BSF attempts to push in 398 more

JESSORE, Oct 17: Bangladesh Rifles foiled several attempts of Indian Border Security Force (BSF) to push another 398 Bangla-speaking Indian nationals into Bangladesh early today, reports UNB.

The BDR men thwarted the Indian attempt to Push in some 237 people through Kalipur border of Sharsha thana in the district shortly after

The BSF at Shutia of 24-Pargana district of India tried to push another 161 Muslims through Shikarpur and Salkona borders of the district but their efforts were foiled by the BDR.

Reports trickling in from across the border said about 1500 to 1600 Bangla-speaking Muslims are passing their days in sub-human condition at different camps of Boyra and Shutia of 24-Pargana district, many of them suffering from various communicable dis-

Meanwhile, Bharatiya Janata Party has organised a rally tomorrow at Bagda of 24-Pargana to create pressure on the government for sending the Bangla-speaking Muslims to Bang-

BSS adds: With high moral courage and sense of patriotism, people in the border areas irrespective of caste and creed, have continued their spontaneous vigilance against the push-in programme of the

Mohammad Abu Zafar, a teacher of Kalokakoli Primary School of Pakshiya under Sharsha thana in Jessore told BSS that the villagers were alert and determined to foil any Indian attempt of pushing its Bengali-speaking Muslim citizens into Bangladesh.

Munajat Ali Gazi, a member of Bhomra Union Parishad under Satkhira district, said: "We have no language to condemn

the push-in programme of

He said: "We won't allow inhuman act of the BSF to push their citizens illegally into our country. It is a threat to our sovereignty and indepen-

Prof Rafigul Islam MP (AL), talking to BSS at Jessore Press Club, described the Indian push-in programme as "hein-ous" and "unthinkable" at this age of human rights and

Govt has links with Matin's

killers: Jamaat Jamaat leader Abbas Ali

Khan yesterday condemned the killing of Maulana Abdul Matin Mridha and accused the government and its administration of having "direct and indirect links with the killers" "We do not seek punish-

ment of the killers from the government . . . a government which doesn't run the country with the laws of Allah cannot deliver judgement on killing," said the acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami speaking briefly before namaz-e-janaza for Matin.

The funeral prayer for the Jamaat activist, who suc cumbed to his injuries at the Combined Military Hospital on Friday, was held at the North Gate of Baitul Mukarram after Zohr prayers yesterday.

Party leaders including Secretary General Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami and city Ameer A T M Azharul Islam and NDP leader Anwar Zahid were also present at the

Jamaat will hold protes rallies across the country today and submit memorandum to the Home Ministry on October in protest against the

IFAD a close partner

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date with remarkable success. She described IFAD as one of the closest partners o Bangladesh in the development of her country. She had words of praise for what it has done to improve the economic conditions of the small and marginal farmers.

She recalled IFAD efforts in providing swift assistance to Bangladesh following last year's devastating cyclone.

Dwelling at length on the background of the creation of IFAD in 1977, she said the circumstances that led to the creation of IFAD still exist as millions of people in the developing countries still suffer from chronic hunger and mal-

The Prime Minister said, alleviation of poverty is a major development objective of her government and the improvement of the quality of assetless rural poor is a priority in her development strategy. She praised IFAD as a pioneer among development institutions in creating awareness on the contribution of rural

Recalling the recent IFADsponsored summit on economic advancement of rural women in Geneva as a great success, Begum Zia said, it has underscored the vast potential that such women have in building a better future for the

world's rural poor. She further said, the economic emancipation of the poor rural women and their integration in the development process is a priority of her government. She had words of praise for the president of FAD.

IFAD President Jazairy voiced his admiration for Bangladesh, a nation, he said of builders and re-builders The unfailing courage and spirit of the people in the face of daunting natural calamities, he observed, has made the country a special target for IFAD's initiatives.

Over the past 14 years, the fund has financed more projects in Bangladesh than in any other country 12 at a total cost

of about US \$ 200 million. Begum Zia today visited Largo Bangladesh, a square in the Italian capital dedicated to Bangladesh after establishment

of democracy in the country. The Prime Minister walked through the square and directed the Bangladesh Embassy to have a Bangla sign board along with the Italian one.

She thanked the authorities of Rome for dedicating the square to Bangladesh.

Begum Zia also visited the

Bangladesh Embassy here to-

While talking to the Bangadeshis the Prime Minister called upon them to work for upholding the image of the country in Italy.

She met the Bangladeshis

leaving here at the embassy

and enquired about their wel-

The members of Bangladesh association here also presented a memorandum to the Prime Minister and discussed their problems.

PM's Rome visit: Embassy terms it a success story

The first result of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's visit to Italy has been the promise by Prime Minister Giulino Amato to recognise Bangladesh as the priority country in Asia for Italy, Italian embassy in Dhaka describes the visit quoting sources in Rome, reports BSS.

The visit has been both a reflection of the success of the foreign policy of Bangladesh as well as a personal one for Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, said an embassy press release, summing up the visit.

About the promise by the Italian 'Prime Minister to recognise Bangladesh as a priority country in Asia, it referred to the wide ranging discussions that the Prime Minister had with the Italian leaders and added financial details of the on-going projects of the cooperation and about future ones have also been discussed and better de-

"It is expected that the visit will increase at all levels, that is, political, economic, trade and cooperation. The already well established ties between the two countries" the press release said. The embassy said all these underline the historic impact of the visit and prove the credibility of the deepest interest in the relations between the two countries.

"The fact that they are both ideal partners for much broader dialogues in the world scenario, and a bridge between the developing countries and the western developed ones,"

said the Embassy release. Italy views the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister as "successful beyond any expectation" and the embassy press release described the visit of Begum Zia as having "conquered" Rome.

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BNP fails to face parties politically, says Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina Saturday said that the BNP government failed to face the country's political parties 'politically' and promulgated the anti-terror ism ordinance.

She was addressing a meet ing in observance of the fifth death anniversary of AL leader Abdul Malek Ukil who was the party chief from 1978-81, at the Bangabandhu Avenue Central Office at the evening.

"It (the ordinance) has been promulgated to harass and suppress the political parties. the trade unions and the movements against the wrongdoings of the government, Hasina told the jam-packed audience.

She said that it was a disrespect to the democratic norms to promulgate an ordinance when a similar bill was under consideration of the Parlia mentary Committee.

The BNP government was never in favour of parliamentary democracy but supported it under an unusual circumstance when there was every possibility of failing in the presidential election," she said, adding that therefore it was not fair to expect respect from BNP to democratic norms.

Hasina alleged that the BNP unleashed a reign of terror to create plausible grounds for promulgating such an antipeople ordinance when the bill was already at the committee.

Chaired by City Unit President Mohammad Hanif, the meeting was also addressed by presidium member Abdus Samad Azad, MP, immediate past General Secretary Sajeda Chowdhury, MP, General Secretary Zillur Rahman and Presidium member Abdul Mannan.

The AL Chief who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament accused the BNP government of betraying AL. The ruling party made a commitment to support AL in parliament for repealing the Indemnity Ordinance, she claimed.

Hasina said that the killers of 1971 and '75 jointly formed the Jubo Command and the government was patronising it. Terrorists in Adamjee and other jute mills were also being patronised by the government, she alleged.

The Opposition leader in Parliament said that the government did not take any punitive measures against the Freedom Party even after recovering weapons from its of

She cautioned that this government can not save the killers under any pretext and without the trial and punishment of the killers political stability in the country was a

Italian Senate

From Page 1 Col 5 restoring democracy in Bangladesh. He also wished her every success in achieving economic emancipation of the people through development programmes.

Giovanni said his government and people would support every effort of Bangladesh for development.

He said he would visit Bangladesh February next. His visit would be a symbol of support to the development ef forts of Bangladesh by the Italian government and people, he added

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Agriculture, Irrigation and Flood Control Minister M. Majedul Huq and Khaleda Rabbant MP were present on the occasion.

Begum Khaleda Zia said the parliamentary linkage had to be strengthened between Bangladesh and Italy through exchange of visits by parliamentarians of the two coun-

She also mentioned the recent visit by the Italian parliamentary delegation to Bangladesh and said the visit had helped the parliamentarians of Bangladesh to shape their experiences with the Italian counterparts.

Two killed in road mishaps

DMCH Correspondent At least two persons were

killed in two separate road accidents in and around the city during the last two days. Mozammel Hossain Biplob

(20), a student of class ten of Valum Ataur Rahman School and College was killed while going to school when a speeding bus ran over him at Dhamrai on the Dhaka-Aricha highway at about 8 am yesterday (Saturday). In another incident, a

pedestrian was killed when a speeding motor cycle knocked him down in front of Kawran Bazar at about 6 pm Friday.

The victim identified as Mohammed Abdul Kader (60), was sent to the DMCH in a critical condition where he succumbed to his injuries at about 10.30 pm the same day.



The flag draped coffin containing former German Chancellor Willy Brandt is carried down the steps of the Reichstag during his funeral Saturday followed by Germany's President Richard von Weizsaecker (behind coffin to the right) and Chancellor Helmut Kohl (behind the President).

Civil Service in total mess, says Minister

A "total mess" is prevailing in the country's Civil Service because of conflicts and groupings among different cadres, hampering the administration, reports UNB.

The disarray in the bureaucracy was complained by a State Minister who looks after the administrative machinery Nurul Huda, State Minister

in charge of the Ministry of Establishment, was speaking at a seminar on "Role of Administration in Flourishing Par liamentary Democracy".

There are many posts vacant in the civil service, but the government cannot fill those up owing to the tussle over power supremacy among the cadres," he said, making a call for united efforts of all to make parliamentary democracy a success.

centrated in the centre, Huda said, stressing the need for decentralisation of the admin-

All powers had been con-

In this context, he pointed out a committee formed to restructure the administration to make it more efficient and effective.

He also regretted that government efforts to give parlia mentary democracy an institutional shape were being im-

US team

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reached by telephone in Cox's

Bazar said the team praised

Bangladesh for its relief opera-

tion for nearly 265,000

refugees currently living in 20

makeshift camps of mud-and-

De Wilde arrived in Dhaka

on Thursday on a 4-day visit to

assess the living condition of

the refugees and hold talks

with Bangladesh government

camps De Wilde was accompa

nied by two US Embassy offi-

cials - Joseph L Novak from

the political section and Harb

camp that houses those

refugees who have volunteered

to return home in Myanmar

(Burma). The government has

already repatriated 112

to talk about the number of

refugees currently encamped

in Rangikhali. But informed

sources put the number at 67

cials are preparing for the

10th round of repatriation

talks with Myanmar. The

meeting scheduled in

Chittagong will be held either

on Thursday or Friday next,

sources said. The last meeting

was held last month in Akyab,

Nepalese protest

water accord

with Delhi

re than 15,000 people demo-

nstrated along the Mahendara

highway southwest of here

Saturday to call for a 24-hour

strike after Nepalese police

shot and injured seven anti-

Indian demonstrators this

an agreement with India on

water sharing, handed in a

protest note to the chief dis-

trict officer in Nawalparasi dis-

The protesters, who oppose

week, reports AFP.

trict.

KATHMANDU, Oct 17: Mo-

Myanmar.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh offi-

Government officials refuse

refugees from this camp.

until Saturdáy (Oct 17).

Rangikhali is the transit

During his tour of the

and UNHCR officials.

Smith from the USAID.

straw huts and canvas tents.

peded by the "hostile activities" of the opposition.

The Prime Minister has yet to work a lot for remoulding the administration -- a must for making the parliamentary democracy a success -- the State Minister said.

"But she is being compelled to remain busy others ... she is being barred from working for the countrymen.

Nurul Huda said the role of the opposition was not only to criticise the government but also to cooperate in development of the country. "But the main role of our

opposition seems to be how quickly it can destabilise the government."

The seminar at a local hotel was also addressed by State Minister for Law Barrister Aminul Haque, former pro-VC of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, former Chairman of PSC Foyez Uddin Ahmed, Advocate Zulmat Ali Khan and Prof Mohabbat Khan.

LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder attended the seminar but left for an urgent business elsewhere. Chairman of the public administration department of Dhaka University presented the key-

One stabbed in city

A clerk of Dhaka Metropolitan Police ration store was stabbed by four muggers at Gulshan-1 at about 3:00 pm Saturday.

Mohammed Alamgir Talukder (35) was on his way home at Azampur, Uttara.

Chinese envoy meets Speaker

Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Chen Songlu called on Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Shaikh Razzaque Ali yesterday at the office chamber of the Sangsad Bhaban.

Merit lists

From Page 1 Col 4 Mahmud Khan, Barisal Cadet College, 864; (4) Maleka Parveen, Government B L College, 847; (5) Munshi Abdul Majid, Kushtia Government College, 840; (6) Reema Choudhury, Government Women's College, Barisal, 820; (7) Md Akhlakuzzaman, Barisal Cadet College, 819; (8) Soma Ghosh, Government B L College, Daulatpur, 814; (9) Md Saiful Islam, Kushtia Government College, 813; (10) Md Golam Mustafa, Kushtia Government College, 810.

Commerce Group

(1) Md Shariful Islam, Kushtia Government College, 815; (2) Md Jahidul Islam Malita, Mahtabuddin College, Jhenidah, 762; (3) Md Nasiruddin, Government Gournadi College, Barisal, 758; (4) Mohammad Humayun Kabir, Cantonment College, Jessore, 747; (5) Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Syed Azizul Haque College, Barisal, 737; (6) H M Mostafizur Rahman. Khulna Public College, 732; (7) Mahnur Tazrin, Government B L College, Daulatpur, 729; (8) Ashrafuzzaman Khan, Government Bakerganj College, 728; (9) Shamsul Alam, Government Gournadi College, 727 and (10) Mohammad Amanus Sadek Khan, Daulatpur (day/ night) College, 726.

BSRS to float shares

The government is planning to reduce the liability of Ministry sources.

But the sources said that the BSRS was not paying income tax since long and the accumulated tax stood at about Taka 108 crore, which may discourage the people to buy

Tuesday pointed to the problem while discussing the pri vatisation process of BSRS.

The meeting also discussed all possible ways to get rid of the problem. No decision was however, taken.

Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed said that it would not be a big problem to the privati sation process of BSRS. The government was looking into the matter and it would be solved, he said.

The Secretary, however ruled out any possibility of exemption of the income tax, the BSRS owes to the government. The fixed asset of BSRS

The fixed asset of BSRS is about Taka 90 lakh while the cash in hand and with banks amounts to about Tk 150

The government decided to privatise BSRS as per the sug gestion of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), which embargoed the corporation in March, 1985 from further financing projects against the backdrop of its poor loan recovery performance and sickness of many projects it fi-

In September, 1990, the ADB, in response to a govern ment request for lifting the embargo on BSRS, offered some advice as precondition

privatisation of at least 51 per cent share of BSRS in two years, finalisation of a prag matic operating policy and strategy for the DFI letting it function also as a commercial bank as well as cleaning up of its portfolios so that all its non-performing loans are taken out of the book of ac-

The government has in the meantime given registration to Development Bank Limited (DBL), a public limited com pany, to which all the shares and undertakings of BSRS will be handed over.

The company will act as a commercial bank besides financing for industrialisation, although, according to Mem orandum of Articles o Association of the company, it must provide 80 per cent of its disbursable loan as term loan for the industrial sector.

BCL (M-I) Jamalpur GS sent to jail

court today sent the general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) district unit to jail hazat for his alleged involvement in violence in the town, reports UNB.

Court sources said the Jamaat-Shibir filed two cases against Nayeem three months back after a clash with BCL that left 12 people of both sides injured. The accused was also seriously injured.

The Midnight File

Shooting erupts in Luanda

LUANDA, Oct 17: Shooting erupted between supporters of the rival UNITA and MPLA parties after elections results were announced in Angola today and one person was feared dead, witnesses and police said, reports Reuter.

300 arrested in Punjab

NEW DELHI, Oct 17: Security forces arrested 300 people in the insurgency-torn Punjab state Saturday Sikhs prepared to observe a memorial service for two Sikhs hanged last week for killing an army general, news reports said, says AP.

Iraq: UN relief work soon

BACHDAD, Oct 17: Iraq and the United Nations agreed today to a new pact allowing for resuming international relief work in Iraq, a senior UN official said, reports Reuter.

JU students gherao VC, demand exam dates

By JU Correspondent

Students of the Jahangirnagar University gheraoed Vice-Chancellor Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed yesterday (Saturday) for more than two hours at his office demanding immediate holding of the postponed course final examinations of the first and second year Honours classes.

The incident took place after negotiations between the Vice-Chancellor and the students' representatives failed to fix fresh dates for the examina-

Earlier, on October 13 the Academic Council comprising the Deans of the faculties. Provosts of the halls, Chairmen of the departments and VC postponed the examinations for an indefinite period follow ing a plea from the guardians of the ousted students for security of their wards during the examination. On September 7, 14 stu-

dents were declared unwanted on the campus by the students for their involvement with the activities of Jamaat-Shibir and were handed over to police along with illegal weapons in their possessions.

The activities of the Jamaat-Shibir forces have been banned on the campus by general students since the killing of a student leader in 1989.

The authorities reportedly

deferred the exams as they could not bar the unwanted examinees from sitting for exams unless they were officially Students, under the banner of Sarbadolio Chhatra Oikya

(SCO), however, blamed the

authorities for vitiating the

'congenial' atmosphere for the sake of some terrorists. Talking to The Daily Star, Vice-President of JUCSU Masud Hasan Talukder con-

demned the postponement Strong quake hits Colombia

A powerful earthquake rocked northwestern Colombia Saturday, devastating one small town and severing communications to another, officials said.

The Mayor of the town of Murindo pleaded for help in telephone calls to radio stations in Bogota and the provincial capital of Medellin, saying many people had been injured by falling debris.

Mayor Eliecer Cantillo said he had no information about deaths from the quake, which struck at 4:34 am (0934 GMT) in the northwestern department of Choco and measured 6 on the Richter Scale, according to officials.

About 90 per cent of the town of 5,000 people was destroyed by the quake, said the government of the province of Antioquia, whose capital is Medellin.

Cantillo told the Bogota radio station the quake also hit the locality of Gigia Del Fuerter. Conditions there were not immediately know because telephone lines were severed.

Several buildings had partly collapsed, including the town hall, a church and a hospital, the Mayor said.

Gold haul

From Page 1 Col 4 connection with the gold smuggling until filing of this report 11:00 pm last night.

Meanwhile, a top Customs Surveillance official told The Daily Star that the seized gold bars would be handed over to the Bangladesh Bank authorities Saturday.

According to a source, when police rushed to Bangla Bazar, they did not find any house bearing number 151 and also could not trace out Syed Amir Ali. Airport Customs Surveilla-

nce and Intelligence teams also seized around 18 kg of gold bars and chains from two Pakistan nationals, Sakir Ali Azmi and Rashida on September 18 this year.

Detective Branch of Police was entrusted with the investigation of the gold smuggling case and DB police later arrested two Bangladeshis in this connection.

and added 'students are the victims of a nasty game of polities of a section of the teach-

strumental behind the decisions of postponement.

October 12 and some of the departments took the exams as per previous routine. The authorities will sit today (Sunday) again with the

students' representatives to Students had earlier submitted a memorandum to the VC. blocked transport communication Thursday and demonstrated to press home

Flag meeting on char land

RAJSHAHI, Oct 17: Bangladesh Rifles and Border Security Force of India held a flag meeting here today to defuse the tension over occupation of a char land by Indian people at Nirmal Char of Premtali thana,

king boundary" between the two countries. It also decided to request the concerned authorities to survey the

Farmers of the bordering areas of the two countries are frequently locked in disputes due to non-existence of pillars. Battalion Commander Major Choudhury Fazlul Bari of BDR led the Bangladesh side at the

ALWC

From Page 1 Col 6 According to Amu, Al, parlia mentary party should have adopted a much more tough line against the government in the past sessions of parlia-

ment, sources said. Amu believed that mass movement was the only answer to the government's hesitation to pass the Indemnity Ordi-

Abdul Mannan and Abdul Momen, although were in favour of an uncompromising approach, felt for consolidating the organisational activities all over the country before taking decision of a mass movement aiming at ousting the govern-

According to sources, they preferred carrying out movements of the Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee on the Golam Azam issue for the mo-

The ALWC, however, will adopt a resolution today to make public their stances on different outstanding socio-political and economic issues of

White House

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during the debate among run-

ning mates earlier this week clearly lifted the spirits of Republican partisans. 'It was great for morale,' said a senior administration official. 'It helped all of us, gave us

all a boost.' Then his voice trailed away, 'unfortunately, well, the president...'

to turn the debates into a mudslinging brawl. Those who know Bush well feel the President does not want to 'get down into the gutter at the end of his presidency. Another administration offi-

cial, who sang Bush's praises after Thursday night's second presidential debate performance in Richmond, Virginia, now admits calling friends the next day to get the views of 'real people'

Bush's performance in a debate lasting an hour and 30 min-They were polite, though Bush did well with the first

two questions, he said. Then he changed the subject, to chat briefly about not

knowing what he would do after the election.

Germany bids farewell to Willy Brandt

BERLIN, Oct 17: Germany bade farewell to Willy Brandt on Saturday with a grand state funeral that drew thousands of people to mourn a statesman who helped reconcile the divisions of post-war Europe, re-

ports AP. The former mayor of West Berlin and former Chancellor of West Germany died Oct. 8 at age 78. His passing deeply af fected many Germans who felt Brandt had rescued their country's reputation after the dark epoch of Nazism.

"The life of a great man has come to an end," President Richard von Weizsaecker said in his eulogy. "He changed the relations of Germany to the world, and the world's relations to Germany."

Over 14,000 people filed past his coffin as it lay in state Friday, and thousands more came out Saturday to see the state funeral at the Reichstag. the historic site of Germany's parliament near where the Berlin Wall divided the city for 28 years.

Chancellor Helmut Koh said Brandt, the 1971 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, contributed much to gaining respect for Germany in the world, and had seen his mission as building bridges of peace to the Communist world and to the poorer nations.

By Sohel Manzur

Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) by floating its shares, according to Finance

A meeting of high officials of the Ministry of Finance

When asked to commen

owes to the government

for the proposed lifting. The preconditions include

JAMALPUR, Oct 17: The

The BCL leader today appeared before the court for bail but the court rejected his petition and sent him to jail.

According to some sources, pro-Jamaat teachers were in-The examinations were

scheduled to be held on

look into the matter.

their demands.

reports UNB. The meeting decided to engage two officers from two sides for demarcating a "wor-

bordering area for setting up

meeting while the Indian side was led by ML Choube of BSF.

nance (Repeal) Bill.

the country.

So far Bush has chosen not

With a pained expression, he described their reaction to

DAILY STAR DHAKA.