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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Due to unusual pressure on our printing facility, and in spite of our best efforts and intentions, we are constrained to bring out an 8-page issue instead of our regular 12-page issue today. Therefore, National, Feature and one page each of Business and Sports have been dropped from today's issue. Inconvenience caused to our valued readers is deeply regretted.

Today's issue of The Daily Star contains 24 pages. Price remains unchanged at Tk 4.00 per copy.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

**Housewife's bid to kill herself**

By DMCH Correspondent  
A young housewife, Setara, lost both of her legs when she jumped under a running train near Kawran Bazar rail crossing in the capital Tuesday morning. The 22-year-old housewife reportedly attempted to end her life following a row with her husband, relatives said.

**4 to contest from Rajbari-1**

Four persons will now contest the by-election on Jatiya Sangsad-207 Rajbari-1 constituency after withdrawal of candidacy by three persons yesterday, the last day of withdrawal, according to Election Commission press release in Dhaka. The candidates are: Nurul Islam, Munshi Abdul Latif, M A Khaleque and Kazi Keramat Ali. Polling in the by-election of the constituency will take place on October 12, reports BSS.

**DU student stabbed**

By DMCH Correspondent  
A Dhaka University fresher was stabbed by unidentified men at Mirpur Tuesday night. Nur Mohammad, 22, a first-year student of Sociology, was reportedly taken to the Chirakhana Road near the Sony cinema hall at 8.30 pm and stabbed in the buttock. The wounded young man, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

## Repatriation begins 47 Rohingyas sent back home

By Farid Hossain

Fortyseven Rohingya refugees were sent back to Myanmar (Burma) on Tuesday marking the start of a repatriation, earlier stalled by the refugees' violent protests. Government officials reached by telephone at Cox's Bazar said 11 families comprising 47 people were ferried by a boat from Teknaf to Myanmar's frontier town of Maungdaw around 7:30 am. They said Ziauddin Ahmed, the chief relief official at Rangikhal transit camp from where the refugees were picked, escorted them to Myanmar. The Myanmar officials greeted the returnees with flowers and took them immediately to their reception camps serving them breakfast and some essential materials. Commissioner of Chittagong Division Omar Faruk, district commissioner at Cox's Bazar

Enamul Kabir and other senior civilian and BDR officials saw the refugees off at Teknaf. The officials said the refugees returned home voluntarily keeping with Bangladesh government's policy of voluntary repatriation. In Dhaka chief of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Darioqush Bayandor said they were informed of the repatriation on Tuesday morning by the government officials. "We have been told by government officials that 47 refugees were repatriated this morning," Bayandor said. However, he said "no UNHCR official was present during the repatriation nor the Mission was informed about it before it started." Bayandor said the UNHCR Mission was in contact with

the government officials in Dhaka and Cox's Bazar to "obtain clarification of the circumstances of the movement (repatriation)." Government officials did not give details about the composition of the refugees or how many men, women or children. But they said more people were expected to be repatriated this week. The repatriation was scheduled to start from May 15 under a Bangladesh-Myanmar agreement signed on April 28. But it was put off after the refugees said they would not return home unless the UNHCR supervised their repatriation. Since then Bangladesh and Myanmar held eight rounds of repatriation talks. Another round of meeting is scheduled for next week. See Page 8 Col 3



Rohingya refugees on the eve of their return home, yesterday. — Star photo

## Task force to step up mass literacy

The government Tuesday formed a task force to recommend steps to intensify the mass literacy campaign and strengthen the country's primary education system, reports UNB.

A high level meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia last night, underlined the need for making the national programmes on mass and primary education into a social movement for their success. The meeting discussed three ways and means of intensifying country's formal and non-formal education systems and stressed the need for community involvement of teachers, students, imams and social leaders in the government's efforts in this regard. Lack of adequate infrastructural facilities was identified as a major problem for implementation of the national programmes. It was the first such meeting since creation of a separate Primary and Mass Education Division aimed at gearing up and properly implementing the education programmes to which the government attached topmost priority.

## Biswas, Khaleda greet King Fahd

President Abdur Rahman Biswas has felicitated King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud of Saudi Arabia on the occasion of its National Day, reports BSS. In a message to King Fahd, President Biswas expressed his confidence that the existing long-standing close relationship and brotherly cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Bangladesh would continue to develop in various fields to the mutual benefit of the two peoples. President Biswas expressed his best wishes for the personal well-being of the King and progress and prosperity of the people of Saudi Arabia. In another message Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also has felicitated King Fahd on the occasion of its National Day. The Prime Minister expressed her admiration for King Fahd saying that under his wise leadership and guidance Saudi Arabia achieved tremendous progress and development in all walks of life. See Page 8 Col 8

## 1113 tonnes of toxic fertilizer distributed

By S Y Bakht

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) has already distributed 1113 tonnes of toxic fertilizer, imported from the United States earlier this year, before deciding against its distribution, an Agriculture Ministry source said. The total import amounts to 3132 tonnes. The distribution of the toxic fertilizer was carried out virtually ignoring a timely warning from the US embassy that the consignment, imported as zinc oxy-sulphate, might contain hazardous toxic substances, the source added. Distribution was finally discontinued only after the embassy confirmed that the consignment contained highly toxic arsenic compounds. BADC is currently in a tough spot about what to do with the remaining stock of 2019 tonnes of the toxic fertilizer. Of the stock, 1717 tonnes

are being stored at BADC's Shirimoni godown in Khulna while 267 tonnes remain in Chittagong and another 35 tonnes are in various distribution points around the country, the ministry source said. The consignment was accepted despite various other irregularities detected in the first consignment of the same order, the source noted, and BADC even lodged a claim against the supplier. The corporation, with the necessary clearance from the Ministry of Agriculture, received the consignment of 3132 tonnes on January 16 after conducting a single test to check on the US embassy warning. In a letter to the BADC chairman in mid-December 1991, US embassy Economic and Commercial Officer William Christopher Walker

## UNGA ready to suspend Y'slavia

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 22: Yugoslavian Premier Milan Panic's 11th hour attempt to postpone his country's banishment from the General Assembly has failed, and Serb-ruled Yugoslavia will be suspended Tuesday, diplomats said, reports AP. In the face of his country's suspension, Panic lashed out at the UN system in a letter sent Monday night to the 178 other UN members. "What is at stake is not only the status of Yugoslavia, a founding member of the United Nations, but in the long run the vital interests and rights of all small states. Today it is Yugoslavia, tomorrow it may as well be any other Member State of the United Nations," he wrote. As the General Assembly resumed its annual debate, South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo decried the carnage in the Yugoslavian republics as a sign

of the worst aspects of the new world disorder. "Watching the tragic bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia, I could not help but feel that a long and torturous road still remained before we could secure lasting peace in our world," Roh said in his speech to the delegates. The assembly was to vote late Tuesday evening on a Security Council recommendation that Yugoslavia — now consisting only of Serbia and its small ally Montenegro — lose its voting rights in the General Assembly. The only previous nation to have its General Assembly voting rights suspended is South Africa, which lost them in 1974 because of its continued policy of racial segregation called apartheid. South Africa remains a UN member. Suspension from the General Assembly means Yugoslavia will not be able to vote or speak out in debates.

## Menon leaves hospital

Rashed Khan Menon left King's College Hospital in London yesterday (Tuesday) with the clearance from doctors, reports UNB. "His condition is now good, but he lost 50 pounds," said Nasiruddin Yusuf Bachchu, president of the Group Theatre Federation, who talked to Menon over phone thrice yesterday. Menon, a prominent opposition MP and General Secretary of Bangladesh Workers Party, suffered bullet wounds in his chest in a gun attack on August 17 and left for London on September 29. He stayed in the London hospital 22 days, and doctors okayed his health condition. He was shifted to a private house in London where he will have to stay about two months for regular medical checkup. Yusuf said Tuesday night.

## Hasina names Momen, Dr Selim as Presidium members

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday (Tuesday) nominated Abdul Momen and Dr Mohammad Selim as members of the party presidium, reports UNB. Earlier, names of 11 members of the 13-member Presidium were announced at the end of the two-day council early Monday. Hasina also nominated Momtaz Hossain as Social Welfare Secretary and Siddique Rouf Khan as Assistant Office Secretary of the Central Committee. **Jute worth Tk 1 cr gutted in N'ganj**  
From Our Correspondent  
NARAYANGANJ, Sept 22: A godown with a stock of jute worth Taka one crore was gutted in a fire this evening. Fire originated in the godown of Sonali Ansh, a subsidiary unit of Beximco located in Khanpur under Narayanganj thana, at 7:10 pm and continued till 10 pm when the report was last received. Fire Service men from Hajiganj, Mandol Para, Demra and Postagola rushed to the spot. The police also arrived there. See Page 8 Col 2

## 15000 housing plots for low income groups likely

Government is now formulating three separate long-term new master plans for Dhaka, Chittagong and Khulna metropolitan cities for an integrated massive development, planned and proper urbanisation, resolving the acute housing problems, flood control and creating employment opportunities, reports BSS. In an exclusive interview with BSS Tuesday Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia said the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had undertaken formulation of a massive programme to build new 15000 residential plots for the low and middle income people in the country to reduce the prevailing acute housing problem by 1993, apart from the

programmes now under implementation. The priority of the new democratic government is to create more and more small housing plots and flats for the lower and middle income earners instead of the policy of large plots for the affluent as pursued by the ousted autocrat Ershad regime, he said. Mia, also Joint Secretary General of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), said a new master plan was now underway for the integrated and planned development of the capital Dhaka metropolitan city with the financial assistance from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and would take two years to complete the work. Spelling out the various new

measures, steps and programmes undertaken by the Works Ministry, he said Rajuk had already been implementing several new projects for resolving the housing problem in the city in a planned way. Nikunja residential area near Khilkhet with 398 plots, Yusufonj residential area on the eastern side of the Zia International Airport with 16,000 plots and Panchabati residential area of Narayanganj with 3,091 plots are now under progress, the Works Minister said. Mia, a front ranking leader of the anti-autocracy movement, pointed out that there had been large scale irregularities, misuse of government funds, corruption and nepo-

## Cow's milk causes diabetes?

By Staff Correspondent  
Cow's milk increases the risk of diabetes? Scandinavians have undertaken a study to ascertain the extent of the danger. Several thousand children in Norway, Sweden and Finland with diabetic heredity factors will take part in the test. Half of the participants will be nursed by their mothers, while the rest will receive cows' milk as a supplement or substitute for breast milk. "We think that cows' milk could be one of the factors that triggers the disease in children who have diabetic siblings or parents, and thus are genetically at risk," says a top paediatrician in Oslo. Studies in Norway and Finland See Page 8 Col 8

## 65 pc households in city have no sewerage lines

By Rahat Fahmida

More than 65 per cent of households in capital Dhaka have no access to the metropolitan city's sewerage lines, most of them are using septic tanks, according to a recent study of Dhaka University-based Centre for Urban Studies. The study, handed to The Daily Star this week, revealed that sewerage network exists only in parts of Dhaka, a city of 70 lakh people. Residents in other major cities like Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna depend mainly on septic tanks, bucket latrines and pit latrines. Explaining the findings of the study director of the centre of CUS Dr Nazrul Islam

cited high installation and maintenance costs for sewerage lines as one of the reasons for poor sanitation facilities in Dhaka and other cities. He said the urban drainage systems are "inadequately designed and they are used to discharge storm water as well as transport sullage. Thus problems of clogging, inundation and stagnation arise due to inadequate cleaning." The sanitary situation is, however, worse in district towns, according to the study which has found that only 12 per cent of residents in district towns use septic tanks, 10 per cent pit latrines and 5 per cent bucket latrines. About See Page 8 Col 8

## 26 out of 72 Shishu Kalyan schools closed down

By Sharier Khan

Twenty-six of the Shishu Kalyan Trust free primary schools, formerly Pathakali schools, have been shut down due to lack of proper supervision in the last two years. After the change of government in December '90, the number of the Pathakali schools has come down to 46 from 72. Through renaming the Pathakali Trust as Shishu Kalyan Trust at a high level meeting August 26, the government gave a thrust to carrying on the operations of the Trust, according to concerned sources. Shishu Kalyan Trust is a non-profit organisation set up in July 1989 under the patronage of the then President

Ershad with the view to upgrading and educating working street children. The sources said that the changing of the name of the Trust would not necessarily change its infrastructure. The August meeting meantime requested a Trustee member F H Abed to formulate a project for the Trust that may get funds from donor sources. The Shishu Kalyan schools are being supervised by Deputy Commissioners (DCs) at the district level while only six schools out of the 46 located in Dhaka and Narayanganj are directly supervised by the Trust. Following the change of See Page 8 Col 7

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