Bosnian president in Lahore

Altja Izetbegovic arrived in Lahore early today for an official

visit to Pakistan aimed at consolidating bilateral relations.

izetbegovic, who is to start his two-day official visit in Islam-

abad on Sunday, flew to Lahore from New York where the UN

General Assembly voted not to allow Scrbia and Montenegro

to inherit Yugoslavia's seat in the world body. In a statement

in New York before his departure for his first visit to Asia, the

Bosnian leader said he would explain the situation in his

country and its needs to "our brother" in Pakistan, reports

Kennedy's father-in-law

convicted of defrauding

in-law, Edmund Reggie, was convicted Saturday of defrauding

a savings and loan. Reggie, who founded Arcadia Savings and

Loan in 1957, was convicted on two counts of fraud, and the

thrift's former president, Kenneth Comeaux, was convicted

on one count. Each charge carries a possible sentence of five

years in prison and a dirs 5,000 fine, US District Judge John

Shaw has not set a sentencing date. Reggie was acquitted of a

third charge that he illegally charged a borrower dirs 14,000

in closing costs on a loan, the office said, reports AP.

LAFAYETTE La, Sept 26: Sen Edward M Kennedy's father-

ISLAMABAD, Sept 26: The president of Bosnia-Herzegovina

3000 Muslims killed in Serbian camps: US

United States believes that "as many as 3,000" Muslim men, women and children were killed in May and June at Serbian-run detention camps near the Bosnian town of Bracko, the New York Times reported, says Reuter.

Reports of mass killings in Bosnia-Herzegovina have been circulating since July, but Bush administration officials quoted by the newspaper in its Saturday editions said this was the first time they had developed independent information correberating such reports.

The newspaper said the new information is based on interviews with survivors and other intelligence sources.

Officials said they believed the Serbs took over Bracko in April, and roving bands of Serbs went through the town arresting and detaining Mus-

According to some accounts, they said, as many as 50 Muslims were killed at a time. Some bodies were said to have been dumped in the Sava river, others buried in a mass grave and other bodies destroyed at a rendering plant, where animal remains are boiled to produce lard.

"We believe we have good information," a senior administration officials said.

AP from Sarajevo adds: There is "clear evidence" that Muslims are being forced to leave their Bosnia homes and some people were killed by "systematic shelling" of refugee convoys, peace envoy David Owen said Saturday.

Owen and his fellow envoy, Cyrus Vance, told reporters in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, there was an "extreme urgency" to resume the Sarajevo

pended September 3 after an Italian aid plane was hit by a missile and crashed en route to the besteged Bosnian capi-

Vance and Owen, the cochairman of the Geneva peace talks on former Yugoslavia, travelled Friday to the northern Bosnian city of Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold, because of reports that Serbs were pressuring Muslims to leave the

Though Serb leaders deny pressuring Muslims, Vance said Friday: "We've not been

Vance and Owen spoke to reporters again Saturday morning before boarding their plane from Zagreb to Geneva.

UN, Iraq agree to reopen talks

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 26: The United Nations and Iraq have agreed to resume negotiations next Tuesday on the renewal of an accord authorizing the presence of UN personnel in Iraq, a senior UN official said late Friday, re-

The negotiations will also focus on the humanitarian aid programme, the UN wants to provide to civilians in Kurdistan in northern fraq this winter, said Jan Eliasson, who coordinates UN humanitarian

Eliasson said that Iraq had shown a "certain flexibility."

The announcement was made following UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Al-Sahaf, which Eliasson also

PM: Terrorists

From Page 1 Col 7 mentation of its 19-point programme including canal digging and mass literacy to achieve self reliance in food and free the country from the curse of illiteracy.

She recalled the launching of Mass Literacy Programme by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman from Satpar, Gopalganj.

Responding to the requests of the people from Gopalganj she said her government would undertake development programmes for Gopalganj and all the problems of the district would be solved grad-

Expressing her determination to resists terrorism she said her government was trying to give democracy an institutional shape and restore peace in the society. Without naming any political party she said those who were rejected by people in the last national elections, were now resorting to acts of violence failing to create any issue against the

Sounding a note of warning she said even top officials or BNP leaders would not be spared if they were found involved in corruptions.

She asked those who joined BNP to work without fear for the development of their respective areas without bias of party interests.

UNB adds: Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Begum Jahanara Begum, Whip Abdul Karim, JCD leader Muniruzzaman Munir and local BNP leaders including Muniruzzaman Pinu, Amalendu Biswas, Santiranjan Biswas and Khairul Baki also spoke on the

Waliur Rahman, Advocate KN Islam, Kamalakanta Bala, Prabhat Kumar Dey and Haraprashad Bagchi were among those who joined BNP from Gopalganj. The function was presided over by Gopalgani District BNP President Sharfuzzaman Jahangir.

IMF safety net

From Page 1 Col 7 economy stable, and also in view of the recent uncertainties in the European monetary

The uncertainties in the European monetary system, Rahman said, indicated the necessity of IMF role in the global economy, particularly in regard, to maintain economic stability in the developing

Finance Minister Rahman Thursday met the World Bank President Lewish Preston.

In his discussions with Preston, the World Bank lending programme for Bangladesh was reviewed. Preston assured, of the

World Bank's continued assistance in the development efforts of Bangladesh and indicated his desire to intensify it. The minister welcomed the

Bank's operational priority given to poverty alleviation and indication of this in his address to the Board of Governors of the World Bank and the

Ernest Stern, Managing Director, World Bank, who was present in the meeting, pointed out the necessity of a market-based realistic restructuring programme in the jute sector and the ill effects that an unhealthy jute sector may have on the overall economy of the country, unless corrected.

The World Bank expressed its intention of extending support to Bangladesh in case pragmatic reform programmes are taken in the sector.

Jamuna Bridge also figured prominently in the discussion and the minister underscored

the necessity of implementation of the project on sched-The World Bank chief also

informed that it is keeping close watch over power sector performance and said that if the recent improvements can be sustained then restrictions on power sector lending would be withdrawn.

Preston accepted the minister's invitation to visit Bangladesh and said that he would come to Dhaka in mid-November.

ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury and Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Abul Ahsan were present on the occasion.

The minister attended a luncheon forum on economic sector reforms: recent initiatives in Bangladesh - organfsed by Bangladesh-US Bustness Council.

In the luncheon meeting some of the leading US investors were present when views on question of US investment in Bangladesh were exchanged.

In the context of the recent economic reform in Bangladesh there is growing interest among US entrepreneurs for investing in xangladesn.

The market and institutional reform in Bangladesh is beginning to attract attention of the US investors.

The Finance Minister explained to them the opportunities that are now arising in Bangladesh in the context of the global economic environ-

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Pop singers (from right) Azam Khan, Fakir Alamgir, Pilu Mamtaj, Ferdous Wahid and Firej Shai performing at a function organised by Nobodoy Sangha at the Engineers' Institution in city yesterday. Star photo

HC body visits Central jail to probe Ershad's allegation

By Supreme Court Correspondent

The Commission, set up by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court to report on the alleged solitary confinement of former President HM Ershad, visited the Dhaka Central Jail for a formal enquiry on Saturday.

According to the member coordinator of the Commission, Advocate Md. Mohsen Rashid, the three-member commission remained at the Jail for over two hours, from 9:30 to 12pm, to investigate into the living conditions of the deposed President.

The Commission was set up on September 3 after a writ petition filed on behalf of Ershad alleging that he was being kept in solitary confinement in violation of the jail code.

The Commission comprises Nasiruddin Ahmed, District Sessions Judge Dhaka, AY Salehuzzaman, Deputy Attorney General, and Md, Mohsen Rashid, an Advocate of the Supreme Court. The Commission will report

on the findings to the High Court Division of the Supreme Court headed by Justice AKM Sadeque and Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury Rashid said that the com-

mission is also scheduled to

visit the Central jafl today (Sunday). He declined to provide any details about the first

Gold smuggling

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fore the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday from where she was taken to

Meanwhile, DB police continued questioning Azmi and two other Bangladeshi businessmen who were also arrested in connection with the gold smuggling.

A DB source said that police received very significant information from the arrested persons but declined to disclose it.

Five-day police remand of the 23-year-old Pakistan national Azmi will end today (Sunday) and he is likely to be produced before the Court today, according to the source.

Transparency

From Page 1 Col 8 and as a strategy for the de-

velopment of financial institu-He also proposed necessary

reforms in regulations with regard to development of the capital market. Regulatory bodies including

securities and exchange commission should be formed to oversee the functioning of capital market, he suggested. Khan stressed the need to

develop a new code of ethics for the banking system including those for the customers as well as for the employees.

He observed that the governing boards of the banks and financial institutions necded to be strengthened by professional experts. The seminar was also ad-

dressed by ICAB President, Jamaluddin Ahmed, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, chief of industry and finance of the World Bank, Owaise Saddat, Additional Secretary in charge of the Ministry of Environment, Dr Akbar Ali Khan, Deputy Governor of the Bangladesh Bank, Shah Abdul Hannan, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Mahbubur Rahman, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, M Yunus, the Managing Director of Arab-Bangladesh Bank, A K

M Ghaffar, and partner in S F

Ahmed and Co Chartered

Accountants, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Coup attempt in Comoros fails

PARIS, Sept 26: Rebel soldiers took over the national radio station in the Comore Islands in a coup attempt Saturday but were arrested before any uprising spread. French officials said, reports

An official at the French Embassy in the Indian Ocean island nation, reached by telephone from Parts, said there had been no violence and the situation in Moroni, the capital, had returned to normal.

The French Foreign Ministry, citing its own reports from the embassy, said, 'the legal authorities have announced that they have retaken control."

After taking over the radio station about 3 am the rebel soldiers announced were seeking to overthrow President Stad Mohamed Djohar, who was on a private visit to Paris at the time of the incident.

The soldiers said they intended to form a transitional government and organize democratic elections in the nation of about 500,000 peo-

The three-island nation, lo-

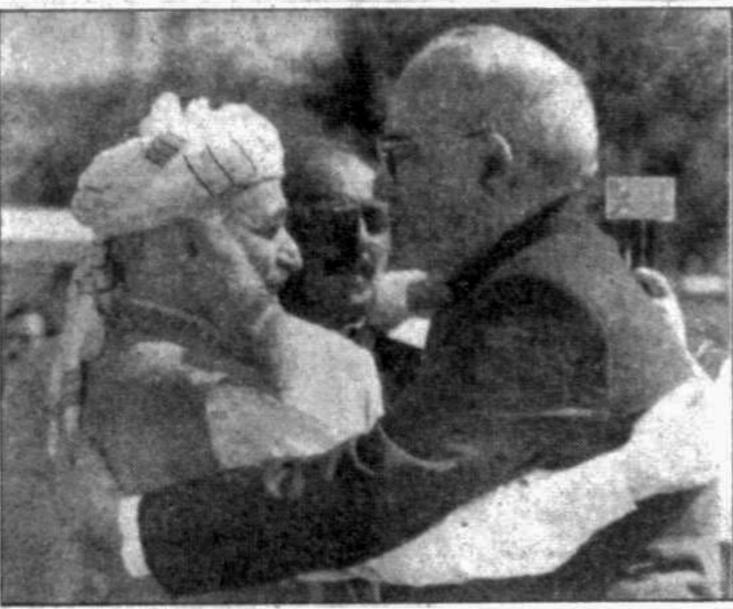
cated between Mozambique and Madagascar, declared independence from France in

The islands have been politically unsettled since the November 1989 slaying of then-President Ahmed Abdallah Abderrahmane, shot dead at his palace during an argument with notorious French mercenary Bob Denard.

Denard, now living in South Africa, Commanded Abdallah's presidential guard. He admitted being in the room when Abdallah was shot but denied pulling the trigger.

Denard's men briefly seized power before yielding to Fren ch troops who intervened. Diohar, former head of the Supreme Court, was elected President in March 1990 and subsequently accused political opponents of plotting to overthrow him.

The Comoros' ambassador in Paris, Sultan Chouzour, said Saturday's coup attempt was led by two sons of Abdallah, both junior army officers. Chouzour said both were ar-



Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani (left) is hugged by his Pakistani counterpart Ghulam Ishaq Khan at the Islamabad airport yesterday. Rabbani arrived in Pakistan on a two day official visit. - AFP Photo

Dhaka working for safe return of refugees, FM tells US scholars

YALE UNIVERSITY (Connecticut), Sept 26: Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman has said that Bangladesh is now working steadfastly for the safe and voluntary repatriation of Rohingya refugees in accordance with the agreement signed in April this year, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh Foreign Minister was delivering a lecture on the genesis and latest situation of the Rohingya refugee problem at a gathering of academicians and scholars at Yale Law School here yesterday.

Giving details of the background of the problem and ef forts of Bangladesh government to resolve it through peaceful dialogue Rahman said, despite our meager resources we have given shelter to the refugees purely on humanitarian considerations and are making all possible efforts to alleviate their sufferings.

He thanked the people and government of USA and other countries and the international organisations including UN and its affiliate bodies who came forward with assistance and support in providing shelter and relief to the refugees to solve the problem. Presided over by Prof.

Lucht of Yale Law School and A.

Kabir Ahmed of Osgoode Hall

Law School of Canada.

Harold Koh, the Dean of Yale Law School, the function, was also addressed by Prof. Carroll

Khaleda's Italy visit may be historic, says envoy

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's forthcoming visit to Italy is expected to mark "a historical step" in the steadily growing bilateral relations between the two countries Italian Ambassador Claudio Pacifico said here Saturday.

"As a matter of fact, there is a great expectation among the top political leadership in Italy about the visit of your Prime Minister," the envoy told UNB in an exclusive interview.

He said the visit of the Bangladesh leader, scheduled for October 14-18, will reinforce the important developments in bilateral relations which have brought the two countries closer to each other as "very privileged partners both in their political dialogue and in their economic and aid cooperation."

Begum Zia will meet Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, Prime Minister Giuliano Amato, Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo and other key government leaders in Rome. Both countries have tradi-

tionally been from their respective sides, what Ambassador Pacifico called, "ideal bridges" in the dialogue between the Western World and the Third World. Pacifico said Italy, both for geographical and historical reasons, has been traditionally perceived as the one, among the great western democracies and members of the G-7 group, more close and sensitive to the point of view of the Islamic and developing countries.

Dacoits loot Tk 3.5 lakh at Shyamoli

By Staff Correspondent The house of one Mosharral

Hossain in the city's Shyamoli area was robbed of cash, gold and other goods worth about Taka 3.5 lakh early Saturday.

A band of seven dacotts barged into the house at Mohammadpur Pisciculture Housing Society at Shyamoli with fire arms at around 2:30 am yesterday, tied up the inmates and within half an hour decamped with Taka 65,000 in cash, 28.5 tolas of gold ornaments and other goods amounting to a total of Taka 3,37,500, said Mosharraf.

Panic grips Nat'l Tubes as CBA men assault acting GM

By Staff Correspondent Managers at the National Tubes factory in Tongi have become panicky following an assault on one of their senior colleagues by labour leaders last Wednesday.

Officials said that some CBA leaders led by their President Ruhul Amin stormed into the room of the Acting General Manager (Production) Mir Mu jibur Rahman and abused him before dragging him out of the room at 12.10 pm Wednesday. Once outside the room, they beat up the Acting GM.

The officials, who declined to be identified, said transfer of some workers from one unit to another had angered the

The incident, the officials said, had served as a reminder of a brutal act of the trade unionists two years ago that killed the General Manager of the Meghna Textile Mills, an adjacent industrial unit.

The officials, haunted by fears of further attacks, de manded immediate interven tion of the authorities.

Lourism

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In addition to these social contributions, the tourism in dustry could play a great role in finding job opportunities and earning foreign exchange for a developing country like Bangladesh

Begum Zia hoped that the bond of brotherhood and friendship among the different countries would be cemented through the observance of the day. It would pave a new horizon in achieving economic emancipation, she hoped. The Prime Minister re-

ferred to the endeavours of the Bangladesh Tourism Corporation in encouraging private sector towards making tourism as an industry and hoped that their role would be a success. Begum Zia also hoped that the World Tourism Day would

provide a new sense of direction in taken up newer initiatives in promoting tourism.

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UNHCR appealed for calm and requested the refugees to retrain from demonstrations and actions which may aggravate the situation.

It said the government of Bangladesh had reassured UNHCR that no one would be forced back to Myanmar.

The UN Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees are continuing their efforts with the Myanmar government for facilitating resolution of the existing problem in line with the internationally accepted princi ples, said the UNHCR office in Dhaka in a press release.

The Midnight Kile

ESCAP chief in city

Rafeeuddin Ahmed, Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). arrived here last night on a five-day visit to consult with the government for further strengthening the cooperation between ESCAP and Bangladesh, reports BS6.

Ahmed, who is also Under Secretary General of the United Nations, is expected to call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Polytech teachers

From Page 1 Col 5 ture for the polytechnic teachers, regularisation of those appointed on ad-hoc basis, payment of arrear stipends to the polytechnic students and introduction of double shift in

these institutions.

Meanwhile, leaders of the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Karigori Shikkha Adhidaptar Karmachari Samity in separate statements Saturday urged the government to accept the demand of the striking polytechnic teachers.

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for strengthening the world body in various fields would mean a more vigorous Security Council.

An enhanced mandate for the Council, he added, requires matching transparency and democracy in its function-"This cannot be done with-

out an expansion of the membership of the Council to reflect the increased membership of the United Nations over the past few years as well as realities of many changes in the world situation along with economic criteria, other relevant criteria should be given due weightage in this context," he said.

Besides, he demanded that General Assembly be made more effective not only to represent the changes in its membership but also the significant character of its universal composition.

Diplomats said expansion would take quite some time as the permanent council members with veto powers are not favourably inclined.

But sustained pressure especially from economically strong nations is bound to force them to reconsider their position and initiate steps to increase the membership of the Council including the number of permanent mem-

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1.5 lakh demand compensation from Iraq

GENEVA, Sept 26: More than 150,000 people including Bangladeshis claims for compensation have been made by individuals for damages stemming from August 2, '90 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, a member of the UN compensation commission said Friday, reports AFP.

Carlos Alzamora said that the bulk of the claims had come from nationals of Egypt, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Individuals from 18 other countries have also filed claims for compensation,

100,000 dollars and were field by persons who suffered serious personal injury, whose spouse, child or parent died (or) who suffered mental pain and anguish. Compensation is also being

The claims are for up to

sought by persons who suffered "losses of income support, housing or personal property or medical expenses or costs of departure up to 100,000 dollars," he said.

DU halls

From Page 1 Col 4 talking to this correspondent, said "A number of students from other halls is residing in this Hall and we have given them notice to vacate".

Jasimuddin Hall Provost told this correspondent that some students, not legally permitted were staying in the hall for the examinations but that they had also been informed to leave after the

examinations Fazlul Huq Hall Provost said that the number of migrated students in the hall was always the minimum but that despite that he had visited the hall twice and served notice to

such students to leave. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall Provost said that no nonstudent or armed outsider was in the hall. We had distributed the seats according to merit, the Provost added.

said that a few students from other halls were staying there but that the non-student outsiders were almost absent in it. According to hall sources,

Zahurul Huq Hall sources

were still under the control of political party activists. The presence of outsiders in the residential halls became thin after the DU authorities

some rooms in different halls,

decided not to allow any outsider to stay in then. The large contingents of police and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel, reinforced after the sierce gunbattle between two rival factions in the JCD that left two students killed September 4 on campus, still patrol the area,

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NOTICE

Sale of Shares of Eastern Bank Limited to Depositors of now defunct BCCI Branches in Bangladesh.

Attention of all concerned is drawn to the Eastern Bank Ltd.'s Notice which appeared in this paper on the 13th September, 1992, on the subject mentioned above.

In response to the depositors' demand, the last date for submitting applications and making payment for shares of Eastern Bank Ltd. is hereby extended upto the 15th October, 1992. The other terms and conditions of the offer for sale of shares of the Eastern Bank Ltd. to the depositors of the defunct BCCI Branches in Bangladesh remain unchanged.

Dated Dhaka, the 27th September, 1992. ARHAM MASUDUL HUQ

Secretary to the Board