Citizenship Act

city yes'terday after burglary.

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an order with retrospective ef-

fect, unless the relevant law

specifically provides that the

delegated authority can also

pass orders with retrospective

only given to pass an order but

not given any authority to pass

it with retrospective effect, he

In support of his con-

tention, Barrister Yusuf cited

five judgements of Indian High

Citing the case of Prof Nurul

Islam versus State relating to

retirement Dr Nurul Islam, he

said the Bangladesh Supreme

Court termed the government

order as illegal and unconsti-

tutional because there was no

Resuming his argument yes-

terday morning, Barrister

Yusuf said as per Bangladesh

Citizenship Act of 1951

(adopted), Golam Azam was a

citizen of Bangladesh by opera-

tion of law until April 18,

High Court in which passport

of one Asit Ranjan was scized

by the government in 1977 on

the plea that he left this terri-

tory in 1964 and came back in

1972. In this case, Barrister

Yusuf said, judges said proof

was needed to show that he

was not a citizen of Bangladesh

The hearing of Prof Golam

and he was an Indian citizen.

He cited a case of Dhaka

such guidline in the law.

stressed.

And the government was

headed for Baghdad today after the most serious confrontation between Iraq and the United Nations since the Gulf war was defused without a shot being fired, reports Reuter.

Bush made clear he still had scores to settle with Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"While Sadam has bent to the will of the United Nations," Bush said in Washington, the question remained whether he could be trusted despite hav-

in iraq, Saddam's press secretary wrote in today's edition of Al-Thawra, newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, that the Gulf war ecasefire resolutions were written by

Security Council," Abdul Jabbar such attack in three days.

The latest in a long series of tests of will between Iraq and the United Nations crupted on July 5 when a UN inspection team was denied entry into Baghdad's Agriculture Ministry where materials related to missile and possibly nuclear warhead programmes were believed hidden.

The United States and its allies had repeatedly warned that force might be used to bring Saddam to heel, either through air strikes or other military action.

More than 2,000 US marines will assault a beach in Kuwait next month in the latest joint manoeuvres with the Emirate, a US embassy spokesman said in Kuwait to-

AP adds : Iraq seriously considered the possibility of renewed Western force and took steps to counter it before backing down in the arms search standoff in Baghdad,

for discussions at seminars,

symposia and opinion-ex-

change programmes to be ar-

experts in various fields and

opinions of the cross-section

of people would be accommo-

dated in the draft policy, he

the leaders of major political

parties would be organised to

incorporate their suggestions

and mobilise support for the

the BMA would go for media

campaign by organising public

meetings, publishing leaflets,

posters in order to drum up

health policies of countries

like India, Nepal, Thailand,

were consulted by the BMA

vides for setting up of union-

based health centres, mea-

sures to prevent and cure in-

feetious diseases, supply of

pure drinking water, setting

up of sanitary latrine at all vil-

lages, replacement of

"curative health service" by

"primary health care," refor-

mation of the health adminis-

tration and the medical edu-

cation system, regulation of

the private-sector medicare,

patronisation of the non-gov-

ernment medical service net-

work, supply of 20 essential

drugs by the government as

recommended by the World

Wealth Organisation (WHO),

allocation of 10 per cent of the

national budget in the health

sector, scientific approach to

the traditional indigenous

methods of medical treatment,

introduction of health insur-

the masses on primary health

care, control of the NGO activi-

ties in the medical field and

checking the unauthorised

Mithu, Kamran Hafiz Yamin,

former Latif Hall VP Shahrier

Mitu and former Zoha Hall VP

date set for hearing of this

case, the activists of Islami

Chhatra Shibir unleashed a

reign of terror on the campus.

Yasir Arafat Pitu, a Ganotantrik

On March 17, 1992, the

Mahbubur Rahman Mahbub.

drug business.

ance system, steps to educate

The proposed policy pro-

men dealing with the policy.

They said that the national

After all these, sources said,

proposed health policy.

public support.

Besides, formal talks with

Recommendations by the

ranged at different levels.

Kurdish and US officials said

An American military officer in this Kurdish city of Zakhu, across the border from Turkey, confirmed an Iraqi buildup near the Kurdish controlled zone and said the fragi air force resumed training flights over the past few months.

Ahmed Shuker, an official of the Kurdistan Front which groups major Kurdish parties, said Baghdad had issued a call last week to all Iraqi men between 25 and 30 years of age to report to conscription sta-

He reported increased military activity at "contact points" and Iraqi shelling recently in the area of Sheikhan, southeast of Dahuk, a provincial centre in the middle of the Kurdishheld area. The Kurdish zone extends from the Turkish border to 190 kilometres (120 miles) north of Baghdad.

#### High Court drops case against People's Court sponsors

By Asiuzzaman

The High Court division bench dropped the case against 24 sponsors of the people's court that tried Golam Azam from the court list. However, the question still remains as to whether it would be formally withdrawn or not political and court sources said Monday.

The bench comprising Justice Mozammel Hug and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman ordered the case to be dropped from the list of hearing of cases on Wednesday, as both the prosecution and defence lawyers jointly sought "adcquate time" citing "developments in parliament" regarding the case.

Barrister Amirul Islam and Assistant Attorney General Shamsul Karim appeared on behalf of the defence and prosecution respectively.

"This is not the formal withdrawal of the case, the court can revive it anytime," Barrister Shafique Ahmed, one of the defence lawyers said adding that "only the plaintiff can withdraw the case."

The ruling party and the opposition, which were boycotting parliament sessions demanding withdrawal of the case, signed an agreement in the parliament building on June 30 to the effect that the government would withdraw

There was no instruction to the complainant, the Officerin-Charge (OC) of Ramna thana, from the government to take any step to withdraw the case until Monday, the OC said.

A leading Nirmul Committee member said that they were not worried about the case itself but "it was a violation of the agreement."

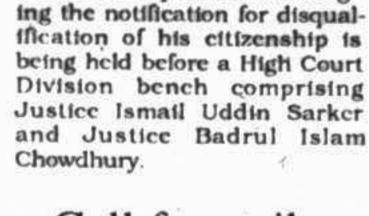
### Traders start indefinite strike in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, July 27: The hartal, which was scheduled to be held from 6 am to 2 pm today, has been extended for an indefinite period, shopkeepers' and traders' samity sources said.

After having no specific assurance from the district administration that terrorist activities would he resisted in the area, the samity extended the hartal for an indefinite pe-

All shops and trading centres, including medicine stores, restaurants and petrol pumps remained closed during hartal hours paralysing normal life in this district town.



Azam's writ petition challeng-

A policeman looking for evidence at Shitol Department Store at New Elephant Road in the

### Call for strike at city shopping centres Aug 2

By Staff Correspondent Businessmen and shopown-

ers yesterday called for a general strike at all shops and trading centres in the capital on August 2 to protest continued terrorism and extortion.

Hundreds of traders, shopowners and businessmen came out of their shops at different business centres in the capital yesterday afternoon and gathered on the road in front of the Jatiya Press Club, demanding punishment to the killers of a city businessman who was shot dead by muggers on July 22.

Fazlur Rahman Khan (Mona) was shot dead by muggers who attacked his car and looted Taka 3.60 lakh.

The announcement of the general strike followed a joint rally organised by Bangladesh Shopowerns' Association, Federation of Dhaka City Shop Owners' Association and Moulvi Bazar Businessmen's Association.

From Page 1 Col 5 shop was opened Monday morning, a grilled window at the rear was found broken. Cash and goods worth about Taka 64,967 were also found

The department store was

Later, Detective Branch of Police arrested seven people on June 28 in connection with the robbery and recovered only 16 wrist watches and three tolas of gold from them. JCD activist

From Page 1 Col 4 a one-storeyed building at Gulbag, where they shot him

Shafiq succumbed to his injuries at around 6 pm at the

Shafiq's friends, Liton, came and took him out at around noon Monday. Later, they came to know that Shafiq was criti cally wounded and was taken to the DMCII.

sources said.

## Shitol store

- Star photo

missing.

earlier robbed of cash and goods worth about Taka 15 lakh on April 1 this year.

and escaped Critically injured, Shafiq was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) from where he was shifted to the Pangu Hospital

Pangu Hospital. Family sources said one of

Meanwhile, police sources said, three warrants of arrest were issued against the victim. Most of the charges against Shafiq were muggings, the

Police suspects that Shafiq was murdered following a previous quarrel between two groups of his friends.

## The Midnight File

## Lankan govt urged to set up Muslim battalion

COLOMBO, July 27: A Shri Lankan Muslim leader said today he had urged the government to create a Muslim battalion in the army to fight Tamil separatists. "We have requested the government to set up a separate Muslim battalion or company within the Shri Lanka army to fight the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamtl Eclam), said Muhammad Ashraf, reports Reuter.

#### China executes 10 bandits

BEIJING, July 27: China has executed nine members of a large gang of railway bandits for terrorising and robbing 66 passengers on an inter-city train last year, the official China Investigation News reported today. A special railway court in Hubei province gave death sentences to Wang Shengbiao and eight other members of a 45-man gang that held up a train running between Chongquing and Cuchang in central China on September 9, the newspaper said, reports Reuter.

#### 3 injured in cracker blasts

By DMCH Correspondent

Armed men left three young men wounded in two separate attacks at Motifheel and Banani

Pappu were injured when a group of armed men exploded crackers near the Al-Helal Police Box in the Motifheel area at around 7:30 pm yesterday

While crossing the road, Liton and Pappu were hit by cracker splinters.

## Sirajul Alam Khan quits politics

JSD leader Stratul Alam Khan yesterday expressed his desire to keep himself aloof from politics in the rest of his life, reports UNB.

with any political party or organisation since 1980. I don't have the desire to involve myself in active politics in future," he said in a statement.

JSD (Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal), was released from jail Saturday upon an order of the High Court.

Jukta Bangla and the movement for resurrection of the subcontinent for which he was arrested were out of his political philosophy.

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and Bahrain. The Prime Bahrain August 8.

sources, would involve reallo-

One of the Cabinet Minis-

ters, representing a southern district, is likely to be dropped health complications. A Cabinet Minister from Chittagong is likely to be dropped but sources said his departure would upset the organisational scenario there. This could be the guarantee against his exit,

Sources further said that, despite certain criticisms from the Opposition, the Prime Minister was well in favour of the Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda and that his position was secure.

change in the Cabinet has become so loud in the lobbics of parliament for the last few days that aspirants were seen talking to anyone having access to information about the

#### PM, Jamaat MPs

From Page 1 Col 3 said adding that nobody should take law in their own hands.

"Law should be allowed to take its own course.

of their discussion requested the Prime Minister to nationalise at least one madrasah in each district and establish Teachers' Training College for madrasah teachers.

They also urged the Prime Minister to take steps for preserving forest and wild life resources of the Sunderbans, Chittagong Hill Tracts and

making.

Newly emerging countries are applying for membership,

#### Rao asks judiciary to settle temple dispute by November NEW DELIII, July 27: que in the northern town of should be brought together India's judiciary has been given Ayodhya. and handled by one authorities. "The litigation pending in

until November to settle an explosive temple-mosque dispute, Indian Prime Minister P. V Narasimha Rao announced today following talks last week

with Hindus, reports AFP.

Rao delivered a statement in parliament detailing talks last Thursday with Hindu holymen, which led to the end Sunday of an 18-day drive to build a temple around a mos-

Reuter adds : Prime Minister proposed today that a single judicial authority should rule on a religious dispute which has claimed more than 2,000 lives and helped bring down two national government.

Narasimha Rao told parliament that several sets of legal proceedings over a holy site in the town of Ayodhya



Militant Hindu activists working on a new site to construct - TV photo a temple to be called 'Laksman Temple'.

various courts on the subject could be consolidated and

considered by one judicial authority, whose decision will be binding on all parties," Rao told parliament in a state-He said the process could be completed within four

Rao did not specify which

judicial authorities would decide the issue but news reports have said a committee of Supreme Court judges would be appointed. Rao told parliament the six

Hindu leaders he had met had agreed to his proposal for a single ruling on the row.

In Ayodhya the fundamen talist Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP. World Hindu Council). which has been spearheading the temple campaign, said on Sunday that it would give Rao only three months to solve the dispute.

Hindus who suspended a controversial temple drive on Sunday say their campaign to claim a crumbling 16th century mosque is far from over

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) says a grand temple proposed for their warrior God Rama will eventually envelop the mosque, no matter what.

From Page 1 Col 7 that US player Bob Samuelson should have been ejected at that match point after he got a second caution for yelling at officials.

Since an ejection also costs the offending team one point, the match should have ended

The International Volleyball Association on Monday agreed. Federation President Ruben Acosta said rules were broken "clearly and indisputably," and gave Japan the fourth set, 15-

The US team, seeking its third straight Olympic title, still seems likely to advance to the quarterfinal round. In men's gymnastics, China

placed first Monday in the compulsories with a score of 114.425. The Unified Team was second in the morning session at 114.300; Germany

third at 114.200; Japan fourth at 114.175 and the United States fifth at 113.775.

Venezuela 87-79. Puerto Rico, which lost by 40 points to Australia on Sunday, downed China, 100-68.

tally with four.

Sunday were Australian cyclist Kathryn Watt, South Korean shooter Yeo Kab-soon and US swimmer Nelson Diebel. No surprises from US bas-

ketball's all-star team. They, began their expected stroll to a gold medal with a 116-48 drubbing of Angola. On Monday evening, they play Croatia. But Charles Barkley's elbow

against an Angolan opponent -

tract attention in US league had teammate Michael Jordan warning it could spoil all the good play. "He hit me and I hit him," Barkley shrugged

Jordan said, "I told him if he keeps doing things like that, they could kick him out of the Olympics."

A disappointing 15 hours peaked Monday for Jenny Thompson, the top US female swimmer, when she failed to qualify for the 200-meter freestyle final.

100 freestyle, an event she was favoured to win. And US gymnast Kim Zmeskal slipped on the balance beam, sending her gold medal hopes in the allaround competition sliding

#### Textile workers From Page 1 Col 8

demands of textile workers.

The demands include the abandoning of the governments denationalisation and retrenchment plan, reopening of laid-off mills and factories and the curbing of smuggling.

"The authorities have accepted all our demands save two, which will be finalised within a month after meetings with the Finance Minister," a federation spokesman said adding, "the two demands are forming separate fund of foreign currency earned by the jute mills and the permission

Eighteen federation leadsource said.

in the city Monday. Mogbul Hossain Liton and

"I have not been associated

Khan, a founding leader of

He said the concept of a

### Cabinet

Minister leaves the capital for The change, according to

cating portfolios of some of the present ministers. Besides, three Ministers are likely to be dropped and replaced by comparatively younger people to give a better region-wise representation in the Cabinet.

Sources further said, one of the State Ministers would be promoted to the rank of Cabinet Minister while another would be given independent charge of a ministry without

any elevation in status. One of the young MPs, representing the old Rajshahi district is likely to be inducted as a State Minister.

for alleged inefficiency and sources added.

The talk of the impending

The Jamaat MPs in course

other areas of the country. The delegation included

deputy leader of Jamaat parliamentary party Moulana Abdus Sobhan, Secretary Sheikh Ansar Ali, Moulana Riasat Ali, Mohammad Shahjahan Chowdhury, Mufti Abdus Sattar, Enamul Hug, Gazi Nazrul Islam, Abu Bakr, Shadatuzzaman, Azizur Rahman and Kazi Shamsur Rahman.

priorities." They suggest that more emphasis be given on economic cooperation both in the context of the North-South as

must coordinate with the activities of the Group-77. Despite relaxation of tension, they argue, disarmament

There is a strong plea that the concept of disarmament should be linked with that of development so that the savings of disarmament can be channelised for development

West bipolarity has been followed by the rise of new kinds of ethnic conflicts in Europe and the planet groomed to witness many more such developments in future, analysts who are all for the the movement to go on believe. NAM's role, therefore, is

being envisaged as one of peace-keeping and peace-To add to the relevance of

meet, raising the number to

one diplomat said.

## UNITED NATIONS, July 27 UN weapons inspectors

But US President George

ing 'caved in' this time.

"scoundrels and lowly people." "We owe nothing to the

Muhsen wrote in his second BMA working on alternative

> health policy By Nazmul Ashraf

Formulation of a national health policy under a non-government initiative is nearing completion.

The Bangladesh Medical As-

sociation (BMA) took the initiative with a view to helping the government introduce a 'people-oriented' national health policy. The BMA, the apex body of

the country's physicians, ex-

pects to finish drafting the

policy by the first week of next The BMA-proposed draft health policy would be revised on the basis on recommendations to be sought from various quarters, BMA sources said adding 'the proposed policy would be submitted to the gov-

ernment demanding its im-

plementation'. The country, at present, does not have any health poltey. A controversial health policy formulated in the early days of the Ershad regime was done away with following strong protests by the various quar-

The BMA initiated drafting its proposed policy about four months back. A 60-member committee headed by Dr A K Shamsuddin Siddiqui, Director of Bangladesh Medical Education, is now working on the policy providing for health facilities to the people upto the grassroots level. The yet-to-befinalised policy, it is learnt, stresses most on close coordination of the government's

those of the medical service. The move by the BMA followed the association's informal talks with the government leaders and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the

family planning activities with

Health Ministry, sources informed. Dr Moinul Hasan Saadi, Member-Secretary of the health policy drafting committee, told The Daily Star the

Shibir murder case

draft policy would be placed

From Page 1 Col 3 baseless and fabricated. Shafiqul Islam was killed during a gun battle between two rival students' groups on April 18, 1989 on the Rajshahi

A case was filed with the

police, alleging that the 14 ae-

University campus.

eused, led by Ragib Ahsan Munna, shot Shafiq dead at point-blank range. Referring to the reports of experts and doctors, the judge said that the killers had not shot Shafiq from a close range as mentioned in the FIR,

feet above the unknown assaflants. wearing at the time of the incident did not have a bullet

reports said. The student leaders are: former RUCSU VP Ragib Ahsan Munna, former RUCSU AGS Abraham Lincoln, former BSS. RUCSU Pro-VP Ziaul Ahsan, former RU Senate member Raihanur Rahman, former Scnate member S M Muhit, incumbent Sher-e-Bangla Hall VP Shaheen Chowdhury, Chhatra Moitree leader Shushanta Kumar Dev. JSD-backed BCL leader Feroz Khan, JSD-backed BCL leader Nurul Islam Hitler, Moitree leader Rafiqul Islam

Chhatra Oikya activist, was killed, at least 50 students were injured and three residential halls were damaged. A

month-long closure of the uni-

versity followed.

rather the victim was about 10 Mustafiz off to Paris The shirt the victim was Foreign Minister A S M hole, the verdict quoting the Mustafizur Rahman left Dhaka

> terpart Roland Dumas, reports The French visit of Rahman is expected to strengthen further the existing bond of friendship between the two countries and also open up new areas of cooperation.

> > During the three-day visit

both the sides will exchange

views on a wide arrange of bi-

lateral, regional and interna-

tional issues.

for Paris last evening on a

three-day official visit at the

invitation of his French coun-

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## Chinese girls grab golds a contact that would not at-

Surprise gold medalists

In men's basketball, medal contender Lithuania beat

The Unified Team, which as the Soviet Union won the most medals in 1988, led the gold

On Sunday, she had to settle for a silver medal in the

of import using that fund."

ers, including its convenor Abul Bashar and Jute Minister Hannan Shah and State Minister for Textiles, Abdul Mannan, signed the memoranda of understanding, the

# corruption

case The Anti-Corruption Bureau yesterday filed a case with Ramna Thana against former president Hussain Muhammad Ershad for taking back Tk 2 lakh 76 thousand 324 illegally out of the paid income tax for six years from 1983-84 to 1988-89 by abusing his power,

Ershad faces

another

#### reports BSS. BCI chief asked to surrender passport

yesterday granted bail to Mustafizur Rahman, Chairman and Managing Director of Bangladesh Commerce and Investment Limited (BCI) but asked him to surrender his international passport to the Deputy Commissioner, Dhaka, reports BSS.

A High Court division bench

Justice Mohammad Mozammel Huq and Justice Mahfuzur The court also ordered that the accused Mustafizur Rahman will be furnished Tk 25

lakh bail bond and surety of

The bench comprised

two persons. Budget From Page 1 Col 4 tions on a total of 127 de-

mands of various ministries

were tabled by the opposition

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali

allowed discussions of the opposition members on their cut motions until the passage of 21 demands at 5.40 pm yesterday. Then the Speaker applied

the guillotine on the cut motions and put the rest of the demands to vote. The House was adjourned by the Speaker at 9-15 last

## night to resume at 5-30 pm

NAM summit From Page 1 Col 5. scheduled to depart for the Indonesian capital August 31. On August 28, ambassadors

and senior officials of 104

member nations would have a

preparatory session followed

by meeting of foreign minis-

ters on the 29th and the 30th. The heads of state and government are to arrive Jakarta August 31. During their stay in Indonesia, the summiteers are likely to be conducted to Bandung, the city that hosted the first Afro-Asian Conference way

meeting subsequently gave birth to the Non-Aligned Movement. Analysts who brush aside the talk of 'non-relevance' say that the NAM must march on but needs to "rearrange its

back in 1955. The historic

well as the South-South. To that end, they say, it

has made little headway. Infighting continues in the developing world.

The demise of the East-

the NAM, two more countries are set to be admitted as members during the Jakarta