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BNP council body meets today

An emergency meeting of the Preparatory Committee of National Council Conference of Bangladesh Nationalist Party will be held today at 6:00 pm at its central office at Naya Paltan. Conveners of all sub-committees and members of the committee have been requested to attend the meeting to be presided over by the Preparatory Committee convener Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqi. The convener of the Preparatory Committee will also meet the president and general secretary of Dhaka city BNP and presidents and general secretaries of all thana BNP units of the city at 8:00 pm today, reports BSS.

Soeharto due in Dec likely

Indonesian President Soeharto is likely to pay a state visit to Bangladesh sometime in December, diplomatic sources here said yesterday. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, during her visit to Indonesia in September last year to attend the NAM summit, invited President Socharto to visit Dhaka. The forthcoming visit of Soeharto will be his second to Bangladesh. He last visited the country in 1979, reports UNB.

Lankan minister

leaves for home The visiting Shri Lankan Minister for Food, Cooperatives and Janasaviya Weerasinghe Mallimaratchi, left Dhaka yesterday for home ending his sixday visit to Bangladesh. Food Minister M Shamsul Islam saw him off at the Zia International Airport, reports BSS.

Demjanjuk may seek asylum in Ukraine

JERUSALEM July 30: John Demjanjuk will seek asylum in his native Ukraine within days unless the United States allows him to return; a Ukrainian official said Friday. Demjanjuk is awaiting deportation from Israel after the Supreme Court on Thursday overturned his conviction and death penalty as the Nazi mass murderer "Ivan the Terrible, reports AP.

Bosnian factions agree on

GENEVA, July 30: Bosnia-Herzegovina's warring factions agreed today to transform their country into a union of three republics but must still decide exactly where to draw the borders, international mediators said, reports AFP.

The mediators, Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, said negotiations would continue Saturday on the specifics of the peace plan, notably on a map dividing the country and cease-

"After intensive discussion on a number of draft, with amendments agreed by all three parties; there is now a constitutional agreement for the union of republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina which will

form part of an overall peace settlement, mediators Owen and Stoltenberg said in a statement released by their spokesman, John Mills.

SRABAN 16, 1400 BS,

Croatian President Franjo Tudiman, here for all-party

- Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Momir Bulatovic of Montenegro - planned to leave Geneva this evening but will return if needed, the mediators

delegations - President Alija Izetbegovic of the Muslim-led

Meanwhile, all the university

students yesterday vacated the

dormitories as per Thursday's

decision of the university

special transports were ar-

ranged for the students leaving

the campus. Though the official

deadline for vacating the halls

was 10 am the last special bus

left the campus for Dhaka at 3

cials were absent during the

departure of the students since

they are all abstaining from

their duties since Thursday

morning in protest against the

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DUCSU, JCD slate

JU attack

Dhaka University Students

Union (DUCSU) Vice-President

Amanullah Aman, MP, and

General Secretary Khairul Kabir

Khokon yesterday slated the

incident at the Jahangirnagar

University and demanded pun-

ishment of the offenders, re-

The DUCSU leaders in their

statement regretted that the

syndicate had asked the

authority to postpone the

activities of the JUCSU and hall

unions. They urged the

authority to withdraw this

suggestion and permit JUCSU

and hall unions to function as

Chhatra Dal President Fazlul

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ports BSS.

The teachers have said they

attack on the teachers.

Provosts and other hall offi-

From early Friday morning

government, Mate Boban of the Bosnian Croats and Radovan Karadzie of the Bosnian Serbs - will continue talks on annexes to the agreement, specifically on a human rights court,

Owen and Stoltenberg would divide Bosnia into three republics without explicit refer-

militarily weaker Bosnian government's drive to retain a unitary state based on a non-ethnic federal structure.

Bosnia into an entity called the United Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina. That name was changed slightly in a second draft, at the request of Bosnian presidency, to read the Union of Republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina

In a further bow to the Muslim drive to maintain a single state, the agreement says that the new entity would be recognized under international law, as Bosnia would keep its

implement an immediate ceasecommander Milivoj Petkovic

Govt firm to establish rule of law: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday iterated her firm resolve to do everything possible for the establishment of rule of law in the country saying, "Our policy is to ensure the independence and neutrality of the judiciary," reports

Addressing the 16th annual council meeting of the National Bar Association of Bangladesh as chief guest at a hotel in Dhaka, she said the establishment of rule of law was essential for consolidating the hardearned democracy.

"Rule of law is a safeguard to democracy. Only rule of law can ensure stability of democracy, development and prosperity." the Prime Minister said

Referring to her government's continuous efforts for the establishment of rule of law, Begum Zia said that in the meantime, self-respect of the

judiciary had been restored. The government, she said, had taken up the task of reforming laws of the colonial era and updating the existing laws to ensure equal rights for all

under the rule of law. Begum Zia sought cooperation, advice and suggestions of

the lawyers in this regard. The Prime Minister told the lawyers that her government was equally attentive to the need for a modern, fair judicial system and reforms of the laws.

She said a bill to separate the judiciary from the executive was also under examination by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Law and Justice.

Presided over by Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, president of the National Bar Association of Bangladesh, the function was also addressed by See Page 12 Col 4

Govt distributes Tk 19 cr worth flood relief

By Staff Correspondent The government, as part of its post-flood rehabilitation programme, has supplied relief materials worth about Tk 19 erore to the flood affected people in 32 districts.

The relief so far distributed included 7510 tonnes of rice, 150 tonnes of wheat, 11440 pieces of sarees, 11400 pieces of lungis, 5400 bundles of CI sheets, government officials

The government has also distributed Tk one erore nine lakh and 50 thousand as gratuitous relief and Tk one crore as house-building grants.

Meanwhile, the overall flood situation continued to improve Priday as waters in all the rivers continued to recede. Only the Sec Page 12 Col 3

Israeli assault continues

JERUSALEM, July 30: Rockets fell sporadically on northern Israel today, but caused no injuries, military sources said as the cabinet met to review the situation in Lebanon, reports AFP.

The massive air, sea and artillery assault against Hezbollah went on for a sixth day and Katyusha rockets crashed into larnell targets every few hours.

Three salvoes of several rockets hit the Galilee area during the day after 11 slammed into the region overnight when two also landed in the 'security zone' Israeli forces hold in Southern Lebanon, the sources

In Jerusalem Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called an emergency cabinet session as official sources said that a majority of ministers favoured a ceaseling

> See Page 12 Col 6 Four killed in

separate incidents

From Staff Correspondent

At least four persons were killed and 11 others injured in separate cases of road accidents and electrocution in Narayanganj and Dhaka Friday.

Our Narayangani Correspondent reports: One person was killed and eleven others injured, two of them critically, when a truck dashed an autotempo at Kalibari under Araihazar thana of the district Friday morning.

One Amir Hossain died instantly while 11 other passengers of the auto-tempo were rushed to the Narayanganj General Hospital for treatment. Amir Hossain's body was sent to the hospital morgue for au-

Meanwhile, Rafigul Islam, 40, of Murapara village under Rupganj thana, reportedly committed suicide by touching a live electric wire last night.

Islam was a guard at the BADC office in Rupganj. His body was sent to the Narayanganj General Hospital morgue for post mortem.

Our DMCH Correspondent adds: Two persons were killed in separate road accidents in the city Friday.

Tipu, 30, hit by a speeding bus near the Kakrail crossing in the city Thursday evening, succumbed to his injuries at

around 1:00 am early yester-One Shaheen died in a

mishap near Shanir Akhra.

Ansar shoots 2 inmates dead KUSHTIA, July 30: Two

Ansars were killed and another was wounded at OK project Ansar camp at Bheramara in Kushtia district on Thursday night when a camp inmate opened fire following a dispute over alleged entry of gay girls, reports UNB.

Police and Ansar sources said the trouble ensued when the camp residents protested the presence of two gay girls who were earlier brought into the camp by some inmates.

In the melee, Ansar Abdul Jahi allegedly opened fire killing Shahadat Hossain (40) on the Rezaul Huq (22) succumbed

rushed with injured camp commander, Tota.

including Abdul Jalil, and the two gay girls.

3-republic plan

JU files cases against

21 students

By JU Correspondent

Syndicate.

fire arrangements.

Criminal cases have been

lodged by the Jahangirnagar

University authorities against

21 students for their alleged in-

volvement in Thursday's vio-

lence which led to the institu-

sity filed the cases with the

Savar Police under the Anti-

Terrorism Act against the stu-

dents, all belonging to the

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD),

six members of the Jaha-

ngirnagar University Central

Students' Union (JUCSU)

including the Vice President

Masud Hachan Talukder Liton

and general secretary Shamsul

AL, DUTA deplore

attack on teachers

By JU Correspondent

organisations have deplored last

Thursday's attack on the teach

ers of the Jahangirnagar

Secretary Zillur Rahman ex-

pressed his deep concern over

the violence that forced the clo-

Referring to the armed van-

dalism, reportedly led by the

students' organisation of the

ruling BNP, Awami League

leader, in a statement Friday,

questioned the very existence of

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"After such an incident, how

government in the country.

sure of the university.

Different political and other

Awami League General

The list of accused contains

The Registrar of the univer-

tion being closed sine die.

police sources said.

Tabriz Mithu.

University.

talks on the former Yugoslavia said an overall agreement would be signed Sunday or Monday. Tudiman and his counterparts from the rump Yugoslavia

The leaders of the Bosnian

The new plan proposed by

ence to ethnic make-up. It is a fusion of a Serb-Croat plan for a confederation of three ethnic- based states and the

In its initial version, the new plan called for transforming

seat at the United Nations. Meanwhile, the military commanders of Bosnia's three warring factions agreed today to fire across the republic, Croat

New US garments quota

announce a new quota policy for garments imports which may seriously affect the Third World exporters including Bangladesh, according to concerned sources.

have been prompted by the Harkin Bill, which proposes to ban the import of garments and other apparel made with child labour, the sources said.

The Harkin Bill, which is likely to be passed in the next session of the US Congress, is aimed at protecting the interests of the American textiles and garments industries by preventing unfair competition from Third World countries who often employ much cheaper child labour

However, the garments manufacturers and experiers in Bangladesh as well as concerned government officials have, in the meantime, started lobbying for keeping the country's quota allocations under the new US policy intact, sources said.

bracing for any fresh restrictive measures, which may be introduced under the new US policy.

the American Cultural Centre in the city to talk on the proposed Harkin Bill.

He will also answer ques-

may hurt Bangladesh The United States is likely to Collinsworth had visited

The changes in the US policy

In addition, the local garments industries are already

BGMEA sources said in Dhaka. Meanwhile, consultant of he Asian American Free Labour Institute (AAFLI) Terry Collinsworth will address a press conference on August 2 at

tions about the bill and its pur-

The Task Force, which hopes

sentatives

release quoted him as saying.

politics of terrorism and cut-

ting tendons" and asked the

Jamaat leaders to leave the

country. "Otherwise, the patri-

Cong-I introduces bills to ban religion-based politics

NEW DELHI, July 30: The Indian government pressed Thursday for the divorcing of religion from politics, a day after an opposition no-confidence motion in Parliament failed to oust the ruling Congress (I)

introduced a bill amid loud protests from the Hindu-revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Indian People's Party) and other opposition parties.

The BJP was at the forefront of the campaign which resulted in the demolition of the Babri Mosque in the northern town of Ayodhya by Hindu extremists on December 6.

It has demanded the construction of a Hindu temple on the mosque site as part of its electoral plank in overwhelm-

demolition of the Mughol-built The proposed legislation would amend the Constitution and allow Parliament to ban any organisation found guilty of from contesting elections.

Observers said the bills aim to prevent the BJP from using taking part in polls.

Reacting sharply to the government move, BJP leader Lal Krishna Advani urged the ruling party to withdraw the bills, de-

"The bills are fraught with dangerous consequences and would sound the death knell of democracy in the country," said the president of the BJP, the largest opposition party in Parliament.

Baluchistan municipal bodies suspended

- Star photo

Police guarding the residence of the JU Vice Chancellor

ISLAMABAD, July 30: Pakistan's caretaker administration has suspended elected municipal bodies in the southwestern province of Baluchistan as part of efforts to ensure free elections in October, officials said today, reports AFP.

The funds of the local councils have been frozen and district officials have been asked to take charge of their functions, a provincial government announcement said late Thursday

Similar action is expected to follow in Punjab, the country's most populous and politically important province. Two other regions, Sindh and North West Frontier Province, are already without elected municipal bod:

Quit country, Dr. Kamal asks Jamaat leaders

RAJSHAHI, July 30: Democratic Forum leader Dr Kamal Hossain today castigated the Jamaat-Shibir clique for "spearheading the politics of terrorism and trading in religion," reports UNB.

They have no right to do politics in the soil of this country they have killed thousands of innocent people and violated women during the Liberation War of 1971," he told a public gathering of the Forum at the Zila Parishad auditorium this evening.

The Bengali Muslims will never accept the use of religion as "a weapon in politics", he added.

Dr Kamal accused the Jamaat-Shibir axis of initiating

otic people will oust you from this soil," he warned. He also blamed the Jamaat for distributing arms among its activists in the name of protecting Islam" and said clandestine arms manufacturing factories of the Jamaat had

and Raishahi. The Democratic Forum leader wanted to know why Jamaat leader Golam Azam was so interested to stay in Bangladesh when those opposing the Liberation War like General Niazi had opted for Sec Page 12 Col 7

been unearthed in Cox's Bazar

Huda cancels meet of JP dissidents By Staff Correspondent

Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, a former Speaker and presidium member, has cancelled the meeting of 'like-minded' Jatiya Party members he had planned to hold at his residence on August 4.

The decision to call off the meeting, to which members of the media were even invited. was circulated late Friday night in a statement signed by Huda himself. In the same statement, Huda

added that any adverse com-

ments made against acting chief of the party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, were 'wrongly attributed to him.

meet of 'dissident' or disgrun-

Shamsul Huda Chowdhury's decision to call off the special

tled JP members was learnt to have been taken following assurances given by other ranking leaders of the JP presidium "to accommodate the grievances of the JP leaders led by Shamsul Huda."

The former Speaker, after a prolonged break, participated in the presidium meeting on Friday, presided by Mizan Chowdhury. Huda, who had refused to

attend the presidium meetings on the previous two days, yesterday delivered a speech where he called for democratisation of the central leadership of the party and a call to distance itself from the Awami League. He also called for settling organisational matters within the party forum. Yesterday's meeting of the JP

presidium was addressed, among others, by Moudud Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hussain, Sheikh Shahid, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Major General (Retd) Mahmudul Hasan, ATM Fazley Rabbi, Reazuddin Ahmed Bhola Miah and Khaledur Rahman Titu among others. The members of the JP pre-

sidium were tight-lipped about the individual stand taken by the different members, but one ranking leader said, "The detractors in the party have been appeased for now, and the JP has survived what looked to be an 'imminent split' on Aug 1." Shamsul Huda Chowdhury, who had earlier claimed that the proposed Aug 1 meeting would see the start of a long struggle in the Jatiya Party, spoke in what seemed to be a reconciliatory tone while talking to The Daily Star late last night. He said he was happy that the JP presidium members had

given a patient hearing. He reiterated that some concrete steps should be forthcoming to 'democratise' the party's central leadership and prevent it from towing a pro-Awami League The former Speaker, however, cautioned, "I cannot be

hopeful. If in the days ahead

(the party) breaks, it will break. I have always followed a conciliatory role and have never in-See Page 12 Col 1

Health Ministry projects behind target By Chapal Bashar Progress of development health sector and 32 in the

projects under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have remained far behind the target

most projects was a little over 70 per cent on an average while only 80 per cent of the allocated funds was utilised, according to a well-placed source. The source said delay by the

donors in giving their concurrence to the projects' implementation as well as complications regarding the appointment of project consultants were the main reasons for the gap in performance.

Bangladesh earlier last year and prepared a report on the use of child labour in the local garments factories. The AAPLI is the organisa-

tion which is lobbying for passage of the Harkin Bill by the US Congress. Meanwhile, according to a

USIS release in Dhaka, an interagency task force has been created in the United States to develop new approaches for dealing with countries that try to circumvent US textile and apparel quotas by trans-shipping their products to the country through third-coun-

to conclude its work within two months, will be chaired by Jennifer Hillman, chief textile regotiator at the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR), and will include reprefrom Departments of Commerce, Treasury, Labour, State and Justice, as well as the US Customs Service, USTR an-

nounced July 26. "At present over US 2,000 million dollar in transshipped apparel and textiles are entering the United States annually from China alone," US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said. "This problem is growing and the administration must develop a comprehensive plan to combat this fraud," the USIS

The United States currently has negotiated bilateral textile quotas with over 30 countries.

yesterday.

Party, reports AFP. Home Minister SB Chavan

ing-Hindu India. More than 2,000 people died in Hindu-Muslim riots which swept across India after the

promoting animosity on the grounds of religion, caste or

A second bill would allow

India's autonomous Election

Commission to ban political

parties with religious names

the Ayodhya temple issue as its future electoral plank and to block several militant Hindu and Muslim oganisations from

scribing them as undemocratic

for fiscal 1992-93. The physical progress of

The ministry has 100 development projects - 68 in the

family welfare sector. An amount of Taka 611.85

Government of Bangladesh pro-

project requires the concur-See Page 12 Col 7

crore was allocated for these projects during the last fiscal year, of which Taka 351.20 crore was project aid while the vided Taka 260.65 erore. Of the total fund, only Taka 488.80 crore was sperit until 30 June The implementation of each

rence of the concerned donor at almost every step under the terms of agreement of the aid. Often it takes an inordinately long time to obtain such concurrence which delays the pro-

to his injuries at the Kushtia General Hospital where he was

Police arrested four Ansars,

ever before. 1443 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y. M. C. A. NASIRABAD

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