35 injured as protesters, police clash in N'ganj

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 6: At least 35 persons were injured. including two policemen, to day in a day-long clashes beangry protestors and police following the death of a rickshawpuller in a road accident in the morning.

Nine of the injured were admitted to the Narayanganj Hospital. Police arrested six protestors and two separate cases were lodged with the Narayangani thana.

The protestors damaged 12 vehicles during the clashes as most shops in the city centre remained closed throughout the day. All rickshaws stayed off the roads and only a few buses plied on the Dhaka-Narayanganj highway

Police resorted to lathi charge, used more than 10 rounds of teargas shells and fired rubber bullets to bring the situation under control.

Witnesses said, numerous eracker blasts were heard during the clashes which spread across the city's Mondolpara, Ukilpara, Chashara and Demra bus stand areas and continued up to 5 pm

According to police, Setar Hossain Gazi (25), a rickshaw

Classes of Sylhet

Polytechnic Instt

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classes of Sylhet Polytechnic

Institute have been suspended

with the apprehension of fur-

ther deterioration of situation

following a night-long firing on

union of the institute which

was scheduled to be held on

September 9 had also been

declared postponed. The stu-

The decision came follow-

dents vacated hostel.

Election to the students

the campus.

SYLHET, Sept 6: The

Rickshawpuller stabbed

puller, was killed on the spot

when his rickshaw was run

over by a speeding truck near

the DIT Market area at around

dent, a protest rally was

brought out in the area and

truck near the Railway Gate No

ried the body of the rickshaw-

puller in a procession from

Narayanganj Hospital. When

the procession reached the

Chashara area police forcefully

took the body away from the

the protestors and police

the secretary of the Naray

anganj Rickshaw Chalok Sa

mity, Shambal Mian, alleged

that although a police sergeant

was present near the place of

incident, he allowed the truck

driver to escape from the

puller was later buried by po-

lice at the local Pykepara

graveyard in the evening, po

The body of the rickshaw

Talking to The Daily Star.

Soon the clashes between

protestors, witnesses said.

spread all over the city.

Later, the protestors car-

the protestors damaged a

Immediately after the inci-

By DMCH Correspondent

A rickshawpuller was stabbed and robbed of Taka 3500 near Gabtoli at 12 pm Sunday.

The victim Md Belal, 24, was attacked by four to five miscreants on way to Shyamoli from his residence at Mirpur.

He was immediately rushed

to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with injury on abdomen and was operated Sources close to Belal said

vehicle owner Shajeeb

that he was carrying money of

A case has been filed with

would not impose any new

structed them to strengthen

the technical branch of the

banks and financial institu-

tions for improving the capa-

bilities of assessing and evalu-

ating the projects promptly

Make institutional arrange

ments to reduce customer ha-

rassment, he said adding raise

the trust and confidence of the

banks and financial institutions

by better delivery of services

Jamuna surcharge on various

monetary transactions by the

National Board of Revenue, he

said the government had al-

ready withdrawn the Jamuna

surcharge on monetary trans-

actions of all kinds and the

Jatiya Sangsad passed a bill in

Planning Minister A M Za-

hiruddin Khan advised the

bankers not to stop financing

mercial banks for default in

Igbal Mahmood, both former ministers in the Ziaur Rah-

man's cabinet said the bankers

were inhibited by their faults

during the autocracy. Now

M A Mannan said there would

be more new industries in the

country as the present demo-

cratically elected government

had taken right policy decision

in this regard. "We will finance

only the viable sick units not

the non-viable so-called sick

Finance Secretar

Nasimuddin Ahmed asked the

banks and financial institutions

to go ahead to reactivate and

finance new industrial and

tions Chairman and Managing

Directors informed the Fi-

nance Minister that things

were now moving in the right

direction and started improv-

S B Chowdhury said Taka 11

crore had so far been utilised

and another Taka 23 crore

under pipeline out of Taka 100

crore special fund generated

by the Bangladesh Bank to dif-

the non-performing industrial

ferent banks for revitalising

Bangladesh Bank Governor

Banks and financial institu-

agro-based projects.

industries.

State Minister for Textiles

there should be an end of it.

L K Siddigui MP and Prof

working capitals in the com-

the development banks.

Pointing to the collection of

The Finance Minister in-

regulation.

to the people.

this connection.



Growth of population is problem number one of Bangladesh. Not so always. Growth in the number of inmates of the National Zoo at Mirpur is an enriching thing - not only the zoo gets richer by way of its exhibits, but it can sell the new 'accessions' at a premium price to zoos around the world or exchange them with species not yet on our zoo. The other day the National Zoo was doubly blessed by the birth of four cubs to a Royal Bengal tigress and another four to a Gujarati lioness brought from India. Both the mothers are doing fine and the cubs frolicking and fooling around. Caution: The rare picture that their cages present of filial love - is also specially dangerous for the eager viewer. These predator mothers are the Photo Mohsin most ferocious when they are nursing their cubs:

ing firings and cracker explosions on the campus from the Friday midnight to early mornthe Mirpur police station. ing of Saturday. .

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best policy support package in the whole South Asian region, the Finance Minister said adding we were trying to accelerate the economy with our best efforts without endangering the bank money.

Rahman made it clear that there were no dearth of funds in the country financing industrial and agro-based projects but the entrepreneurs had to come up with sound project proposals to help the government boost production, create more employment opportunities and build a self-reliant Bangladesh.

The Finance Minister said the government had 'more than enough money to finance industrialisation and agrarian revolution. There has been more 'inflow of money than outflow in the banking system indicating sufficient fund at the banks which can be easily channelised to finance our industrialisation and agricultural development, he added.

Rahman asked the bankers to identify and advance loans to the sound projects to propel the economy. Bangladesh economy is not expanding despite a lot of reforms and policy changes as things are not moving he said adding but we had to expand the economy for the sake of economic emancipation of the people.

The Finance Minister asked the bankers to reactivate at least one hundred industrial units by December next. Give the industrial units working capitals and other assistances to make them viable and expedite the loan sanctioning procedures, he repeatedly told the bankers.

He, however, made it clear that all the non-performing industrial unit owners had to go to the banks if they need money for revitalising those enterprises.

Spelling out the mechanism of processing and financing of these non- performing units. Rahman said "If you bankers and Board Of Directors find any unit commercially not viable to finance, only then the state will take step to salvage that unit. But if it is within your reach and according to your assessment commercially viable to finance than for God's sake finance it and help the guy," he said.

He also asked the bankers to get rid of the regulations

Saifur: Sick units and said the government was now withdrawing all the regulations one by one and

A case has been filed against A K M Mosharraf Hossain, Industries Secretary during Ershad regime, for smuggling luxurious crystal items, wine glasses, flower bases, ashtrays and other materials from abroad evading duties, reports

AIDS

A recent AIDS conference in Amsterdam revealed that 10 million or more were estimated to have been infected with HIV, 80 per cent of those now catching the virus live in the world's poorest regions, largely in Africa and Asia.

among other saleguards.

also caused by blood transmis-

An alarming aspect of the disease is, infected mothers pass it to their babies, a phenomenon causing new con-

The Sick Industries Association has postponed its programme of demonstration in front of the Industries Ministry today (Monday) in view of government initiative to solve the problems of non-performing industries, reports

AL: Stop terrorists

From Page 1 Col 5 life and property and the government will have to take responsibility of any conse-

It held the government

ernment did not pay any heed to repeated appeals in and outside parliament by the opposition parties, including Awami League, for taking nonpartisan steps in halting ter-

patronisation of armed hood

Social crimes, including killing, hijacking, dacoity and repression of women, have made people scare and public life miserable. Ratan Sen was killed, businessman Fazlur Rahman Mona murdered and Rashed Khan Menon shot and wounded, the resolution said.

recalled that the situation was not so bad immediately after the independence of Bangladesh when anti-social elements possessed huge arms although freedom fighters had surrendered theirs at the call of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib.

The resolution said Awami League President Sheikh Hasina had ordered postponment of activities by her student front in Dhaka University and

Soldiers stand guard in front of a polling station as South Lebanon went to its final round of

requested the Prime Minister to do the same in a bid to help restore academic atmosphere.

"But without responding to the gesture of the Opposition Leader, the Prime Minister entertained branded terrorists in her Sugandha office"

students at Tejgaon Polytechnic and Dhaka Univ-ersity due to internal conflict in the Chhatra Dal, the resolution said the Prime Minister left for Jakarta instructing reconciliation of the two terrorist groups of her party without taking legal action against

Prime Minister and the terrorists encouraged the identified armed hoodlums to go for shooting and killing, it said.

agriculture sector.

It expressed concern at the unabated price hike of essentials and smuggling of jute across the border. The meeting called for waiving agricultural loans upto Taka 5,000.

ers were not being enlisted in electoral rolls with evil political motive before the municipal election and called for preparing a correct voter list to make future elections meaningful.

Bomb hurled at city school

hurled into the premises of the Green Herald International School at Mohammadpur in city yesterday morning.

- Star TV photo

Meanwhile , all the 19

act figure of the refugees. As the counting was going on by 435 enumerators, Riedmatten visited 4 refugee camps in Cox's Bazar and Tek-

He also visited several clin-

Riedmatten is expected to submit a report to the High Commissioner for the Refugees on his findings.

He is scheduled to call on Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Lutfar Rahman Khan, before leaving

The Midnight File

Traffic disrupted for three hours in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 6: Vehicular traffic of the port city was disrupted for more than three hours today (Sunday) as transport workers put barricades on different routes protesting arrest of a bus driver. Witnesses said transport workers blocked the roads as driver Yakub and his helper were picked up by security personnel after his bus hit an army jeep at Fatehabad in Hathazari this morning, reports

20 killed, 50 hurt in German bus accident

DONAUESCHINGEN (Germany), Sept 6 : At least 20 people were killed and 50 injured in a bus accident near this southwestern German city today, a police spokesman said. The accident occurred on an exit ramp leading from a main highway to Donaueschingen. Many of the injured were in serious condition, reports AFP.

Rafsanjani arrives in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, Sept 6: Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani arrived in Islamabad today for his first official visit to Pakistan. Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan embraced Rafsanjani as he stepped onto the airport tarmac at the start of his four-day visit. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was also present, reports Reuter.

Hasina : SAARC

From Page 1 Col 4 try to evolve ways to continue the process", the source said adding that Sheikh Hasina might propose hosting the next meeting in Dhaka in a bid

idea of such a conference had been conceived when Sheikh Hasina and Benazir Bhutto met in New Delhi in June last year. Both were attending the funeral of the slain Indian Opposition leader Raziv Gha

on "modular" basis. The committee also proposed that a separate revenue head be created for jails.

It asked the concerned authorities to maintain strictly jail disciplines and jail code and take drastic action against corrupt officials.

Cabinet body

discusses

jail reform

projects

A cabinet committee meet-

ing yesterday discussed 66

projects involving some Tk

9.63 crore to meet the basic

needs of prisoners as part of a

jail reform programme, re-

Committee meeting stressed

the need for immediate im-

plementation of priority ones

conference room with Home

Minister Abdul Matin Chow-

dhury in the chair, the me-

eting was attended by Health

and Family Welfare Minister

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf,

Social Welfare and Women's

Affairs Minister Tariqui Islam

and State Mini-ster for Law,

Justice and Parliamentary

Affairs Barrister M Aminul

Bangladesh Jail Reform Com-

mission headed by Justice F K

M A Munim and Brigadier

Halim's study and recommen

The meeting expressed

concern over the existing con-

dition in different jails and

sub-jails across the country

and decided to improve it as

Upgrading the basic ne-

cessities of the jail inmates

such as food, sanitation, toi-

letries, water supply, accom-

modation, bedding, healthcare

came up for discussion in the

central jail from Dhaka city to

Gazipur and Keraniganj, the

meeting emphasised imple-

mentation of the gigantic task

On the proposed shifting of

It reviewed the reports of

Held in Home Ministry's

of the proposed projects.

The jail Reform Cabinet

ports UNB.

Haque.

dations on it.

early as possible.

On Thursday, a division bench of the High Court or dered a commission to probe the allegation of deposed President H M Ershad, now in Dhaka Central Jail, about lack of amenities in prison.

Home Secretary Monzur-ul Karim, Health and Family Welfare Secretary Syed Ahm ed, high officials of concerned ministries and heads of relevant departments were present in the cabinet committee

Mostafiz, Myanmar FM discuss Rohingya issue

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman met his Myanmar counterpart U Ohn Gyew Sunday in Jakarta and discussed matters relating to the return of Rohingya Muslim refugees, reports BSS. The Myanmar Foreign Min-

ister expressed his willingness to continue efforts to take back the refugees. He said that time had come for both the countries to put behind irritants and move ahead to strengthen bilateral relations in all fields of cooperation, according to a message received in Dhaka.

Dhaka - Yangon From Page 1 Col 8

the international agency", the UNHCR official said He said the UNHCR will

provide all possible assistance to help the process of repatriation once it is started. Riedmatten said the main

objectives of the UNHCR are to ensure safe and voluntary return of the refugees as soon as possible and also to look after their welfare. More than 2,65,000 refu-

gees from Myanmar have been given shelter in 19 camps in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban

camps were placed under curfew from 8 am to 5pm today (Sunday) to facilitate fresh counting of the refugees. The step was taken to find the ex-

naf and had brief talks with the refugees.

ics run by the NGOs. Riedmatten arrived in

Bangladesh on Friday on a fiveday visit to have an on the spot review of the condition of the refugees who fled their homes in Myanmar following persecution by the Myanmar military regime. On return to Geneva,

Dhaka on Wednesday.

regional grouping. The AL General Secretary

Sajeda Chowdhury MP and

Abul Hasan Chowdhury MP will

accompany Sheikh Hasina on

the four-day trip to Pakistan,

her first to the country since

her father Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman led Bangladesh to

Leader is scheduled to meet

President Chulam Ishaq Khan

and Prime Minister Mian

opposition leaders will fly to

Islamabad where they will be

treated as guests of the Paki-

In Karachi, Bhutto's Paki-

stan People's Party (PPP) will

host the leaders. The Ramada

Renaissance Hotel of the city

will be the venue for the

ain, a member of the Awami

League presidium, will also

attend the seminar. Hossain

has been invited by the

organisers as a former presi-

dential candidate, according

formed the party of his going

to the Karachi conference at

Saturday's AL Working Com-

edly told him that he is free

to become part her delegation

when in Karachi or to continue

ers to attend the conference

are former Indian prime

minister VP Singh, Nepalese

Communist Party leader and

Leader of the Opposition in

the Panchayet Manmohan

Adhikari and Sri Lankan Free-

dom Party leader and Deputy

Leader of the Oppo-sition in

According to a diplomatic

source, Indian Leader of the

Opposition in Parliament and

BJP leader L K Advani re-

quested shifting the earlier

date, September 17, so that he

the Indian leader is not mak-

ing it to the conference yet

reportedly due to his preoc-

AL council

session may

be shifted

Star Report

council session of Bangladesh

Awami League (AL) may be

shifted to September 19-20,

earlier scheduled for Sept-

ember 18-19. Sources said the

dates may have to be changed

as the venue for the council

session is not available on

held at the Engineers Instit-

Small industries

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that the loan be utilised only to

set up small industries in the

private sector, sources in the

Economic Relations Division

(ERD) said adding that the

government had finally ac-

unwilling to sanction the

credit for large-scale indus-

tries as sanctioned loans were

not utilised properly over the

past years and consequently

the authorities failed to realise

huge amount of loans from the

defaulting entrepreneurs. The

government is due Tk 2800

crore in loans from the large-

They said that the WB was

cepted the condition.

scale industrialists.

The council session will be

according to sources.

September 18.

ution, Dhaka.

The dates of the biennial

The council session was

The organisers did so but

The other opposition lead-

remaining out of the team.

Dr Hossain formally in-

Sheikh Hasina has report-

Meanwhile, Dr Kamal Hoss-

On Wednesday, the visiting

Nawaz Sharif on Thursday.

The Bangladesh Opposition

Liberation in 1971.

stan government.

to a source.

mittee meeting.

Parliament

Bandarnaika.

could attend.

cupation at home.

to make it an annual event.

The source said that the ndi, a former prime minister.

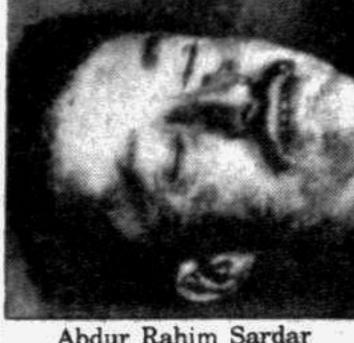
The source said that Hasina would also speak on the physi cal security to the opposition leaders.

"We have not received any agenda but it is expected that these highly experienced lead-ers will set the stage to do something substantial in future", the source said hinting at the possibility of a

Headman From Page 1 Col 7

As the news of his death reached Babu Bazar and Badamtoli, the two biggest rice wholesale markets in the city, the owners and workers instantly shut the godowns and marched to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a procession. They later held a rally near the Jatiya Press Club in the afternoon. The rally was addressed by

labour leaders Khalilur Rahman Dewan, Akhter Hossain, and Abu Saleq, Publicity Secretary of the rice godown owners association.



Abdur Rahim Sardar

The leaders announced strike for an indefinite period They also demanded punishment of the killers and security for market places. The claimant of the money,

Shah Alam, a rice merchant, who went to the Uttar Bango Rice Agency to buy rice, lodged a case with Kotowali police in this connection. Kotowali police said, they

raided several places but were yet to make any arrest. Local people said that an-

other rice merchant, Mesbauddin, was also robbed of Taka 57,000 at Babu Bazar about two weeks ago.

NAM summit From Page 1 Col 7

The draft reaffirmed NAM's support of basic human rights, but added that no country "should use its power to dictate its concept of democracy and human rights or to impose conditionalities on others. NAM was determined to

play a role in revitalising, restructuring and democratising the United Nations, including the establishment of a working group designed to set out concrete ways it could happen. The movement's coordinat-

ing bureau at the United Nations should "define priority issues ... including those related to the functioning of the Security Council and the strengthening of the role of the General Assembly."

The Jakarta Message urged greater coordination between NAM members at the United Nations.

Through dialogue and co. operation, we will project our movement as a vibrant, productive and genuinely interdependent component of the mainstream of international relations," it said.

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The new loan, according to sources, would be distributed among bonafide entrepreneurs through the private scheduled banks to set up small indus-

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Another case against Mosharraf

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and Myanmar (Burma).

Scientists, still unable to invent a drug to halt AIDS' deadly sweep worldwide, advise safe sex that would require men to use condoms,

Though mainly a sexuallytransmitted disease, AIDS is

Sick Industries Assoc postpones programme

polls yesterday. Story on Page 5

solely responsible for creating a "disastrous" situation in the country and said it is the responsibility of the government which controls the law enforcing agencies to end terrorism.

"Henceforth, people do not want to witness any acts of terrorism", the resolution said warning that they will not tolerate it in future.

The meeting said the gov-

rorism. Rather, politicisation of administration and continued lums have plunged the society into a state of insecurity.

In this context, the meeting

Referring to the killing of

The "amity" between the

In a separate resolution, the meeting said the BNP government had failed to take steps in the interest of farmers and production, and criticised withdrawal of subsidy from

It alleged that eligible vot-

A country-made bomb was