

Come to CHITTAGONG Come to BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT
 The only place for ORIGINAL THAI FOOD & SEAFOOD in CHITTAGONG (NO BRANCH). Please try us and you will love BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT more than ever before.
 1403 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y.M.C.A. NASIRABAD, CHITTAGONG. TEL: 226603. Fax: (880) (31) 225258
 VOL. II NO. 255 REGD. NO. DA 781

The Daily Star

FOR HOARDING & NEONSIGNS
MODART
PUBLICITY
 17/6-8, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000.
 Tel: 238935, 405898
 12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 4.00

ASWIN 24, 1399 BS, DHAKA FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1992 RABIOUS SANI 11 1413 HIJRI

Inside Today

Article
Despite French Yes European Union Remains a Distant Dream
 Page 4

International

6,000 UN troops to be deployed in Bosnia
100 Palestinians shot in Gaza
 Page 5

Business

Russian central bank recalls hard currency deposited abroad
Depressing trend in tea market continues
 Pages 6, 7

Magazine

The Sophisticates of South Asia — A Stroll through Colombo, Global Village, Guru Sees Space Odyssey to Mars, The Indian Who Made it First to the House of Commons, My World by SM Ali, Write to Mita and Book Review
 Pages 9, 10, 11

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day
Park with a Difference
 Page 3

One killed, over 50 injured Adamjee workers fight three-hour gunbattle

From Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Oct 8: A three-hour armed clash between rival groups of Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) workers today left an outsider killed and over 50 workers injured, eight with bullets.
 Badsha Mia was shot at Shamilpara around 5 pm and declared dead when taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) after the incident. He was 22.
 Eight of the seriously injured workers, Ismail, Lotfar, Kamrul, Babul, Swapan, Jilan, Kamal and Shaheen were admitted to the DMCH.
 The BNP-backed Kashem group fought against its rivals in the Awami League-backed Rehan group and the Jatiya Party-supported Siddiq Sardar group in and outside the AJM areas over collection of subscription from the general workers.
 According to witnesses, the clash started at about 4.30 pm when the leaders of Siddiq Sardar and Rehan groups demanded subscription from the workers during their exit through the Gate Number One of the AJM.
 The Rehan group leaders meanwhile alleged that the forced collection of subscription by the Kashem group leaders at the said gate had led to the clash.
 The clash that began at Gate One then spread to the New Colony, Dhaka Baju Colony and Shapla Chattar areas within the mills compound and Shamilpara, Moonlight Cinema, Karim Market, Allara, Sona Mia Market and DND canal areas surrounding the mills.
 Police then fired blanks used rubber bullets and tear gas shells to disperse the fighters.
 The warring groups used automatic weapons like sawed off rifles and pistols against their rivals.
 Road communication between Narayanganj and Demra remained suspended for hours together during the fighting.
 Additional police forces were dispatched to the scene from Dhaka and Narayanganj and to reinforce security. Paramilitary BDR were also deployed in the Mills compound.

Dhaka again lodges strong protest BSF tries to push in 1530 more

By Staff Correspondent
 As India continued to push more people into Bangladesh, Dhaka yesterday once again lodged a strong protest against the arbitrary move.
 According to Foreign Office source, the protest was conveyed to Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh K Raghunath when he met Acting Foreign Secretary A H Mahmood Ali at the Foreign Office Thursday.
 Meanwhile Our Jessore Correspondent reports: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) foiled the attempts of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) to push in total of 1530 people yesterday through different border areas of Jessore district.
 The BSF made several attempts from dawn to dusk to push the Bangla speaking Indian citizens into Bangladesh through Puthkhal, Ograbuled, Bara Achra, Sadipur, Raghunathpur, Gattipara, Dhannokhola, Shikarpur, Salkona, and Tangrali border areas of Jessore district. However, the BDR thwarted all the attempts and sent all 1530 back to India.
 Sources said that a large number of people are staying at no-man's land near Benapole and they were guarded by the BSF and BDR men from both sides.
 A UNB report says: The Sec Page 12 Col 6

PM assures steps to solve varsity teachers' problems

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia exchanged views with the members of University Parishad, an organisation of the Vice-Chancellors of universities at her office Thursday, reports BSS.
 During the free and frank discussion the Vice-Chancellors highlighted problems facing the universities including students residential problem, teachers scholarship, session jam and increase of the amount of students' scholarships from Taka one hundred to Taka two hundred.
 The Vice-Chancellors also discussed their professional difficulties including their status in the order of precedence and official complexities during their foreign visits.
 The Prime Minister assured Sec Page 12 Col 6

7 killed in coach-truck collision



The wrecked coach and truck after collision in Dhamrai yesterday. — Star photo

From Our Correspondent
 MANIKGANJ, Oct 8: At least seven persons were killed and 40 injured when a Dhaka-bound night coach and a truck slammed into each other in the small hours today at Bathuli bus stand under Dhamrai thana on the Dhaka-Aracha highway.
 Six persons died on the spot while the others at Manikganj Sadar Hospital. The dead included two minor boys.
 The dead were: Md Jamal (40), Joypurhat; Hafizur Rahman (8), Manikganj; Md Hassan (20), Pabna; Sattar (35), Joypurhat; Adalat (12), Manikganj; Mostafizur Rahman (38), truck driver; and another unidentified man.
 Of the injured, 17 were admitted to Manikganj Sadar Hospital, two to Dhamrai Health Complex, one to Ganosashtho Kendro, one to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while the others were released after first aid.
 The mishap occurred when the Dhaka-bound night coach, Insaaf Special (Dhaka Metro Ja-5654) from Bogra in its attempt to overtake a rickshaw van hit the truck coming from the opposite direction.
 The impact of the collision rendered the front half of the coach totally smashed scattering parts over an area of 50 yards.
 Local people rushed to the rescue the injured passengers some of whom were trapped under the bus and the truck. Witnesses said the air was filled with the groans and cries of the injured.
 The Fire Service personnel arrived at the spot about one and a half hour later.
 As the damaged vehicles lay sprawled on the road, vehicular movement came to a halt. The road was cleared six hours after the accident.
 The names of some of the Sec Page 12 Col 7

Govt, opposition plan moves to face JS autumn session

By Nurul Kabir
 The ruling party and the opposition plan to combat each other over the ways and means to improve the country's present socio-economic condition in the autumn session of parliament.
 The country's Fifth Parliament goes into its autumn session October 11.
 The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is expected to lay four ordinances including the anti-terrorism ones in the House for approval on the opening day of the session.
 Apart from the ordinances, the House is expected to take up a total of 12 bills—10 pending in Parliament and two to be freshly moved by the Treasury Bench—for discussion.
 The Anti-terrorism Ordinance promulgated by the President last month is expected to be hotly debated in the House.
 A large number of opposition leaders including Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Rahmat Ali and Abul Hasan Sec Page 12 Col 7.

Four BSF men intrude, one held

LALMONIRHAT, Oct 8: Four Indian BSF jawans intruded into Bangladesh through Tharghara border of Hatibandha thana today and one of them was caught by BDR when the group attacked women with ill motive, reports UNB.
 Confirming the intrusion, officials identified the captive as Ramesh Chandra, a BSF jawan of BRK Bari camp.
 Officials said BSF men crossed the border and entered the house of Soleman Ali at about 8 am and attempted to rape women. Panic stricken inmates of the house cried out for help. A BDR patrol party ran to the spot and caught Ramesh while 3 other BSF men managed to flee.
 BDR area commander Lt Col Manzoor Ahmed immediately is learnt to have sent a strong protest to his Indian counterpart Shanti Lal Singh and suggested a flag meeting between them to check recurrence of such incident.
 Some tension was prevailing in the border village following the incident.

69.40 pc pass Dhaka Board HSC exams

By Staff Correspondent
 The results of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations of 1992 of the Dhaka Education Board has been published.
 The percentage of pass in the results, announced yesterday, is 69.40.
 Sarah Ahmed of Vikarunnessa Noon School and College has topped the combined merit list of six groups securing a total marks of 989. She has got distinction marks in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics.
 Mohammad Moinul Islam of Mirzapur Cadet College, Tangail has stood second getting 969 marks and obtaining letter marks in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Engineering.
 Sohail Aktar and Mohammad Manir Morshed of Mirzapur Cadet College have shared the third position in the combined merit list. Each of them got 965 marks and secured distinction marks in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Engineering.
 A total of 79024 candidates including 25933 women appeared the examinations held during June-July and 54842 of them have passed. Out of the successful candidates, 11508 have passed in the First division, 23999 in the Second division and 19335 in the Third division.
 The percentage of pass in the Science Group is 72.50 in Arts Group is 65.46, in Commerce Group is 76.71, in Agriculture Group is 53.57, in Home Economics Group is 89.16, in Music Group is 53.49 Sec Page 12 Col 1

AL serves legal notice on DG, TV, Information Secy

A legal notice on behalf of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina was served on the Information Secretary and the Director General of Bangladesh Television for deleting some important portions of her recorded speech while telecasting on August 14 and September 9, reports UNB.
 Advocate Sahara Khatun in her notice said some important portions of Sheikh Hasina's speech in parliament were wilfully deleted to undermine her image and prestige to the people.
 The notice asked the two officials to re-broadcast her complete speech within seven days and offer unconditional apology for the lapse failing which they will be prosecuted, said an Awami League press release.

NEWS BRIEFS

ALPP meets Oct 11
 Awami League Parliamentary Party will meet on October 11 at 10 am at the Office of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. Sheikh Hasina will chair the meeting. Party MPs have been requested to attend it. A press release said the first meeting of Awami League central working committee will be held on October 16 at 10 am at its central office. Hasina will preside over the meeting.

National Youth Day Nov 1

National Youth Day will be observed throughout the country on November 1. A meeting held yesterday with the State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain in the chair finalised a three-day programme in observance of the day, reports BSS.

Stolen garment cloths recovered

CHITTAGONG, Oct 8: Port police in a special drive recovered stolen garment cloths worth Taka four lakh from Mirsarai thana here today. According to a police press release, the cloths were stolen from Y K Garments of Dhaka on October 5. Port police also recovered stolen exportable fabrics of the same garment worth Taka three lakh from Halishahar recently, reports BSS.

Private investment allowed in telecom, power sectors

Tele-communication and power sectors will be taken out of the reserve list of the Industrial Policy 1991 and the private investments will be allowed in these sectors side by side public investment within the existing laws and regulations of the country, reports BSS.
 The decision was taken by the cabinet in its regular meeting held Wednesday night at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.
 The proposals placed by the Ministry of Industries for amendment of the Industrial Policy 1991 was approved in the meeting. The other amendments include withdrawal of restrictions on according approval to projects above 30 crore taka by the development finance institutions and nationalised commercial banks and limit the sponsoring agencies from six to three to make the investment formalities quicker and easier.
 The Board of Investment, Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority and Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation will now work as sponsoring agencies for the purpose of registration, licensing, bank financing, land allotment and other related facilities, it was decided.
 The cabinet also approved the proposals of the Ministry of Commerce for amendment of the import policy order 1991-93. The amendments aimed at making the import policy more liberal and the import formalities easier and convenient to the importers.
 The ministers and the state ministers in-charge of the ministries concerned were present in the meeting.

Depression moves north westwards

The deep depression which formed over west central Bay off Andhra coast and adjoining areas, moved north westwards and was centered at 6 pm yesterday about 1225 kilometres south west of Chittagong Port, reports UNB.
 A met office special bulletin last night said that it is likely to intensify further and move in a north westerly direction and may cross Andhra coast of India near Musolipattanam by early morning today (Friday).
 Maximum sustained wind with 48 kilometre of the depression centre is about 50-kilometre per hour rising to 60 kph in gust or squalls.

Discontent over promotions in Radio

Star Report
 Frustration has gripped a section of Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) officers in Radio Bangladesh as they have been denied promotion even after fulfilling necessary requirements two and half years ago, reliable sources said.
 Promotions of three Assistant Controllers of Radio (News) were due August 1990 but some promotee Deputy Controllers remained as stumbling blocks in their way of promotion, it was alleged.
 Those promotees were recruited in the early 70s as sub-editors upgraded as class-one posts in 1977 and encadred in 1980.
 But the jobs of these promotees who occupied most of the 14 posts of Deputy Controllers, have not yet been confirmed and they have not yet appeared for the senior scale examination, said the sources.
 Confirmation of job and passing in the senior scale examination are prerequisites for promotion under the cadre service rule.
 So the chances of promotion for those Deputy Controllers were bleak and until they are promoted, the Assistant Controllers are stranded in their posts.
 Sec Page 12 Col 8

Kashmir alliance plans border-crossing Oct 24

ISLAMABAD, Oct 8: An alliance of Kashmiri parties is preparing for a mass crossing of the border which separates Pakistan and Indian-controlled Kashmir to show solidarity with compatriots across the frontier, one of the crossing's organisers said today, reports AP.
 "India's continuous denial of the right of self-determination to be people of Jammu and Kashmir has compelled us to stage a peaceful march," said Sardar Ibrahim Khan, Chairman of the alliance called the Jammu and Kashmir Jambhoort Ittehad (JKJI), which groups four political parties.
 Khan, a former president of Azad (free) Kashmir, the Pakistan-controlled northern third of the disputed Himalayan region, said the details of the programme for the crossing on October 24 would be finalized at a meeting here Wednesday.
 Several thousand people have been killed in the Indian-administered southern two-thirds of Kashmir over the past 30 months in violence linked to a separatist campaign by Kashmiri groups.
 Pakistan says it gives moral and political support to what it calls a legitimate Kashmiri struggle for self-determination, but India has accused Islamabad of arming and training the militants in its only Muslim majority state. Pakistan denies the Indian charges.
 Meanwhile, the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), one of the militant groups active in the Indian-administered Kashmir, said it would also join the march.
 The JKLF, which is campaigning for Kashmiri independence, unlike the other militant groups in the state which advocate its accession to Pakistan, made two abortive attempts at storming the dividing line of control in February and March this year.
 In the first, many people were killed and scores injured in clashes with Pakistani security forces.
 It is unclear how the Pakistani government and the authorities in Azad Kashmir may react to the crossing.
 A Foreign Ministry spokesman asked about the planned crossing during a briefing here on Wednesday said, "we are cognizant of the matter."
 Residents in Azad Kashmir said the widespread damage to roads and bridges by devastating floods in August could hamper the organization of the march by the Kashmiri parties.
 Sources in the JKJI said because of the communications difficulties, the alliance had decided to revise an earlier plan to stage the crossing from many points along the border-line.
 Sec Page 12 Col 8

Govt violating election rules: Hasina

Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday alleged that ministers were announcing government grants and using administrative machinery to influence the voters for next week's by-elections for two parliamentary seats, reports UNB.
 The opposition leader blamed the government for violating election rules and appealed to the Election Commission to ensure fair voting in Rajbari and Goutpur by-elections, due on October 12 and 15 respectively.
 Hasina made her allegation and appeal while talking some union parishad chairman and leaders from Swandip thana Awami League.

Derek Walcott wins Nobel Literature Prize

STOCKHOLM, Oct 8: West Indian poet Derek Walcott won the Nobel Prize in literature Thursday for his luminous poetry evoking the cultural mix of his Caribbean homeland, reports AP.
 Sec Page 12 Col 8