# Kidnapped kids

From Page 1 Col 5 one of the arrested women claiming to be their mother.

These two are also likely to be handed over to the orphanage, Willard said. "I have even left two air tickets for them."

The 17 minor boys have already left on a bus for the 'Home of Joy' orphanage located in Tilok under Rupsha thana. Earlier in August, the Home Ministry awarded the custody to the orphanage.

Wearing identical navy-blue T-shirts with the Friends of Bangladesh logo written on them, the boys were cheerful when they arrived at the air-

In India they stayed at a hostel of the Juvinile Board of Bombay for most of the seven month period.

Willard observed that most of them spoke a mixture of Bengalt and Marathi.

One of them, Anwar, when questioned in Bangla by this correspondent replied that he hailed from Noakhali but could not be more specific. As for their ordeal, he said: "Bombay sey pakarkey police ney ley aya hai (police caught and brought us from Bombay)."

Willard said at least four or five of the boys could not provide any clues to the place from where they were abducted but the kidnappers told all the boys were Bangladeshi.

Another kid in the group. Anwar, who hardly looked more than four years old, said that he was from Thakurgaon.

Willard said that some of the boys told Bombay police that they were told that they were going to Dubai and that they reached Bombay after a 'long long' train journey. One of them was quoted as saying: "We were told that when we reached Dubai we would be given sweets and biscuits."

Little progress

London flight dropped to 150

Sunday from 212 on Friday

night, the source said fearing

the number might go down

London flight is controlled

mainly by the agent in Sylhet

where the strike has turned

All for a

chair

By DU Correspondent

students in and around Dhaka

University Madhu's Canteen as

a group of pro-Awami League

BCL (M-I) and Mantu backed

BCL (M-L) activists quarreled

over use of a chair in the

Canteen yesterday at about 11

soon rushed to the canteen

fearing the brawl might spark

ing serious", witnesses said,

Auranga

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Mannan and few other lawyers

moved for his bail. The court

rejected the prayer and

The court, however, al-

Records of the murder case

According to the case

were sent to the District and

Sessions Judge Court for trail.

records, Auranga was charge-

sheeted on May 11 in 1981 for

murdering Naik Ali Azam of

DGFI in the city on January 28

proceeding was stopped sine

die. The case was revived on

August 20 this year after the

Hasina

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lifting of sedition case against

the 24 sponsors of "Gana-

ment's foreign policy as sub-

servient and alleged that the

ruling BNP was responsible for

the Indian "push-in" and the

charge against the BNP gov-

ernment that its inefficiency

and failure have plunged the

nation into "deep darkness of

despair". The government has

failed to check smuggling, cor-

ruption and terrorism, she

ening Awami League at the

grass root level and reaching

the party's programme to the

League leaders invited Hasina

to be present at the public

meeting at Baktarpur union on

rate the massacre of 139 free-

dom fighters by Pakistani oc-

1971 Liberation War.

cupation forces during the

League President Ansar Ali,

Fatuliah Thana Awami League

General Secretary Mohammad

Shahidullah and Baktarpur

Union Awami League President

Ibrahim Pradhan were pre-

Narayanganj district Awami

November 29 to commemo-

commonman.

sent.

Hasina called for strength-

Earlier, Fatullah Awami

Hasina also renewed her

Rohingya refugee problem.

She criticised the govern-

Adalot" (people's court).

lapse of more than 10 years.

On July 7, 1982, the case

ordered the accused into jail.

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"and soon died down."

Witnesses said that police

"But the incident was noth-

Panic gripped a number of

very effective.

off violence.

in 1980.

The source say the Dhaka-

further in the next few days.

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Police are suspecting that the kids were being smuggled to some Middle East destinations to be used as 'camel tockeys' in races.

The youngest among the group of 17 is a 3-year-old. Willard said all of them were very excited when they were being taken to the airport in the morning. But, she added, one of them said he did not want to go back home without mentioning any reasons.

Nothing that the parents of one of the children have contacted local officials, Willard said that after consultations with the Social Welfare Ministry she would like to release photographs of the children in newspapers and on television so that they can reunite with their families.

"We would like to reunite those whom we can while we will keep the others at the orphanage.

Expressing her appreciation for the help extended by the Bangladesh High Commission in India, she said the High Commission officials, including the High Commisatoner, visited the kids twice during the last month.

Friends of Bangladesh, operating in Bangladesh since the late 70s, also run a widow centre and a working girls hostel in Tongi, two clinics and also a school for deaf and dump children. The orphanage, set up in 1986, currently has 46 children ranging in age from 3 months to 12 years old.

The organisation is run on donations provided by about 1200 donors from across the United States and England, Willard, who hails from Cape Code, Massachusetts, informed.

"I am just so terribly happy that we are being able to give these kids a chance," she said.

#### 2 killed in bus plunge at Dhamrai,

By Staff Correspondent At least three persons were killed and 35 others injured in two road accidents in Manikganj and Gazipur yester-

According to our Manikganj Correspondent, a Rajshahibound bus with 55 passengers skidded off the road and fell into a ditch filled with water near Barobaria Bridge in Dhamrai Thana killing two of its passengers and injuring 35 others in the morning.

Local people rushed to the spot and rescued the passengers trapped inside the bus under five feet deep water. They also found one person dead, Avenal Hossain, 35. His brother-in-law whose name could not be collected immediately expired on way to hos-

Six seriously injured passengers were admitted to Manikgani Sadar Hospital. They were: Nazmunnahar, 17, of Nagarpur, Tangail, Jotsna, 25, Dhankora, Manikganj Abdur Razzaque, 35, Jinnat Ali, 35, Jahangir Alam, 20 and Ramzan Ali, 18. A case was filed with Dhamrai thana in this regard.

#### Mahila Sangstha seats DU women teachers elect two representatives tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent The female faculty members of the Dhaka University tomorrow take part in a polling to elect two of their colleagues who would be representing them in the Jatiya Mahila Sangstha.

A total of 213 women teachers form the electoral college for the election, first of its kind in DU history.

The University authority had earlier named two teachers, but a government order asked that nominations be made through elections. The country's six other universities will also have two representatives each to the national body for women.

Of the three panels competing, two are backed by two teachers' forums and the other "does not belong to any part, group and colour."

Prof Zinnatunnesa Tahmida Begum of Botany and Associate Prof Ishrat Shamim of Seciology form the panel supported by the White Group that presently dominates the affairs of the University.

The Blue Group of teachers backs the panel composed of Prof Sultana Shafi of Physics and Associate Prof Rabeya Khatun of Sociology.

In a departure from tradition, Associate Prof Dr Niaz Zaman of English and Associate Prof Dr Perween Hasan of Islamic History have formed a panel independent of any of the three teachers' forums for what they say fighting funda-

mentalism. There is no candidate from the Pink group.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the sixth convocation ceremony of the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR) at Gazipur PID photo yesterday.

#### Mustafiz's bail Rule issued on **BB** Joint

Director, state

A High Court Division Bench vesterday issued rule upon a Joint Director of banking control department, Bangladesh Bank and the state to show cause within two weeks as to why the Chairman and Managing Director of Bangladesh Commerce and Investment Limited (BCI). Mustafizur Rah man MP, should not be enlarged on bail, reports BSS.

The bench comprised Justice Fazle Hussain Mohammad Habibur Rahman and Justice Mohammad Ansar Ali.

Mustafizur Rahman, MP, filed a bail petition before a High Court Division Bench against order dated October 8 last passed by the District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka which had rejected the bail petition of Mustafizur Rahman.

Harunar Rashid Chowdhury, Joint Director, banking control department, Bangladesh Bank had lodged FIR with Motifheel Police to the effect that the accused Mustafizur Rahman of BCI Ltd, committed offence for breach of trust and misappropriation of about Tk 1,29,31,980.

# PM: Muslim world

From Page 1 Col 7 past and rich heritage. I am hopeful that we are going to re-establish ourselves in the field of science and technology through OIC and establishing its various centres including the ICTVTR", Begum Zia said.

She termed the ICTVTR as a symbol of Islamic solidarity and joint Islamic action under the OIC. Students from the OIC member states, besides getting technical training, have an opportunity to interact among themselves - thus fostering mutual understanding and brotherhood among the Islamic countries.

Addressing the graduating students, the Prime Minister said the Muslim community is on the threshold of a new era and the recent worldwide political, economic and social changes pose new challenges as well as offer new opportuni-

She called upon them to respond to the new challenges and contribute their mite towards shaping the world of tomorrow. "May the spirit and ideals of Islam inspire your lives and future work", she

She noted with appreciation the improvement of financial situation of the centre and felicitated the member countries, particularly Saudi Arabia

and Kuwait, for their help and assistance.

Dakar, Senegal, in December

She expressed her happi ness that the Board of Governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has already taken up the matter.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for regular flow of funds for smooth functioning of the ICTVTR and announced the decision of raising the annual contribution of Bangladesh to US dollar 50,000 from US dollar 29,000 Referring to the forthcom-

ing OIC-UN Sectoral Meeting on Science and Technology with special emphasis on environment being organised by the ICTVTR in December this year at Dhaka, she hoped it would be another important event after the SAARC Summit.

The function started with the Prime Minister joining the colourful convocation parade by faculty members attired ir blue gowns with golden

Begum Zia recalled her pledge made to the centre at its fifth congregation that she would raise the issue of finan cial crisis at the Sixth Islamic Summit. She said it was one of the major issues of her address at the last summit held in

### flight in new route

Biman defers

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Biman has deferred its planned Dhaka-Delhi-Hong Kong-Seoul flight because of aircraft shortage and the strike by travel agents, Birnan sources said Sunday.

The flight in the new route was scheduled from yesterday but was postponed due to lack of adequate preparation, the source said adding that the new Chittagong-Rangoon-Bangkok flight however, would operate from Thursday as scheduled.

Following inauguration of the new flight, Chittagong will be considered as the second international airport in the country.

Meanwhile, the Biman Bangladesh Airlines has already floated tender to take lease of two aircraft which may join the fleet within a couple of months.

#### Arrest of Auranga politically motivated: AL

An unscheduled debate ensued in parliament yesterday on the arrest of Awami League MP Hemayetullah Aurangazeb that ended with opposition urging the Speaker to bring him to the House and protect privileges of the members, reports UNB.

Opposition chief whip Mohammad Nasim initiated the debate following the Speaker informed the House about the arrest which was communicated to him by a Deputy Commissioner of po-

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali said the police officer communicated to him about the arrest of Aurangazeb on Saturday from a city hotel in connection with four criminal cases.

Taking part in the debate Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad questioned the government intention of the arrest for an alleged offence 12 years ago. He also questioned as to why his party MP was not taken into custody during the last two years - from his filing nomination papers to voting in the house for election of the President.

The chair should maintain his neutrality in protecting privileges of members of both sides, Samad said.

Defending the arrest Information Minister Nazmul Huda said government believed in the rule of law. The present democratic government could not resort to illegal and autocratic steps taken during Awami League and Jatiya Party rules when many people were thrown behind the bar on whimsical grounds.

Echoing him Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia said the judiciary which is independent will judge the legality of the arrest of Awami League

Mohammad Nasim said Aurangazeb was implicated in false case and the arrest is politically motivated. The case filed against him in 1980 was "dismissed" on July 1982. It was revived on August 15, 1992 only to harass the oppo-

"Opposition MPs are being sent to jail in false cases when parliament in session", Nasim lamented. Pointing to the treasury

benches he said "You have among you also some who are accused in murder cases."

#### Perot

From Page 1 Col 4 "I can tell you this: If Mr Perot said it happened, you can put it in the books," Swindle said. "The men's charaeter is beyond reproach."

Perot said he didn't know how Carolyn's wedding might have been disrupted, but told the Herald: "Watch how they disrupt rallies; watch how they tried to disrupt the Democratic convention. They got a bunch of noe-Nazis there that do this kind of stuff. He told the Herald that he

did tell "a number of people" including press secretary James Squires and all his family members except Carolyn the real reason he was leaving the race. Perot told "60 Minutes" and

the Herald that President Bush called him the day he dropped out to suggest a meeting. Perot said the meeting was cancelled when he told the White House that his No 1 item on the agenda would be dirty tricks. "Let's assume I'm totally

wrong and nobody was doing this to my daughter," Perot told the Herald. "I just find it fascinating that neither George Bush or Jim Baker would ever come back and say, "Perot, you're crazy. We didn't do this. Nobody did." Robert Teeter, chairman of

the Bush/Quayle '92 Committee, said in a televised interview Sunday that he only heard about Perot's allegations "a couple of days ago."

"It's absolutely untrue and there is absolutely no basis for it," Teeter said. "We have not engaged in any of that kind of

# The Midnight File

#### Blast kills 25 in India

NEW DELHI, Oct 25: At least 25 people were killed and more than 100 injured today in a massive explosion in a shop selling firecrackers in the eastern Indian town of Haria. Witnesses said that more than 100 people might have died in the blast, which gutted several buildings, reports AFP.

#### Turkish train plunges into river as Kurds blow up bridge

ISTANBUL, Oct 25: A passenger train plunged into a river in southeast Turkey today after rebel Kurds blew up a rail bridge, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported. No casualty figures were immediately available. Police sources, quoted by the agency, said the train was travelling between the cities of Elazig and Mus and plunged into the Murat River near Yorecik-Kurt Station. reports Reuter.

### Pro-govt forces retake Tajik presidential palace

MOSCOW, Oct 25: Pro-government forces in Tajikistan today regained control of Presidential palace, occupied since Saturday by supporters of ousted president Rakhmon Nabiyev, assistant head of Tajikistan television Akhmadjo Kamalov said, reports AFP.

# Seen from the Gallery

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tories to produce spirits or other alcoholic liquid.

These two pieces of sweet and sour information were given to the House by Industry Minister Shamsul Islam Khan in reply to a supplementary question by Awami League's Al-Haj Syed Abul Hossain, a smart-looking, quiet-talking fellow from Madaripur.

. . . . .

Nobody in his right mind would dare to accuse information Minister Nazmul Huda of lacking in smartness. But the adjective "quiet" would perhaps be regarded as an outright slander by the barrister himself. Yesterday, however, he was quietly smart. Speaker Shaikh Razzaque

All was not in the best of mood when he found that the ministers responsible for answering questions no 264 (Huda) and 265 (Dr Mosharraf Hossain) were not present immediately after the Maghrib break. Huda arrived minutes later

and rose to give a personal explanation, which actually turned out to be just that, and not one of his usual, chaotic attacks on the Opposition. "I don't mind if everybody

else gets angry with me, but can't bear to see you getting angry with me as well," a thoroughly apologetic Huda told the Speaker. The portly barrister with a

strong liking for safari suits with rolled-up sleeves, explained that as soon as he heard question no 262 being

#### Kashmir

From Page 1 Col 7 Pakistan, as well as Raja Muzaffar and other officials.

A hardcore of about 100 people confronted security forces at the barricade, but most of the several thousand marchers had turned back to the Azad Kashmir capital of Muzaffarabad.

However, the army allowed thousands of marchers near Hajira, to the south alone the 790 km (500 mile) Ceasefire Line to pass a similar barricade only about seven km (four miles) from the UN-monitored line, a JKLF spokesman said in Islamabad.

"The pressure of public opinion forced the army to let them go" the spokesman said. The two sides negotiated for several hours before the group was permitted to proceed, he

Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said it was becoming increasingly difficult for Pakistan to stop such marches. Pakistani and Azad Kashmir

authorities used force twice this year to block attempts by the JKLF to cross the line. Police fired on one march last February when 10 militants were killed.

called by the Speaker, he raced into the House from his chamber. But alas... The speed with which you

went from 262 to 267 really put me in an embarrassing position," Huda, who usually tries to overcome embarrassing situations with straightforward counter-attacks, hit or miss, said.

The Speaker then assured him that he was not angry, and that he would go into reverse gear and back to no 264. The question, tabled by AL's Prof Rafigul Islam of Jessore, who really looks like a professor, wanted to know the names of all full-length and short films currently preserved at the National Film Archives.

"The films include Mai Zinda Hoo (! Am Alive), Prithibi Amake Chai [The World Wants Me)... Huda said, without the slightest hint that the names he chose to read out had any message whatsoever about himself."

"Yes, yes, the world wants You," agreed the Speaker, "but is anybody tying you down, that's what I want to know."

The minister didn't manage to reply, and before long he was tied down by yet another of his battle of rhetories with the Opposition front-bench.

A serious matter of MP's privilege came up before the House, in the form of notices' as well as verbal explanations. Not tax-free cars or diplomatic passports, but a rather mundane, multi-million taka matter of towels, pillow covers,

canteen food etc. The standard of service at the Members' Hostel is, the House was unanimous, abominable. With a capital A.

Jatiya Party's Fazle Rabbi, evidently relishing this oncein-a - lifetime's opportunity to speak for all hard-done-by MPs, complained that water, electricity were often turned off without warning; conditions of towels, pillow cases etc were disgusting - "I never use the Hostel's towels", he said.

Enough? Not at all. "And the quality of the food in the hostel canteen is such that, Mr Speaker, if you were to have some, you will either end up at the PG Hospital or at the Suhrawardy Hospital," Rabbi, sporting a red tie like members of the Labour Party in the British parliament, said.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, whose ministry is apparently in charge of these matters, said that one crore taka have already been made available to improve conditions at the MP Hostels and they will "get everything within the next one week."

It must have been a novel experience for Chowdhury to make a statement on the floor without half the Opposition springing up on their feet to

## 'দি ডেইলী স্টার' পত্রিকার সম্মানিত এজেন্দের প্রতি আবেদন

আমরা অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সঙ্গে লক্ষ্য করছি যে, উপর্যুপরি তাগাদা দেয়ার পরও আমাদের কোন কোন সন্মানিত এজেন্ট অদ্যাবধি বকেয়া বিল পরিশোধ করেননি।

এমতাবস্থায় পুনরায় তাদের সকলকে আগামী ৩১ শে অক্টোবর, ১২ তারিখ পর্যন্ত বকেয়া বিল পরিশোধের শেষ সুযোগ দেয়া হচ্ছে। অন্যথায় ১লা নভেম্বর, '৯২ হতে সেইসব এজেনীতে পত্রিকা সরবরাহ করতে কর্তপক্ষ বাধ্য নয়।

এক্ষেত্রে আপনাদের সকলের আন্তরিক সহযোগিতা আমাদের একান্ত কাম্য। –কৰ্তপক্ষ

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### Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. SAARC invitation

From Page 1 Col 8 phase, put off the visits hours before his departure, citing the necessity of his presence at home in connection with some important legislative business to be taken up by

parliament during the period. The Foreign Minister yesterday told The Daily Star that the King of Bhutan would not be available in Thimpu when he expected to go to the country and therefore the Social Welfare Minister was being sent according to the earlier schedule.

Rahman said that he would begin his trips with the second phase of the scrapped itinerary. According to that schedule, he is to go to Colombo and to Male.

According to source, the decision to sent Tariqui Islam, a non-MP minister, was taken Saturday. Islam will be back on the next day. The controversial anti-ter-

rorism ordinance will be

placed for disposal in the Jatiya Sangsad this week and the Treasury Bench is sensing trouble in getting the bill through. The ruling party sources said that the BNP Secretary

General and LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, now on a trip to Japan, had also been asked to be back by Friday to ensure enough members' presence at the time voting on the bill in the House.

### AL bracing itself From Page 1 Col 3

duced and would come up for debate any day from tomorrow and the ruling party is determined to get the bill passed by means of its majority in parliament, sources in the ruling BNP said.

The AL chief, at half-anhour meeting of the party's parliamentary wing yesterday afternoon, reiterated her stance on the bill that it was a black law of highest order the nation had ever seen and all possible means must be adopted to resist the proposed

According to sources in the AL Parliamentary Party, Hasina asked her party colleagues in Parliament to get ready even to sacrifice their membership of parliament in order to resist the bill, saying, "You have been members of present parliament for about two long years and now forget about remaining so in the coming days." 'She was clearly hinting at

boycotting parliament in protest against BNP's attempt to get the anti-terrorism bill passed and ignoring the indemnity issue' said an AL MP who attended the meeting. Earlier, the Central Working Committee of the

Awami League decided to

launch a tour programme of

its non-MP central leaders all

over the country with a view to

mobilizing people in favour of

a mass movement against the

and wage-labourers and taking a concrete position on the indemnity issue. The AL chief is expected to announce a series of demon-

hand, will chalk out its strategy to combat the opposition's stance on different outstanding socio-political issues including the ways and means of curbing terrorism today afternoon.

BNP, its Parliamentary Party is also likely to discuss its position on the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill, at today's meeting. Sources in the Awami

League told The Daily Star last night that the party would not allow , the Parliamentary Committee on the indemnity issue to take any fresh deadline for preparing its draft report. The party is bent on taking the issue to the streets.

The party leaders assigned to the tour programme have been asked to highlight government's 'failure' in controlling terrorism, checking price hike of the essential commodities, meeting demands of different segtion of people including those of students

> strations against the government in the public meeting scheduled for November 3. The parliamentary wing of the ruling party, on the other

> According to sources in the

Special behaviour.

## Sheikh Hasina addressing the Awami League Parliamentary Party meeting at the Jatiya — Star photo