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Due to shortage of space Rising Stars could not be published today. Rising Stars will be published regularly from next Saturday. Young readers, we regret. — Management

NEWS BRIEFS

Miscrants clash with police

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 14: Two miscrants with arms and ammunition were arrested after a clash between police and miscrants left two police officers injured in Rupashi of Rupganj thana today (Friday). Police arrested Babul (28) and Moslem (20) and recovered one revolver, one pipe gun and six rounds of bullet from their possession. The clash took place this afternoon when police challenged four miscrants who were travelling in an auto-rickshaw, reports UNB.

Repeal Indemnity Ordinance: CPB

By Staff Correspondent. The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) leaders Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and Nurul Islam Nahid in a statement on Friday demanded repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance. "On the eve of the anniversary of the assassination of Bangabandhu, we demand repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance to end all killings, coups and conspiracies in our national life."

UN Council okays use of force in Bosnia

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 14: The UN Security Council authorised Thursday the use of military force if needed to provide humanitarian aid to civilians in Bosnia-Herzegovina, including those in detention camps and jails, reports AFP.

The council also demanded that military forces in the former Yugoslav republic allow the International Committee of the Red Cross and humanitarian organizations 'unimpeded and continuous access' to the camps, where atrocities including mass murder and torture allegedly occurred.

In Resolution 770 — adopted by a margin of 12 votes for, zero against and three abstentions (China, India and Zimbabwe) — the UN Security Council asked UN member states to take 'all measures necessary' to make sure food and medicine got to Sarajevo and the rest of war-torn Bosnia.

Any military action would take place 'in coordination with the United Nations', but would not involve UN peace-

keepers at the Sarajevo Airport. The Security Council also adopted, unanimously, Resolution 770 which strongly condemns 'ethnic cleansing' in what was Yugoslavia and urges authorities to end all human rights violations.

Serb forces in Bosnia have been accused of clearing Muslims and Croats out of villages and towns overrun by Serbs. The towns people are reportedly either killed, taken prisoner or become refugees.

Both UN Security Council Resolutions 770 and 771 demand access to prison camps, prisons and detention centres. Resolution 770 requires detainees to be given 'humane treatment, including adequate food, shelter and medical care.'

In Berlin, the President of the Bosnian Red Cross, Muhidin Alicchajic, reported that at least 100,000 people were being held in 38 Serb camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina and western Serbia, and that torture, rape and other abuse were rife.

Resolution 771 also de-

mands that 'all military forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina immediately cease and desist from all breaches of international law and calls on member UN governments to gather information that could be used in future war crimes trials.'

Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Thursday warned the Security Council that UN peacekeeping forces could be endangered if the Council authorises the use of military force to deliver aid to Bosnia.

In Washington, US President George Bush welcomed passage of Resolution 771, which had been sponsored by the United States, Britain, France and Belgium.

'I call on the authorities in Belgrade, the leadership of the Bosnian Serbs, and the governments of Bosnia and Croatia to give their full cooperation to this effort,' he said in a statement released at the White House, 'we expect full cooperation.'

In London, Britain also said it was pleased with the resolution. British Prime Minister John Major, on vacation in Spain, has stressed his opposition to military intervention in the war.

But he has expressed agreement with the use of foreign troops in a protective role, such as supporting the UN-supervised humanitarian aid effort.

The UN resolution does not outline military options. These are expected to be hammered out by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Western European Union

(WEU) and/or the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE).

In Brussels, NATO military chiefs of staff and political representatives discussed proposals to send at least 100,000 troops to escort humanitarian aid convoys in Bosnia-Herzegovina, diplomatic sources said.

In Rome, the WEU decided Thursday to set up a group of military experts to discuss various military options in Bosnia-Herzegovina, delegation sources said.

But experts from the WEU (the European Community minus Greece, Ireland and Denmark) have, for now, ruled out using tens of thousands of troops to open a humanitarian corridor to ferry in aid, sources added.

In Prague, senior CSCE officials Thursday began a two-day meeting to discuss Yugoslavia.

The 51-member group (minus Yugoslavia which has been temporarily banned) is expected to 'give a positive response' to the UN request for

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Highlights

USE OF FORCE: Member nations should take 'all measures necessary' to ensure the delivery of supplies by relief agencies to Sarajevo and other parts of the country.

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES: All sides give the Red Cross and other humanitarian groups full and immediate access to detention camps. "Grave alarm" over reports of "ethnic cleansing," the forced expulsion of civilians.

At an extraordinary meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission in Geneva, the United States and Bosnia-Herzegovina called for a war crimes tribunal for those responsible for the most serious offenses.

In a letter addressed to the Council obtained by AFP, Boutros-Ghali said the UN peacekeepers, already in Bosnia-Herzegovina could be 'adversely affected' by a decision to use force to deliver humanitarian aid.

Anniversary of Sheikh Mujib's death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 17th anniversary of death of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be observed throughout the country today (Saturday).

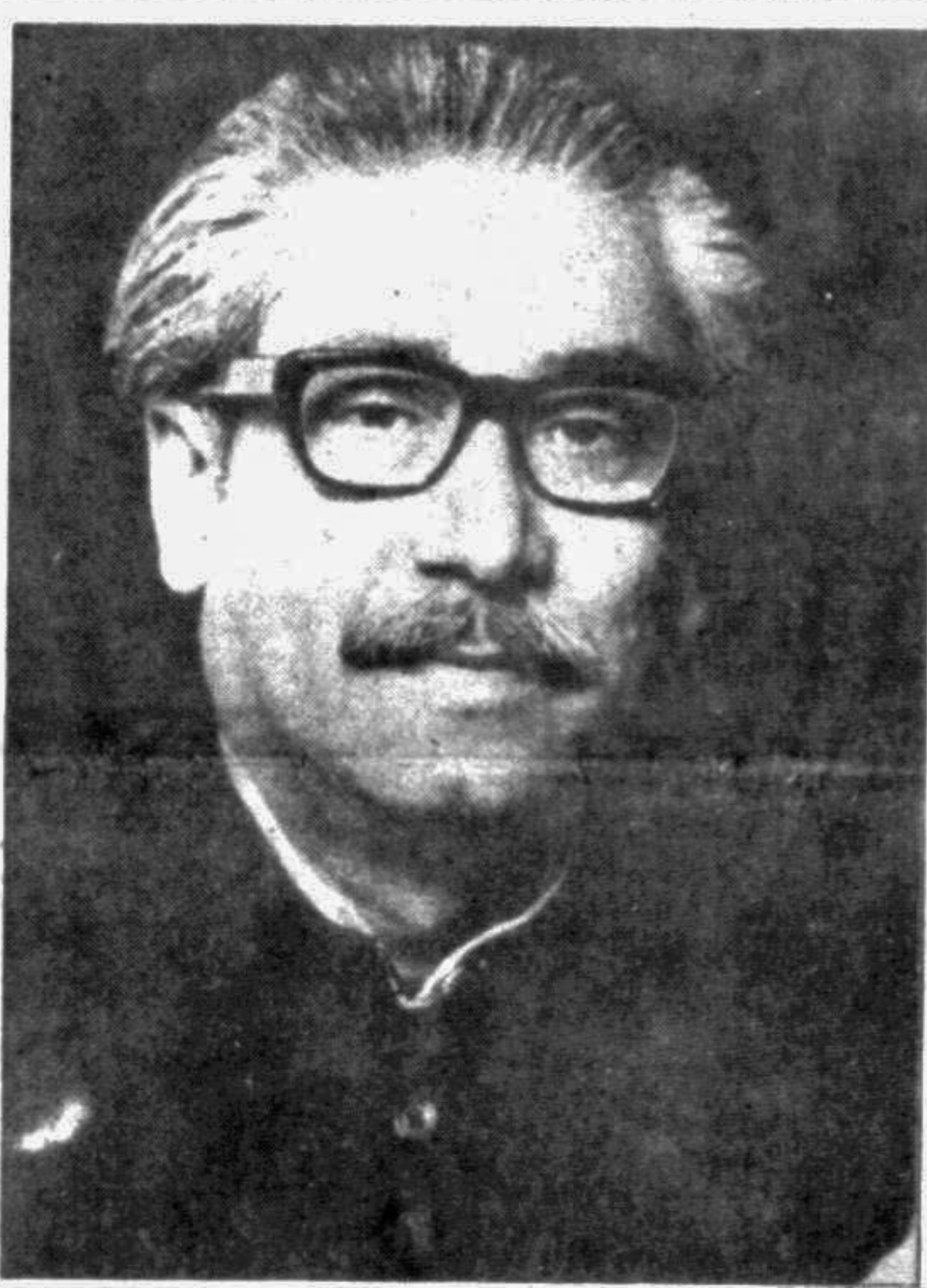
On this day in 1975, the Bangabandhu was killed at his Dhanmondi residence in a bloody military take-over.

Members of his family including his wife Begum Fazilatunnessa, three sons — Sheikh Kamal, Sheikh Jamal and Sheikh Russel, Kamal's wife, Sultana Ahmed, Khulst-Jamal's wife Pervin Jamal (Roscy), brother of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Nasir were also killed in the pre-dawn sloop on the house, now known as 'Bangabandhu Bhaban'.

Besides, nine other people including the then Minister for Power, Irrigation and Water Resources Abdur Rob Serriabat, and a nephew of the Bangabandhu, Sheikh Fazlul Iluq Moni were killed in the same incident.

The Awami League (AL), its

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Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

61.31 pc pass Rajshahi Board SSC exams

RAJSHAH, Aug 14: The results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) Examination of 1992 under Rajshahi Education Board was announced here today, reports UNB.

Prof Gazi Abdus Salam, Chairman of Rajshahi Board announced the results at a press conference this morning.

The percentage of pass is

61.31. A total of 1,20,958 candidates appeared at the examination and of them 74,171 came out successful.

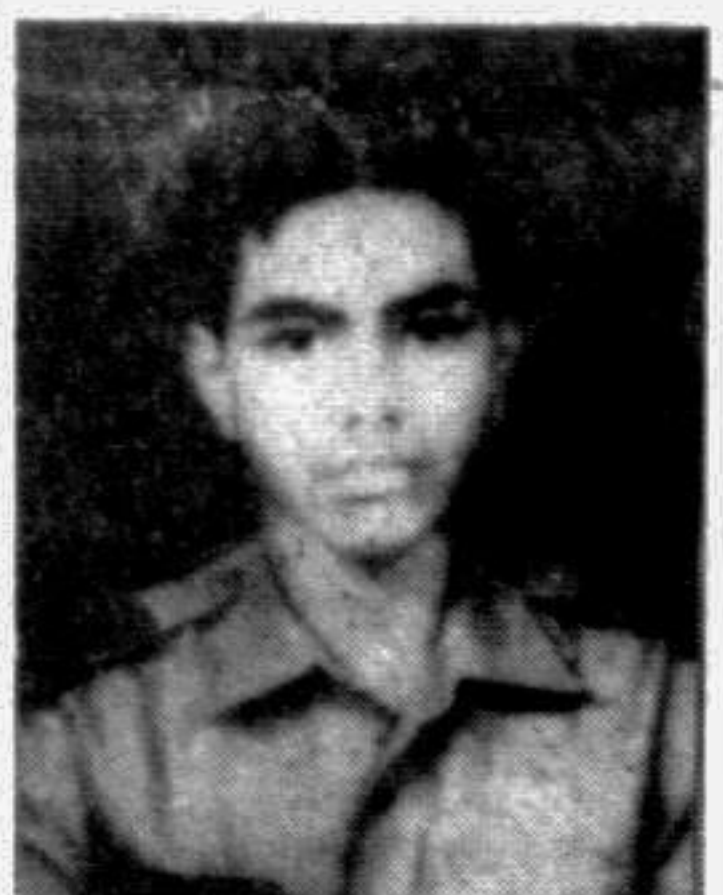
A total of 31,869 candidates passed in first division; 33,265 in second division and 9,037 in 3rd division, Rajshahi Board sources said.

Md Shafiqul Islam (Roll-Raj-3) and Mohammad Firoz Kabir (Roll-Raj-40), both from Ra-

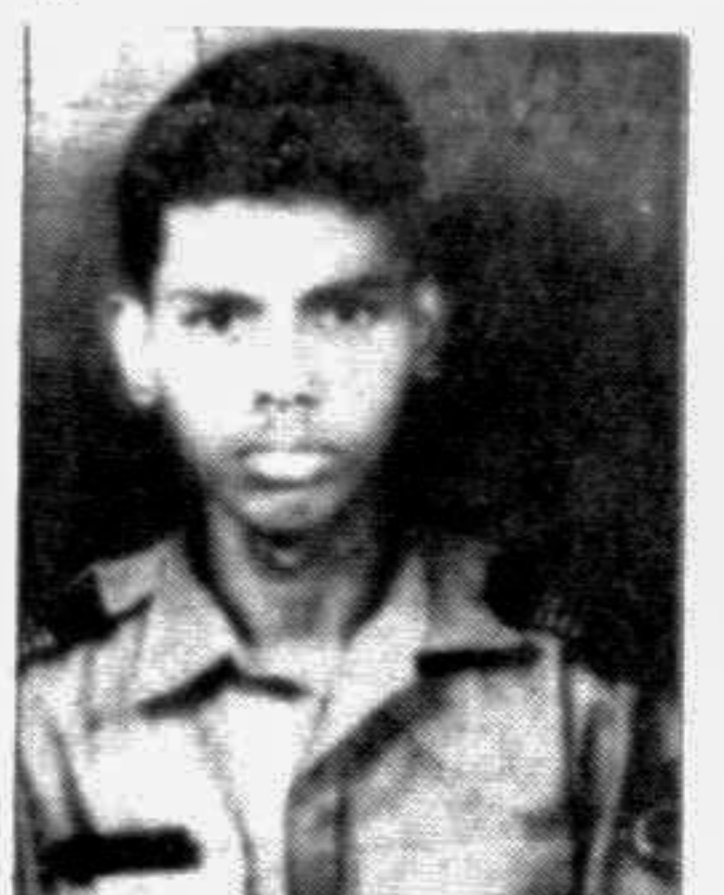
ajshahi Cadet College, topped the list jointly securing 901 marks with eight letters each.

While Md Arifur Rahman (Roll-Raj-10) of the same institution stood second securing 898 marks with seven letters. Md Mistahul Bari (Roll-Raj-552) of Rajshahi Govt Laboratory High School secured the third position securing 896

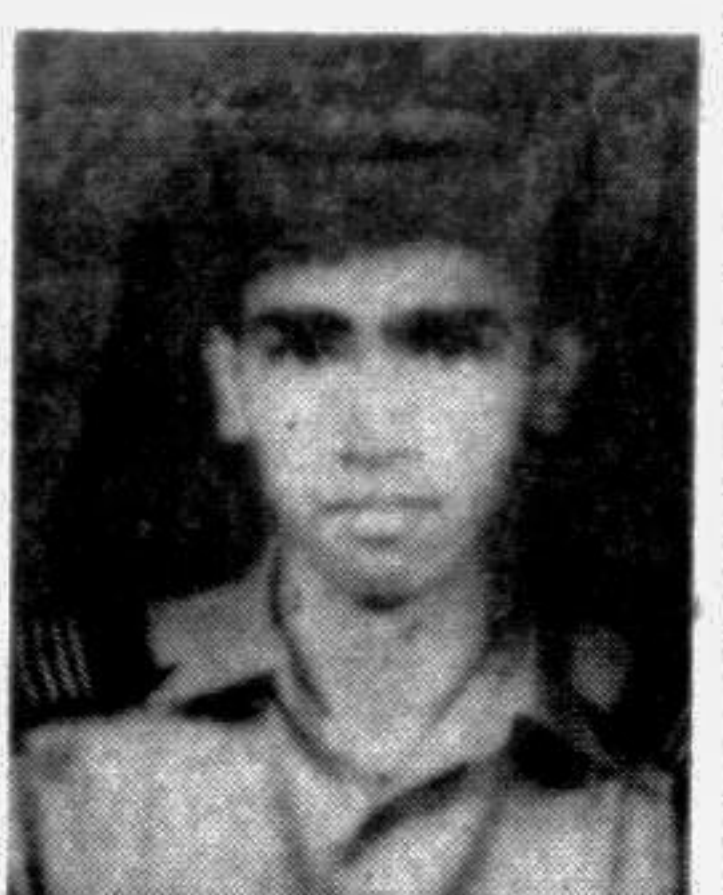
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Shafiqul Islam



Firoz Kabir



Arifur Rahman

Force government to scrap Indemnity Ordn : Hasina

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday (Friday) called on the nation to observe countrywide half-day hartal today to force the government to scrap the Indemnity Ordinance for full restoration of democracy and rule of law, reports UNB.

The six-hour hartal from 6 in the morning was called by Awami League marking the 17th 'National Mourning Day' today commemorating the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and members of his family in a bloody military coup on August 15, 1975.

"It is imperative to repeal the black ordinance in the interest of rule of law, justice and democracy as well as to end politics of killing, conspiracy and coup," Hasina said in a statement.

She said the enemies of humanity, democracy and independence had slain father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with members of his family in the

darkness of the night.

The savage massacre was designed to destroy the achievements of the Liberation War, culture and tradition of the Bangalee nation as well as obstructing the democratic process and economic development to perpetuate the country's dependence on external forces.

Hasina said that after the assassination of Bangabandhu, the infamous Indemnity Ordinance was promulgated to protect the self-confessed killers and introduce politics of killing and coup. "This black law was later incorporated in the Constitution through the fifth amendment — an unprecedented measure in the world history of democracy."

Recalling the joint declaration of the three alliances announced on November 19, 1990, she said the declaration promised scrapping of all black laws, including the Indemnity Ordinance, to end

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One more case against Ershad

Another corruption case has been filed against deposed president H M Ershad on charge of misappropriating nearly eleven crore taka in collusion with eight others, reports UNB.

An official handout said lastnight others involved in the case filed by the Bank Branch of the Anti-Corruption Bureau are former president's computer adviser Dr M Rafiquzzaman, former Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank and present Managing Director of Rupali Bank Mahbubur Rahman Khan, former Managing Director of Shilpa Bank Khandaker Sekandar Ali, General Manager Tanvir Hossain, Assistant General Manager N A Gomes, Senior Manager Anwar Hossain and Manager S M Hossain and Chairman of the Rafi Systems Ltd Lutfar Rahman.

The Tk 10,85,55,548 embezzlement case lodged with Motijheel thana stated the Shilpa Bank money was misappropriated in the name of setting up a factory in the country in 1989.

2 killed in road mishaps, three hurt in blast

By DMCH Correspondent

At least two persons including a boy were killed in two separate road accidents at Savar and Narsingdi Friday.

A boy was killed when a speeding truck ran over him on the Dhaka Aricha highway near Savar bus stand at about 10.30 am yesterday.

The victim was identified as Shiplu, 5. Fatally injured Shiplu was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries immediately after admission.

In another incident, Nasir Uddin, 22, was run over by a jeep at Barattola in Narsingdi at 7 am yesterday.

Nasir was fatally injured and rushed to the DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries at around 1 pm.

Police sent the bodies to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

UNB adds: Two men and a

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Sharif won't allow Hekmatyar to use Pakistan as base

ISLAMABAD, Aug 14: Pakistan will not allow its territory to be used as a launching pad for attacks against Afghanistan. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was quoted today as saying, reports Reuter.

His remarks appeared to be a blow to Afghanistan's dissident Hezb-i-Islami group, a close protegee of Islamabad throughout the Mujahideen war against the former Soviet Union and the recipient of huge quantities of military aid channelled through Pakistan.

The Hezb launched a deadly rocket bombardment on Kabul

this week in which hundreds of people have been killed or injured and which has drawn widespread international condemnation.

"Pakistan will not allow its territory to be used by unscrupulous elements engaged in undermining the territorial integrity of Afghanistan and the noble objectives of Jihad, the official APP news agency quoted Sharif as saying.

Condemning the attack on Kabul, Sharif had sent a signal to fundamentalist Hezb leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar that he had lost the support of the

Pakistan government, political analysts said.

AFP says, Hekmatyar, whose rockets have been raining on Kabul this week, has agreed to reopen the city's airport for one hour to airlift foreigners, his party said today.

The Hezb-i-Islami is ready to allow evacuation of United Nations personnel, Russian diplomats and all those who want to leave Kabul, Hekmatyar said in a statement by field radio from his Chaharslab base outside the Afghan capital.

Reuter says, Russia is getting ready to airlift personnel

from its Kabul embassy after shells killed two members of staff on Wednesday. Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Rozanov said in Moscow.

But continued rocket attacks meant that military transport planes put on alert this week had been unable to leave for the airport in the Afghan capital. Rozanov told a news briefing.

The United Nations Agency for Refugees said in Geneva on Thursday it was pulling out its staff from Kabul because of non-stop rocket attacks on the city.

AL calls hartal today

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Awami League has called for a six-hour hartal throughout the country today (Saturday) demanding passage of the Indemnity Ordinance (repeal) bill to remove legal bars in trying the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

This is for the first time the AL has called the hartal on August 15. The AL has also taken up elaborate programmes to observe the day as the 'National Mourning Day' across the country.

The AL and its front organisations brought out torch processions in the city and elsewhere in the country yesterday evening calling for making today's hartal a success.

Vehicles belonging to the hospitals, newspapers, Fire Service will not come under the purview of the hartal.

Mantu group BCL opposes today's hartal

The Mantu faction of Chhatra League yesterday (Friday) opposed the Awami League call for half-day hartal today (Saturday) and urged the government to broadcast special programme on Radio and TV marking the national mourning day, reports UNB.

At a rally in front of Jatiya Press Club yesterday in the afternoon, the Mantu group leaders also demanded of the government to declare August 15 as national mourning day commemorating the loss of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — the great leader.

The rally was addressed by

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Police unearth arms factory in Cox's Bazar

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 14: Cox's Bazar district police unearthed another clandestine arms manufacturing factory in a surprise raid early this morning in a hillock-cave in deep forest of Khurulia under Eidgar union of Ramu thana, reports ISS.

Briefing newsmen, superintendent of police of Cox's Bazar Faiz Ahmed said there was

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