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**SAARC speakers' confce today**

A two member Bangladesh parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali will attend the conference of the Speakers of the SAARC countries which begins in Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal, today. The Speaker, who is now in Germany, is expected to reach Kathmandu straight from Germany, reports BSS.

**SAARC envoys visit Sheraton Hotel**

The envoys of SAARC countries yesterday visited the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel and saw the progress of the on-going preparatory and renovation works of the hotel. Heads of the state and government and foreign ministers of the SAARC countries will stay at this hotel during the forthcoming SAARC summit, reports BSS.

**Fishing boats looted**

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 14: Pirates attacked two fishing boats at the mouth of the Bakkhali river Friday night and looted cash money and belongings from fishermen.

**DU LLB exams dates announced**

The third and fourth year final examinations-1991 of LLB (Honours) of Dhaka University under course system will begin on December 17 and 19 respectively. The LLB course final year examination of 1990 will commence on December 24, reports UNB.

**Khaleda visits enclaves**

## Tinbigha 'a good beginning' to better ties with Delhi

DAHAGRAM (Lalmonirhat), Nov 14: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today (Saturday) expressed the hope that existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and India will improve with further solution to bilateral problems, reports UNB.

"This is a good beginning", she said when asked to comment on the resolution of Tinbigha corridor issue.

Begum Zia was talking to journalists from India and Bangladesh while passing through the corridor on way to mainland Hatibandha from Dahagram enclave this afternoon.

The Prime Minister stepped down from her official

white Pajero jeep and walked a few yards through the corridor while returning from the enclave where she flew in a chopper earlier in the afternoon.

Indian government opened the Tinbigha corridor on June 26 enabling residents of Dahagram and Angorpota enclaves, measuring 21 square miles, to link with mainland Bangladesh.

Earlier, addressing a public meeting at Banger Bazar in Dahagram, 6 kilometres from the Tinbigha corridor, during her first visit to the enclave, Begum Zia said the present government was pledge-bound to safeguard and develop every inch of the land.

"Every inch of land (Bangladesh) is sacred to us... the spirit of nationalism will provide us strength for its development."

The people of Dahagram and Angorpota are now integrated with the national development process undertaken by the present democratic government, she said.

Expressing happiness over direct link of the people of the two enclaves with the mainland, the Prime Minister assured that problems of the area would be solved in phases.

She said the government would take steps for agricultural development, improvement of education and sinking

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**India tightens security during visit**

DAHAGRAM ENCLAVE (Lalmonirhat), Nov 14: Indian authorities strengthened security in and around Tinbigha corridor during Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's visit to the Bangladesh enclave today, reports UNB.

Senior officials of the administration and security forces also arrived at the corridor which was opened to Bangladeshis on June 26 for six alternate hours every day.

An extra company of Indian

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia walking through Tinbigha corridor yesterday.

— PID photo

## Tea: Production up, prices down

By Inam Ahmed

Despite all possibilities of a record harvest this year, tea has lost its value at the Chittagong auctions due to the crises in the international market.

It is expected that this year's production will reach 48 million kilograms surpassing the past record of 46 million.

Tea prices however showed a declining trend. The average price this year was about Taka 44.38 per kg as against the 1991-92 price of Taka 52.85.

Tea producers feel that the country will not be able to reap the fruits of this yield and that

the export earnings from the sector may drop lower than last year's.

According to sources, the climate this year was very favourable for tea production. On the other hand, development work in the tea gardens carried out in the past have started showing good results.

"The plucking was good," a tea producer said. However, the downside of price is worrying them, he added.

Concerned by the trend, the government has already formed a committee on tea to review the situation and work

out strategies to overcome the situation.

Tapping of new markets and boosting of the existing ones have also been planned, sources said.

Sources said that the slump in the tea market started with the financial crisis in Russia and other East European countries. The abolition of the barter system of trade has specially slowed down tea export to Russia, a big buyer of the commodity.

The country exported only 3.76 lakh kgs of tea until

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## Aurango charged with murder

By Court Correspondent

An Additional Sessions Judge, Dhaka, Saturday framed the charge against Hemayetullah Aurango MP for murder of an army intelligence man in January 1980.

The Awami League MP Aurango was produced before the Judge Kazi Habibur Awal, who read out the charge in the Court yesterday.

The charge brought against the AL MP under Section 302 of Bangladesh Penal Code (BPC) was for killing an army intelligence man Naik Ali Azmi

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## DU students go on rampage as bus runs over one

By DMCH Correspondent

Agitated people set two buses on fire following a road mishap near the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) of the Dhaka University Saturday afternoon.

One Mir Monayem Hossain Bakul, 28, was run over by a mini bus at 5:15 pm near the TSC. Bakul was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in critical condition.

Immediately after the incident, agitated people pelted stones at the vehicles plying on the road and set fire to a staff bus of Rupali Bank and a passenger minibus.

Fire service office said that their teams rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control immediately.



A staff bus of Rupali Bank was set on fire by DU students near TSC yesterday.

— Star photo



## Mukim Gazi gets another 17 years RI

Notorious dacoit Mukim Gazi was yesterday sentenced to another 17 years rigorous imprisonment by a special tribunal for possessing illegal arms, reports UNB.

With this Gazi was con-

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**No extreme measures soon**

## Show cause on Kamal likely

By Nurul Kabir

The Awami League Working Committee (ALWC), though very annoyed at Dr Kamal Hossain's repeated violation of party discipline, is unlikely to take extreme measures against him at its meeting likely in the last week of this month.

The meeting is, however, likely to decide on serving Dr Hossain a show cause notice on why he should not be expelled from the AL in the backdrop of continuously ignoring party discipline.

According to working committee sources, the meeting will discuss Dr Hossain's active involvement with Mostafa Mohsin Montu, expelled from the AL for his alleged involvement in the

killing of Chhatra League leader Maniruzzaman Badal and activities detrimental to party interests.

Apart from the Kamal Hossain issue, the ALWC meeting is also likely to discuss party strategy to be adopted in the coming days and evaluate organisational preparations a mass movement against the government.

Senior members of the party central working committee who had showed a strong sympathy for Kamal Hossain in the past, would be noticeably vocal against him this time, the sources said.

According to sources, some presidium members of the

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**Denationalised mills**

## Cabinet body recommends textile debt relief

A cabinet committee meeting yesterday recommended that payment of outstanding loans and liabilities of the denationalised textile mills be rescheduled, writing off the penal interest, reports UNB.

Official sources said the cabinet committee on Finance and Economic Affairs recommended the debt relief measure for reactivating the textile sector, boosting production and employment.

The committee recommended that 100 per cent of the accumulated normal interest, since the denationalisation date, would be exempted if the rest of the bank liabilities were paid within three years in six equal instalments.

It further recommended that those mills which would fail to avail of this opportunity would have to pay off the dues in seven years, in fourteen equal instalments. In such case, in addition to exemption of 100 per cent of the penal interest, they will be entitled to 50 per cent of the accumulated normal interest.

This will be executed after signing of tripartite agreement between the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation, concerned banks and the mills.

The committee decided that efforts would be made to reopen the closed textile mills and encourage defaulting entrepreneurs to pay back the long outstanding dues.

It also recommended certain steps for revitalising specialised textile and powerloom subsector to cater to the growing demand of the country's garment industries.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presided over the cabinet committee meeting in the secretariat cabinet room.

Industries Minister M Shamsul Islam Khan, Commerce Minister M K Anwar, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandkar Mosharraf Hossain, Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah, State Minister for Textiles Major (Rtd) Abdul Mannan, cabinet secretary and high officials of the government were present.

The Finance Minister told the meeting that the government was firmly committed to reactivating and revitalising the textile sector.

All-out financial support will be provided to promising and committed entrepreneurs in this sector, Saifur said.

## Repatriation of Rohingyas postponed

The fourth batch of Rohingya refugees is likely to be repatriated to their homes in Myanmar in a couple of days, reports UNB.

Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday the scheduled return of about 200 refugees on November 10 was postponed owing to clashes in the refugee camps in Cox's Bazar the previous day, which left eight dead and about 50 injured.

It was further delayed on account of sickness of the official in charge of reception centres in the Myanmar province of Arakan, home to 14,00,000 Rohingya Muslims.

## Dacoits loot launch, stab one to death

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 14: In a daring operation armed dacoits looted a passenger launch in the Bhola route and stabbed one person to death while leaving another 14 injured on Friday.

The dacoits robbed the passengers of their cash and other valuables worth about Taka 60,000. A case has been lodged with the Kotwali police but no arrests were made till the filing of this report.

According to the passengers, the launch, M V Bapan, left Bhola en route to Barisal at 5 pm on the day.

At around 7 pm when the launch left Sreepur ghat and

was near the Laharhat area, a group of about 20 armed men, disguised as passengers, stabbed a worker, Selim, 35, while injuring a number of passengers and commandeered the launch.

The dacoits then forced the passengers to get-off the Bogadirchar near Mehidiganj and left with the launch along with injured Selim, the passengers added.

Police found Selim and the abandoned launch near the Charmonat area today.

Selim succumbed to his injuries after being admitted to the Barisal Medical College Hospital.



## World Bank President due today

Star Report

World Bank (WB) President Lewis T Preston arrives in the capital today on a three-day official visit.

This would be the WB chief's first ever visit to Bangladesh.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman will receive the WB chief, presently on a six-day visit to India, at the Zia International Airport.

In addition to meeting government leaders, parliamentarians, academicians and top NGO officials, Preston will also meet economic experts and private sector industrialists. He will also visit a number of WB-aided projects around the country.

The government, according to a Finance Ministry source, is likely to seek increased WB financial support for infrastructure development, poverty alleviation, education and basic

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## Bangla-Pak call to keep South Asia N-free

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 14: Bangladesh and Pakistan have called for the establishment of a nuclear-weapon free zone in their region of South Asia, reports Xinhua.

In a draft resolution co-sponsored by the two countries and adopted by the UN first committee Thursday they said the establishment of such zones in various parts of the world could help to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

They believed that the establishment in South Asia of a zone free of nuclear weapons would help to strengthen the security of the states there against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

The two countries urged all states of South Asia to continue to make all possible efforts to establish a nuclear-weapon-free zone and to refrain from any action contrary to that objective.

The draft was adopted by a vote of 117 to 12 (India and Bhutan), with 12 abstentions. It has to be submitted to the General Assembly for further approval.

## C'wealth summit Meet in Kampala tomorrow to finalise agenda

By Toufique Imrose

Khalidi Senior civil servants from the Commonwealth countries begin a three-day meeting tomorrow in the Ugandan capital to discuss the next year's summit, to be hosted by Cyprus, and its agenda and the date.

A two-member Bangladesh delegation led by the Principal Secretary at the Prime Minister's Office, K M Rabbani, is now in Kampala to attend the meeting. The other member of the team is Syed

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## Iraq to deport overstaying Bangladeshis

A large number of Bangladeshis, overstaying in Iraq, are likely to be deported if they are not repatriated, reports UNB.

According to information received in Dhaka, many Bangladeshis are overstaying in the Gulf country after expiry of visas issued from the Iraqi embassy in Dhaka only to facilitate them to offer fatiha at the Masjid of Hazrat Abdul Qader Jilani (R) in Baghdad.

The pilgrims are now allegedly living in Baghdad and other parts of Iraq in search of employment.

# Clinton's top transition adviser 'a foreign agent!'

WASHINGTON, Nov 14: The top national security adviser for the Clinton transition team is a registered foreign agent whose firm has represented Japan and other overseas interests, according to documents filed with the Justice Department, reports AP.

The adviser, Samuel Berger, is a partner in the law firm of Hogan and Hartson here but has been on leave since July when he joined the Clinton campaign. Berger was a State

Department official in the Carter Administration from 1977 to 1980.

As a partner, Berger shares in the firm's earnings from foreign clients.

Berger acknowledged Friday in a telephone interview from Little Rock, Ark., that he had done unpaid lobbying on behalf of Poland's new government and advised the provincial government of Ontario on US trade law.

Berger also said he has engaged in a small amount of lob-

bying on Capitol Hill as a representative of a US subsidiary of Toyota.

At a news conference in Little Rock on Friday where the Clinton transition team unveiled a strict new ethics code, director Warren Christopher expressed doubt that the team would include any foreign agents.

"I don't have any reason to think that there are any agents of foreign governments, and I suspect we would be very careful to screen those out of any

assignments we would make," Christopher said.

But Berger's firm has reported to the Justice Department it is an agent for foreign clients, including the Embassy of Japan, the government of Poland and the Bahamas, the Canadian Province of Ontario, the Council of European and Japanese National Shipowners and the automaker Daimler-Benz.

"The firm has many foreign clients, but I didn't represent"

the ones on that list, Berger said.

Berger said his lobbying on behalf of foreign clients was confined to a brief unpaid stint in 1989 on behalf of Poland's new, non-Communist government. He registered as the agent of a foreign government at that time.

Other than that, "I've not done lobbying on behalf of any foreign government," Berger said.

Berger, a trade lawyer, said

he has provided advice to the government of Ontario. And he said he represented a US subsidiary of Toyota but insisted that it must be considered a US company.

"I'm a trade lawyer and have done a range of trade matters," he said.

Allen Snyder, a spokesman in Washington for Hogan and Hartson, said that Berger shares in fees paid to the firm by the foreign clients "to the extent that any partner does,"