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**Kidnapped boy recovered**

Cantonment Thana Police recovered one kidnapped minor boy Ismail Hossain Strajee (11), from Zia International Airport area on Friday afternoon, says a press release here yesterday. Strajee said that two persons made him unconscious while he and his brother were coming from Satkhira. Later Strajee was abandoned by the kidnapers in the city, reports BSS.

**JU dean polls tomorrow**

SAVAR, Aug 16: The election to the Deans of the three faculties and 33 teacher representatives to the senate of the university will be held on August 18. Voting will begin at 9 am at the teachers club and will continue till 1 pm, reports UNI.

**Girl kidnapped in Sirajganj**

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 16: Local mastans kidnapped a teenage girl at gunpoint this morning from Kalibari Surak when she was on her way to private tutor's house. Police said Sukeni Dey, a high school student of Gowriyaband was kidnapped at gunpoint at around 8.30 am. Sukeni Dey, is the daughter of Sumit Dey, a football player of Raipur Gauri Jute Mills, reports UNI.

**Housewife beaten to death**

MAGURA, Aug 16: A housewife was allegedly beaten to death by her husband in the town, police here said. Family sources said the victim Sahera Begum (22) was married with Mukul Mia, a worker of Magura Textile Mills, a few years back. But Mukul developed an affair with a girl of the same area. On the late-night recently Mukul picked up a quarrel with Sahera over the affair and at one stage he started beating her mercilessly killing her on the spot, reports UNB.

## Baghdad vows to fight to the last US, allies plan to bomb targets in Iraq today

NEW YORK, Aug 16: The New York Times reported on Sunday that the United States and its allies have decided to provoke a confrontation with Iraq on Monday morning that could lead to renewed bombing in Baghdad 'in coming days', reports Reuter.  
 The front-page New York Times report, quoting unnamed American officials familiar with US planning, said the confrontation would be over the right of UN inspectors to inspect Baghdad's most closely guarded ministry buildings.  
 It said the plan could lead to renewed bombing in coming days and the evacuation of UN personnel in Iraq.  
 In Washington, a senior

administration official told Reuters in an interview late on Friday that the United States was expected to take military action soon against Iraq.  
 The New York Times report quoted US government officials as saying the timing appeared calculated to give  
**NEW YORK, Aug 16: The US Air Force has secretly moved air warfare staff to Saudi Arabia so it can launch air strikes throughout Iraq if necessary, NBC news reported today, reports Reuter.**  
 President George Bush a boost during the Republican national convention, which opens in Houston, Texas, on Monday. Bush is seeking a second term in the November 3 presidential election.  
 Ceasefire terms imposed after the Gulf war required

Baghdad to open to UN inspectors any sites suspected of involvement in the production of weapons of mass destruction, which the United Nations is in the process of dismantling.  
 Iraqi President Saddam Hussein increasingly has tested international determination to enforce the ceasefire terms.  
 The official interviewed by Reuters said Saddam's pattern of violating ceasefire terms was clear and Washington was no longer going to participate in the recent 'minute' in which Baghdad's defiance was countered by US rhetorical warn-

ings.  
 "I think that one way or another in the not too distant future we're going to move beyond mere rhetoric", said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.  
 The ministry supervised Iraq's once-secret programme to develop weapons of mass destruction.  
 The newspaper said that if Iraqi officials barred inspectors, as they had threatened to do to protect Iraqi sovereignty, American carrier-based aircraft would bomb the building.  
 After this, the United Nations would demand access to Iraq's Ministry of Defence and any refusal would lead to its destruction. The New York  
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The EBL, pandal for launching ceremony in a busy Motijheel road. Star photo

## We are firm to create investment climate: PM

By Staff Correspondent



Begum Zia opening an account with EBL. —PID photo

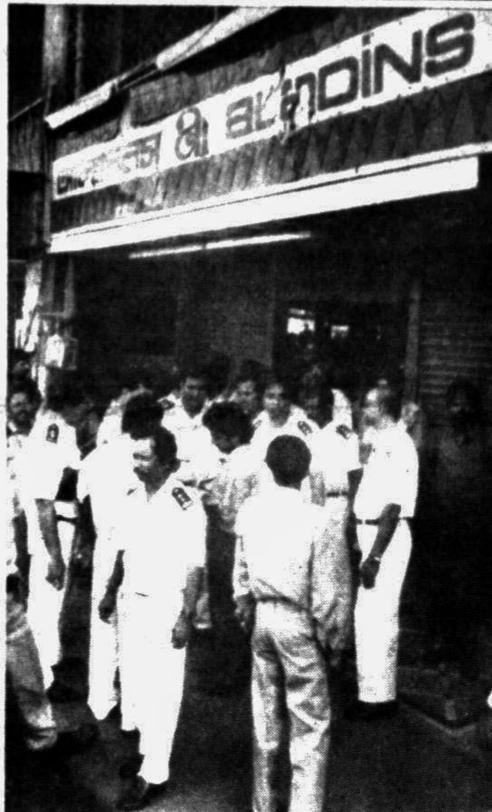
The Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday inaugurated the Eastern Bank Limited (EBL), the successor to the now defunct Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).  
 In her chief guest's speech, she assured that the new bank would be a secure one for the depositors adding that the government would not let any schedule banks face debacles in the future.

The Prime Minister further said the government had initiated measures for reforming the laws for the banking and financial institutions to restore discipline in the sector.  
 On the occasion of the opening of the EBL, a number of account holders of the now suspended Bangladesh Commerce and Investment (BCI), a financial investment company, staged a protest rally opposite  
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## VAT default NBR goes bitter on 15 city sweetmeat shops

Star Report

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) on Sunday closed down 15 sweetmeat shops in the city for failing to pay Value Added Tax (VAT) and penalties worth over Taka three crore.  
 Officers of the Dhaka Customs, Excise and VAT collectorate conducted the afternoon swoop and sealed the shops that included that branches of Aladin, Ambala and Maran Chand.  
 According to a Collectorate statement, these business establishments had collectively failed to respond to several notices and did not pay VAT since its imposition in July 1991. The sweetmeat shops did not even bother to complete the necessary registration.  
 The action against the 15 shops was taken for their not paying VAT and penalty dues of Taka 3,08,65,000.  
 A total of 87 sweetmeat shops in and around the capital have been identified for not paying VAT and penalty dues amounting to about Taka 11.24 crore, an official source said.  
 The government has decided to take identical measures in stages against the other shops too, the Collectorate statement added.  
 Messers Aladin Sweetmeat of 331 Chawk Circular Road  
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Revenue officials sealing Aladin's Sweetmeat shop in the city yesterday. —Star photo

## Bangladesh exporters not keen to enter Saudi market, envoy says

A Saudi diplomat in Dhaka yesterday said that political stability and law and order were the pre-requisite for attracting foreign investment into Bangladesh, reports UNB.  
 "I do not want to talk about politics... but politics and economics can not be separated," said Saudi Charge d' Affairs Ali Ahmed Abdul Wahab while exchanging views on trade relations between his country and Bangladesh with the members of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the afternoon.  
 Wahab made his observations following repeated plea from the chamber leaders for Saudi private investment in Bangladesh in the form of joint ventures.

Responding to suggestions from DCCI members on reduction of trade gap between Dhaka and Riyadh, the envoy was critical of what he termed "lack of initiative" on the part of Bangladeshi exporters to penetrate into the Saudi market.  
 "I found no Bangladeshi exporters making any sincere efforts to get into Saudi Arabia when even many a non-Muslim countries are doing very good business there," he said.  
 He wondered that many a Bangladeshi products enter into the kingdom through third countries.  
 "Bangladesh has quality tea to offer, but Saudi Arabia is buying tea from Sri Lanka. Quality mango grows here, but

the fruit comes from Pakistan. Even there is still not a canning unit in Bangladesh," Abdul Wahab said.  
 He said that Saudi Arabia is a potential market but very competitive. "As Muslim brethren, we want Bangladesh to come up, but you have to have sincere efforts," the Saudi envoy said.  
 DCCI President M Yunus and leading members of the chamber asked for preferential treatment, including reduced tariff rates for Bangladesh while exporting to the kingdom.  
 "Though we are close in relations, trade flow between the two countries has not been developed to a desired level,"  
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## Ratan Sen murder Court rejects bail petitions of 2 accused

KHULNA, Aug 16: The court today cancelled bail of Prof Nurul Islam and his elder brother Abu Bakar Molla, accused in CPB leader Ratan Sen's murder case, when they appeared before the magistrate, reports UNB.  
 Nurul Islam, professor of Bookkeeping of Azam Khan Commerce College, was taken on police remand for questioning, police said.  
 Abu Bakar Molla, an upper division clerk of Khulna Collectorate, was sent to Khulna Jail after the cancellation of his bail.  
 Both were earlier granted bail by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Khulna on August 2.

## Most UN staff leave Kabul amid fresh rocket attacks

KABUL, Aug 16: Most UN staff withdrew from the Afghan capital amid renewed rocket fire today after the Islamic coalition government in Kabul said it had expelled the dissident Mujahideen leader responsible for the bombardment, reports Reuter.  
 Only seven United Nations staff remained in the battered city after three car-loads left along the road towards the northern town of Mazar-i-Sharif, UN officials said.  
 Diplomats said they were

waiting for guarantees of safety before evacuating Kabul, where hundreds of people have been killed or injured by rockets fired by the renegade Hezb-i-Islami organisation since last Monday.  
 More rockets slammed into the airport and residential areas in the east of the city and around the presidential palace.  
 Five rockets hit the Russian embassy in the south of the city and spokesman Zmair Kaboulov said the compound had been targeted deliberately.

Two Russian staff were killed last week.  
 President Burhanuddin Rabbani told diplomats that he expelled renegade Hezb leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar last week from the ruling leadership council, an uneasy alliance of at least seven Mujahideen leaders.  
 Rabbani said he had also dismissed Abdul Sabour Farid, the fundamentalist Hekmatyar's nominee as Prime Minister in the government, the diplomats said. Farid

ended a visit to Iran on Saturday and was believed to be in Saudi Arabia or Turkey.  
 Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masood ordered his Hezb deputy, Abdul Hakim, to leave Kabul on Friday, Mujahideen sources said. "This is a serious situation," one source said.  
 "Professor Rabbani has no authority to make such an announcement and if he does he will be in violation of the Peshawar Agreement and in that event he will lose his po-  
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## JS body unhappy over cadet college admissions

By Mahfuz Ullah & Nurul Kabir

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Accounts has expressed dissatisfaction over the present system of admission of students into different cadet colleges of the country.  
 The committee, according to sources, advised the Defence Ministry to include parents' representatives in the managing bodies of the cadet colleges.  
 Sources said that the move was taken to democratise the management of cadet colleges.  
 The committee also asked the Principals of different cadet colleges to prepare a statement showing the income, profession, home district of the parents of the students for the period from 1986 to 1990.  
 The committee further advised the Defence Ministry to

ensure admission of students into different cadet colleges on the basis of merit and district quota system.  
 The committee also asked for information on the number of children of Armed Forces personnel who secured admission into different cadet colleges in the five-year period mentioned earlier.  
 Sources said, the committee observed that the scope of admission to cadet colleges should be widened on the basis of social justice.  
 The meeting of the committee, held recently, was attended among others by Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Adjutant General, Bangladesh Army and Principals of different cadet colleges.  
 The expenses of the cadet colleges are met from the bud-  
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## Judiciary yet to be free, says Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament, Sheikh Hasina, accused the government yesterday of interfering with the course of law.  
 "Golam Azam is not a citizen of this country," she said, "and his trial is being prolonged through the issuance of government directives which are making things complicated."  
 "It has once again been proved that the judiciary has no freedom," she told a meeting in the capital.  
 The Dhaka city unit of Mukti Juddha Sanghati Parishad (freedom fighters' solidarity council) organised the condolence meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in Dhaka on the occasion of the August 15 'national mourning day'.  
 Hasina attended the function as chief guest.  
 Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated at his Dhanmondi residence on August 15, 1975.  
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## PM leaves for Jakarta Aug 31

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will leave for Jakarta on August 31 to attend the summit of Non-Aligned Movement, official sources said here yesterday, reports UNB.  
 The 6-day conference of the heads of state and government of NAM countries will begin on September 1 in the Indonesian capital to take stock of the latest world situation.  
 It will be the 10th NAM summit after the last one held in Belgrade four years back.  
 Begum Zia will lead the  
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## RU issues show cause notice on GCO leaders

RAJSHAHI, Aug 16: The Rajshahi University authorities today (Sunday) issued show cause notice on the leadership of Ganatantrik Chharta Oikhya for violating the ban on political activities on the campus, reports UNB.  
 The Chharta Oikhya was asked to reply within 24 hours.  
 The show cause notice came after the Chharta Oikhya held a meeting on the campus today.  
 Earlier, the University authorities at a meeting Saturday renewed its ban on all political activities on the campus. The ban, initially imposed on  
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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
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