

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.
 1483 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y.M.C.A. NASIRABAD.
 CHITTAGONG. TEL: 226603. Fax: (880) 011-232338

VOL. II NO. 258 REGD. NO. DA 781

The Daily Star

ASWIN 28, 1399 BS,

DHAKA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1992

RABIUS SANI 15 1413 HIJRI

12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 4.00

FOR YOUR SAMPLE / PARCEL
 SHIPMENTS IN 100 COUNTRIES
 CALL: 232224, 237784, 236853
 239145, 239217, 252432
 BANGLADESH EXPRESS CO. LTD.
 8, MOTLAHAT CA. DHAKA. TEL: 232-2 BUREAU

Inside Today
Article

The Press Suffers from Inadequate Communication System

Column: Passing Clouds by Zillur Rahman Siddiqui
 Page 4

Feature

Environment



Mr Greenpeace vows to harass the politicians
 Page 8

International

ASEAN urged to take harder line against Myanmar
 Page 5

Business

WB board may okay industrial credit this month
 Page 7

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



Bangladesh her Second Home
 Page 3

NEWS BRIEFS

JU reopens

Jahangirnagar University reopened yesterday (Monday) after Fatcha Yajdaham and Durga and Laxmi Puja vacations. Classes of the university remained closed for eleven days since October 1 and administrative function for six days since October 6, a JU press release said, reports UNB.

3 killed while making bombs near AJM

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 12: Three persons were killed in a series of bomb blasts at Kadamtoli, some quarter kilometre away from the trouble-torn Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM), this afternoon, police said.
 Another two, critically injured in the incident, were undergoing treatment at the Narayanganj Hospital.
 All the five were reportedly manufacturing the bombs at a brick field, owned by the Union Parishad Chairman and an influential businessman of the locality Safar Ali Bhuiyan.
 Locals said the victims were followers of Kshem, a leader of the BNP's local unit.
 They informed that the

From Our Correspondent
 bombs were being made in the backdrop of the continued armed battle at AJM involving the Kshem group, the Awami League-backed Rehan group and the Jatiya Party-supported Siddiqi Sardar group.
 According to police and the witnesses, a number of bombs exploded in the brick field rocking the area at about 2.15 pm. Siddirganj police rushed to the spot, rescued the victims and brought them to the Narayanganj Hospital where Nabtullah (20) and Aslam (22) succumbed.
 Another victim, Nazrul (20) died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in the evening.

The two injured persons, admitted to the Narayanganj Hospital, were identified as Salam (25) and Yousuf (20).
 After yesterday's gunfight at the AJM, no fresh clash broke out there till last night, the situation was tense though, mills sources said.
 Police did not arrest anybody in connection with the explosion. An FIR was, however, lodged with Siddirganj police.
 The Officer-in-Charge of Siddirganj thana told The Daily Star that the bomb-makers were hired by the pro-Kshem group AJM workers.
 Leaders of the AJM
 See Page 12 Col 7

PM leaves for Rome tomorrow

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia leaves here on Wednesday for Rome on a four-day visit to Italy, reports UNB.
 Begum Zia will deliver the key-note address "On Food and Nutrition: A Basic Right" at the FAO headquarters in Rome on the occasion of World Food Day on October 16. She will speak on the subject on an invitation by Edward Saouma, the Director General of Food and Agricultural Organisation.
 The invitation is considered here as an acknowledgement of the Prime Minister's keen interest in the subject and her commitment to the alleviation of poverty in line with her "Dal Bhat" approach.
 Previous key-note speakers for this occasion included
 See Page 12 Col 6

63 more Rohingyas return home

By Farid Hossain
 The repatriation of Rohingya refugees resumed on Monday with another 63 refugees returning home in the second batch in a smooth and voluntary move watched by two UN relief officials.
 Omar Farooq, Chittagong Divisional Commissioner, told reporters at Cox's Bazar that the refugees—32 adults and 31 children from 12 families—sailed back home in Arakan at 8:45 am.
 The refugees returned home voluntarily, said Farooq, who along with government and UNHCR officials, saw them off from a centre five miles north of Teknaf town.
 In Dhaka a top United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) official

said the repatriation was smooth and voluntary.
 "The UNHCR is involved in the verification of the returnees. We are satisfied that the repatriation was voluntary," said Pat Duggan, deputy chief at Dhaka office of the UNHCR.
 She said the UNHCR was involved in the process on Sunday. Two officials interviewed the returnees at Rangkhali camp and they saw the refugees signing forms to return home voluntarily, she said.
 The refugees sailed through Naf River by an engine boat for their home in Arakan, the western province of Myanmar (Burma).
 This was the second move
 See Page 12 Col 1

145 killed in Egyptian quake

CAIRO, Oct 12: A strong earthquake shook much of Egypt on Monday afternoon, destroying at least 20 buildings in Cairo. The Interior Ministry reported 145 deaths and nearly 1351 injuries, reports AP.
 Officials said the pyramids, the Sphinx and other ancient monuments apparently escaped damage.
 The US Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. said early seismograph readings put the magnitude of the tremor at 5.9 on the Richter scale. It said the quake was centered about 32 kilometers (20 miles) southwest of Cairo—several kilometers (miles) from the pyramids—and was the strongest
 See Page 12 Col 7



A bus that collided with a truck on Dhaka-Narsingdi road under Roopganj thana yesterday. — Star photo

BDR foils BSF moves to push in more

By Staff Correspondent
 Indian Border Security Force (BSF) guards continued its attempts to push Bangladesh violating its assurance given at the Friday's flag meeting between the two countries that it would not push any person into Bangladesh any more according to reports received in Dhaka from the frontiers Monday.
 Our Correspondent from Satkhira reported that the BSF tried to deport personnel sent back two-boat-load of people from the Bangladesh side of the frontier river Kalindi, official sources said.
 Some 200 Bangla-speaking men, women and children, brought for deportation, were still living in the boats, they said.
 Besides, another 150 people brought at Sultanpur and Laxmidari areas of Satkhira district were also sent back by the BDR men today.
 Meanwhile, information

trickling in from across the border said that the BSF had advised the people of Hakimpur frontier village of India to clear their abodes and live one kilometer inside Indian territory.
 Our Correspondent from Jessore adds: BDR Monday foiled BSF attempts to push 50 people into Bangladesh through different border villages.
 According to local officials, the BSF men tried to deport 10 people through Kashipur village of Sharsha thana of the district while another 40 people at 6 pm Monday through Shahjapur village of Chowgacha thana.
 According to local officials, the BSF has brought about 400 people to Bagdaha border from Bongaon of the 24 Parganas of India, for pushing them into Bangladesh through border village of Jadavpur in Jhenidah district.
 See Page 12 Col 3

Menon urges JS to arrange his medicare expenses

Wounded MP Rashed Khan Menon, recovering from bullet wounds in London, has denounced government indifference towards him and urged parliament for arranging his medicare expenses, according to a message received here, reports UNB.
 In an open letter addressed to Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali, he said "I have no demand to the government... I am afraid the dream of establishing democracy as an institution in the country after nine years of struggle is diminishing as terrorism has replaced politics".
 Terrorism bred by the Ershad regime, which was saddled in the anti-autocracy movement, has now been legalised by the government, alleged Menon, who was shot at by gunmen of August 17 in front of his party office here.
 Menon, General Secretary of Workers Party and also leader of the Five-Party
 See Page 12 Col 7

New WB conditions for funds release

By Inam Ahmed
 The World Bank (WB) has put forward new conditionalities for release of the second tranche of the public resource management credit (PRMAC).
 The conditionalities cover three main fields: the revenue and tax reform, rationalisation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) and some reforms in the fiscal macro policy.
 The WB said improvements in these fields were needed for the release of the second tranche of PRMAC.
 The amount of this tranche is 50 million US dollar. The first tranche of the same amount was released last June.
 This money goes directly to the country's exchequer to

meet the import deficit, sources said.
 On the taxation issue, the WB asked the authorities to impose Value Added Tax (VAT) on a wider scale and observed that VAT exemption should be abolished.
 It also viewed that the self-assessment system of income tax should be streamlined as it was not yet yielding good results. The self-assessment system has been introduced in the current budget.
 The WB also suggested that some administrative reforms of the tax administration was also needed for desired domestic resource mobilization.
 It also asked the government to take steps for tariff

rate adjustment.
 "In its conditionalities, the WB has asked the Planning Commission to review the projects under the ADP and prioritize them according to viability, sources said.
 It also said the size of the ADP should be made manageable for the economy and asked the Planning Commission to take measures to this effect, a WB official said.
 It has also asked to review the three year rolling investment plan for boosting implementation.
 The suggestions for fiscal macro-policy include quick disinvestment of the loss making enterprises in the public
 See Page 12 Col 8

Four killed, 24 hurt in road mishaps

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Oct 12: At least two passengers were killed and 20 others injured when a Bhairob-bound bus skidded off road and fell into a ditch at Barapa Area of Rupganj Thana under the district this morning.
 Bodies of the two victims—Yasir Ali, 18, and Rafiqul Islam, 30, were brought to the General Hospital in the district headquarters for autopsy, hospital sources said.
 Most of the injured passengers were admitted to the Rupganj Health Complex. A
 See Page 12 Col 8

AL is against politics of bluff: Hasina

GOURIPUR, Oct 12: Sheikh Hasina today said her Awami League stood for the politics of peace, democracy and economic development of the people against the politics of bluff, terrorism and corruption, reports UNB.
 Addressing a mammoth election rally at Gouripur stadium this afternoon, she appealed to the people to cast vote for "boat" in the people.
 Begum Rawshan Ara, the widow of Awami League MP Nazrul Islam who had died in a road accident, is contesting for the parliament seat.
 The Awami League President said her party had adop-

ted a welfare-oriented economic policy aimed at removing poverty, creating jobs through industrialisation and increasing farm production.
 The opposition leader blasted the rule of BNP. "Eighteen months of misrule and failures of the government have not only frustrated the nation but also threatened democracy and development in the country."
 Refuting Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's claim that BNP politics is oriented to boost production and development, the opposition leader said the present government
 See Page 12 Col 1

AL retains Rajbari-1

RAJBARI, Oct 12: Awami League retained the Rajbari-1 seat with Quazi Keramat Ali declared elected in the parliamentary byelection held today, reports UNB.
 He bagged 41,962 votes to capture the vacant JS seat, beating his nearest rival MA Khaleque of ruling BNP who polled 36,096, according to unofficial results.
 Election Commission sources said Jatiya Party candidate Munshi Abdul Latif got 9,966 and Jamaat nominee Advocate Nurul Islam 10,353 votes.
 A total 98,399 out of 1,90,663 voters cast ballots of which 795 were cancelled.
 Voting in all 84 centres in
 See Page 12 Col 6

The Daily Star
OFFICE SHIFTED
 The Daily Star announces the shifting of its editorial, news and commercial offices to Road 3, House 11, Dhanmandi Residential Area, Dhaka with effect from Saturday, October 10, 1992.
 All our valued readers, advertisers and patrons are requested to kindly note the change of address. Press releases, ads and all other communications should be addressed to:
The Daily Star
 House 11, Road 3
 Dhanmandi R/A
 Dhaka 1205
 Tel: PABX 500091-4; 863036;
 Fax 88-02-863035

Bush, Clinton trade jobs as presidential debate turns personal

ST. LOUIS (Missouri), Oct 12: President George Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton traded jobs at the first Presidential debate Sunday, both pledging change in the next four years, reports AFP.
 Clinton took center stage at the Athletics Complex of Washington University, with Bush to his left and billionaire independent candidate Ross Perot to his right.
 Clinton, running consistently 10-15 points ahead of Bush in the opinion polls, said he represented "real hope for change."
 "What I say to the President is—Mr Bush for 12 years you have had it your way and it didn't work," he said.
 In turn, Bush said that experience was his strong point, "change for change sake is not enough," the President said, adding that the world had experienced "mind-boggling" change during his four-year administration.
 "My economic programme is the change we want," he added.
 Perot, who is running far behind the other two men in the polls, acknowledged his lack of government experience with a swipe at his rivals. "I don't have any experience running up a four-trillion dollar deficit," he said.

He also argued for a 10-cents-a-gallon increase in the gas tax for each of the next five years, a radical proposal in the caroling United States. "If there is a fair way, I'm all ears," said the jug-eared Texan, drawing laughter from the audience.
 Clinton turned to the President and said, "I've got to respond directly to Mr Bush," noting that Bush's father, Prescott Bush, had stood up to Senator Joe McCarthy when the Conservative senator went

student more than 20 years ago.
 Clinton continued the attack in his closing statement, listing Republicans who had abandoned the President to support his campaign. "Mr Bush has said some very compelling things tonight that just don't square with the record," he said, saying the President indicated that health care was a priority but was in office more than three years before coming up with a health care plan.
 Bush listed his accomplishments, many of which were overseas. "We must have change that empowers people," he said listing job retraining, increased exports and investment as priorities.
 Before the debate, the three men shook hands briefly as their wives and families applauded from the audience. The nationally televised debate was expected to attract an audience of 70 million.
 Reuter says: An upbeat Bill Clinton told supporters he hoped Sunday night's presidential debate showed voters he should be America's next president.
 "We sure tried to show them tonight," Clinton said in brief remarks to a rally.
 "Beginning tomorrow, we have three weeks and one day
 See Page 12 Col 3

my country."
 Clinton continued the attack in his closing statement, listing Republicans who had abandoned the President to support his campaign. "Mr Bush has said some very compelling things tonight that just don't square with the record," he said, saying the President indicated that health care was a priority but was in office more than three years before coming up with a health care plan.
 Bush listed his accomplishments, many of which were overseas. "We must have change that empowers people," he said listing job retraining, increased exports and investment as priorities.
 Before the debate, the three men shook hands briefly as their wives and families applauded from the audience. The nationally televised debate was expected to attract an audience of 70 million.
 Reuter says: An upbeat Bill Clinton told supporters he hoped Sunday night's presidential debate showed voters he should be America's next president.
 "We sure tried to show them tonight," Clinton said in brief remarks to a rally.
 "Beginning tomorrow, we have three weeks and one day
 See Page 12 Col 3



The debate turned personal when the character issue was raised. Bush reiterated his condemnation of Clinton's participation in anti-war demonstrations in London and a Christmas trip to Moscow as a on a communist witchhunt in the 1950s.
 "Your father was right to stand up to Joe McCarthy, you were wrong to attack my patriotism," he said, "I loved opposition to the war but I loved

LONDON
Before SUNSET

Does time zone change and flight at night affect you? If so, fly Biman every Wednesday leaving Dhaka at nine in the morning to reach London via Dubai before sunset.
 On reaching destination you get a whole night to relax and overcome jetlag to start a fresh working day.
 Only BIMAN offers you this advantage.
 Biman also flies thrice a week to London leaving Dhaka at night.
 Dhaka-London by Day or by Night—Choose your flight.

27 International destinations: Abu Dhabi, Athens, Amsterdam, Baghdad, Bahrain, Bangkok, Bombay, Colombo, Doha, Dubai, Frankfurt, Jakarta, Karachi, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Kuwait, London, Muscat, Nagoya, Paris, Singapore, Srinagar, Rome, Singapore, Sharjah, Taipei, Tokyo.

Biman
 BANGLADESH AIRLINES
 Your Home In the Air

DPP (BA)-9817-8/10