Former JP MP

held along

with 'prostitute'

By Staff Correspondent

Khayeruzzaman, was arrested

along with a woman from

Sangsad Bhaban area Wed-

woman named Ayesha who was

described by police as a prosti-

tute, were detained in the

Tejgaon Police Station and

they might be produced before

the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's Court today

Khayeruzzaman and Ayesha

were arrested at around 11 am

yesterday while they were

passing by the Jatiya Sangsad

AJM workers

demand Rehan's

release by Nov 21

From Our Correspondent

The pro-Awami League work-

ers of Adamjee Jute Mills

(AJM) today threatened to

court arrest en masse if their

leader Rehanuddin Rehan was

at a joint meeting of the AL-

backed Adamjee Patkal Sramik

Karmochari Union (the

Collective Bargaining Agent of

the mills) and the Jatiya Party-

supported AJM Sramik Union

in the compound of the mills

dent of the AJM, Rehan was

arrested Tuesday from his

Maghbazar residence in the

capital in connection with five

cases, filed against him during

mained suspended for an hour

from 10.30 pm due to holding

CBA vice-president and AL

leader Abdur Rahim presided

over the meeting which was

also addressed by Siddiq

Sardar of JP, Mojibur Rahman

district unit of AL also held a

rally in the town demanding

Three accused

From Page 1 Col 8

the three accused were look

ing for their other accom-

plices, a group of armedmen

attacked the police van

exploding crackers and firing

gunshots and took away the

three arrested persons a

around noon, said the source.

the incident over 20 bomb

blasts and four gunshots were

Fazlu was snatched from the

custody of a police team led by

Sub-Inspector Abul Kalam and

a case was registered with

three accused were still ab-

Clinton talks

with Bush in

White House

President-elect Bill Clinton

paid his first post-election visit

to the White House yesterday

and the man he defeated,

President George Bush, mus-

tered a smile of welcome, re-

emerged from his black limou-

sine to a hand-shake from

Bush on the south lawn walk-

way leading to the Oval office,

and Bosh, smiling, escorted

him to the porch overlooking

did not take reporters' ques-

tions as photographers

no questions here," Bush said.

"He's (Clinton) going to be

available to the press, I am

Washington. So we didn't want

to get into a full-scale press

Then they went inside the

Oval office for about an hour of

talks while Clinton transition

chiefs Vernon Jordan and

Warren Christopher met with

Bush transition aid Andrew

Once there, the two men

"We just decided there'll be

before he leaves

The Arkansas Governor

WASHINGTON, Nov 19:

Police said last night, the

them in this connection.

Witnesses said that during

Teigaon police said that

While police after nabbing

Meanwhile, the Narayangan

Production in the mills re-

The AL-backed CBA presi-

this morning.

the Ershad regime.

and Delwar Hossain.

release of Rehan.

police source.

heard.

sconding.

ports Reuter.

the Rose Garden.

snapped away

conference."

Card.

of the meeting.

The warning was sounded

not freed by November 21.

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 19:

Tejgaon police said that

(Friday), said police.

Bhaban in a car.

nesday, according to police.

A former Jatiya Party MP.

Both the former MP and the

# Gandhi Ashram under threat from land grabbers

From Masud Hasan Khan

NOAKHALI: Nov 19: The Gandhi Ashram, a charitable organisation initiated in 1947 at Joyag in Begumgani during a visit by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, is now being encroached upon, Ashram officials said.

They alleged that a section of local influential people was trying to grab the land of the Ashram, dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi during his Shanti Yatra (peace march) in Noakhali following the 1946 communal

Gandhi Ashram operates several human development projects including education, health and economic development and runs the Devendra Madan Mohan Junior High School.

Besides, there is a museum where some personal belongings of Mahatma Gandhi and his ashes have been put on

Talking to The Daily Star, Jharnadhara Chowdhury, secretary of the Gandhi Ashram

Trust, said that some officials of the neighbouring bazaar committee were trying to encroach upon the Ashram land by raising an unauthorised structure.

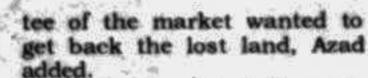
She alleged that the bazaar committee had refused an earlier instruction by the Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali district not to raise any structure on the land.

Chowdhury said that since its establishment in March 1949, the 2000-acre Gandhi Ashram had been reduced to only 24 acres because of the policy of the then East Pakistan government, mismanagement and encroachment by the local people.

However, an official of the bazaar committee Abul Kalam Azad denied the allegation of having raised any structure on the Ashram land. Rather, some land of the

market had been eroded by a large pond of the Ashram, that stands beside the bazaar, he pointed out.

The management commit-



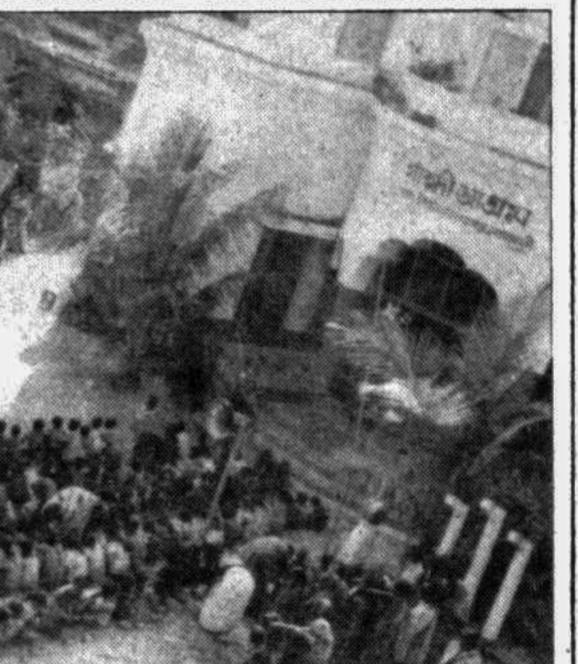
Gandhi arrived at Joyag in Noakhali from Laxmipur as part of the peace march across the riot-torn Noakhali district.

He arrived by steamer at Chandpur on November 7 1946, and started his march to appease the fighting Muslims and Hindus.

Gandhiji trekked through all the unions and thanas including Laxmipur, Choumohani and Laksham.

Mahatma spent the night of January 29, 1947 at the residence of Barrister Hemanta Ghosh at Joyag. The following day, Barrister Ghosh announced that he would donate his property to a charitable fund to honour Gandhi's ideals.

During his stay, Gandhi himself inaugurated a school for the underprivileged chil dren of the locality. And the charity establishment became known as Gandhi Ashram.



Destitute being fed at the Gandhi Ashram.

- Star photo

### Mariana Babar harassed by Pak police

ISLAMABAD, Nov 19: A Pakistani journalist accused police of harassing her today outside an opposition leader's residence, saying she had been pushed and insulted, reports

"Four policemen dragged me out of a car, pushed me around and insulted and abused me," Mariana Babar told reporters at the home of retired Air Marshal Asghar Khan, a leader of the People's

Democratic Alliance (PDA). "I have been receiving threats by phone from anonymous callers who said they have read my reports about PDA agitation," said Babar who works for the local English

newspaper The News. Babar said between sobs that when she shouted that she was a journalist and was going to the PDA leader's residence to attend a press conference, the policemen asked her whether she was a Muslim.

#### Bhutto

From Page 1 Col 6 district of Rawalpindi.

An earlier Karachi report says: Pakistan opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said today she had only a one-point agenda for any talks with the government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif - the holding of fresh elections.

The talks can only be held as equals and not as masters and slaves," the former premier said at her first news conference since the government expelled her from Islamabad and Rawalpindi after the opposition were prevented from mounting a mass march on the capital on Wednesday.

She also said she would only agree to a dialogue if the government disbanded special tribunals, stopped "witch hunts" against the opposition, released all political activists and agreed to the setting up of a government of national con-

"Only then can we sit at the negotiating table," Bhutto said, adding that there should be "only a one-point agenda — of holding fair and impartial

cision regarding the holding of talks with the government rested with the joint leadership of the opposition.

## One killed, 11 injured

From Page 1 Col 5 Royal Book House and then -came back after a few hours to return the pen.

An altercation followed as the shopkeeper refused the student.

"Then he brought with him some musclemen," a shopkeeper said, "and started harassing the shopkeeper."

"At one stage," another shopkeeper added, one of them snatched the scarf of a lady customer. The shopkeepers protested their act and the terrorists left the place an-

"On Wednesday," they said, "the students and the leaders of New Market Shopowners Association settled the issue and we thought nothing was going to happen!"

At 10.30 am yesterday, witnesses and shopkcepers said, some 60 students armed with cut rifles and crackers, came to the south gate of the New

Market. "They wasted no time," one vendor said, "they exploded two crackers at the south gate and started beating up the

shopkeepers."

General secretary of the shopkeepers' association Shahabuddin immediately reacted to their activities by urging the shopkeepers to resist the terrorists through loudspeakers. The terrorists soon ran away towards Dhaka College, witnesses said.

By 10.45 am, the shopkeepers from New Market, Gausia, Chadni Chawk and the nearby shopping centres assembled and marched in a procession from the New Market to the Dhaka College, shouting slogans against the

terrorists. At 11 am, when the shopkeepers' procession was going past Dhaka College chanting slogans, students began pelting stones. It soon turned into a chase-and-counter-chase between the two groups.

At one stage the terrorists opened fire from inside the college. "One of us immediately fell on the ground as we started splitting in all directions," said one of the processionists. "Ironically, the police were standing nearby when all these acts began."

The gunshots and cracker explosions continued for at least half an hour. The police tried to disperse the terrorists by lobbing teargas shells and using baton.

The incidents prompted all shopowners from the Science

Laboratory crossing to Nilkhet down their shutters immedi-

From 11 am until 4 pm, thousands of shoppers had unexpectedly been trapped inside the shops with the shutters down.

as frightened female shoppers screamed in fear and were desperately looking for escape

The shopkeepers of New Market area decided to keep their shops closed till 12 pm Friday in protest of the killing.

the afternoon at New Market.

of the Dhaka College. gents have been deployed in the New Market area following

the incident.

The police took to lathi charge and fired tear-gas shells to disperse the two warring groups. At one stage, there was gunfire from inside the Dhaka College and as a result one person named Anwar Hossain, 30, received bullet injury. The doctors on duty declared him dead when he

Iwo more persons who received bullet wounds, were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

connection, it added. hartal in

RANGPUR, Nov 19: A halfday hartal called by Jatiya Party to protest filing of "false" cases against its activists was observed here today, reports

It alleged that a "false" case had been filed against the partymen, including the district secretary, under the Antisterrorism Act.

Panic gripped the market,

They will also hold a rally in

The shopkeepers have filed case with the Dhanmondi thana involving nine students

Additional police contin-

### Press Note

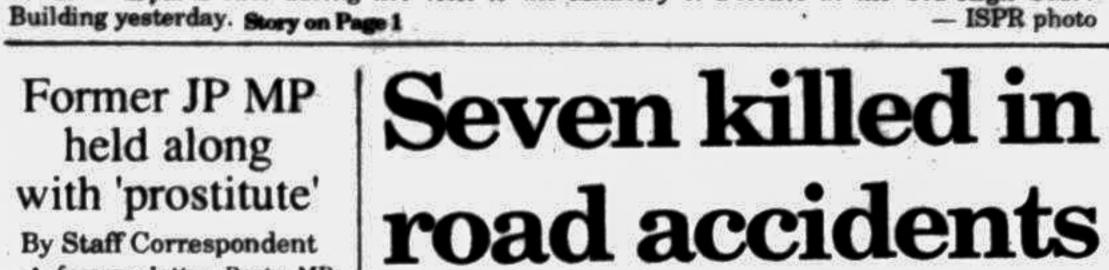
From Page 1 Col 5 of some shops in New Market at noon on November 16. Centering on this incident a group of 40 to 45 youths, said to be students of Dhaka College, raided and damaged some shops in New Market yesterday. They also roughed up several shopkeepers, it

Protesting against the attack, shopkeepers of New Market and its adjoining areas assembled and proceeded toward Dhaka College in a procession. During the time there were chase and counter-chase and exchange of brickbats between the two groups.

was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, the Press Note added.

A case has been filed with the Dhanmondi police in this

## JP observes Rangpur



By Staff Correspondent

Thursday, reports UNB

At least 3 persons were killed and 6 injured in two separate road accidents in Bogra yesterday.

Bishu (30) and Mustakim (35) died on the spot when a witnesses and police said.

Of the injured, Amarendra was lying in critical condition in Mohammad Ali Hospital while his wife Shikha and son the hospital.

push cart and went under its Three passengers were killed when they fell from the roof of a running minibus in

Seven persons were killed and 16 others injured in three separate road accidents in Bogra, Rangpur and Kushtia on

Prime Minister and Defence Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing senior officers and

heads of departments during her visit to the Ministry of Defence at the Old High Court

Jessore-bound minibus from Rangpur fell into a roadside ditch near Mokamtola on Bogra-Dhaka highway as the driver lost control on steering,

Sumon were also admitted into In another accident, a six year old boy fell from a loaded

Rangpur on Rangpur-Dinajpur highway near Taraganj Post Office Thursday, police said.

One of the victims was identified as Azizul Islam (30)

while the identity of others were not known immediately. The passengers were trav-

elling on the roof of Dinajpurbound minibus (Rangpur Ja: 4435) and met the tragic end of their lives when the vehicle dashed with a roadside tree, police added. Local people held the driver

and the minibus soon after the accident and handed over to police. A case has been filed with

the local police. A man was killed and ten others were injured yesterday when a truck laden with jute lost control and rammed onto

a roadside shop in Kushtia. Police and witnesses said the Khulna-bound truck coming from Pabna met with the accident at Trimohoni, three miles from Kushtia town. It occurred at about 5 pm.

The dead man was identi fied as Astruddin. Among those injured, four people were admitted into hospital with critical wounds while others were discharged after first aid.

Police said they had detained the driver and seized the killer truck.

## Power transfer formula

From Page 1 Col 7 ment the present government's development pro grammes

Begum Zia said the PR men

had a great responsibility now to build a bridge between the government and the people. She sought their coopera tion in creating public opinion

on important national issues by disseminating correct informa-A message from the

President of International Public Relations Association, Jim Pritchitt, was also read out in the inaugural session. Nazmul Huda said the

tional means in its formula as to how Ershad would go and transfer power to the then Acting Chief Justice Badrul Haider Choudhury. He said the formula had also identified the necessary con-

BSEHR had spelt out constitu-

stitutional provision under which an impartial election commission would be formed on the basis of national consensus to hold a free and fair election after dissolving the then parliament. That formula ultimately

found reflection in the declaration of the three alliances two years back on November 19, 1990, the Information Minister said.

The Information Minister said the PR men could convey these truths in the greater interest of the nation through their writings and dissemination of correct information.

He called upon PR people to rise above political partisanship in their responsibilities to project development programmes in the country. He said the government would actively consider proposal of Bangladesh Public Relations Association, especially setting up of an institute for the governments and PR men. Referring to anti-terrorism

ordinance, the Information Minister said it was passed in parliament with an honest intention to uproot terrorism from the society for ever.

The Minister said no unconstitutional means should be resorted to change a government which has been formed under constitutional provisions on the basis of the recognition of the 'people's sovereignty spelt out within the framework of three alliances. Nazmul Huda said one o

the three alliances had now joined hands with the force, which remained in power illegally and unconstitutionally for long nine years shattering people's hopes and aspirations He reiterated his call upon that party to help make parliament meaningful and lively to reflect the desire of the people.

Referring to some opposition demands, he said "there is no provision for seizure o power by force in the Constitution. He said the anti-terrorism

law would take its own course to deal with terrorist activities.

## 2 cultural programmes

From Page 1 Col 8 morning at the International Conference Centre, hold a closed-door working session in the afternoon at the Sheraton Hotel where they will be staying, and end the concluding session at 11 am December 14.

December 11 night and depart after the three-day annual event December 14. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in a departure from the recently-introduced reception formalities for the heads of state and government, will receive the guests at the Zia International Airport. Another cultural show has

They arrive in the city by

been arranged for the Foreign Ministers at the Osmany Memorial Hall December 10. The Council of Ministers of which they are members will hold a two-day session December 10-11.

The country's star singers, classical dancers and instrumentalists will perform in both the programmes. Details of the two functions

were finalised yesterday at a meeting of the Summit Cultural Committee chaired by its chief Jahanara Begum, the Minister of State for Cultural Affairs.

folk and modern songs while

Abed Hossain Khan and

invited to perform at the Bangabhaban, but she is yet to Ferdousi Rahman, Shahnaz Rahmatullah, Sabina Yasmin and others will sing patriotic,

Shahadat Hosain Khan will play the sitar and the sarod respectively. Alauddin Ali will act as the music director. The song that the late

General Ziaur Rahman was so fond of is likely to mark the beginning of the Bangabhaban ceremony: Prothom Bangladesh Amar Shesh Bangladesh

At the Osmany Hall programme, Abida Sultana and Baby Naznin will lead a team of 30 singers for the Nazrul Geeti chorus: Mora Jhanjar Moto Uddam... The Bulbul Academy of Fine Arts will present the famous dance drama by Jasimuddin, Nakshi Kanthar

proved for the Bangabhaban occasion while the Osmany Hall programme will cost Taka 3.60 lakh. The Shilpakala Academy is overseeing the preparations

Taka five lakh has been ap-

for these two programmes. A Director at the Foreign Office has been posted to coordinate the activities on behalf of the SAARC Summit Cell. Celebrated singer Runa Laila, who stays in London, was

confirm her appearance. This year, unlike the First Summit that Dhaka hosted in 1985, artists from the other SAARC countries are not com-

## Egypt warns Arabs not to pull out of ME talks

The Midnight File

CAIRO, Nov 19: Egypt, trying to keep the Middle East peace process alive, warned Arabs today not to pull out of the talks and said negotiations were the only way forward. "Our withdrawal from negotiations (would be) a sign of lack of selfcontrol and I don't think any of our brothers in the Arab states is thinking of withdrawal. In fact they are determined to negotiate before world public opinion," President Hosni Mubarak told reporters as he left on a trip to France, reports Reuter.

## Richard Riley Jr held

GREENVILLE (South Carolina), Nov 19: The 33-year-old son of former South Carolina governor Dick Riley, the man President-elect Bill Clinton chose to oversee the hiring of top level members of his administration, has been arrested on drug charges, authorities said. Richard Riley Jr. was taken into custody here Wednesday along with 17 other people, charged and released on a surety bond, the federal bureau of investigation said in a statement. Riley was charged with conspiracy to unlawfully possess with the intent to distribute Cocaine and Marijuana, the statement added, reports AFP.

### Lanka's slain navy chief cremated

COLOMBO, Nov 19: Shri Lanka's slatn navy chief Clancey Fernando was cremated here today according to Buddhist funeral rites amid tight security by hundreds of heavily armied troops and police, witnesses said. Saffron-Robed Buddhist Monks chanted stanzas to invoke blessings on Fernando who was assassinated by a suspected Tamil Tiger suicide bomber who rammed his explosive-laden motorcycle into the commander's car here Monday, reports AFP.

# Sea level rise

From Page 1 Col 7 Admiral (Retd) M H Khan and its chairman Professor Dipak Kanti Das.

The task team report warned that even a modest sea level rise would submerge the low-lying coastal areas in the region, threaten storm barriers and salinate reservoirs and water treatment plants in es-

At the UNCED conference at Rio this year, the report noted, it was pointed out that a one metre rise in the sea level would displace more than 10 million people in Bangladesh

Hasina

From Page 1 Col 8 ularities in campuses, industrial units, banks, business houses, trade unions and bus terminals to establish their control forcibly.

The government is handing out licence and permits to the BNP men, distributing relief goods through their 'muscleman' and forming various project committees with its own people, excluding local elected representatives.

"It seems that repression, terrorism, corruption and nepotism have become the philosophy of BNP politics," the opposition leader said in a hard-hitting criticism of the governing party.

Referring to the situation in Adamjee Jute Mills, Hasina alleged that CBA President Rehanuddin Rehan was arrested in "false cases" while at least 6 leaders and workers of Sramik League, Awami League and Chhatra League had been killed there since BNP took over.

She also referred to BNPbacked" terrorism at New Model Degree College and Suhrawardy College in the city where Chhatra League workers were repressed.

She also accused the ruling party of attacking Shariful Alam Chowdhury Baby Raujan and Abdul Quddus, MP. in Natore and repression Chhaira League workers in Bogra.

## Annual aid talks with Germany begin tomorrow

The annual aid negotiations between Germany and Bangladesh will take place here from November 21 to 23, officials said, reports BSS.

Dr W Preuss, Deputy Director General for Asia and the Pacific in the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation, is due to arrive here today (Friday) to lead his country's delegation at the bilateral aid negotiations. Bangladesh side to the talks will be led by Secretary of the Economic Relations Division Enam Ahmed Chowdhury.

Bangladesh is the fifth largest recipient of German development assistance and the entire gamut of bilateral economic and financial cooperation will be reviewed during the talks, officials said.

They indicated that the quantum of German assistance for the coming year is expected to revolve round the last year's figure of 104 million Deutsche mark and both the countries will also sign a Memorandum Of Understanding on the conclusion of the three-day negotiations.

Apart from the project aid, German assistance is also available under technical coopera tion programme and as food aid. Besides, assistance is funnelled through Non-governmental Organisations and the German Red Cross Society

submerging 10 to 17 per cent of the country's landmass. The action plan for

Bangladesh also urged to take necessary steps to develop a national data base system immediately and suggested maintaining close liaison with IOC and UNEP and initiate regulations and methods of imple menting results of the find-

The task team report observed that in Bangladesh, several dams and embankments had been constructed along rivers that may cause decrease in sedimentation. The natural sedimentation

can play an important role in

minimising the effect of a rise

in the sea level, the report The report emphasised the need for regional cooperation to study the impact of global warming and to take precau-

ionary measures against consequential effects. It also stressed the need for giving priority to socio-economic development in the countries of the region.

## Food aid

From Page 1 Col 7 would also bring about savings in the absence of the existing huge handling costs, wastage

and pillerage. A recent World Bank report also recommended for increase monetization of food

"More food aid should be monetized to provide more efficient, cash-based income transfer, redress the imbalance between food and financial resources and reduce the operational costs of handling foodgrains," the bank report

However, the report went on to note that acceptance by donors on increased monetization of food aid would depend on improved financial account-

ability of the resources. "Donor acceptance of increased monetization of food aid will depend critically on the government's commitment to a reliable and transparent mechanism for monetization and transfer of counterpart funds as well as to improved financial accountability for food resources," the WB report added.

The bank was also critical about the quality of the projects implemented under the

Food for Work Programme. . The report noted that the rural roads and culverts constructed under the programme were "poorly constructed, inadequately maintained roads of little or no economic value" and does not take into account the negative environmental ef-

The bank went on to recommend that "in the long run all Food for Work Programmes should be diversified.

According to the ministry source, presently only a small quantity of the total food aid reaching the country is mone-The total amount of food aid

received during 1991-92 was about 14.13 lakh tons including 39,300 tons of rice and 13,74,000 tons of wheat. The largest donors during that period were the United States with 5.3 lakh tons of

wheat, WFP with 4.02 lakh tons, Canada with 1.26 lakh tons and the European Community with 1.25 lakh Food aid commitment for 1992-93 stands at about 10.85 lakh tons. Both the United

States and WFP have cut down on their commitments this year compared with last year, with a commitment of 3.2 lakh tons and 2.9 lakh tons respectively.

elections." But, she said, any final de-

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