No-confidence notice

From Page 1 Col 5 Mantrul Hug Chowdhury of the JP were present during the

The no-confidence motion, according to Opposition sources, was expected to be submitted to the Parliament Secretariat last night. But the move was deferred as the House was adjourned to allow the members to visit an injured member Nazrul Islam of the AL, who was in need of

Parliament sources said that high-level contacts between the Treasury bench and the Opposition were established on Monday to work out a compromise formula. But the move failed for the time-being. Opposition sources told The Daily Star that the no-confidence motion was expedited following Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's hints that she was not going to replace or drop the Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury from the

Begum Zia, according to sources, gave a piece of her mind to a group of four MPs from greater Rangpur District who called on her yesterday at 1 pm in her office.

The group was led by Shamsuddoha of the CPB and the agenda of the meeting included regional problems relating to law & order. Begum Zia reportedly told the group that it was possible for the Home Minister (meaning Abdul Matin Chowdhury) to control the situation and advised them to cooperate with the Minister.

Rashed Khan Menon, sources said, made the first draft of the no-confidence motion. later vetted by Maudud Ahmed and Suranjit Sengupta to fill in any possible legal void. Azizur Rahman, acting Chief

Whip of the Opposition was given the responsibility to type the motion under the strictest privacy.

Sources further said that law and order was the prime question mentioned in the notice for no-confidence. The other reasons include : terrorism on different campuses. politicisation of trade unions. business community made hostage by the mastans and the failure to uphold the spirit of Liberation by being considerate to misdeeds of Jamaat and

Despite Opposition claim that the lone MP from Islamic Otkya Jote (IOJ) Maulana Obaidul Hug would join them. he was yet to decide his course of action.

Talking to The Daily Star, Maulana Obaidul Hug said that he was not informed of the decision by the Opposition. He said that he did not make up his mind and before taking a decision would discuss the matter with his party colcagues.

The Jamaat-e-Islami, despite a public stand on law and order, was kept out of the mainstream Opposition in Parliament. The Opposition, according to sources, would con-

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writ jurisdiction is guilty of

undue delay and laches. This

nished by Golam Azam upon a

government said on May 27.

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der consideration is not satis-

factory, the Attorney General

maximum two years to see the

decision of the government.

but he waited for 12 years, he

The AG again made a flash

back yesterday on Golam

ing press reports in support of

the Bengali daily -Bhorer

Kagoj- which is a series be-

tween March I and March 25

duct of Golam Azam quoting

These, Hug submitted be-

fore the learned judges, prove

that Golam Azam was "out and

Weekly Bichitra which carries

a statement of Golam Azam. "I

don't make any mistake in

1971," the magazine quoted

Quoting the daily (Kagoj)

the attorney submitted that

Golam Azam held a meeting

with Yahya Khan on December

1. 1971 and assured him that

he would give "all sorts of co-

operation to the (Pak) army to

overcome the present crisis".

Golam Azam also met with Gen

Tikka Khan, the paper re-

ported.

He also placed a copy of the

this year dissected the con-

various other newspapers.

out a Pakistani citizen".

He submitted 25 copies of

Azam's past conduct, produc-

The petitioner may wait for

long delay on the plea that the

The explanation as fur-

petition must fail.

told the court.

his contention.

sider its move as a test case to judge the loyalty of Jamaat

as to what camp it belonged. Talking to The Daily Star. Mattur Rahman Nizami, leader of the Jamaat Parliamentary Party said that the Opposition did not consult them.

He said, if the Opposition preferred to ignore them then they would take their own decision. Nizami further said that The Opposition should have taken into confidence all the components and played the role of an effective Opposition.

Incidentally, Article 159 of the Rules of Procedure says that a member may move for leave to make a motion expressing want of confidence in the Cabinet of Ministers of the People's Republic of Bangladesh after giving to the Secretary (meaning of Parlia ment) not less than three days written notice of his intention

The Article further says that the motion for leave of which notice has been given in the name of the member shall be entered in the name of the member concerned in the Orders of the Day for the first working day after expiry of three days from the date of reecipt of the notice.

Then, leave to make the motion shall be asked for after questions and before the Orders of the Day are entered upon but no speech shall be permitted at that stage. The Article further says that

if the Speaker is of opinion that the motion is in order, he shall read the motion to the House and shall request those members who are in favour for leave to rise in their places, and if not less than 30 members rise accordingly, the Speaker shall declare that leave is granted, and that the motion shall be taken up on such day, not being more than ten days from the day on which leave is asked for, as he

If less than thirty members so rise, the Speaker shall inform the member that he has not the leave of the House.

The present House has more than thirty members to ask for leave but the total strength of the Opposition is not enough to get the motion

AL MP seriously hurt in road accident

Awami League MP from Gauripur, Mymensingh, Nazrul Islam was admitted into the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) here in a serious con dition following a road accident yesterday, reports BSS.

He was admitted into the hospital in the afternoon in a semi-conscious condition with multiple fractures and having | ers in the state * the right leg detached, CMH

Islam under went emergency operation at the hospi

The attorney further sub-

mitted that in a meeting in

1971 Golam Azam also said, "If

Pakistan does not survive, the

Jamaat workers do not find

any good of living in this

after the liberation of

Bangladesh, the AG said he

campaigned abroad to recap-

ture 'East Pakistan' and also

appealed to foreign ministers

of the Islamic countries as well

as Saudi Arab's King not to

recognise or give any assis-

tance to Bangladesh.

Citing Azam's conduct even

Hearing of Azam's writ

LAST LOOK AT MOTHER EARTH : Sulemanovic, a 13-month-old Muslim boy (foreground)

has a last look through the windows of the bus carrying him and 40 other children from the beleaguered Bosnian capital of Sarajevo to join their parents who had already fled to Germany as refugees. Only minutes after this shot was taken Sulemanovic and another Serbian girl, travelling under the care of orphanage nurses and without military escort, were killed by sniper fire. The funeral, at a Sarajevo cemetery yesterday, also came under Serbian mortar fire, injuring a grandmother of one of the children killed. The more fortunate of Sulemanovic's co-passengers- 38 other stranded children - later reached split and were flown to Germany to join their families.

India wants Chakmas to go home, Rao tells Anwar

NEW DELHI, Aug 4: The visiting Commerce Minister of Bangladesh M K Anwar today called on Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao, reports BSS.

The Commerce Minister conveyed the greetings and good wishes of Begum Khaleda Zia to the Indian Prime Minister. He said his own visit to Delhi was a direct outcome of Begum Zía's very productive wisit to India in May this year. He expressed his government's sincere appreciation of the settlement of Tin Bigha problem towards which the Prime Minister himself had made a major contribution.

Anwar said Bangladesh side was very hopeful that the other outstanding problems between the two countries, par ticularly the sharing of Ganges water and the return of the Chakma refugees, could also now be resolved expeditiously.

Referring to the problem of the Chakma refugees, Rao said India did not want to see a single refugee to remain on Indian soil. He said that during his recent visit to Tripura he had laid particular emphasis on this point in his meeting with the Chief Minister for Tripura and other senior lead

Babita

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sic centre, insuline syringe and mixed clothes, when they arrived at 1.45 pm Customs sources said

Later, upon prayer from the two sisters, the Customs authorities let them go at around 4.30 pm with the goods, contained in three suftcases and several handbags, after paying the duty.

CHT problems

From Page 1 Col 4 The Deputy Leader of the House, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, also urged for adtournment of the House on humanitarian ground to facilitate the members to see their fellow colleague in the hosp

notices raised by Awami

League member Abul Kalam

Azad (Jamalpur), Jatiya Party

member Advocate Fazle Rabbi

(Gaibandha), BNP members -

Begum Lutfunnessa Hossain

(women seat-6) and Major

(retd) Mohammad Akhtaruz-

Works Minister Rafigul Is-

lam Miah, Irrigation, Flood

Control and Water Develop-

ment Minister M Majidul Hoq,

Communications Minister Oli

Ahmed and State Minister for

Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara

Begum gave statements to the

notices on matters of urgent

from Abul Kalam Azad, Works

Minister Rafigul Islam Miah

told the House that Rajuk

would give possession of land

to the allottees of Block J' of

Baridhara in the first part of

He said the delay in giving

possession of land to the allot-

tees was caused by a decision

of the Ershad government to

increase the number of plots

from the originally planned

200 to 800 when Rajuk had

not in possession of lands for

The Works Minister said

the applicants for the plots

had given an undertaking to

Rajuk to abide by its decision.

the excess 600 plots.

In his statement to a notice

zaman (Kishoreganj).

public importance.

the coming year.

Citing two books- one on Golam Azam written by Kam-The House was adjourned at ruzzaman and another by Abu 9.07 pm till 4 pm today by the Sayced- he said both show his Speaker, Shaikh Razzaqeue Ali. activities between 1972 and Earlier, the Jatiya Sangsad 1976, but in two different disposed of four call attention

Kamruzzaman said Golam Azam travelled various coun tries between that period for Pan-Islamic activities "to rescue Bengali Muslims from the shackle of slavery and also to save them from Indian secular

On the contrary, Abu Sayeed, mentioning same meetings in different countries, said Golam Azam's activity during that period was anti-Bangladesh campaign.

The attorney submitted both the books, saying the fact is that Golam Azam was in those places with a Pakistani passport, and neither was he stranded there.

The hearing resumes today at 10 am before the two-judge bench comprising Justice Ismail Uddin Sarker and Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury.

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over Bosnia The Dhaka bound launch

The gang forced passengers to surrender their valuables at gun points.

arms the Ansars jumped in the river to save their own lives. Two of them were injured who were later admitted to the Bhola Hospital.

The pirates afterwards stopped the launch at a shoal and decamped with valuables.

Kidnap fear grips city From Page 1 Col 5

school authorities sent a letter to the parents urging them to be more cautious while sending their children to school.

However, when contacted four headmasters - Moham mad Shah Alam of Willes Little Flower School, Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury of Udayan Biddyalaya, Rokeya Mannan of Agrani Balika Biddyalaya and M Mahtab Uddin of Engineering Laboratory High School said that they had not received any such threat and brushed them aside as rumour. Talking to some guardians

Tuesday, it was learnt that they

Launch dacoity in Bhola

From Our Correspondent CHANDPUR, Aug 4: Armed

pirates looted goods and cash worth about Tk 20 lakh from a passenger launch MV Sajeda Monday evening near Dhulaighat under Bhola dis-Witnesses said, the pirates

numbering 30 to 35 who were in disguise of hawkers and vendors also snatched the rifles from nine Ansar who were on board

with about 350 passengers among whom many were businessmen, started from Lalmo han under Bhola district at 2 pm Monday

After being robbed of their

heard about the threat from others but none could point out any specific instance.

Meanwhile, according to police. Mainuddin Ahmed Haider Rubel, a student o Class seven of Motifheel T and T High School has been miss ing since last Saturday. Another two students - Abdur Razzaq of Class seven and Shameem Anwar of Class six of Kafrul High School, Dhaka Can tonment, have been missing since last Monday. General di aries (GD) were lodged with Motifheel and Cantonment police stations respectively in this connection. A senior police official said

that these were most likely to be missing cases rather than being those of kidnapings Such incidents were nothing new, he added He said that police were yet

to receive any official complaint about any threat to kidnap school students in the city However several teachers

suggested that the law enforcing agencies should be alert so that any untoward incident did not take place.

Dhaka concerned situation

A spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday expressed serious concern at the worsening situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports

He underlined that Bangladesh fully supported the resolutions adopted by the UN Security Council, the extraordinary session of the ICFM held in Istanbul as well as other peace efforts. He called upon the Serbian

authorities to respect the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Bosnia-

Seen from the Gallery

From Page 1 Col 5 minded the Speaker that the

House was expecting a decision on the crucial issue of taxfee cars for MPs, he was greeted with spontaneous table-thumping from both the treasury and Opposition ben-

Instant consensus, and no prompting from the whips or deputy leaders was necessary. But Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali seemed too embarrassed to say yes or no.

"Hon. Deputy Leader of Opposition, would you like to settle the issue?" he asked Abdus Samad Azad, in an effort to extricate himself from the awkward situation.

Azad declined, and offered the "pleasure" to Deputy Leader of the House Badruddoza Chowdhury, who passed it back to Azad, who declined

Evidently, duty-free cars is something everyone wants, but the leaders don't want to be actually seen to be wanting it.

The matter ended without a decision, but not before Zainal Abedin Farooki of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party(BNP) had pointed out, somewhat apologetically, that a decision was also pending on special monograms or emblems for cars of MPs.

. The deliberations over the three Hill Tracts Local Government bills were surprisingly bereft of any fire, but the proceedings still managed to get stuck in a spot of trouble. Finger trouble, to be pre-

Former vice president and prime minister Moudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party took strong exceptions to certain remarks and gestures made by Awami League's Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder. Halder had not only called ety.

the Speaker was guided back to the proceedings by B.

Moudud and his JP crew 'autocratic" and "autocrats" but had also pointed his fingers at them while saving so.

Moudud felt such fingerpointing gestures were most unparliamentary and unaccept While he made his plea

against finger-assisted politics, Moudud's own right hand stretched out before him and his forelinger somehow pointed itself at the AL members. Uproar followed; the Speaker wanted to know whether Halder had pointed one or two fingers, and Moudud rescued himself by quickly re-directing his forelinger towards his own chest.

"Besides, the word autocracy is being bandied about so much these days that it is be coming quite popular Moudud guipped

"So you don't have any objections to being called autocratic ?", the Speaker said, joining in the quarrel among ex-family members of the AL of the 70s.

Prof. Dr. A Q M B Chowdhury showed he knew about more things than the human anatomy and the Rules of Procedures, when the Speaker's voice became inaudible on the floor of the House.

The Deputy Leader suggested that the Speaker should dismiss school for 10 minutes and allow the technicians to look over his microphone. That's the doctor's advice,

is it ?", Razzaque Ali enquired before doing exactly as he was prescribed. The mike's health was restored after 10 minutes, and

However, it was not known if the said ship carrying the Chowdhury using more sign languages than the wordy variwastes actually did arrive or

3000 Rohingyas cross into Malaysia

By Chapal Bashar Some 3000 Rohingya refu-

gees have crossed into Malaysia in recent weeks, well placed sources in Kuala Lumpur reached by telephone said yesterday.

The sources said that these Rohingyas from Myanmar have registered themselves with the Kuala Lumpur office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

However, details on their shelter or whether UNHCR office was paying for them were not available

Malaysia officially regards these Rohingyas 'illegal immigrants'. The Malaysian position on the refugees is that "they should be governed under existing Malaysian laws", the sources said, adding that the whereabouts of those who claimed to be Rohingyas was unknown.

*Maybe they are staying in Kuala Lumpur or have got jobs clsewhere in the country." said a source who mentioned that the UNHCR had already informed the Malaystan government about the Rohingya refugees. Malaysian authorities were verifying the claim.

The Rohingyas, who en tered Malaysia by land route mainly via Thailand, would have to prove themselves genuinc refugees to avoid being deported under Kuala Lumpur's current crackdown on illegal immigrants.

Though many Rohingyas were believed to have taken refuge in countries Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, the main brunt of heir exodus from Arakan was being borne by Bangladesh. where nearly 2,65,000 refu gees had taken shelter during past one year to escape military atrocities in Myanmar. Sympathetic to the plight

of Rohingya refugees en camped in Bangladesh, Malay sta has sent relief in cash and kind for them.

Airport uplift programme undertaken

By Staff Correspondent The government has under

taken a massive development programme for the airports in the country including ZIA. Civil Aviation and Tourism Sceretary Habibur Rahman said Tuesday The development pro-

grammes include installation of two electric boarding bridges at ZIA, turning of Chittagong airport into an international one, construction of new airport in Barisal, expansion of Cox's Bazar airport, and other renovation and reconstruction works at ZIA, Rajshaht, Syedpur, Sylhet, Shamsernagar, Ishurdi, Thakurgaon and Lalmonirhat airports, he added.

UK, Japan and France would help works implement the programme, he said at a press briefing during inauguration of the expanded arrival lounge at ZIA.

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Toxic waste

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The criminal indictment charged that the Gaston Copper Recycling Corp. of Gaston, South Carolina, generated the dust in its copper smelting furnace while Stoller Chemical Co's plant at Jericho, South Carolina, converted the dust into toxic fertilizer component, the VPI report said.

The indictment charged that Hy-Tex-Marketing of Beaufort, South Carolina, allegedly served as a broker for the hazerdous product. The fourth firm charged in the indictment, Southwire Corp., is the main stockholder in Gaston Copper Recycling. The three company officials

also charged were: Robert Weaver of Stoller, Arthur Heinel or Hy-Tex and Bruce Betterton of Southwire. In a separate indictment, the Houston, Texas, based

Stoller was also accused of dumping hazardous waste containing lead and cadmium in a wooded area near its Jericho plant. The Bangladesh government in June 1989 announced

a decision not to allow import of any toxic wastes into the country. The announcement came following press reports that a local firm was importing toxic

wastes for industrial purpose

into the country. Earlier, a ship loaded with toxic wastes was reported to be heading towards the Bay of Bengal to dump the cargo in the area.

Environmental groups in Bangladesh and other neighbouring countries, at the time, vehemently protested the use of the area as a dumpingground for toxic wastes of other nations.

The Midnight File

Commissioner to probe UP govt stand on Babri mosque

NEW DELHI, July 4: The Supreme Court today decided to appoint a Commissioner to independently investigate and verify the facts stated by the Uttar Pradesh government regarding the construction of a cement platform by Kar Sewaks on the acquired land outside the Ramjanambhumi-Babri Masjid complex at Ayodhya from July nine this year, reports PTI.

Many Iranian women held for breaking dress code

NICOSIA, Aug 4: Police have rounded up hundreds of women in Tehran and seven other Iranian cities for breaking strict Islamic dress codes, an opposition group said today. Enforcers of the code, including para military basis volunteers, patrolled Tehran streets on foot or motorcycles to 'harass' offenders, the Iraq-based Mujahideen Khalq said in a statement sent to Reuter. It said a large number of women were rounded up in the middle-class Gisha district in western Tehran on Saturday and taken by bus to an unknown location, reports Reuter.

DU student shot at

By DU Correspondent

A student of the Institute of Fine Arts received bullet injury on the Dhaka University campus yesterday Tuesday noon.

Mirza Tarafdar Lizli, second year student of the institute received injury in his left thigh at the Hakim Square near the Central Library of the univer

Campus sources said that some unidentified gunmen fired three shots one of which injured Lizli yesterday at about .30 pm

Lizli was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, but later shifted to Pangu Hospital or treatment.

Roadblocks

From Page 1 Col 8 halted mainly the relief vehicles belonging to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs operat-

ing along Cox's Bazar-Teknaf

region, where an estimated

2,65,000 refugees are living in 17 camps. The nearly six-hour roadblock disrupted relief opera tion for the refugees, they said, speaking on condition of

However, a contingent of police from Ukhia station cleared the barricades of logs and tree trunks without any confrontation.

anonymity.

The roadblocks were organised by Rohingya Refugee Repatriation Action Committee, a newly formed group of local people campaigning for a specific date for the start of the repatriation.

The committee has threatened to launch a strike on Aug 10 if the government fails to announce a specific time frame for the repatriation.

It has blamed foreign relief organisations and NGOs for what it said their anti-repatriation activity. A repatriation was due to

start from May 15 under an agreement signed by Bangladesh and Myanmar. But it was put off after the refugees refused to return home until the UNHCR is involved into the repatriation process, a demand Myanmar has rejected.

Many of the refugees say they fear persecution by Myanmar military junta if they return home without guarantee of security by a UN agency.

Disgruntled JCD workers continue hunger strike

By Staff Correspondent

Two of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) workers who have been on a hunger strike unto death have been removed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital at noon yesterday as they become sick.

Golam Gaus and Enamul flaq were among a number of JCD workers continuing their hunger strike unto death till late last night demanding abolitton of the newly formed JCD Central Committee.

PM's Bahrain trip

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closer relationship with a country fast emerging as a busy commercial centre in the re-Unlike its oil-rich neigh-

50,000-barrel-a-day oil output, is known as a trading nation. Apparently, there is hardly any scope for any effective economic cooperation with the

small state where bankers,

bours. Bahrain, with only a

agents and brokers dominate business activities. Some 14,000 Bangladesh nationals are working in the country and, officials say, the prospects for exporting more manpower seem improbable as the small nation does not re-

Foreign nationals make up 35 per cent of the state's population with the Pakistanis

ally have the capacity to absorb

outnumbering others. Officials also tend to suggest that the Prime Minister's visit is a manifestation of government policy to foster ties with the Gulf states, grouped as the Gulf Cooperation Council(GCC). Begum Zia, since taking over more than a year ago, has toured three other GCC countries — Saudi Arabia, UAE and

Kuwait. According to the officials, the visit is likely to yield two accords - one on setting up of a joint economic commission and the other on bilateral cul-

tural cooperation. Accompanied by a large entourage exceeding 50 mem bers including the Foreign Minister and a strong media team, the Prime Minister goes to the country at the invitation of Ameer Issa bin Salman at Khalifa. She is scheduled to fly

to Islamabad Sunday.

Kenyans angry

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instated as gold medalist in

the men's 10,000 metres. Skah was disqualified immediately after the final on Monday when officials ruled he had been helped by a lapped Moroccan runner. The gold was given to Richard Chelimo of Kenya but a Moroccan appeal was upheld by the IAAF's appeal jury on

Kenyan chef de mission Isaiah Kiplagat said in a statement that the appeal jury decision violated IAAF rules.

Tuesday morning.

'We further wish to state in the clearest terms possible that should this decision by the jury of appeal not be reversed. The credibility of middle and long-distance running worldwide is in jeopardy," the statement said.

*Consequently we reserve the right to take whatever other action our delegation may deem necessary."

The inter-African row erupted as China became the first nation to have an athlete expelled from the Olympics for a positive dope test in competition.

Volleyball played Wu Dan, 24, was found to have banned stimulant strychnine in her

Wu, who now faces a twoyear suspension from volleyball, told the International Olympic Committee's Medical Commission, she took a common Chinese folk remedy because she felt tired.

"I consider this an unfortunate case," commission chairman Prince Alexandre de Merode said. "She was very sincere. She

thought it was a good tonic."

But he stressed: "An athlete

should not be taking anything without consulting the team doctor. Officials, eager to stamp out the scourge of doping after the 1988 Seoul "Games of shame," have carried out about

1,200 tests since the

Barcelona Olympics began on July 25. Canada's-Ben Johnson was tested positive for steroids and stripped of his 100 metres gold medal in 1988 in the biggest doping scandal in Olympic history. Nine other athletes, including five weightlifters, also tested posi-

tive in Seoul. Fencers from the Commonwealth of Independent States proved how things have changed with the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Screei Kostarev said he and epec teammates would refuse to compete in their event un-, less they got promised dollar prizes for their World Championship win.

"We're talking about a total of 10,000 dollars from the whole Olympic bonus fund of 3.5 million dollars. This is just kipecks," said Kostarev.

Rudolf Nezvetsky said officials were trying to persuade the fencers to compete and to settle the dispute after the Ganres. But Kostarev said :"If we

CIS team spokesman

fence here without getting the last bonus we'll never get it."