

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.
 1463 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y.M.C.A. NASIRABAD.
 CHITTAGONG. TEL: 226803. Fax: (880) (31)-223238.
 VOL. II NO. 261 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

KARTIK 1, 1399 BS, DHAKA FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1992 RABIOUS SANI 18 1413 HIJRI

Inside Today

Article
 Late Re-entry May
 be Too Late for
 Ross Perot
 Page 4

International

US plans to install
 AWACS data cen-
 tre in Bosnia
 Page 5

Magazine

South Africa in Transition,
 Columbus Found Guilty, My World by S
 M Ali, Derek Walcott:
 Burning, Breaking and
 Bridging, Write to Mita
 and Longing for an
 unfettered life
 Pages 9, 10, 11

Business

Govt to procure rice
 through tender
 Page 7

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



Graffiti and the
 Dhakaite
 Page 3

NEWS BRIEFS

ALWC meets today

By Staff Correspondent
 The first meeting of the newly elected Working Committee of the Awami League will be held at 10 am today (Friday) at its Bangabandhu Avenue central office. Party chief and the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will chair the meeting.

Hafiz joins BNP

Jatiya Sangsad member Major (Retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed along with ten other eminent politicians of Lalmonahata under Bhola district yesterday joined Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) imbued with its ideals and programmes. Those who joined BNP with Maj (Retd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed are: Solaiman Howladar, Yasin Miah, Jasim Uddin Ahmed, Enayet Kabir, Fazlul Haq Meah, Abul Kasem Dulal, Alamgir Meah, Nirab Meah, Ibrahim Khalil and Shahjahan Kuddus, reports BSS.

'Doa Dibas' today

Bangladesh Jatiya Imam Samity yesterday urged the Muslims to observe 'Doa Dibas' today (Friday) to offer prayer for their fellow Muslims who are subjected to oppression under the 'Operation Push Back' of India, reports BSS.

Film honoured

Bangladesh film 'Shankha Neel Karagare' was screened in the information section of Taahkent International Film Festival on Wednesday, according to message received in Dhaka yesterday. The film was awarded a special prize, while actress Champa was awarded a certificate, reports BSS.

63 more held on various charges

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday (Thursday) rounded up 63 people in connection with different crimes. According to a handout issued in Dhaka last night the police arrested 301 persons from the city during October 13 and 14 and have sent them to jail, reports UNB.

Khaleda, Amato hold talks Italy assures all help to development efforts

ROME, Oct 15: Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato said here today that Italy would work out planned programme to develop its existing relationship with Bangladesh especially in the field of economic cooperation, reports BSS.

The Italian Prime Minister said this when Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called on him at his office at Palazzo Chigi.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman while briefing newsmen on the talks said the Italian Prime Minister extended a very warm welcome to Begum Khaleda Zia on her first visit to Italy.

Amato said Italy would certainly come forward to help Bangladesh in its development efforts. He said, "The existing relations between the two countries are very close indeed and Italy would extend all out assistance to Bangladesh in its development endeavours."

Amato also underlined the need for regional cooperation between developed and underdeveloped countries. The meeting which was held in an extremely warm atmosphere discussed the possibility of interaction between SAARC and EEC.

Bangladesh Prime Minister while reciprocating the sentiments said Italy was one of the first countries to recognise Bangladesh and the relationship since then between Bangladesh and Italy had grown good to better. At present the relations between the two countries was at the best possible levels and cooperation between them and understand-



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia holding talks with Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato in Rome yesterday. - PID photo

Motivate people to change food habit: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday stressed the need for motivating the people to take nutritious food through change in food habit, reports BSS.

Begum Zia said, the change in food habit will help minimise the nutritional problem and achievement of self-sufficiency in food.

In a message on the occasion of World Food Day, she said, nutritional problem is an other concern of the country like food problem.

The main victims of malnutrition are the children and their mothers while mothers' milk is the best source of nutrition for the children, she said adding cheap vegetables contain valuable ingredients of nutrition.

But leaves 'push back' issue to politicians

BSF agrees to 'defuse tension'

By Staff Correspondent

Officials of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) at a flag meeting at the Bhomra immigration checkpoint in Sathkira district Thursday decided to take steps for defusing tension along the border.

They also agreed that India's so called 'operation push back' be resolved politically by the two governments and "those brought to the border will remain there until further decision."

"We will do everything to maintain peace along the border... our good relation will remain, whatever is the decision of the two governments on the (Push back) issue," Lt Col Mozammel Huq told The Daily Star, when contacted by telephone from Dhaka.

Lt Col Huq led the three-man BDR delegation to the flag meeting. He was assisted by Major Akram Hossain and Captain Ishaq.

The BSF side was led by the commandant of the 115 battalion. He was assisted by two deputy commandants.

The five-hour flag meeting began at 11 am Thursday.

However, Lt Col Huq said that there was no commitment

Tigers raid 3 villages, massacre 148

COLOMBO, Oct 15: Tamil rebels attacked three villages in north-central Sri Lanka Thursday and killed 148 people, most of them Muslim civilians, military officials said, reports AP.

Seven soldiers, five policemen and 30 children were among those killed in the pre-dawn attacks in Plonnaruwa district, said officials at the joint Operations Command in Colombo.

They said troops have found the bodies of 115 civilians, 23 of them scattered in jungles where they were apparently dumped by the rebels.

About 100 civilians were injured, a military official at the site said on condition of anonymity. He was contacted by telephone.

A policeman in a nearby vil-

lage, Medirigiriya, said his colleagues in the villages reported on police radio that the rebels threw grenades, fired automatic weapons and hacked the victims with knives.

Mohamed Azurdeen, a 20-year-old Muslim, said he saw women guerrillas taking part in the attack.

"When I heard shooting I ran from my house into the nearby jungle. I saw the Tigers chasing people in the rice field and shooting them down," he said in a telephone interview.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility or clear motive for the attack. Lawrence Thilakar, the Tiger spokesman in Paris, would neither confirm nor deny rebel involvement in the attack.

Coast Guard to be raised

An interministerial meeting yesterday decided in principle to launch a combined force styled "Coast Guard" for guarding country's coastal belt, reports UNB.

Held in the conference room of Home Ministry, the meeting decided to raise a "composite force" with concerned agencies like Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Rifles, police, customs, narcotics control and Ansar battalions, said an official handout.

See Page 12 Col 2

Proper learning must for leadership, says Hasina

Sheikh Hasina yesterday asked students to grow up with proper learning so they could take over leadership of the country with competence and foresight, reports UNB.

"The people now realise how a nation plunges into crisis for lack of far-sightedness in leadership," the Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament told a Jahangirnagar University students' delegation at her 29

See Page 12 Col 7

Invitation to summit

Mostafiz begins trips to SAARC states Oct 21

Star Report

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman begins his tour of six SAARC capitals next week to invite the heads of state and government to the December summit in Dhaka, but the trips could well turn into occasions for talking important bilateral issues, at least.

See Page 12 Col 5

Bush-Clinton second debate today

WASHINGTON, Oct 15: President Bush and Bill Clinton prepared privately for their second debate on Thursday in a campaign growing testier by the day. Ticketmates Dan Quayle and Al Gore sparred at a distance, as if locked in a debate without end, reports AP.

"I think this administration is unraveling," said Gore, the No. 2 man on the Democratic ticket.

"George Bush is in a political panic," Gore contended, noting confirmation by Bush's government on Wednesday that it had searched through embassy files overseas for Vietnam War-era information on Clinton.

Administration officials said the search through the files was in response to requests submitted by news organizations.

With Bush's Republican party lagging in the polls, Quayle countered with a reprise of his Tuesday night debate charge that Clinton wasn't a man to be trusted—except to raise taxes and spending.

He also suggested in an ABC-TV interview that it had been an act of courage for Bush to raise taxes in 1990, a decision that many conservatives view as political heresy.

to the White House and told reporters as they entered the Oval Office, "I'll try my hardest to do as well as he did. It was first class."

But some said the same tactics used by Bush would backfire.

"If George Bush runs too combative a campaign, he's going to be seen as too negative and his own negatives are going to go up," said Stuart Rothenberg, a Republican who publishes a non-partisan political newsletter.

Clinton is so far ahead in the polls "he has reached the comfort level," said Rothenberg. "We are poised for a substantial Clinton win."

"America has decided. It's Clinton," said Hery Graff, presidential historian at Columbia University. He cites trends in Gallup Polls going back to 1936 to bolster this assertion.

A CBS-New York Times poll released Wednesday gave Clinton 47 per cent to President Bush's 34 per cent and independent Ross Perot's 10 per cent, unchanged from the same poll 10 days ago.

The survey, conducted Monday and Tuesday among 854 registered voters had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Clinton also led when respondents were asked whom they trusted most to solve the nation's economic problems. Clinton was favored by 37 per cent, while 29 per cent said Perot and 23 per cent picked Bush.

Perot stayed out of public view on Wednesday.

7 killed, 9 injured in road accidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least seven persons were killed and another nine were injured in five separate road accidents in Dhaka and Chittagong yesterday (Thursday).

A pedestrian was killed when a running train ran over him at Shamibagh rail crossing at about 3.30 am yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Bachchu Miah and he was about 40. Police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

In another road accident a student of Debnath Government College was killed and another one was injured when a speeding truck knocked a bicycle at Manikganj bus stand at about 7 am yesterday. The victims were identified as

Mohammad Mojibor Rahman Bokul, 24 and Tappu, 12. Fatally injured Bokul and Tappu were sent to Manikganj Sadar Hospital from there Bokul was sent to the DMCH where doctors on duty declare him dead. Tappu was admitted at Manikganj Sadar Hospital. Police sent the body to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

At least four persons were injured when a baby taxi overturned in front of the Prime Minister's office, Sugondha at about 7 am in the city yesterday.

The victims were identified as Masud 20, Ayesa 40, Alpona 18 and Tinku 5, they were admitted at the DMCH.

However police seized the baby taxi and arrested its

See Page 12 Col 7

JS rejects two resolutions, admits two

By Staff Correspondent

Parliament yesterday rejected two resolution on introducing Honours courses at the Feni Government College and the Jamalpur Ashak Mahmud College, while admitted two others. Another resolution was withdrawn.

See Page 12 Col 4

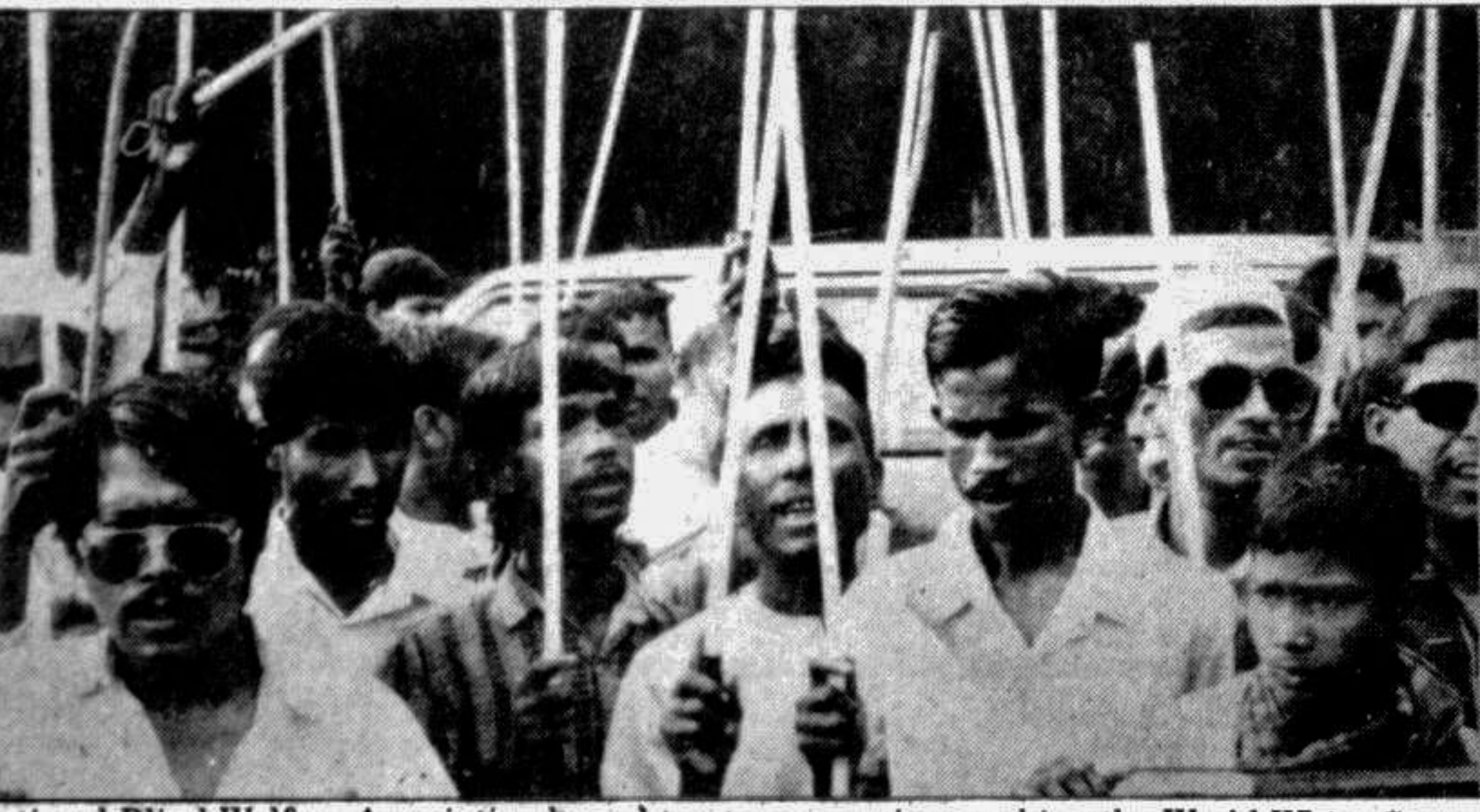
AL retains Mymensingh-3

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Oct 15: The Awami League retained the Mymensingh-3 (Gouripur) seat of the Parliament with its candidate Roushan Ara Begum was declared elected in the by-election Thursday.

A house wife turned politi-

See Page 12 Col 8



National Blind Welfare Association brought out a procession marking the World White Cane Day in city yesterday. - Star photo

White Cane Day observed

World White Cane Day was observed yesterday throughout the country to focus the problems of the visually disabled persons and make the society aware of its responsibilities towards them, reports BSS.

Various social organisations held elaborate programmes which included holding of discussions, rallies, distribution of leaflets, display of posters and distribution of white canes among the blinds.

Voluntary Health Services Society (VHSS) and NPOWD, a forum of the NGOs dealing with the disabled, jointly arranged a meeting of the blinds.

[More stories on Metro Pages]



By Sabir Mustafa

A lack-lustre Private Members' Day was dying on its feet, when opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim came to the rescue with a plea to allow Mostafizur Rahman of Sandwip to attend Parliament.

The Managing Director of Bangladesh Commerce and Investment (BCI) is currently

See Page 12 Col 1

'Coup only option to cleanse politics in Japan'

TOKYO, Oct 15: In an ominous echo of Japan's militarist past, an army officer has proposed a coup d'etat to clean out corruption in politics, saying his views have support among the Self-Defence Forces, reports AP.

Shinsaku Yanai, a 45-year-old major in the Ground Self-Defence Forces, published his views Thursday in the largest circulation weekly magazine in Japan a day after a leading politician resigned in a scandal.

"It is no longer possible (for those in power) to correct injustice through elections in a legitimate way that is the basis of democracy," Yanai wrote in the Shukan Bunshun, a right-leaning general news magazine distributed to 700,000 readers.

No other options remain but "a coup d'etat or revolution," Yanai wrote.

The major was sharply rebuked by Sohei Miyashita, director-general of the civilian Defense Agency, which oversees the military, and by Koichi Kato, the chief government spokesman.

Miyashita told Japanese reporters Thursday morning that the agency "will take appropriate measures" regarding Yanai after studying the matter.

"Such a thing as a coup d'etat could never be permissible under Parliamentary democracy. It's out of the question," Miyashita said.

Kato told reporters at his regular news briefing that Yanai's article "should not be forgiven."

"If a member of a legitimate armed group expresses an opinion denying the principle of democracy, it will create unnecessary misunderstanding among the public," he said. "I think the Defense Agency will conduct the necessary investigation and take appropriate measures."

Yanai said he was not alone in his thinking. He quoted an anonymous senior officer in the Self-Defence Forces as saying, "The time will surely come when someone stands up."

He quoted the officer as saying it was "strange" that a coup like the famous unsuccessful attempt by young military officers on February 26, 1936, had not occurred despite the fact that nation's politics were as corrupt now as then.

Yanai quoted another soldier as saying: "We are worrying about how to buy a house and get by after retirement, but those creeps (Politicians) pocket and amazing amount of illegal money by using their status. We are fed up."

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