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## Bickering over 11th para of Indo-Bangla communique House again fails to adopt resolution on push in

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad was adjourned late last night after the Treasury and Opposition benches failed to arrive at a consensus on a resolution to be adopted at end of the general discussion on India's "Operation Push Back".

The much talked-about paragraph 11 of the May 28 Bangladesh-India Joint Communique remained as the main sore point throughout the closed-door negotiations between representatives of the two sides which began at 9:35 am and ended just before 11:20 pm, when Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali adjourned the House until 7 pm today.

The leaders of the different parliamentary groups sit again at 4:30 pm today in a bid to draft a consensus resolution.

Earlier, inside the House, both benches bickered over the content of the resolution. As Deputy Leader of the House B Chowdhury was about to table the resolution, Abdus Samad Azad rose to say that his party would support only if Hasina's proposal for annulment of the paragraph was included.

During her speech, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina said the paragraph was "contrary to our national independence and sovereignty" and should be annulled by the House, "by any means".

The Treasury benches refused to accept the plea saying that a part of the joint statement could not be nullified unilaterally.

"There is no question of unilateral retraction," Badruddoza Chowdhury rejected his Opposition counterpart Abdus Samad Azad.

The leaders of the parliamentary groups were all for adopting a unanimous resolution condemning the the Indian bid to push in Bengali-speaking people into Bangladesh, but the front benches of both sides quarrelled in the House for about 50 minutes, leading to an adjournment at 9:35 pm for half an hour to reach an agreement on the issue through discussions at the Speaker's chamber.

The House was to begin discussions on the issue after Magrib break at 6:50 pm with B Chowdhury taking the floor.

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## Revoke para 11 of joint communique with Delhi: Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina last night termed India's push-back operation "illogical, inhuman and against the spirit of SAARC," and asked the government to take "appropriate and pragmatic measures" to face the situation, reports UNB.

Hasina also demanded of the government to revoke para 11 of the May 28 Indo-Bangladesh joint communique saying that the clause prompted India to start deporting Indian citizens to Bangladesh.

The communique was signed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao during Begum Zia's visit to New Delhi May 26-28 this year.

The Leader of the Opposition in Parliament put forward the demand while taking part in the general debate in parliament on push-in by India.

Describing para 11 of the communique as contrary to the interest of national sovereignty, she said the Prime Minister admitted the presence of illegal immigrants in India as contained in the communique.

"The Prime Minister bowed down to the diplomatic pressure of India and tarnished the image and prestige of Bangladesh," Hasina said amidst cheers from the thumping of desks by members.

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**By Sabir Mustafa**

The general discussion on India's "Operation Push Back", which began at 5 pm Monday, was pushed around for nearly two hours Tuesday night by the House, before being pushed-in to the background till the next day.

Strange though it may seem, the debate with an original time-limit of three hours went on for nearly six and a half hours, and still failed to produce a resolution at the end of it. A resolution, that is, which everybody wanted to pass.

The would-be star performer, however, declined to perform. Leader of the House

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## 68.73 pc pass RB HSC exams

By Staff Correspondent

The results of Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations of the Rajshahi Board held in June-July were announced Tuesday. The percentage of pass is 68.73.

A total of 61,379 students appeared in this year's HSC examinations of whom 42,191 passed, 2,649 in first division, 15,175 in second division and 24,367 in third division.

Md Asaduzzaman of Rajshahi Cadet College Roll-Raj (Cadet) 36 topped the combined merit list obtaining 950 marks while Md Murshidul Islam of Rajshahi College (Raj 651) stood second securing 941 marks and Md Ul-Ul Azam of Pabna Cadet College Pab (Cadet) 21 stood third with 938 marks.

Anandamoyee Majumder of Rajshahi University School (Raj F3357) stood first among the female students securing 890 marks.

Md Afzalul Islam of Rajshahi College (Raj 282) stood first in Humanities group obtaining 852 marks while Md Wahedur

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Anandamoyee Majumder Md Asaduzzaman Shawli Shahid Tumpa



RU Board HSC result-sheet on sale: Brisk business in front of the Education Board, Rajshahi at 6.00 pm yesterday. — Star photo

## Results were out before they were announced

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 20: Books containing the results of the Higher Secondary Examination, 1992 under the Rajshahi Board were in the market hours before the results were officially announced today, witnesses said.

They alleged that some people around the Board premises collected the books containing results from a section of unscrupulous employees at 6 in the morning and "sold results" to the examinees who arrived there to know their results.

The results were officially announced at 9 am today.

A group of reporters present at the board early in the morning saw that the result books were being sold from a microbus (Raj Metro Cha-02-0003) to some lung-wearing people who again were collecting Taka five to ten from each examinee to tell the results.

When the reporters approached the sellers, they launched an attack which left a reporter of the Akjer Kagor Golam Faruk injured.



Nurul Islam Moni, MP, presenting bouquet to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office on the occasion of his joining BNP yesterday. — PID photo

## Kamal back home, charts course soon

Star Report

Dr Kamal Hossain of Awami League Tuesday said that he would decide the future course of his political activities after discussion with his like-minded political colleagues in the party soon.

"I will discuss the present party situation with my like-minded colleagues and then take a decision on what I will do," he said. "I want to continue my political career with a view to realising the aspiration of the country's War of Independence."

Dr Hossain returned home Tuesday night after a month-long trip to the United States, France, the Netherlands and Malaysia.

He left Dhaka one day before the crucial Awami League Council Session began on September 19. In the new Central Committee he was dropped from party president, but was included in the newly-created Advisory Council.

Talking to The Daily Star at his Baily Road residence, a

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## Nurul Islam Moni joins BNP Shun differences of opinion for unity: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called for unity of all forgetting differences of opinion for economic emancipation of the people, reports BSS.

Addressing a gathering of Union Parishad Chairmen and local leaders of different parties including Awami League of Barguna who, led by independent parliament member Nurul Islam Moni, joined BNP at her Sugandha office, the Prime Minister stressed the need for cooperation of all sections of people to take the country to the path of progress.

Earlier, Nurul Islam Moni MP, Alamgir Ahmed Talukder, president of Banna Thana unit of Awami League and Union Parishad Chairman M A Wares addressed the gathering expressing their total loyalty to the leadership of Begum Zia and pleading to work under the banner of her party.

The Prime Minister said democracy will become meaningless unless economic emancipation of the teeming millions can be ensured. Welcoming those who joined her party, Begum Zia pleaded for their involvement in creating awareness among the rural people.

Listing a number of programmes already undertaken to change the lot of the people Begum Zia, who is chairperson of BNP, said the government attaches priority to education, industrialisation and production.

Referring to some of the problems of the southern districts the Prime Minister said the government with its limited resources will do its best to solve them phase by phase.

The formation of coast guard is under the active consideration of the government to curb piracy in the coastal areas, she mentioned.

Among others, Post, Telegraph and Telephone Minister Keramat Ali, Social

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## Illegal immigrants relate to Chakma refugees: Mostafiz

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman said in parliament last night that illegal immigrants from Bangladesh to India as mentioned in the joint communique relate to Chakma refugees, reports UNB.

Explaining clause 11 of the joint communique issued at the end of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's visit May 26-28 to Delhi, the Foreign Minister said it should be read with subsequent clause 12 and 13 where Chakmas were categorically mentioned.

Chakmas fled home in Chittagong Hill Tracts in the wake of Shanti Bahini insurgency and were sheltered in Indian state of Tripura. Bangladesh had repeatedly asked India to send them back.

Winding up the general discussion on Indian operation push back of her Muslim nationals to Bangladesh, the Foreign Minister noted with satisfaction the grave concern expressed by the opposition which described the Indian action

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## Mantu supporters back in DU Salimullah hall

By DU Correspondent

Tension again gripped the Dhaka University campus yesterday as the Mantu backed 'Third World' faction of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League returned to Salmullah hall of the university.

The Mantu faction activists had been ousted by their rivals Barisal-Gopalganj axis from the Salmullah and Zahurul Huq halls in January this year. Later they recaptured the Zahurul Huq hall by ousting their rivals in May and have been staying in the hall since then.

Hall sources said that no untoward incident took place though both the pro-Awami League BCL (M-I) and the Mantu group supporters were present in the Salmullah hall yesterday.

Witnesses said that a group of about 18 Mantu faction activists, who had been staying at the Zahurul Huq hall for a long time, entered the Salmullah hall through its main gate yesterday at about 12.30 pm. Hall sources said that most of the

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**PM congratulated**

The International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (IUATLD) has congratulated Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for her significant contribution towards anti-tobacco movement by declaring her secretariat as a no-smoking zone. "This is undoubtedly an example of her government's sincere desire for the health and welfare of the people, a resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the scientific committee of the IUATLD held in Paris said reports BSS.

**Tornado hits Sirajganj**

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 20: A tornado tore through two unions of Kazipur thana damaging about 100 dwelling houses today. The storm which started at about 3.30 pm and lasted for about 15 minutes also uprooted more than 200 trees and damaged standing crops on vast track of land in Tekani and Khashrajbari unions, reports UNB.

**Salam Talukder off to Japan**

A four member Bangladesh delegation led by LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder left Dhaka yesterday for Japan to attend the 30th congress of the International Cooperative Association (ICA) to be held at Tokyo from October 22 to 30. The other members of the delegation are: Bangladesh Jatiya Samabadda Union Chairman Salahuddin Ahmed MP, General Secretary Mohammad Shahidullah and Director Ahmed Siddiqui, reports BSS.

## Bush fails again to score a knockout punch

EAST LANSING (Mich), Oct 20: President Bush and Bill Clinton opened a two-week dash Tuesday to election day fresh from a stormy debate marked by clashes over trust and taxes and Ross Perot's frequent, pointed attacks on Bush's foreign policy, reports AP.

Bush's performance Monday night in the last of the three debates was his best. But the Republican president, lagging behind Democratic nominee Clinton in the polls, failed to score the knockout punch his supporters say he needs to put him ahead before the Nov 3 elections.

Bush, repeatedly criticising Clinton for a "dangerous" pattern of waffling on issues ranging from trade with Mexico to war with Iraq, was more focused and aggressive than in the first two encounters, but instant polls showed voters viewed Clinton a narrow winner.

Clinton returned Bush's volleys, mocking Bush's argument that the Democrat could not be trusted with a recitation of the president's broken "read my lips" promise not to raise taxes, his pledge to create 30 million jobs and his support of what he once called "voodoo economics."

Perot said neither of his opponents' economic plans added up and that he would spend more than his 60 million of his own money on his campaign. The Texas billionaire's sharpest volleys were aimed at Bush, whom Perot said needed wars to remove Saddam Hussein and Manuel Noriega from power after he had built up their regimes.

On CBS TV Tuesday, Bush aide Fred Malek predicted Perot, running a distant third in the polls, would "siphon off votes from the president... but he's also going to siphon off votes from Gov Clinton."

A quick poll taken by ABC-News yielded the result that

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US Presidential candidates Bill Clinton, George Bush and Ross Perot in their final TV debate appearance Tuesday. — Star TV photo

## Haji Nasir murder Police pick up wife for interrogation

By Staff Correspondent

Kotwali police Tuesday picked up Wazilutun Begum, wife of the killed businessman, and detained her in connection with the murder.

A businessman, Haji Nasiruddin, 60, was slaughtered by a group of unidentified men at his Proshanna Poddar Lane, Tantibazar in the city Monday night.

A police source said that the second wife of the victim, Wazilutun Begum, was not arrested. She was detained in the police station for interrogation, the source added.

Jibonnesa alias Namuna, a niece of the victim, who was also critically stabbed by the armedmen, was shifted to the PG Hospital from the Sir Salmullah Medical College

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