, was severely stabbed and robbed of one lakh taka at a shop at the Railway Super Market at Kauran Bazar in the city last night.

According to medical sources, a group of muggers stormed into a rice-shop at the market, stabbed the shop owner, Sohrab, and looted Taka 1,00,000 from the shop's cash at around 9.30 pm last night. Critically injured Sohrab was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and admitted there.

Tejgaon police, however, could not provide any information on the incident till filing of this report at around 11 pm last night.