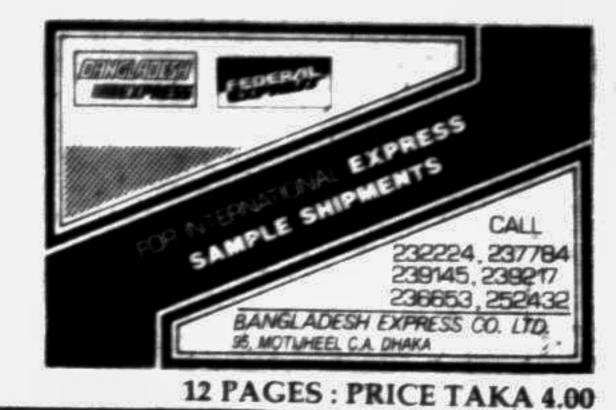
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Justice Hubert meets Shahabuddin

Justice Hubert Legal from France, who is now here on a short visit, called on Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chief Justice of Bangladesh, at his residence Sunday. They discussed matters of common interest in the legal systems of the two countries, in particular, the working of the administrative tribunals in France. Serge Degallatx, Ambassador of France, was also present, reports BSS.

Anti-terrorism rally today

An anti-terrorism rally will be held this morning at Bijoy Sarani by the Bangladesh Chhatra Kalyan Samity, a non political students organisation. The rally, in appreciation of the government steps to curb terrorism, will be held on the theme of "Educational institutions for education only," reports BSS.

BTV to telecast CNN from Sept 29

Bangladesh Television will start telecasting Cable News Network (CNN) programmes from Tuesday, September 29. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally inaugurate the CNN telecast by BTV. The CNN international hosted a reception Sunday at Hotel Sonargaon to mark the inauguration of telecasting of CNN programmes in Bangladesh. Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda was present, reports BSS.

Nurses go on 72-hr strike from today

By Staff Correspondent

Nurses across the country start a 72-hour work stoppage from 8 am today (Monday) to press home their 14-point charter of demands.

On Saturday and Sunday, the nurses observed 12-hour work stoppages from 8 am each day in the hospitals and medicare centres all over the country causing immense sufferings to the patients.

The movement of the nurses began with a two-hour work abstention September 19, followed by a series of programmes since then. They have also threatened an indefinite strike from October 3, if their demands are not met.

The demands of the nurses

include regularisation of the jobs of 750 nurses appointed on an adhoc basis, pay raise,

changed payscale and allowances to student nurses. Sufferings of the patients at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) soared because of the work stoppage with 28 more patients leaving

the hospital Sunday, witnesses

Of the total 1400 patients admitted to the DMCH before the strike, 19 left Saturday, the first day of he 12-hour

Hundreds of patients, particularly those in the gynecologic department, were lying unattended while a small team

of doctors attended only those in the most critical conditions. Leaders of the Bangladesh Diploma Nurses Association (BDNA), the organiser of the

work abstention, alleged that no effort had been made by the government to end the strike. However, one leader indicated that the headway might be made when the Finance Minister returns to the coun-

Our Sylhet correspondent adds: The student nurses at the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital observed 12-hour work abstentions Saturday and Sunday causing sufferings to the patients in the hospital.



Patients leaving Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday as nurses announced a 72-hour strike from today. - Star photo

PM asks high officials in Khulna

Apply anti-terrorism ordn carefully'

KHULNA, Sept 27: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia asked the government officials here today to apply the newly promulgated anti-terrorism ordinance carefully so that innocent people were not harassed, reports BSS.

Addressing high government officials of Khulna Division at the Deputy Commissioner's office, Begum Zia said, We must keep in mind that our government wanted welfare of the people, so we

Division at the Khulna DC office yesterday.

For the first time in many

years, industrialised countries

have been openly criticised by

the leadership of the World

Bank and the IMF for their

failure to provide adequate real

resources to developing na-

of the central points in the de-

liberations of the just-con-

cluded IMF-World Bank meet-

were also told by the heads of

the two organisations that they

were not fulfilling their obliga-

tions in stimulating world

economic recovery or in

speeding up the conclusion of

The industrialised nations

ing in the US capital.

the Uruguay Round.

This criticism serves as one

have work with accountability. She said the socio-economic problems of the country could not be solved without curbing terrorism and anarchy.

Begum Zia said a congenial atmosphere had to maintained also for investment. She said the officials should give concentration on the development of villages.

She said the rural people now needed roads and electricity for their development. We have to give top priority to

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing high government officials of Khulna

Rich nations face criticisms

in IMF-World Bank meet

From M Syeduzzaman, Guest Columnist from Washington

This concern for developing

countries in the World Bank

came into a sharp focus when

its president Lewis Preston

urged the industrialised na-

tions to create a favourable

external environment for the

Third World states to pursue

their reforms to reduce

News commentary

For this writer who had the

17th opportunity to attend the

annual meetings of these two

organisations, and the third in

a non-official capacity, this

particular meeting was cer-

tainly one with a difference,

establish communications network and give electricity in the rural areas for speeding development activities.

Later the Prime Minister reviewed the sector-wise development programme in Khulna Division. The Prime Minister was informed about law and order situation of the

The meeting was attended, among others by Member of Parliament Nargis Ali, the Di-Sec Page 12 Col 1

Strike continues

Polytech teachers submit memo to PM today

By DU Correspondent

The indefinite strike by the teachers of the country's Polytechnic institutions passed its seventh day yesterday with no signs of a resolution in

No negotiations were held between the government and the teachers, striking to realtse their demands.

Teachers of the 20 polytechnic institutes began the strike September 21 to press home their 10-point charter of demands.

The polytechnic teachers submit a memorandum to the See Page 12 Col 6

Beastly!

year old girl was strangulated

to death by two men as she

screamed on seeing her

mother being violated by

village Lalabazar of Kotwali

source, two persons Syed

Mohammad Ali and Igbal

Ahmed entered the house of

Yeasin Ali at about 2 am

The incident occurred at

According to a police

them yesterday night.

Thana, Saturday night.

Saturday.

— PID photo

From Our

Huda denies statement

Hasina's plea for case against Cabinet

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday (Sunday) asked the State to file case against the present Cabinet for a minister's "confession" that BNP supplied arms to its young activists to topple the Ershad regime, reports UNB.

She made the plea responding to Information Minister Nazmul Huda who reportedly told a seminar at the Jatiya Press Club Saturday that being a minister he admits the youngsters were supplied with arms to oust Ershad.

"After this confessional statement, the State should file cases of sedition and pos-

session of illegal arms against the Cabinet", Hasina said at a discussion meeting at the Party Central office last night. She said the concerned

government officials and the law enforcing personnel who are the servants of the Republic should take note of it and on behalf of the State file a case against the "arms supplier minister" and the Cabinet as The truth cannot be sup-

pressed, and the minister, by slip of tongue, has unveiled the truth", the Awami League President said wondering at Sec Page 12 Col 4

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Correspondent SYLHET, Sept 27: A four-

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

With preparations underway people should commence by Begum Khaleda Zia has ordered the formation of a high-

They raped Liza Begum, 25, wife of Yeasin Ali and at one stage when her little daughter Shima woke up and sereamed, they strangulated her to death.

Yeasin Ali has been missing from home since September 4. Liza in her statement to

the police also said that these persons had kidnapped her husband on September 4.

Mustafiz sent back to jail

By Staff Correspondent The Chairman and Mana-

ging Director of the now-suspended Bangladesh Commerce and Investment (BCI), Mustafizur Rahman MP, was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail Sunday.

Mustafiz was produced in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court yesterday after questioning him for three days by police, and the magistrate ordered to send Mustafiz to the jail.

The magistrate rejected the bail prayer moved by the solicitors of Mustafiz but allowed a division for the accused in jail on humanitarian ground. Mustafizur Rahman was ar-

rested on September 23 from See Page 12 Col 6

Task force soon to help 'Biharis' go

to start the repatriation of about 2.38 lakh stranded Pakistanis, Prime Minister level task force to help the process on the Bangladesh

The task force, expected to be headed by the Foreign Secretary and composed of representatives from' the Ministries of Home, Relief, Civil Aviation, will coordinate government activities to support the massive programme.

Pakistan has promised to take 3000 families initially, and the airlifting of these

December, according to a joint statement issued after Begum Zia's August 9-11 visit to the country. However, a specific date is yet to be announced. The colossal job is being

coordinated by the Rabita Trust, a joint endeavour of the Pakistan government and the Makkah-based Rabita al-Alam al-Islami. The Trust has already begun enlisting the refugees, the Urdu-speaking migrants mainly from the central and northern India, sheltered in some 70 camps across Bangladesh. According to officials, en-

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Gunshots shatter 3-week lull on DU campus

By DU Correspondent Shattering a hall of about

three weeks, sounds of guns were again heard in the Dhaka University campus Saturday night. According to campus

sources, five shots were fired from areas around the TSC midnight Saturday. This was the first incident

of firing after the violent gunbattle between two rival factions in the pro BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) September 4 that left two students killed on campus. Gunmen responsible for

Saturday's firing could not be identified, campus sources

September 4 the university authorities took strict steps to

oust armed hooligans and outsiders from the residential halls of the university. The authorities also circu-

lated copies of a resolution, adopted at a joint meeting of the Provosts and Proctors with the Vice Chancellor earlier this month, among the general students for the restoration of a congenial atmosphere on campus.

Police also raided the residential halls several times after the violent gunfight in a bid to recover illegal arms and ammunition.

Large contingents of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel have also been deployed After the violent incident on the campus particularly in front of the residential halls,

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eight Indians

Pak Jamaat supplying arms to Hekmatyar, says Rabbani

ISLAMABAD, Sept 27: Afghanistan's President on Sunday accused a powerful Pakistani religious party of supplying weapons to help dissident rebels try to overthrow his government, reports

Speaking to reporters before departing for Iran, President Burhanuddin Rabbani said he was confident the Pakistani government had stopped all weapons' shipments to the renegade Hezb-e-Islami faction headed by

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

But Rabbani said he had information that some arms had been clandestinely shipped last month by Pakistan's Jamaat-e-Islami party to Hekmatyar's forces entrenched on the southern edge of the Afghan capital of

Hekmatyar's fighters pounded the city with rockets and mortars for most of August, killing at least 2,000 people and wounding nearly 10,000 others. The pitched

battled prompted an estimated 500,000 people- onethird of Kabul's population- to flee the city. Much of Kabul has been

with a number of distinguish-

did against the backdrop of

the currency crisis in the

West, differences over the ex-

change rates between the

United Kingdom and Germany

and clashes of viewpoints over

European integration, the

meeting felt the tension, with

shadows of uncertainties cast

one most was the concern the

meeting showed for the global

scene, especially for the devel-

oping nations, instead of con-

fining its attention to the

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However, what impressed

over its deliberations.

For one thing, coming as it

ing features.

without functioning electricity and running water for months. "He was a close friend," Rabbani said of Jamaat-e-

Islami's leader, Qasi Hussain Ahmed. "It's a shame. Instead of contributing to peace, he has contributed to the bloodshed." Jamaat-e-Islami is constd-

influential of Pakistan's religious parties, although it has never had a strong political It was a driving force in

ered the most organized and

mustering financial support for the fundamentalist rebels in the jihad, or holy war, against Afghanistan's Communist government that collapsed in late The party has also been

arming and training Muslim militants fighting in Indiancontrolled Kashmir. Diplo-

matic sources say it is believed to be sending weapons to Islamic rebels in the Central Asian Republic of Tajikistan as well as "volunteers" to help Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina fight Serbian militias.

In Kabul, the appointment of five new Afghan Ministers was confirmed today by Defence Ministry spokesman Yunus Kanuni, who described them all as "persons are of good character."

Abdul Wahed Sarobi, the new Minister of Commerce, is

the most experienced appointee. Proposed by the Shiite Hezb-IrWahdat faction he is an ethnic Hazara, but not a Wahdat Party member. He served in Ministerial

posts in the previous Afghan governments of Prince Mohammad Daoud, who ruled from 1973 to 1978, and Babrak Karmal, who ruled from 1979 to 1986. He was a Vice President during the regime of former President Najtbullah, local sources said.

200 feared killed in Nigerian air crash

LAGOS (Nigeria), Sept 27: More than 200 people were feared dead Sunday after a Nigerian military plane crashed shortly after taking off from Lagos on Saturday night, military sources said, reports

Reporters who visited the crash site said 15 bodies had been pulled from the wreckage so far. There were no immediate reports of survivors.

Military officials at the site said at least 200 people, mainly Nigerian military officers and their families, were aboard the C-130 plane.

Reuter says: A Nigerian air force C-130 Hercules transport plane crashed shortly after take-off from Lagos and all 163 people aboard were killed. government officials said today

Foreigners barred from speaking to Rohingyas

From Nurul Alam CHITTAGONG, Sept 27

Foreign relief workers will not be allowed to talk to the Rohingya refugees in the absence of a Magistrate or a concerned official, according to an order issued by the local relief authorities today. Official sources said that the

order came following Friday's anti-repatriation violence at Doapalong refugee camp under Ramu upazila that left three refugees killed and several others injured and similar moods of unrest in some other refugee camps.

A senior official wanting

Fresh clash at Adamjee

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Sept 27: At least three workers were injured in gunshots and bomb

blasts at the Adamjee Jute Mills Sunday. Police said that Habib, 22, sustained bullet wound on his chest and Babul, 18, and Khokan, 28, were injured when a bomb was set off at about 7-15 am Sunday at the

The workers were hurt when a worker mistakenly pulled the trigger of a gun, police said, creating panic in the area. The bomb blasts followed the shot, they said.

Dhaka Baju Kutcha Line area in

the mills.

All the injured workers be-See Page 12 Col 8

The injured were admitted

to the Dhaka Medical College

CMM rejects bail petition of Ilias

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate rejected the bail petition of JCD leader Ilias Ali, for the second time Sunday, reports UNB.

Earlier on September 13, the court rejected his bail prayer and sent him to jail ha-The court on that day also

ordered the Investigation Officer to submit his report within September 27 but no report was submitted inspite of the court's order. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Shahiduddin Ahmed

Sunday ordered for submission

of the report by October 10

with explanation. BDR sends back

JESSORE, Sept 27: Bangladesh Rifles today sent back eight Indian nationals who were earlier pushed back into Bangladesh territory, reports UNB.

The intruders, mostly residents of Delhi, were pushed back into Bangladesh through frontier village of Shitepur in Sharsha thana at around 5.45 this afternoon. The BDR personnel picked

them up while they were roaming near the border and handed them over to BSF at Benapole checkpost The intruders, all Muslims,

confessed to BDR that they were forcibly sent to Bangladesh by the Border Security Forces.