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PM returns today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia returns home today from Jakarta after attending the 10th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), reports BSS.

BFUJ election on Nov 30

The biennial conference of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) will begin on November 28. The election of BFUJ will be held on November 30, according to a press release of BFUJ Friday. The decision to hold the two-day conference and the election was taken unanimously at a meeting of the Executive Committee of BFUJ held yesterday, reports BSS.

ALWC meet today

A meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee will be held today at 10 am at the party office, says a press release. Party chief Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting, reports UNB.

UNHCR EC chief in city

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Bernard de Riedmatten, arrived in Dhaka last night on a five-day visit to Bangladesh.

Jamaat welcomes JMB tender

Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh has welcomed the floating of tender for construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge with a demand for provision of rail and gas line over the bridge, reports UNB.

Renewed gunbattle between JCD factions Two more DU boys fall

By DU Correspondent

Two students were killed yesterday when two factions of the pro-government Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) again fought a fierce gunbattle on the Dhaka University campus as a sequel to Sunday's clash that killed a former student.

The DU students Ashraf Al Azam Mamun and Mahmud Hossain were shot dead in the early hours yesterday. Another

student Nasrullah Khan Junayed was admitted to the Orthopaedic Hospital with bullet wounds. Junayed's condition was stated to be critical. Dhaka University authorities have declared all classes and the on-going examinations of the university suspended for two days from Saturday.

Mamun was a final year Honours student in Geography

department of the university while Hossain was a sophomore majoring in Islamic History.

Ashraf Al Azam was killed in a room of Surja Sen Hall and police recovered his body Friday morning from a underground water reservoir behind the hall.

Mahmud Hossain was gunned down on the Shahbagh

Road behind the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall. Doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital declared him dead after he was shifted to the hospital.

Witnesses said that some 30 armed activists of JCD, allegedly belonging to the Ilias faction, entered the Surja Sen hall at about 3 am Friday. The

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Police have been reinforced on the Dhaka University campus following yesterday's clashes.

— Star photo

Bosnia won't accept NAM compromise

JAKARTA, Sept 4: Nearing the end of their summit, leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) have been criticised for failing to deal effectively with issues confronting members, especially the Yugoslav conflict, reports AFP.

Despite agreeing to adopt a compromise resolution on the war in Yugoslavia which will blame all sides and not just the Serbs for atrocities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, NAM members were unable to deal with the issue effectively, said Bosnia-Herzegovina's Ambassador to the United Nations today.

The failure of delegates at the 10th summit of the largest organisation of Third World states to clearly state their

position on Yugoslavia goes against all the principles of NAM, Nerkez Arifhodzic told AFP.

But Yugoslavian delegate Pavle Jevremovic told AFP that 'reason prevailed', adding, 'We consider it a well-balanced document which should be adopted without difficulty. No ethnic group was mentioned.'

Describing the process of ethnic cleansing in Bosnia as a 'deplorable practice,' Jevremovic said it had been roundly 'condemned.' The compromise document threw its support behind the peace process kicked off last week at a conference in London sponsored by the United Nations and the European Community.

Muslim nations attending the conference here, who are angry at alleged atrocities against Muslims in Bosnia, clashed with mainly black African countries who wanted to avoid taking sides in an ethnic conflict.

A working group formed Thursday and presided over by Ghana buckled down to the task of reconciling the divergent views and carving out a compromise document.

During today's debate to thrash out a final text on the violence in Yugoslavia, Arifhodzic said, 'For us it is clear. There is aggression against Bosnia-Herzegovina. A sovereign country is fighting for survival and fighting against

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia arriving for bilateral talks with various leaders in Jakarta yesterday.

— AFP photo

PM, world leaders hold talks Dhaka to always stand by Palestinian people

JAKARTA, Sept 4: Palestine President Yasser Arafat told Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today that the new Israeli Prime Minister had been maintaining double standard. Though the Israeli Prime Minister appeared friendly he was ruling the country with an iron hand, Arafat said, reports BSS.

Arafat said Israeli rulers had been carrying out repression on the Palestinian people including women and children. Reciprocating Arafat's sentiments, Begum Zia reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to the cause of the Palestinian

people. She said Bangladesh like in the past would continue her support. She condemned the human rights violation by Israel and said Bangladesh would always stand by the side of the Palestinian people.

Begum Zia said she had strongly advocated for the realisation of the rights of the Palestinian people in her speech in the opening session of the NAM summit.

Arafat also recalled his friendship with Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman saying 'President Zia was my brother and friend. We to-

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NAM declaration tomorrow

JAKARTA, Sept 4: A draft of the final message from the 10th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here calls for the establishment of a new world order based on peace, security and economic and social justice, reports AFP.

The document, entitled 'The Jakarta Message,' says the new order should be 'firmly rooted in the rule of law' and the United Nations Charter.

'We are committed to the peaceful resolution of disputes in all regions of the world through a sustained process of dialogue and negotiating,' says the document, a final version of which will be issued at the end of the summit Sunday with a series of more comprehensive documents on economic,

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BNP has rehabilitated AL into politics: Huda

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the government was determined to wipe out terrorism and restore healthy academic atmosphere on the campuses, reports BSS.

He said the trouble-makers, whoever they might be or whatever their political affiliation, would not go unpunished.

Huda said on the March 7 address of 1971, Sheikh Mujib demanded the autonomy of the then East Pakistan now Bangladesh instead of liberation on the basis of six-point demand. Had the Pakistani regime acted in accordance with his demand the country would have not been liberated, he said.

The Minister said the BNP had rehabilitated Awami League in the national politics which was rejected by the people in 1975. BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia gave them the opportunity to formulate joint programmes during the anti-autocracy movement when Awami League had no position to make the people accept its independent programmes, he said.

The Minister was addressing an anti-terrorism public meeting at Jatra Bari square arranged by BNP Demra Unit.

Presided over by Salahuddin Ahmed, MP, the meeting was also addressed by BNP Dhaka city unit President Meer Shawkat Ali, MP, Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal President and Dhaka city Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, and State Minister for youth and sports Sadek Hossain.

Nazmul Huda said BNP believes in the national integrity and it wants to forge unity of people of all sections on the basis of Bangladesh nationalism. But the opposition political parties are trying to split

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CRY MY BELOVED COUNTRY: Kith and kin of Mamun, killed on DU campus, wailing over his body in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

Terrorism being spread in planned way: Hasina

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for creating moral mass upsurge against terrorism to restore healthy academic atmosphere on the campuses, reports UNB.

'Build moral mass awareness against terrorism for peace at any cost to restore academic atmosphere,' she told a workshop of Chhatra League, the student wing of Awami League, in Dhaka Friday afternoon.

Expressing her shock at the bloody incident at Dhaka University early Friday, Hasina said it is now clear to all who are responsible for unhealthy atmosphere in the university.

Terrorism is being spread in educational institutions in a planned way to destroy the academic life of our future generation, Hasina alleged.

She said no conscientious

people could remain silent in the wake of killings, one after another, in different places of the country, including the Dhaka University.

Hasina said the student community had pulled down the autocratic regime by fighting against terrorism but social life was yet to be freed from terrorism.

A handful of non-students and branded terrorists, she said, has kept some residential halls of Dhaka University as well as the general students of the university hostage for a long time.

The Awami League chief said 'evil mentality' of the ruling party to establish its supremacy in educational institutions by suppressing political opponents through terrorism had led to chaotic situation on the campuses.

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IDA keen to fund part of \$ 430 m gas project

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

Amid fears of gas supply shortages that could hit country by 1995, the International Development Agency (IDA), the World Bank's soft lending arm, has told the Government that it would finance a part of a proposed 430-million-dollar gas infrastructure development project.

The World Bank is ready to fund the 'transmission related components' and also plans to pay for the surface facilities, but insists that the Government find some bilateral or multilateral donors or seek private funding for development of 'critically needed' new wells.

Despite adequate reserves Bangladesh faces an acute demand-supply imbalance around 1993-94 mainly due to the de-

lay in completion of necessary production, processing and delivery infrastructure to meet the projected growth in gas demand.

The proposed Gas Infrastructure Development Project (GIDP), primarily estimated to cost 430 million dollars, represents a major portion of the gas sector's large investment needs throughout the 1990s, with key objective to alleviate the medium term gas shortages.

The GIDP also aims at initiating the balancing of the gas system, enhancing network flexibility, substituting gas for imported petroleum fuels, scarce biomass resources and promoting private sector participation.

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Menon 'overcomes' second surgery

Star Report

'I never compromised with injustice and I never will. We shall overcome.' Wrote Rashed Khan Menon prior to his being taken to operation theatre at the King's College Hospital in London Thursday night.

The note, addressed to his only daughter, nieces and nephews, party colleagues and friends, was faxed to Dhaka by his younger brother Badal and released to the press yesterday.

The lone Workers Party MP was operated upon for the second time in 17 days Thursday night after doctors detected haematoma in his liver.

The note, tinged with emotion emanating from the heart of a man fighting for life, bore a clear, unshaken signature of Menon.

The veteran left leader in his note mentioned names of persons ranging from only daughter Suborna to boyhood friend Rono to Workers Party office staff Hossain, Khaleq, Taposh and Habib Bhui.

During the three-hour operation, 'the necrotic portion of the liver was scrapped and the blood clot (haematoma) and pus was removed', a forwarding note sent to the family

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Delhi has assured steps to reduce trade gap: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman Friday said that he impressed upon his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh to introduce a more liberal trade regime in respect of Bangladesh to help reduce the huge deficit in bilateral trade.

Talking to newsmen at the Zia International Airport on his return from a 4-day visit to India, the Finance Minister added that he had also asked Singh to reciprocate in dismantling the existing trade barriers by reducing the duty structures and withdrawing import restrictions on Bangladeshi goods and services, which Dhaka had already implemented allowing unhindered entry of Indian goods.

Rahman said these steps were necessary to narrow the 1.3 billion US dollars in cumulative deficit, against Bangladesh, in bilateral trade between the two nations.

Terming the visit, at the invitation of the Indian Finance Minister as 'very fruitful,' Rahman noted that Singh 'Went out of the way to be very cordial' during the meeting. 'The Indian government is very sincere in wanting to co-operate with us,' he added.

The Finance Minister also conveyed Bangladesh's concern over the large trade imbalance with India while noting that Bangladesh imports nearly eleven times more, worth about Taka 800 crore a year, than it exports to India.

'What we are asking them to do is reciprocate our gesture and liberalise trade and lower tariffs on Bangladeshi goods and services,' he explained.

He said India could import fertilizer, newsprint, sarces and other items from Bangladesh to reduce the trade gap.

The Indian Finance Minister assured him, Rahman pointed out, of taking steps to reduce the trade imbalance between the two neighbouring countries. Singh also emphasised the need for opening the

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Manmohan may come by year-end

By Staff Correspondent

Indian Finance Minister Manmohan Singh is likely to visit Bangladesh by the end of this year. Briefing newsmen at the Zia International Airport yesterday after his return from a 4-day visit to India, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said his Indian counterpart had accepted invitation to visit Bangladesh. 'He is likely to visit Bangladesh by the end of November or early December,' he added.

Crime incidents surge ahead despite 'Operation August'

By Farid Ahmed

Despite the special anti-crime drive, 'Operation August' all over the country, crime incidents claimed 51 lives and left more than 300 wounded in the capital during the last month.

Death tolls in August exceeded the figure reported in July when 46 people were killed and nearly 300 wounded in different crime incidents like murder, suicide, clash, robbery, mugging and road accidents in the capital.

In August, eight people were murdered, 10 found mysteriously dead, 29 feel victims to reckless driving and four

died in other incidents in the city. In July, 10 people were murdered, six committed suicide, 24 killed in road accidents and five lost their lives in other incidents.

Monthly round-up

Following a drastic reshuffle in the Police Department, strengthening of anti-crime drive, crime incidents were comparatively low during the first half of August. But later on it marked a rapid rise. At the beginning of the second half, unidentified assailants' attempt on Workers' Party leader,

Rashed Khan Menon on August 17, had left the city dwellers including the political leaders in a terrible state of fear of insecurity.

Even three police men were also attacked by miscreants in August while they were on duty. A Sub-Inspector of Police Shah Alam was severely stabbed at Mirpur on August 5, a police constable sustained bullet injuries at Uttara on August 10 and the motor-bike of a police Habilder, Nurul Islam, was hijacked at gunpoint near Mohammadpur Police Station on August 22.

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