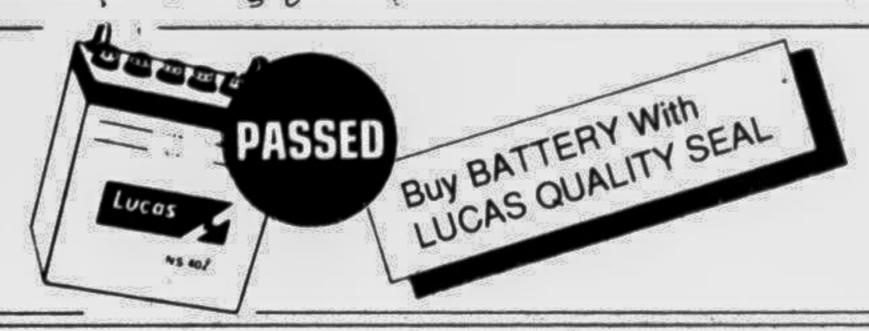
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# Hundreds of govt troops defect to Khmer Rouge

PHNOM PENH (Cambodia), Aug 5: Discord within Cambodia's new armed forces has prompted hundreds of soldiers to defect to the Khmer Rouge guerilla group, UN sources said Thursday, reports AP.

The three factions that won the most seats in the UN organised elections in May joined forces last month to create a united army against the Khmer Rouge. The two biggest factions are the previous Vietnamese-installed government and FUNCINPEC, a guerilla group that was allied with the Khmer Rouge in fighting the government until a 1991 peace treaty.

But UN sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said soldiers from the Vietnameseinstalled administration had apparently been trying to intimidate those from FUNCINPEC.

UN peacekeepers in the field reported that several hundred FUNCINPEC soldiers have therefore joined the Khmer Rouge in a southeastern province. Kompong Cham, the sources said.

The sources said they had heard reports of similar defections in a southern province,

UN spokeswoman Susan Manuel confirmed the reports but declined to comment fur-

Government spokesman EK Sereywath said he had no information on military defections but said he heard civilian members from his FUNCINPEC faction had fled to Khmer Rouge zones. He had no details.

Kompong Cham was the scene of widespread harassment against FUNCINPEC in the month after the election, when it became clear that FUNCINPEC had won more sets than the administration installed by Vietnam in 1979.

The Khmer Rouge controls about 20 per cent of Cambodia with a fighting force of 10,000

Bhattacharya claimed that the General Secretary's report was supported by most of the EC members who spoke in favour of joining Kamal Hossain and others in a new party.

situation which might lead to a National Committee meeting.

The proposed party is likely to be floated under the leadership of Dr Kamal at the threeday Grand National Convention scheduled from August 27 in

The CPB (reformist), the leadership of which has already decided to marge with the party in offing, will take a final and formal decision at the party's central committee meeting to-

A faction of the Ganatantri parties and forces are also likely

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Professor Nurul Islam," com-

"We are really scared about

large amount," he lamented.

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Hasina

The AL leader asked the

newcomers to carry forward the

party's agitation programme

aimed at forcing the government

to repeal the Indemnity Act to

pave the way for the trial of

Bangabandhu's killers, resist

the communal politics of the

Jamaat-Shibir axis, and un-

mask the 'corrupt' face of the

the ruling BNP as "the politics

of fraud and intrigue."

Hasina termed the politics of

"This government had

promised to take effective steps

with a view to bringing an end

to the politics of killing, coup

nulment of the Indemnity Act

but the government is dilly

"We moved a bill seeking an-

and conspiracy," she said.

government.

"We really did not expect

and medical institution.

# Private medical college at Ctg

# Allegations against **Prof Nurul Islam**

By Staff Correspondent

medical college in Chittingong Thursday came underfire from a section of guardians who accused the chairman of the college — National Professor Nurul islam- of gross malpractice

intervention from the concerned authorities to protect the academie future of some 300 students from home and abroad.

When contacted, Professor

Leaders of the Guardians Forum for the Institute of Applied Health Sciences (IAHS) and the University of Science and Technology (USTC) organ-

Convenor of the Forum, Advocate Moududur Rahman noted eye specialist Prof. Rabiul Hossain, Director of the AK Khan Group of Companies Md Nuruddin and Ashigur Rahman

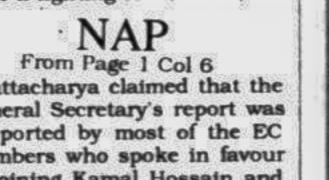
Spelling out their allegations college without permanent affil-

one and a half lakh as admission fee and hearly three thousand taka every month as tuition fee, were now doing their

No proper account of more than Taka 4 crore received as admission and tuition fees, had been maintained, the guardians' representatives alleged.

"Prof. Nurul Islam during his visits to the IAHS, used to tactfully dodge the students' genutne demands for a full-fledged hospital, dormitory, auditorium, common room, cafeteria, lavatories and recreation facilities," said Advocate Rahman.

erning body of the private medical institution were unaware of any meetings or of the accounts, nor was there any



Some insiders said that both Prof Mozaffar and Pankaj Bhattacharya have taken firm positions about the new party, a split in the NAP unless ar agreement is reached at today's

Party and some other smaller to join Kamal's platform.

guardians' representative in the The sponsors of a private body, he added. **Guardians** Forum alleged that the IAHS was not following the Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council curricula.

The guardians also sought

Nurul Islam, however, denied all charges, saying some misguided people" were out to tarnish his image with false accu-

mented one of the Forum lead-The leaders of the Forum told the newsmen that the aggrieved students, frustrated at ised the press conference at the their present situation, had abstained from attending classes Jatiya Press Club in the capital strice July 13 and the adminisyesterday afternoon. trators later closed college

the future of our wards', said Md. Nuruddin, "I wish I knew things would come to such a pass before spending such a spoke at the press conference.

against the Professor Islam, the Forum leaders said he was running a 'non-existent' medical iation from the Chittagong University.

They said that the academic careers of the students who took admission had become bleak since the college lacked all pre-clinical and para-clinical facilities and had no dissection room, dormitory or hospital.

The students, who enrolled in the IAHS after paying Taka practical courses at different hospitals of Chittagong, they

dailying," the opposition leader The opposition leader accused the government of patronising the Jamaat-Shibir and other anti-Liberation forces who were threatening the country's independence and sove-

AL General Secretary Zilhur Many members of the gov-Rahman and Narsinghdi Mu nicipality Chairman Abdul Matin Sarkar also spoke on the

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Kashmiri Muslims, defying curfew, shout anti-India and pro-independence slogans in protest Wednesday, two days after a Muslim family was killed by security troops. Thousands of people - AFP photo have taken to the streets to demonstrate against the killings.

## Dhaka to give \$ 1 lakh for US flood victims

Bangladesh has decided to contribute 100,000 US dollar as "token cash" for the flood victims of the Mid-West in the United States in addition to its commitment of sending jute bags and tea, reports UNB.

This contribution is being made 'as a gesture of friendship and human solidarity," a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said yesterday.

# Pay-phone cards sale arranged in post offices

Bangladesh Postal Department has arranged sale of payphone cards of Tk 50, Tk 100 and Tk 200 denomination from the following post offices for the convenience of the people, an officials handout said yesterday.

Dhaka city: Dhaka G.P.C. Dhaka Sadar, Mirpur, Dilkusha, Dhaka Cantonment, Mohammadpur. Uttara Model Town, Khilgaon, Tejgaon, Zia International Airport, Public Health, PG Hospital, New Town, Gulshan, High Court, Gandaria, Kamalapur Ratiway Station, Sadarghat IWTA Terminal Mitford, Postagola, Faridabad and Dhaka Court Post Office.

Narayanganj: Narayanganj Main Post Office, Gazipur: Manu Nagar Post Office: Tangail: Tangail Main Post Office: Jamalpur: Jamalpur Main Post

Chittagong: Chittagong GPO, Chittagong Medical College, CGD Building, Chittagong EPZ and Bandar Post Office.

Main Post Offices of Noakhali, Comilla, Moulavi Bazar, Jessore, and Benapole Post Office, Barisal, Kushtia, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Bogara,

Pabna, Dinajpur and Rangpur. Sylhet: Main Post Office, and Sylhet Medical College Post of-

Khulna: Khulna GPO, Khulna City, Khulna Bazar, Khulna Commissioner's Secretariat, Khulna KDA New Market, Daulatpur and Koilaghat Post Office.

Raishahi: Raishahi GPO and Raishahi Railway Station Post Bagerhat: Mongla Post

### Miyazawa

From Page 1 Col 3 parted for the last time to warm applause from staff members, making way for a successor 18 years his junior.

Miyazawa, unable to enact reforms to clean up rampant political corruption, lost a noconfidence vote in June and was forced to call the elections.

This coalition government must accomplish what the LDP failed to do - and the takeoff point is political reform," said Keigo Ouchi, Head of one of the smaller parties in the coalition.

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Hosekawa, 55, belongs to the 18th generation of a warlord family that for centuries ruled a corner of rural southern Japan. As a member of the Liberal Democratic Party, he served 12 years in the less powerful upper house of Parliament and as governor of Kumamoto prefecture from 1983 to 1991.

But his soft-spoken, aristocratic demeanor was unknown to most Japanese voters until he formed the Japan New Party in May 1992, after quitting the LDP in 1990.

# OIC calls for immediate air strikes on Serbs

GENEVA, Aug 5: An association of 51 Islamic countries called here today for rapid implementation of NATO proposals for air strikes on Serb forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports

Pakistani Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar, Chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), said air strikes seemed the only way to end the genocide of Bosnian Muslims.

Under US pressure, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisa tion accepted a plan in Brussels on Monday to prepare air strikes against Serb forces.

But most other NATO countries have imposed conditions on this military option which diplomats say could stifle it. We feel very deeply that the leadership of Bosnia is being

offered a horrible choice between murder and suicide, He was speaking after meeting the UN-Co-Chairmen of the Bosnia peace talks, David Owen and Thorvid Stoltenberg

who are currently trying to

stave off the collapse of the ne-Sattar led a five-man OIC delegation which had earlier pleaded the case of air strikes against the Serbs in meetings with the foreign ministers of France and Britain on Tuesday

and Wednesday. Replying to objections that air strikes on Serb positions could endanger UN troops currently in Bosnia, he said several OIC countries were ready to contribute to the UN force.

Islamic countries recently offered 18,000 soldiers to the force, but this offer has not so far been taken up by the UN

which fears escalating the Bosnian conflict into a religious

They have also supported another US initiative, opposed by other UN Security Council members, to help the Bosnian Muslims —casing a UN arms embargo so that Bosnian Muslims can be armed.

OIC Secretary-General Hamid Algabid said: "If there is no massive military intervention, (of troops in Bosnia) soon, we want air strikes as a signal to the (Serb) aggressor." He stressed that the Islamic

countries were not planning unilateral action in Bosnia, and wanted to work within the context of the United Nations **But Turkish Foreign Minister** 

Hikmet Cetin, a member of the delegation, warned: "If Europe cannot find a solution to the human tragedy (in Bosnia), other countries will do it." He urged that NATO be given

responsibility for air strikes in Bosnia. Most other NATO countries except the United States want responsibility shared with the United Nations.

Sattar said the Bosnian Muslims were being pressured by genocide and ethnic cleansing into accepting a peace plan to squeeze 60 per cent of Bosnia's population into 30 per cent of its territory.

He rejected the argument that realism dictated Muslim acceptance of the peace plan.

Realism should not become the complicity of aggression," he

Other members of the OIC delegation were the Foreign Minister of Tunisia, Habib Ben Yahya, and of Senegal, Mustafa

# Children offer folded paper cranes on a memorial monument

for atomic bomb victims at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park Friday. The annual peace memorial service will be held today, the 48th anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima August 6, 1945 which killed more than - AFP photo 20,000 people.

# AL MPs deny press report

By Staff Correspondent

Two Awami League MPs in the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Works Ministry - Kazi Abdur Rashid and Prof Abdul Quddus - in a joint statement yesterday, strongly protested a news item published yesterday in a section of the press regarding the construction work at 30, Hare

They disowned the 'unanimous decision" in the Standing Committee that the Works Minister and his ministry were not involved in the corruption concerning construction of the building.

The 'fabricated' news was made public with a motive to mislead the people, they remarked. No decision was taken clearing anybody, they maintained.

# FBUTA's concern

By Staff Correspondent

The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA), in a statement Thursday, expressed grave concern at the recent increase in terrorist activities in the educational institutions.

The federation said that i the situation continued, the education system of the country would be destroyed. It termed the acts of terror-

ism as part of a 'conspiracy to destroy the democratic system and called upon all to resist it. The statement, signed by Dr

Mustahidur Rahman, president and Dr Abdur Rahim, secretary general, also condemned the recent incidents at the Jahangirnagar University and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and demanded proper punishment for the persons involved.

# Violence over hijra-dance in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 5: Many people were injured, seven houses burnt and some 15 shops ransacked in widespread clashes over a dance by two eunuchs' in the town today, reports UNB. Police lobbed tear-gas shells

to disperse the mob and picked up 10 people for the rioting. Ten of the injured, including a 7-year-old girl and a woman,

were admitted to the General Hospital with serious wounds. The violence erupted when the local Momtaj cinema hall

employees were publicising a newly-released film - "Banglar Badhu" with two eunuchs (httras) dancing on a bullock

When the 'show' reached the Kazipur ghat near the bank of river Jamuna, some youths demanded a dance by the 'httras' be arranged there. The cart driver requested them to go under the shade of some nearby trees to enjoy the dance. But the youths forced them to stage the show on the spot.

An altercation ensued and at one stage Wali Khan, 28, son of the cart driver, was stabbed, allegedly by the youths. Hearing the news Wali's neighbours from Chak-Kobdaspara and Duttapara attacked the youths. Then, youths from the Goyla

and Ekdala areas also joined the free for all with long knives. sticks, iron rods and other sharp weapons. The rioting which started

around 2 pm, spread through the entire areas and lasted about three hours. At least 50 cocktails were exploded. The injured hospitalised

were identified as Wali Khan, Belal, Abul, Amina, Molina, Dulal, Afal, Amjad, Shatka and Chandu.

### Transport strike postponed Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan

Sramik Federation has postponed its strike till October 31 following fruitful talks with Bangladesh Road Transport Authority here yesterday, according to an official handout, reports BSS.

Presided over by State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman, the meeting was attended, among others, by Chairman, BRTA, federation leaders Habibur Rahman Khan, Abdur Rashid, Md Ismail, Shahjahan Khan MP, Moinuddin, Abdus Sattar, A Rahim Bux, Osman All and Shamsur Rahman.

The meeting had discussions on five-point demand, placed by the federation.

Decisions were taken on the problems of basic unions and withdrawal of cases.

# The Midnight File

### Christopher visits Italy today

AMMAN, Aug 5: US Secretary of State Warren Christopher confirmed he would travel to Italy on Friday to discuss contingency plans on allied air strikes in the former Yugoslavia. Christopher told a news conference in Amman on Thursday after talks on Middle East negotiations that he was concerned by the "deterioration on the ground in Bosnia." He said he would stop at Aviano airbase in northern Italy for talks with NATO commanders on "what might be our contingency plans for action if we find that the Serbs continue their strangulation Bosnia," reports Reuter.

# Hizbollah fires rockets into Israel's 'security zone'

MAJAYOUN (Lebanon), Aug 5: Guerillas fired four Katyusha rockets into Israel's "security zone" in south Lebanon today for the first time since Israel called off a blitz in the south last week, security sources said. A ceasefire agreement on Saturday included "understandings" that guerillas of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah movement would not fire Katyusha rockets at northern Israel but it did not cover guerilla attacks on the "security zone", reports Reuter.

### Indian opposition for impeachment of CEC

NEW DELHI, Aug 5 : India's centrist and leftist opposition today decided to press for the impeachment of Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan to protest the freeze he ordered on all elections until December, re ports AFP.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Centrist National Front, the four-party left front and two smaller centrist groupings. A spokesman said they would forward the demand to Parliament Speaker Shivraj We want him impeached for

his arbitrary and whimsical action," said Nitsh Kumar, a National Front leader, commenting on Seshan's orders Monday to put off all elections until December 18. Seshan said in his order that

no balloting would be held until New Delhi stopped interfering in the working of his autonomous Election Commission, which oversees elections to Parliament and state legislatures.

### Cameras installed: UN team leaves Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Aug 5: UN team left Baghdad on Thursday after installing monitoring cameras at two missile test sites and their leader praised the lraqis for their cooperation, reports Reuter.

\*All cameras have been installed. We have transmitted successfully to our operations centre in Baghdad through dedicated lens provided by the Iragis," team leader Bill Eckert, an American told reporters outside his hotel.

"As agreed, the cameras will not be activated other than for maintenance purposes until after technical talks," he added.

# Dr Rafiq murder Three held for interrogation

By Staff Correspondent

The Detective Branch (DB) was interrogating three persons in connection with the killing of a doctor at the Farmgate area in the city Thursday. Dr Rafigul Islam, 36, son of

Mohammed Atahar Ali, a resident of the Dhaka Cantonment, was killed by some hawkers Tuesday night where he had gone to buy a wallet. Dr Rafiq, who passed MBBS from the Rajshahi Medical

College in 1990, was severely beaten up by some hawkers after an altercation regarding the the price, and left him lying in an unconscious condition. He was admitted to the nearby Al Rajhi Clinic where the doctors on duty declared him dead. His body was sent to the

**Dhaka Medical College Hospital** morgue for autopsy. Later, it was sent to his village home. Dr Rafiq of village Nischintapur in Baraigram

thana under Natore district. had set up a private practice only few months ago at Janata Pharmacy at Kanchpur. Teigaon police carried out a raid in the Farmgate area yesterday and arrested Shaheen,

Mohammed Ali, Mojibor, Haider

and Ratan. Later Shaheen, Mohammed Ali and Mojibor were handed over to the DB while the others were released.

Meanwhile, the pavements of the Farmgate area yesterday were barren of the hawkers who reportedly stayed away fearing police action.

# Muflehur Rahman likely to replace Reaz Rahman

Bangladesh's Permanent Reresentative in Geneva Muflehur Rahman Osmani is likely to replace Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman, official sources here said yesterday, reports UNB. Rahman is likely to go to

Washington to head the Bangladesh mission there. Bangladesh Ambassador Abul Ahsan is due to retire in December next. Osmani joined Pakistan foreign service in 1964 and held

different important posts at home and abroad. He was the country's Ambassador in Baghdad during the Gulf crisis triggered by the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. He also served Bangladesh's mission in the United Kingdom and the former German Democratic Republic

# Bombay police blamed for riots

BOMBAY, Aug 5: A human rights investigation has accused Bombay police of siding with Hindu extremists during communal riots in the city and of opening fire on innocent

Muslims, reports AP. About 1,000 people died in Bombay in December and January during Hindu-Muslim riots, the worst in the city's

### history. BNP committees From page 1 col 7

tions would work and cooperate with the parent organisation, he aid, adding that the rules are likely to be modified to invigorate the overseas branches of

He ruled out any possibility of changing the current provision in the constitution which says that only the Chairman of the party will be elected by the councilors while the rest of the office-bearers, including the Secretary General, will be selected by the Chairman.

# **BJC** winding

From page 1 col 7 service, 10 to 15 per cent over the gratuity amount plus other admissible benefits and one year's pay as part of leave preparatory to retirement.

The total liabilities of the

corporation stand at Taka 1253

crore, out of which Taka 944

crore is the interest amount on outstanding bank loans. The Jute Ministry is currently in the process of evaluating the total assets of the corporation, spread around the country, but particularly concentrated in Narayanganj, Chitta-

However, it is estimated that the total value of the Corporation's assets would be worth over Tk 600 crore. A provisional assessment made by the Deputy Commi-

gong, Rajshahi and Khulna.

ssioner of Chittagong placed the value of the assets of BJC in that district at Taka 52 crore. The employees of the corporation are trying to resist the

closure and even forwarded a

formation of a company on

commercial basis, but with pa-

compromise formula to the Jute Ministry. The employees sought the retention of about 800 of the existing employees, offering to put up 10 per cent of their admissible benefits, towards the

tronisation from governmentowned jute mills. The BJC was set up by a government ordinance in 1985 by combining the services of the Jute Marketing Council, the Jute Trading Corporation, Bangladesh Jute Export Council and Rally Brothers. It was established to ensure fair prices to the jute growers, check smu-

ggling and to stabilise the price.