Indian troops disarm 100 Kashmiri cops

SRINAGAR, Apr 27: Indian army soldiers on Tuesday disarmed about 100 Kashmiri policemen and seized all weapons from their armory in a bid to stem growing unrest in the local constabulary, reports AP.

About 5,000 local policemen have been on an indefinite strike since Thursday to protest against the alleged killing of a colleague by sol-

The police force, which is dominated by Kashmiri Muslims, and the mostly-Hindu soldiers have been fighting an Islamic separatist movement in Jammu-Kashmir state since late 1989. But the police force has been largely sidelined by the soldiers in the antiinsurgency war

At the same time, many of the state's Muslim civilians resent them for aiding the fight against the pro-independence guerillas, who have vast popuar support.

During the past five days, the policemen have openly demonstrated against the army, marching through Srinagar, the state's summer capital, brandishing their automatic rifles and guns.

On Tuesday, *soldiers took away the guns of about 100 po-

licemen who were on armed duty at the district police barracks and seized the remaining weapons in the armory, a senior police official said.

AFP adds: Paramilitary border guards opened fire today on striking Kashmiri policemen staging a protest march here, wounding three men,

Sher-e-Bangla

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Jatiyatabadi Sangskritik Jote and Islamic Foundation also organised discussions to mark the day.

Leaders and workers of Bangladesh Awami League led by its chief Sheikh Hasina placed wreaths at the mazar of Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque at 8 am to pay tributes to the late leader.

Among the central leaders, Abdus Samad Azad, MP, Begum Sajeda Choudhury MP, Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Abdul Jaiti, Mozaffar Hossain Poltu, Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury Maya were present on the occasion.

They offered fateha and prayed for the leader on his 31st death anniversary.

PM: Education

From Page 1 Col 7 Expressing her government's firm determination to eradicate violence from the campuses, Begum Zia sought cooperation from all in per-

forming this great task. Begum Zia asked her political opponents to give up the politics of blaming the government for all vices.

The Prime Minister advised the recipients of degrees to dedicate themselves in alleviating poverty and removing backwardness of the country.

She also urged them to play a poincering role in introducing production- oriented education.

Four students - Muhammad Ruhul Amin and Muhammad Mainul Haq of Religious Doctrine and Islamic Faculty and Muhammad Ibrahim Hossain and Muhammad Monowar Hossain of Humanities and Social Science - were awarded gold medals for their outstanding results.

Earlier, attired in convocation robes, Begum Zia led the convocation procession from the administrative building to the podium. She opened the main gate of the university and planted a sapling in its lush green premises.

Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Prof Muhammad Shamsul Haq addressed the function as convocation speaker. Vice- Cha-

ncellor of Islamic University Prof Muhammad Hameed also spoke on the occasion.

Responding to the demands of the university authorities, she gave the assurance that more funds will be allocated for the university and a residential hall will be constructed for women students in the next fiscal year.

A police outpost will be set up for the safety and security of the university teachers and students, the Prime Minister

One more bus will be given to the university to ease the transport problems of the students, she said.

Yeltsin

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tory in referendum.

"The time has come for decisive measures to stifle the conflict," Yeltsin said in a statement issued by his press

service. He called for a new round peace negotiations under the auspices of the UN Security Council, conducted by foreign ministers of its five permanent members- Russia, the United States, France, Britain and China.

"The Russian Federation will not patronize those who stand in the way of peaceful accord, Yeltsin said.

- Star photo ing at Bangabandhu Avenue in city yesterday. United movement

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Jahanara Imam

Azam was restored on the

ground that he was by birth a

Bangladeshi. The leaders said,

the citizenship of Azam was

cancelled in 1972 for his anti-

Bangladesh activities and

heinous crimes during the

War of Liberation. Golam Azam

war criminal, after which the

question of his citizenship

Kazi Aref Ahmed said,

"since the purpose of law is to

serve the people, not vice

versa, we can expect the Court

to reflect the People's Court

Chowdhury said that Jamaat

violated the Constitution by

making Azam, a foreigner, its

top leader, but the government

had accused the Nirmul

Committee leaders of violating

the Constitution by organising

a movement against such an

early '92), the government

provided Azam a safe shelter

from the public anger, he said

and added, now Azam's posi-

tion had been strengthened by

been strengthening position of

the fundamentalists in the

country, against which the

people in growing numbers

were coming up to resist, the

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From Page 1 Col 5 They said, the citizenship of

Jahanara Imam, Convenor of Nirmul Samannay Committee, addressing an all party meet-

Abdul Jalil, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Obaidul Qader, Abdul Mannan and Siddiqur Rouf of Awami League, Hasanul Haq Inu. Kazi Aref Ahmed. Mainuddin Khan Badal, Sharif Nurul Ambia, Khaleguzzaman Bhuiyan, Saiful Haq and Bimal Biswas of 5-Party Alliance. Nurul Islam Nahid, Dilip Barua and Alhaj Abdus Samad of PDF. Azizul Islam Khan, Alzal Hossain and Saiful Islam of Ganatantri Party and Faizul Hakim of Ganatantrik Biplobi

Meanwhile, UNB adds: In a resolution, the meeting said the ruling BNP had not only failed to run the country but also indulged in a deep conspiracy to destroy spirit and tradition of the great Liberation War.

"This BNP has posed a threat to the Bangalee entity and national existence through patronisation of killer groups of 1971 - Jamaat-Shibir-Freedom Party and Juba Command.

Besides, it alleged, the government had resorted to repressive measures against the opposition by imposing declared or undeclared restrictions denying people's democratic rights to public meeting, procession, strike and hartal. On April 25, Dhaka city was

put under siege by police cordon to thwart the sit-in strike sponsored by the National Coordination Council of

Committee, resulting in injuries to more than 300 peo-

The resolution also said the people would not accept, nor tolerate any conspiracy against the spirit of independence achieved through the liberation struggle. The forces upholding the Liberation War will not also remain silent in this situation.

"Any law or provision challenging the existence of Bangladesh cannot be accept able on the soil of Bangladesh, said the resolution.

The all- party meeting urged the people to build an allout resistance against the forces opposed to the war of independence.

The judiciary has no independence, it said, adding efforts are being made to "set the judiciary against the existence of Bangladesh."

The meeting called for resisting this "evil move", saying law and the Constitution of the country are meant to preserve the achievements of the War of Liberation. But the law and Constitution are put in the process of distortion and selfdestruction.

"Conspiracies are also being hatched to make controversial the Bengalee nationhood which has got recognition with a pool of blood."

Such a situation can no longer be tolerated in the interest of the country's independence, sovereignty and existence, the resolution said.



Matiur Rahman Nizami addressing a Jamaat public meeting at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in city yesterday. Star photo

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Nizami: Govt From Page 1 Col 8 General said that a deeprooted conspiracy was being the Islamic world and constihatched against the Islami tutes a split in Islamic relamovement in the country and that the so called "Ghadani

of that conspiracy.

Islamic politics.

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procession.

behind the conspiracy.

The Jamaat leader said that

the Nirmul Committee propa-

ganda against Golam Azam had

created social unrest in the

country and that the group was

also demanding a ban on

termed Islam 'fundamentalist'

and demanded a ban on

Islamic movement, were the

enemies were currently en-

gaged in a genocide in Bosnia-

the government including the

agreement with the Opposition

in Parliament last year on the

against Golam Azam and the

Islamic movement wanted to

establish "babu culture" in the

country, and that was why they

had lit "mangal prodip" during

the observance of the Bengali

The rally was followed by a

10 yrs RI for

keeping arms

A tribunal court yesterday

sentenced a young man to 10

years' rigorous imprisonment

for possessing illegal arms.

The convict, Badal alias Badla,

was arrested with a pistol from

Motifheel colony on August 23,

1991, reports UNB.

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minority, yet they are of great danger to the Islamic world, much more than outsiders," he

"These are the enemies of our faith," he said. "They have undermined our past and therefore do a great disservice to Islam in the present and in the future."

rectly accuse any Islamic nation of terrorism, Egypt and several other Arab nations such as Saudi Arabia and Algeria have put pressure on Pakistan to ensure it does not allow Arab extremists to use its ter-

Tuesday challenged the United Nations to prove that his nation's government sponsors terrorism.

"We would welcome any United Nations mission to check for themselves whether we have any training camps," for terrorists, Libya's Foreign Minister, Omar Mustafa al-Muntasir told foreign ministers of the Organization of Islamic Conference.

"We will not allow the utirorist activities," he said.

Milam on NGOs

From Page 1 Col 7 Describing the present economic condition Bangladesh as favourable to making further improvement, Committee" was the outcome Milam said that it had the best opportunity in its history to He alleged that the Jews forge ahead now to liveralise and imperialist forces were

and deregulate the economy. "Macro-economic stabilisation is a huge success, because economic policymakers stuck to their guns", he said and added that high levels of foreign exchange reserves, low inflation, rising tax revenue and a declining budget deficit created the opportunity to

address fundamental issues. Stressing the need for intensifying the growth and reform measures, he said that the government should not let this growth opportunity slip

"There is a cost of delay in carrying out economic reforms, just as there is a cost of haste", he said, adding "For Bangladesh's economy today, I think the cost of delay is far greater".

He pointed out that there were certain areas, where the private sector could do better than the government. Banking, power, oil and gas, aviation, telecommunications, jute milling, textiles, shipping and inland water transportation sectors were among those, he mentioned.

"The government has shown its willingness to move along the path of reforms in these sectors, and we all should give it our complete

support for this", he said. The function was attended among others by Forrest President of Cookson, American-Bangladesh Economic Forum, M Nurul

Islam, Vice President, Aftabul Islam, Executive Director, A Gafur, Executive Secretary, John L Eaton, Treasurer and Wtt Derrenger, Executive Member of the Forum.

UNB adds: The US Ambassador said that Bangladesh should act urgently to change its image abroad as a "totally aid-dependent country" if it wants response from foreign investors.

"Maybe it's not true, but it's a perception, and sometimes, perceptions are strong ... Bangladesh should change the perception," Milam said.

He also referred to factors like political instability, labour militancy and high interest rates which have staggeringly been causing foreign investment to shy away.

He spoke of the interest of American investors in energy sector of Bangladesh. When the issue of child

labour in garments industry was raised at the meeting, Milam strongly suggested removal of under-age workers from the industry. Instead, he said, schools should be set up to facilitate the education of the children of garments workers.

Bangladesh garment sector is capable enough to remain competitive without child labour, he said.

Ambassador Milam appreciated recent government initiative to consult the opposition, business community and the intelligentsia on its policy agenda.

He, too, hailed inclusion of a private member in government committees. The ambassador, however, suggested inclusion of labour and consumer groups.

Indian boeing crash: Pilots charged

AURANGABAD (India), Apr 27: Police said today they had charged the pilot and co-pilot of an Indian Airlines plane which crashed, killing 55 people, with negligent flying.

"They will be arrested," a police spokesman told Reuters in the western Indian city of Aurangabad where the Boeing 737 crashed on Monday.

Pilot S N Singh and woman co-pilot Monisha Mohan are recovering in hospital from the crash, which occurred as the plane was taking off from Aurangabad.

Meanwhile, investigators have recovered the 'black box' flight recorders which may explain why the boeing clipped a truck on take-off and crashed, officials said today.

A team from boeing head quarters in Scattle was due in Bombay shortly to join the investigation into India's fifth major air crash in less than five years, the officials said.

There was no immediate comment from the Indian investigators probing the burned-out shell of the aircraft near the airport at the western city of Aurangabad.

Drunken BSF man handed over to India

SATKHIRA, Apr 27: A drunken BSF man who had crossed into Bangladesh territory through the Boga border was handed over to BSF camp at Diboly Monday, reports

BDR sources said Debara Singh (30), a jawan of the Indian Border Security Force (BSF), crossed into Bangladesh through frontier village Boga in Sharsha thana of Jessore district Monday evening.

The villagers caught him in a drunken state and sent him to a local BDR camp. The BDR men handed him to the Diboly BSF camp Monday night.

From Page 1 Col 8 The passengers and local people resisted the checking and went on attack on the BDR men with stones, sticks and other lethal weapons. The BDR men, with arms,

were going to Chittagong for training by the train, 5-UP Mail Train, bound for Straigant from Chapainawabganj. Witnesses said the BDR

men fired at least once. They however, denied the gunshot. Passengers of the train ran

helter-skelter for safety during the clash that lasted about an hour. On information, Kamark-

hand police rushed to the scene and resorted to lathicharge and dispersed the mob. The train reached Siraigani

two hours late, with almost al its windowpanes destroyed. A case was filed with the

Sirajganj Bazar Railway Police in this connection.

JU Syndicate From Page 1 Col 8

Ahmed with a clip file after the VC refused to recommend his promotion to the professor-

The university authorities also filed a case against Dr Hossain and sought legal action against the teacher.

The incident, first ever in the country after the independence, took place at 9-10 am Monday when Dr Hossain went to the VC's office and forced him to recommend the promotion. When the VC refused, the

teacher used "filthy words" and hit the Vice Chancellor with the clip file.

The probe body headed by Majibul Haider Chowdhury, includes JU Syndicate members Prof Enamul Huq Khan, Prof Imamuddin, Gias Kamal Chowdhury and a representative of the accused.

Dr Golam Hossain, a wellknown political ideologue of the ruling BNP, has left the campus Tuesday noon. The Monday's assault on the

Vice Chancellor by the teacher has created a sensation on the campus and elsewhere. Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA)

has convened a meeting on May 4 bringing the issue in its agenda. All the teachers of the university, despite their factional differences, have unanimously

supported the suspension order on Dr Hossain, JUTA sources said. Besides, activists belonging to the JU unit of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

Tuesday brought out a procession and paraded the campus streets to register their anger against the accused teacher. The marchers also demanded withdrawal of expul

sion order on two JCD activists who were earlier expelled from the university on charges of indecorous behaviour with Dr Golam Hossain.

Meanwhile, authorities have posted police around the resi dence of Dr Golam Hossain. [Editorial on Page 4]

The Midnight File

Indian fighter plane crashes

NEW DELHI, Apr 27: An India Air Force Mig-21 fighter plane crashed while landing at Rajasansi airfield in the west ern city of Amritsar today, the Press Trust of India reported. The pilot survived the crash at the air base in Punjab State, Defence officials told the news agency, reports AFP.

Eritreans vote for independence

ASMARA (Eritrea), Apr 27: Eritreans have overwhelmingly voted for independence from Ethiopia in a referendum that formalized a rebel victory in Africa's longest liberation struggle, vote organizers said Tuesday. The three-day independence referendum, which ended Sunday, was held to cement its separation from Ethiopia. Residents have been celebrating in the streets of this capital almost non-stop since Thursday night, anticipating the expected election victory, reports AP

Young man stabbed to death in Dhanmondi

By DMCH Correspondent

A young man, Abdul Hat

altes Kalamia, was murdered at

Dhanmondi in the capital early Four suspects in the murder were picked up by police and detained at the Dhan-

mondi Police Station yesterday. Hai (30) went out of his house to fish at the Dhanmondi lake Monday night and police

recovered his body from an under-construction building at Road No-6. Dhanmondi early Tuesday, said police. A police officer at the

Dhanmondi Station said that Hat had been stabbed to death The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. On a tip off police rushed to

the under-construction build ing and recovered the body from the fourth floor, police Abdul Hai, a son of Sekander Mondol resided at a

house in Rayer Bazar, Dha

Police suspected that Hai was murdered following

Bus strike in Barisal ends

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Apr 27: The sixday long bus strike here ended today after the DC and SP of the district held talks with the owners and workers of trans-

However, bus service on the Barisal-Shawrupkathi-Banaripara route has not vet resumed.

Talks with owners and workers on this route is likely to be held tonight.

Pak President

From Page 1 Col 4 crushed the National Assembly under his feet?" Sharif asked the crowd, which shouted

back "death, death, death." "Nawaz Sharif will make any sacrifice for the nation." Sharif told the crowd. "Nawaz Sharif will shed the last drop of his

blood."

He said the president had hatched a conspiracy against Pakistan. "From today our slogan should be that Ishaq Khan should go. It should be the slogan of the whole nation that he must go, so that he should resign and go home."

Ishaq Khan, 78, completes his five-year term as president later this year and is likely to stand for a second term.

Sharif has drawn big crowds since his dismissal with rallies in his home province of Punjab and in Karachi, Pakistan's commercial capital.

[Article on page -4] Local fabrics

From Page 1 Col 4 items and by purchasing quota

from quota holders. Official sources pointed out that the country's garment export sector was being deprived of GSP facility in European Economic Commu-

nity market because of its

failure to increase the use of local fabrics. EEC provides 15 per cent duty exemption facility to the exports from the Least Developed Countries if those are manufactured with local

raw materials. Moreover, officials cautioned that with the phasing out of MFA and the conclusion of the Uruguay Round of GATT, quota facility will also go-exposing the country's garment

sector to global competition. 'In such a situation, they said, survival of the sector will only depend on utilizing GSP facility by establishing backward linkage.

Experts feel steps should be taken for immediate revision of the existing quota policy to encourage the use of local fabrics in the country's garment industry.

It was learnt that a move towards a revision, initiated almost a year ago by the Ministry of Commerce, has been stalled because of continued indecision of the Cabinet and non-response from the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers' and Exporters' Association (BGMEA).

quarrel between groups in the

The four persons detained at the Dhanmondi Police Station were the night guard of the under-construction building, Rabindranath Baul, and three other locals Abul Hossain, Siru Mia and Harunur Rashid.

Three of the suspects might be arrested in connection with the murder, said a police officer adding, "We are interrogat ing the detained persons ... some of them may have links with the murder."

Mideast talks reopen

WASHINGTON, Apr 27 Mideast peace talks reopened Tuesday after a four-month recess, with Israel insisting that Syria spell out its peace terms and Syria again demanding that Israelis give up territory, reports AP.

"We will not be able to move forward without getting that very specific, explicit and precise definition of peace. Israeli delegate Rabinovich said as the talks began for the first time under

the Clinton administration. But Syria's chief negotiator, Muwaffiq al-Allaf, said the details should be worked out by the two sides only after Israel agreed to give up all of the Golan Heights.

Serbs launch massive attack

SARAJEVO, Apr 27: Serbs troops moved out from posttions around the demilitarised eastern town of Srebrenica today, launching massive attacks on other Muslim enclaves in the area, Bosnian army officers

reported, reports AFP. Their reports were coming into Sarajevo as the UN protection force reported that Serb forces had crossed from Croatia into northwestern Bosnia-Herzegovina and were heading towards the Muslim

Rohingya clash

enclave of Bihac.

From Page 1 Col 8 bullet wounds while a police constable, Anwar Hossain (32), was rushed to Sadar Hospital with a serious head injury.

Police fired at least 44

rounds during the clash which lasted for about half an hour from 1.30 pm. Meanwhile, police last night arrested 12 Rohingya refugees, eight from Balukhalt camp-2

palang, on charge of terrorist activities. Golam Azam

and four from Ukhia Kutu-

From Page 1 Col 3 to release him immediately, and it is now your duty to free him... He (Azam) cannot be treated as foreigner any more,

law to release him...," said the learned judge. Referring to the petition, Justice Kamal told the Attorney General, "You have stated that there will be law and order situation and the government will fail to control

you are now obliged under the

the situation," if the stay is not granted. "Do you mean to say that the government will fail and some undestrable agency will come and run the government," enquired the learned judge and observed, This kind of threat should not be used in the ap-

plication. "It's a kind of duress," added Justice Afzal.

Opposing the petition, Barrister A R Yusuf, counsel for Golam Azam, submitted that it was the moral obligation of the government to release him (Azam) immediately. "It's the question of liberty and funda-

He contended that Golam Azam is a 71 year old man who is in jail for the last 13 months. The question of his release is not academic but a serious matter of liberty of a man and human rights. Justice Anwarul Haq

mental rights."

Chowdhury of the High Court Division in his April 22 judgement held that Golam Azam is a citizen of Bangladesh by birth and he cannot be detained under the Foreigners' Act.

OIC call to lift ban

From Page 1 Col 4 physical control, or neutralize them to render them inopera-The resolution also called for the "interdiction of all arms supplies to the Serbs and the institution of appropriate measures for preparations for the

Montenegro," the two states left in the rump republic of Yugoslavia. Serbia and Montenegro should be held "liable under international law" for damage

inflicted on Bosnia, said the resolution. Finally, "the resolution called for the imposition of a complete and comprehensive economic blockade against Serbia and Montenegro and freezing of all assets abroad."

The OIC, on the second day

of its five-day meeting, also

moved on India's rule over

Muslim Kashmir, with its

Secretary General recom-

mending to member nations to consider imposing sanctions on New Delhi for its rule over Kashmir. Top among these was a recommendation that member nations "impose restrictions on scientific, cultural, manpower

pending the reversal of Indias repression of Kashmir." Reuter adds: Egypt, Kuwait and Tunisia said on Monday that guerillas and militant fundamentalists in Muslim nations were the greatest threat to the Islamic world.

"Islamic states have in fact

and other exchange with India

led wars against each other, they have conquered one another and have encouraged terrorism against other brother countries in trying to destabilise each other," Egypt's Foreign Minister Amre Moussa told the conference.

Tunisian Foreign Minister Editor: S. M. Ali

Executive Editor: Mahfuz Anam

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Habib Ben Yahya called on the OIC to develop a code of conduct for Islamic states to stamp out violence and terrorism in Muslim nations. Egyptian security officials

in Iran, Peshwar in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, and in Afghanistan. "All of this is very serious because it is happening within

have identified many militants

tions," Moussa told the confer-"They (extremists) may be a

Although Moussa did not di-

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