

Acute shortage of water has made life miserable for the residents of Sarajevo who are seen using sewer water.

# Sarajevans on brink of disaster, says Ogata

GENEVA, July 10: UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Sadako Ogata has condemned the use of aid as a weapon and warned that the people of Sarajevo are on the brink of disaster, reports AFP.

"I condemn the actions of those who are blocking the delivery of food, medicine, fuel, water, power, gas and other humanitarian assistance in a cowardly attempt to starve and kill innocent civilians, Ogata said in a statement issued here Friday.

The UNHCR has accused Bosnian Serb militiamen of "hijacking and blocking" vital fuel supplies to Sarajevo. "Without this fuel, water

cannot be pumped, hospital operating rooms cannot function, the city bakery cannot produce bread and humanitarian assistance cannot be trucked to distribution centres. Sarajevo residents are now down to 2.5 litres of water a day

- an amount that will dwindle as the remaining pumps run out of fuel. The danger of epidenucs grows with each passing day. The city sewage system has broken down and rubbish is piling up in the streets. Many people are already using contaminated water, the statement added.

Ogata said that Sarajevo was "not alone in its desperation." Hungry people and attacked UNHCR food stores in the northeast city of Tuzla three times this week, conditions in the eastern enclaves of Gorazde and Srebrenica, where Muslims are besieged by Serbs, were ap-

In addition, Ogata pointed out, donors were reducing their funding for the UNHCR operation in former Yugoslavia. The agency requires about 420 million dollars to assist more than 3.8 million people in the terri-

# PM slates opposition

From Page 1 Col 2 indiscipline of the post-independence government pushed the country towards ruination.

It was Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who brought the country back on the right track by introducing multiparty democracy and people-oriented programmes to change the lot of the commonman, Begum Zia

Only a democratic government and system can ensure accountability which, Begum Zia said, now prevails.

She also flayed the past autocratic regime for destroying all institutions and public organisations. Excess manpower was employed in the mills and factories to please a particular group and hang on power, she said.

"We have to revive discipline in the mills and factories and increase production," she told the function, adding that all enterprises will have to be turned profitable.

Referring to the strike called by the SKOP for July 19-20. Begum Zia said "Hartals, sieges and strikes cannot solve

the problems." \*Demands will not be fulfilled through unnecessary siege and by destroying the

country's resources," she said, questioning if the trade union laws permit such activities like taking people hostage. "Whose interests are they

serving?" the Prime Minister asked, and urged all to maintain proper trade union activities and work for building the

In response to opposition , remarks that the BNP government has lost the people's support, the Prime Minister, also chairperson of the ruling party, asserted: "We are in power with the cooperation and support of the people."

"People and power are indivisible," she said.

Referring to various demands of the workers, she as sured that reforms would be effected wherever necessary to boost production in the fields and factories and make the country self-reliant.

Referring to an earlier demand of a tripartite committee of employers, employees and the government for resolving the problems of workers, the Prime Minister offered her government's support in this re-

She called for waging a movement for people's economic emancipation and said the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal had to strengthen the hands of

the government in its efforts to wards that direction. Presided over by Sramik Dal Dhaka city unit president A K M Nazrul Islam, the inaugural session was also addressed by LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan, Sramik Dal

President Iskandar Ali, General

Secretary Nazrul Islam Khan and central labour leaders Abul Kashem Chowdhury, S A Khaleque, Zafrul Hossain and

Ministers, MPs and senior BNP and its front organisation leaders attended the inaugural function of the council in which representatives of 44 basic unions and 370 councillors from the city will elect the unit's new executive members.

Mosharraf Hossain Khan.

Salam Talukder said it was the character of the present opposition to speak of cooperation but raise unnecessary is-

He also had a word on the formation of the Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee long after the Liberation War. "Where was the spirit of independence in 1972, 1973 and 1974 when they were in power?", he asked.

Brushing aside the allegations brought against the ministers, the BNP Secretary General said "All this is aimed at subduing the democratic govern-

They have proved, by their activities in and outside the House, that they do not want Parliament to function," he

### BIDS crisis

From page 1 col 7 BIDS intellectuals, the rescarchers of the organisation should also not dictate the board of trustees regarding who should be the DG.

On the other hand, Dr Abdul Gafur, research director and convener of the workers' welfare association of the BIDS, told The Daily Star yesterday afternoon that the staff members would continue their current work stoppage until the government rescinds its decision.

Meanwhile, the board of trustees will meet tomorrow (Monday) afternoon to review the situation.

The board consists of representatives from the Planning, Finance and Education ministries, the Bangladesh Bank, the University Grants Commission, the Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB), the BIDS, and a nominee of the President of the country.

Asked whether the meeting would review the board's decision about its appointment of Dr Reza, the Planning Minister told this correspondent, "Why should the board yield to unjust

pressure from the researchers?" The BIDS staffers felt that contrary to conventions, the BIDS representatives were not consulted about the appointment. They had been observing a work stoppage in the institute since July 1 in protest against

Dr Reza's appointment. Dr Latifur Reza joined his duties at the BIDS, amidst the organisation's work-stoppage, on June 12 and received a copy of a resolution, adopted in a meeting of the staff members. on the same day, which rejected his appointment as DG.

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## Population Day

From Page 1 Col 5 a developing country, had been making relentless efforts to turn the greater segment of its people into an effective workforce through human resources de-

velopment Emphasis has been laid on the removal of the discrimination between the male and female, and on women's education and employment generation, Begum Zia said.

The Prime Minister said that the government had also attached priority to the family planning programme and steps have been taken to motivate the newly-married couples for planned family.

UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Nafis Sadik, in her message on the day, said that local and national initiatives to inform and give access to couples and individuals to family planning programmes, improve access to education and health, improve women's status and ensure quality of opportunity could influence population growth and distribution.

"Population issues affect the life of everyone of us, whatever country we live in, and whatever its rate of population growth or level of development, she added, "The World Population Day reminds all of us that the future depends on finding the balance between human needs and human numbers.

The directorate of Family Planning under the Health Ministry will bring out a procession from the Institution of Engineers to the National Press Club at 8 am today.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf will lead the procession while Deputy Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mohammad Serajul Hoque, Health Secretary Syed Ahmed. Director General of Family Planning AKM Rafiquzzaman and a large number of officials and employees of the ministry, directorate and leading NGOs will participate.

In observance of the day, Bangladesh 2000, an NGO, in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), will hold a discussion at

the centre premises at 4 pm. The Health Minister will attend the function as chief guest while former advisor to the interim government Alamgir M A Kabir and UNFPA Country Director S K Alok will be pre-

sent as a special guests.
According to the UNFPA reports, the present world population is estimated at 5.57 bil-

The report projected that the population would reach 8.5 billion by the year 2025.

Approximately, 95 per cent of the world population growth is taking place in the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The total population of the developing countries now stands about 4.3 billion. By the year 2025, it will grow

over seven billion. Asia's population in mid-

1993 is 3.3 billion. By 2025 Asia will have 4.9 billion people - equal to the world population of 1986. Parley

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Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, MP, Tofael Ahmed, MP, Salauddin Yusuf, MP, Begum Matia Chowdhury, MP, K M Jahangir, MP and Shamsul Haq, MP, of the Awami League, Barrister Maudud Ahmed, MP. Anwar Hossain Manju, MP and Manirul Haq Chowdhury, MP, of the Jatiya Party, and Rashed Khan Menon, MP, of the Workers Party were, among others, present in the meeting.

Sheikh Ansar Ali, MP, of the Jamaat-e-Islami talked to the opposition leaders over telephone and was learnt to have expressed his party's solidarity with the opposition stand about the committee.

### Hasina

From Page 1 Col 8 rough council John Srokes and chief executive Jeff Redmore. The AL leader unveiled a visitor's plaque at the school and planted a sapling at its premises.

Later, Hasina visited different classrooms and spent some time with the teachers and the students.

The leader of the Opposition afterwards visited the local administration office where she was greeted by chairman counsellor of the burrough council education sub-committee Azizur Rahman and Deputy Chief Executive Officer Steve Clive.

At her reception, the Mayor of the burrough council Srokes honoured Hasina by calling her a great leader for democracy and human rights in Asia and said, "Bangladesh would gain an honourable position in the international arena under her leadership."

The reception, chaired by Azizur Rahman, was also addressed, among others, by UK AL president Ataur Rahman Khan and was attended by AL presidium member Dr Md Selim, Sultan Sharif and others.

Sheikh Hasina expressed her delight at being among the people of the Tower Hamlets and said that the relationship between the British people and expatriate Bangladeshis was strengthened during the War of Liberation.



US President Bill Clinton (L) shakes hands with Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa after their joint press conference in Tokyo yesterday. - AFP photo

### Myanmar wants 2 of its citizens released men have been suffering hard

CHITTAGONG, July 10: The Myanmar border force 'Lunthin' has demanded immediate and unconditional release of their citizens Boz Zahir and Lal Meah, said to be smugglers and Razakar sardars in Arakan. The two were arrested by the Bangladesh Rifles on charge of illegal entry into Bangladesh on June 30, reports BSS.

The Myanmar border force has also unilaterally stopped transit communications between Bangladesh and Myanmar.

This unilateral action has however, not affected repatria tion of the Rohingya refugees.

A flag meeting of the BDR and Lunthin, held a few days ago, also ended without any decision because the Myanmar side insisted on unconditional release of Boz Zahir and Lal Bangladesh police said illegal

entry into Bangladesh of Boz Zahir and Lal Meah cannot be ignored as both are allegedly involved in smuggling inside Bangladesh territory. Boz Zahir has also been charged with collaborating with the Lunthin for driving Rohingyas into Bangladesh. For this reason Boz Zahir is known as 'Razakar Sardar in Arakan.

It is reported that a large number of Bangladeshi fisher-

ship since Myanmar unflaterally stopped issuing transit passes.

Mcanwhile, Bangladesh po lice has been interrogating Box Zahir and Lal Meah for their il legal entry as well as their a leged connection wit Bangladeshi smugglers.

### AIDS outbreak

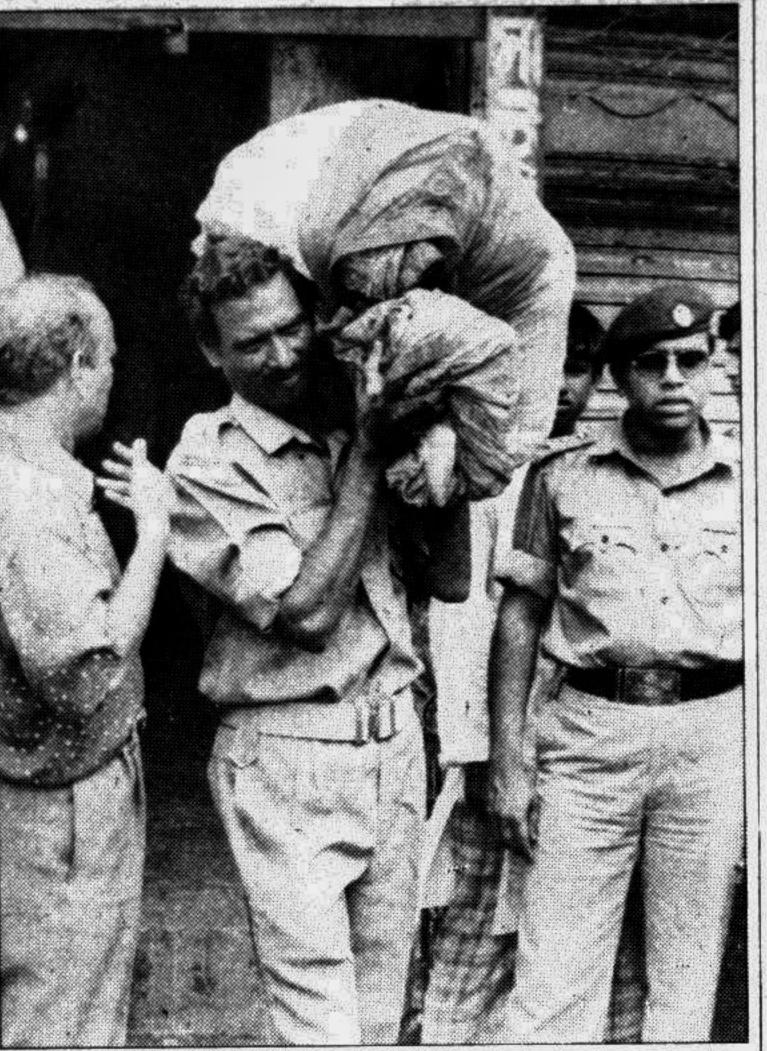
From Page 1 Col 4 future crisis.

He said in Africa the infection is the highest with every third person having the HIV virus that causes AIDS, but i cannot be detected before seven to eight years of the infection.

He said in Thailand 70 per cent of the prostitutes, 20 per cent of the armed forces personnel and four per cent of all pregnant women carried the virus. The state shall have to spend 9 billion dollars a year extra health cost up to the year 2000 to combat the AIDS outbreak, he added.

Earlier, Dr Merson called on Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury at the Sangsad Bhaban and discussed various aspects of prevention and control of AIDS.

Prof Chowdhury told Dr Merson that the government was fully committed to the prevention and control of AIDS.



Customs and VAT officials seized 1400 pieces of Indian sarees worth about Tk 5 lakh from the Bangabazar market in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### US-Japan new economic agreement TOKYO, July 10: President

Bill Clinton secured a commitment today from Japan for a 'highly significant decrease' in its snowballing current account surplus in exchange for the United States cutting its budget deficit, US officials said, reports AFP.

Clinton administration officials said the United States also expected Japan to cut its current account surplus to less than two per cent of Gross National Product (GNP) under a new framework struck shortly before the President left for Scoul after a three-day Group of Seven (G-7) summit here.

Clinton said this was the basic bargain of the two-year framework for a new economic partnership' between the world's two biggest economies.

Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, who faces crucial elections in a week, said the agreement was 'extremely important' not only for the United States and Japan, but also for the 'maintaining and strengthening of the free trading system of the world.'

#### Clinton-Yeltsin From Page 1 Col 3

immediately" on the sales, Clinton told the press conference in the US Embassy gar-

Concerns about nuclear weapons in Ukraine were also raised during the talks, the second between the two presidents who met in April in Vancouver.

Clinton said Ukraine "should not become a nuclear power and has urged the former Soviet republic to ratify the START accord on long-range ballistic misstles and the Nuclear Nonproliferation Pact (NPT).

### Blasts rock N' ganj

NARAYANGANJ, July 10: A scries of bomb blasts rocked the port town tonight following an attack on two leaders of Awami League-backed Chhatra League, reports UNB.

Witnesses said more than a hundred bombs were exploded in different parts of the town after activists of Awami League and its front organisations took out a procession protesting the attack. Shops were shuttered and

movement of vehicular traffic came to a halt as the people ran helter skelter for safety.
The bomb explosions con-

tinued from 7 pm to 11 pm until police intervened and brought the situation under control. Tension was mounting in the

town and police were posted at different points to guard against further violence Local Awami League unit filed a case with the local police, holding BNP leaders and workers responsible for the in-

# Yeltsin resents parliament's claim on Ukrainian port

MOSCOW, July 10: President Boris Yeltsin today attacked the Russian Parliament for claiming the Ukrainian naval port of Sevastopol, and Ukraine's Ambassador to Moscow compared the move to the shot that triggered World War One, reports Reuter.

The conservative parliament voted overwhelmingly on Friday to proclaim Sevastopol - base of the Black Sea fleet - as Russian property and told the Ukrainian government to remove troops from the area.

The vote threatened to damage relations between Russia and Ukraine who, after months of squabbling over what to do with the fleet, had finally agreed to divide the force equally by

"I feel ashamed about this decision," Itar-Tass news agency quoted Yeltsin as telling reporters in the central Siberian city of Urkutsk as he waited for German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to arrive for two days of talks near Lake Baikal. "The problems of the Black

Sea fleet and the town where it is based must be solved both calmly and gradually," he said.

"Otherwise, what do you want me to do - fight with Ukraine?" Yeltsin, who wields executive power in Russia, is involved in a power struggle with parliament and is unlikely to pay the resolution much attention.

But a fresh quarrel with Ukraine would be an unwelcome distraction as he struggles to draw up a new constitution for the country which would give him considerably more The vote sparked a pre-

dictably angry response from Ukraine. Volodymyr Kryzhancysky,

Ukraine's ambassador to Moscow, told Tass today that the resolution could be compared to "Gavrilo Princip's shot in Sarajevo." Princip, a Serbian revolu-

Russia's government said on tionary student, assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand of subordination Austria-Hungary in Sarajevo on

War One. Tass said Yeltsin also

June 28, 1914, triggering World

sharply criticised moves by three major Russian regions -Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk and the far eastern Primorsky Krai - to declare themselves republics.

Yeltsin needs the support of regional leaders to give final approval to a new constitution which would cut back parliament's powers while boosting his own. But some of the richer re-

gions, most of which are extremely powerful, are now refusing to sign until they are granted the same law-making rights as the country's 20 ethnic republics.

The regions say their protest is primarily financial and in response to what they describe as Moscow's neglect of their economic rights.

Friday it would sack the leader of Syrdlovsk region for his in

# The Midnight Eile

### Sharif, Ishaq fail to meet

ISLAMABAD, July 10: The much awaited meeting between President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif could not be held today and the premier has decided to address the nation, official sources said.

### Iraq stops jamming

BAGIIDAD, July 10: Iraq has stopped its heavy jamming of world radio stations, enabling lraqis to tune into western broadcasts for the first time in three years. The government has given no explanation why the jamming was lifted suddenly at the end of June. The Arabic service of the British Broadcasting Corporation, the Voice of America and Radio Monte Carl can now be heard clearly, reports Reuter.

### 40 hurt in Seoul clash

SEOUL, July 10: Some 1,000 South Korean radical students clashed late today with hundreds of riot police in the southwestern city of Kwangju, leaving 40 students and police injured, a press report said here. The students were protesting the visit here by US President Bill Clinton

### Exchanged property registration time extended

The government has extended up to December 31 next the time to complete registration of exchanged property deeds in view of the difficulties being faced by the people in this respect, reports BSS.

The decision was taken on the basis of a recommendation by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Land yesterday. Earlier, the government had

fixed June 30 as the deadline for registration of exchanged property deeds.

The new deadline will not be further extended.

Meanwhile, directives have been given to the district administration to complete the process of registration of exchanged property deeds.

### Jute mills leaders meet Hannan

A team of fifty labour leaders of Dhaka zone jute mills today called on Jute Minister A S M Hannan Shah at his official residence, reports BSS.

The labour leaders apprised the minister of their various existing problems including implementation of Wage Commission' report as soon as possible, an official handout

aware of the problems of the workers and willing to implement the Wage Commission re-The minister asked the labour leaders to maintain peace

The minister gave patient

hearing to the labour leaders

and said that government was

### factories and boost production. Munir

and discipline in the mills and

From Page 1 Col 8 der constitutional provisions. President Adbur Rahman

Biswas rejected both the clemency appeals on July 1 and the jail authorities refixed July 26 for execution of the death sentence passed by the District and Sessions Judge, Dhaka. Meanwhile, prison sources

religious rites and eager to send another petition to the President seeking mercy. Amnesty International has also appealed to the Bangladesh authorities to commute Munir's

said Munir was now devoted to

death sentence. On April 8, 1989 Munir killed his wife near village Mizmizi under Demra thana while returning from Chittagong and Cox's Bazar after a belated honeymoon.

Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Md. Sirajul Islam after more than year of investigation and trial hearings, convicted Munir and his paramour Khuku for murdering Rima and sentenced both of them to death.

The High Court after an appeal, upheld the verdict against Munir but acquitted Khuka of the charge of abetment and ordered her release. On June 20 last the Appellate Division of the

Supreme Court rejected Munir's review petition and upheld the death sentence. Munir's case was as much publicised as that of Dr Ehteshamuddin Iqbal, who was

hanged for murdering his wife Salcha in the city more than a decade ago.

#### Golam Azam From Page 1 Col 5 Division.

Prof Azam was produced

before the review board at Court No 8 of the High Court Division yesterday morning and the government requested that his detention should be reviewed as required by law. The writ petition filed on be

half of Prof Azam seeking can cellation of his detention order is pending before the High Court Division. The hearing of the writ, will be held on July 12 before Justice Mohammad Abdul Jalil and Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin.

The High Court by a decision last Morch, restored the citizenship of Golam Azam. The government filed an ap-

plication for leave to appeal against the High Court judge ment before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court The appeal will come up for hearing on July 25.

### 5-Party calls to resist IMF-WB 'conspiracy'

By Staff Correspondent A convention of different left-wing political parties, professionals and labour bodies vesterday called for a united movement aimed at protecting the national economy by resisting the IMF-World Bank 'conspiracy to destroy indus-

The convention, organised by the Five-Party alliance at the JSD (inu) office in the city, supported the July 19-20 planned labour shutdown and urged other social forces to launch an 'effective agitation' on the labour issues.

A resolution of the convention alleged that the country's 'lumpen class' and its political allies including those in power had surrendered to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The WB-IMF was 'conspiring to ruin' the country's export-oriented industrial units, it added. Another resolution of the

convention accused the government of betraying its agreement with the labour bodies and called on all concerned to back the planned 48-hour labour strike and road-rail barricade programme from July

The convention also resolved that the Nirmul Committee-led agitation against the war criminals' be made successful. Meanwhile, a delegation of

the SKOP and four sectoral trade unions' federations yesterday called on the acting Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Abdus Samad Azad at his Sangsad Bhaban office to seek support for the July 19-20 nationwide shut-

Samad Azad told the delegates that his party would discuss the matter and communicate their decision in due

### Bosnia: troops

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Other members of the delegations are: Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Syed Moazzem Ali, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan Anwar Hashem and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Abdul Momin Chowdhury.

The Foreign Minister said, "Bangladesh's position on Bosnia-Herzegovina is resolute and clear," adding "we are against any kind of move to dismember the Muslim republic

in the former Yugoslavia.' "We always stand for the territorial integrity and independence of the republic, a member of the United Nations, Mostaliz added.

#### Bangladesh 12th From page 1 col 7

rate would drop to 1.9 per cent by 2000, by which time the country's population would swell to 131 million. By 2025 the figure would be 180 million, the report added.

The World Bank projects that the country's population would reach a hypothetical figure of 268 million before it stabilises and the growth rate stagnates.

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| Ethiopia                                      | 120 |
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| Bhutan  | 180 |
| Guinea-Bissau                                 | 180 |
| Nepal   | 180 |
| Burundi                                       | 210 |
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| Madagascar                                    | 210 |
| Sierra Leone                                  | 210 |
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