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By Staff Correspondent

sought help of the public to es-

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lated and stabbed to death on

Saturday night, the circular

the police to The Daily Star

show the victim wearing a

striped dark blue saree, a

golden plastic bangle on her

left hand a talisman around her

one-year-old boy found near the

victim's body was placed in the

care of one Solatman of Barnotl,

The body of the victim was

sent to the Mitford Hospital for

Team of doctors

calls on Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

met Awami League chief

Sheikh Hasina at her Minto

Road official residence yester-

day to discuss different prob-

meeting, also supported the AL

called half-day hartal on August

15 and the August 20 grand

The delegation members ex-

pressed grave concern over the

killing of Dr Rafiq and sought

the AL leader's cooperation to

The physicians' team in-

cluded Dr. Badiuzzaman Dablu,

Dr. Yunus Ali Sarkar, Dr.

Nazrul Islam, Dr. Zahed

Hossain, Dr. Abu Zafar, Dr.

Sayefuddin, Dr. Mushtaq

Hossain, Dr. Ismail Khan, Dr.

Imdadul Haq and Dr. Nazmul

Zillur Rahman and other lead-

ers including Dr. MA Quadri,

Dr. Mostafa Jalal Mohtuddin,

lvy Rahman and Momtaz

Hossain, were present during

Party General Secretary

Hassan.

press for trial of the killers.

rally at the Manik Mia Avenue.

The physicians, during the

lems in the health sector.

A delegation of physicians

under Demra thana.

According to the circular, a

The photographs supplied by

Demra bridge in the city.

Police, in a circular Monday,

The unidentified woman, in



## US diplomat killed in Georgia

TBILISI (Georgia), Aug 9: A US diplomat was killed in a hail of gunfire by unknown attackers outside Tbilisi, the capital of this former Soviet republic, US and Georgian officials said Monday, reports AP.

The diplomat was identified as Fred Woodruff, a regional affairs officer posted temporarily in the political section of the US Embassy in Georgia, the embassy said. His age and hometown were not disclosed.

US diplomats were standing outside Tbilisi's city morgue Monday morning, some in tears.

## Another State Deptt official resigns

WASHINGTON, Aug 9: A third State Department official has resigned to protest US policy in war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina, officials said Sunday, reports AFP.

Jon Western, who was investigating alleged Serb war crimes, told his superiors in a letter Friday that he was leaving in two weeks to protest a department policy he concluded was not tough enough, department officials said.

## PM: Harmony

From Page 1 Col 8 5 lakh from her personal fund for different religious institutions in Chittagong.

Begum Zia said her government is determined to maintain communal harmony in the country at any cost. In this context, she mentioned that the government had provided assistance in rebuilding the temples damaged during the last year's disturbances.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh K Raghunath and Nepalese High Commissioner Lok Bahadur were present on the occasion.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: The Prime Minister's visit to Chittagong today was delayed for about six hours, due to inclement weather.

The Prime Minister was scheduled to attend' the Janmastami function at 3:30 pm today at the J M Sen Hall.

But she arrived here by the last flight at around 9 pm and reached the venue by 9:30 pm. However, after inaugurating the function, the Prime Minister went back to the capital the same night, police here said.

The US Embassy said in a statement that Woodruff's colleagues and friends 'are immensely saddened by the senseless and tragic shooting."

The attack Sunday followed a decision by the United States to increase its mediation efforts in trouble spots in the former Soviet Union. It was unclear whether Woodruff's trip was connected with that effort.

Details of the attack were sketchy. Interior Ministry spokesman Col Valtko Gogolashvili said the diplomat was killed at 9:30 pm (1730 GMT) Sunday about 15 miles (25 kms) northwest of Tbilisi in the village of Matakhtari.

The men were going through Matakhtari on their way back to the capital from another town, Kazbegi, the ministry said. While travelling through the village, unidentified gunmen opened fire on the car, Gogo-

### German MPs

From Page 1 Col 4 shocked to see the signs of the murders Bangabandhu and his family members on the night of August 15, said an AL press

Awami League leaders present there informed the German politicians of Sheikh Mujib's contributions to the country's independence struggle.

Replying to a reporter, leader of the delegation Dieter Schanz of the German Social Democratic Party said: "Persons responsible for the gruesome murders should be tried."

Two other members of the team are Ms Ulrike Mehl of the Garman Social Democratic Party and Michael Wonneberger of the Christian Democratic

Earlier, the German team called on the Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad at her Sangsad Bhaban office.

During the meeting, both sides discussed political, economic and social issues of the two countries. The current flood situation in Bangladesh and the parliamentary rules and regulations of both the countries also came up for discussion.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, AL's General Secretary Zillur Rahman and International Secretary Abul Hassan Chowdhury, MP were present.

## Shun criticism, help build nation

From page 1 eol 7 plementing its election mani-

festo gradually. "We are implementing our election commitments one after another," said Begum Zia, Chairperson of the ruling party, "but we are facing obstacles instead of cooperation from the opposition in our development programmes," she

Begum Zia told her party leaders and workers that strengthening the BNP to carry forward the development programmes of the government and taking the politics of production to the people should be their primary task.

There is no alternative to the BNP, so you all should carry the party programmes, manifesto and ideology to the commonman," she added.

Begum Zia also urged the partymen to show a high degree of tolerance despite provocations, indecent slogans and misdeeds of the opposition. "Let them (opposition) do misdeeds; it will not affect BNP, rather they will be the losers," she told them.

The Prime Minister said the opposition had no specific programmes and was now trying to follow the BNP's programmes in a bid to reach the people. But the people do not believe the opposition," she

The people have rejected the opposition parties because they did not have concrete programmes to run the country. They have become aware of opposition's lip service to them, she added.

Terming her government as a fully accountable administration, Begum Zia called upon all to maintain the present trend of development of the country. Presided over by city BNP

President Lt Gen (Retd) Mir Shawkat Ali, MP, the inaugural function was also addressed. among others, by Senior Vice Chairman and Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Mirza Golam Hafiz, Vice Chairman and Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury Agriculture Minister Majid-ul-Huq, BNP Dhaka district President Barrister Nazmul Huda, Mohila Dal President and State Minister for Social Welfare Sarwari Rahman, DCC Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain and party's city unit General Secretary Salahuddin Ahmed, MP.

Badruddoza Prof Chowdhury made scathing attacks on the major opposition



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia opening the Dhaka city BNP conference by hoisting the national flag while Mir Showkat Ali raises the party flag at the conference venue yesterday. - Star photo

parties, with a special jab af the Jamaat-e-Islami. He accused the Jamaat of torturing, killing and cutting the veins of opponents in the name of religion and called upon the people to unmask the traders in reli-

The ousted Jatiya Party has no political ideology. Their ideology is to please Ershad ... it's not at all a political party," the Deputy Leader in Parliament

The spirit of the Liberation War is independence and sovereignty. So those who had introduced one-party rule and closed down all newspapers can't speak of the spirit of Liberation, he said, in a reference to the Awami League.

"The Awami League has failed both to run the country and to play the opposition role, he said, adding "They had nourished a vested® group in their three-and-half-a-year rule; they do not know the language of democracy and their activities are not conductve to democracy." The BNP government em-

phasises removal of poverty from the country and has achieved a great success within two and a half years in all sectors, including self-sufficiency in foodgrain and 30 per cent contribution of domestic resources in development budget, he pointed out.

Mirza Golam Hafiz informed the meeting that the government was going to make an announcement about the judiciary within the next couple of weeks. He emphasised the need for establishing rule of law.

He called upon the partymen to strengthen the BNP with utmost sincerity.

The function was attended by ministers, parliament members and senior BNP leaders.

# the meeting.

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Aug 9: An SSC examinee who secured a First Division with letters in two subjects committed suicide here this morning.

herself from a ceiling fan at her Daulatpur residence. She was reportedly unhappy with her result, police said. Her body was found when

room after breaking open the door this morning. A UD case has been lodged

with Daulatpur thana.

### Janmastamı

maintain peace and continue the process of progress.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, in separate messages, congratulated the Hindu community and wished success of the religious festival as well as peace and progress of

The Central Janmastami Celebration Committee has drawn up a two-day programme which includes the Geeta Yagna at the Dhakeshwari Mandir in Dhaka, procession, distribution of prashad, discus-

The Jagatbandhu Mahaprakash Monastery, the Sree Sree Geeta Sangha and other religious organisations have also planned similar pro-

The president and the general secretary of Bangladesh Central Puja Udjapan Parishad K B Roy Chowdhury and Swapan Kumar Saha, in a joint statement yesterday, wished continued peace, harmony and

The president and the general secretary of the Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Udjapan Committee Anil Chandra Nath and Dijendra Nath Saha respectively, also felicitated the people on the occasion.

Prem Ranjan Dev of the Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad, in a statement, wished peace and harmony in

# The Midnight File

## Quake jolts northern India

NEW DELHI, Aug 9: A moderate earthquake joited many parts of northern India for several minutes Monday, shaking buildings and rattling windows. The earthquake was between 6.5 and 6.8 on the Richter scale and its epicenter was about 1,000 kilometres (620 miles) northwest of New Delhi, said S N Chaterjee, a director at the Scismological Observatory, reports

> UK lifts arms embargo against Angola

LONDON, Aug 9: Britain said Monday it is lifting its arms embargo against the Angolan government, offering what could be a lifeline to the formerly Marxist administration in its war with rebel forces. The decision could pave the way for delivertes of military goods from other western countries, such as the United States, reports AP.

Bandertila incident

## Publication of enquiry report demanded

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 9: Convener of the South Halishahar Punarbasan and Adhikar Sangrakkhan Committee (rehabilitation and rights preservation committee) Kamal Uddin Ahmed, in a statement issued to the press, demanded the immediate publication of the enquiry commission report on the Bandertila-Halishahar incident involving a section of

The convener of the committee also demanded punishment of those responsible for the tragic incidents and expressed resentment at the delay with the enquiry report even eight months after the occurrence.

unruly navy personnel.

## Ctg Medical

From Page 1 Col 4 made an attack on the sleeping students in a bid to capture the hostel.

The rowdy attackers set fire to different rooms and started damaging doors and windows. Police rushed to the scene

and brought the situation under control. They picked up eight Chhatra Leaguers, one JCD activist and an employee of the hostel.

The violence-ridden medical college also remained closed since September 13 to December last year following a violent clash between the Chhatra League and the Islami Chhatra Shibir that left one student dead. Meanwhile, the Chittagong

Medical College Students' Union VP and Chhatra League leader Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury and GS Rabiul Karim, in a statement blamed JCD for the violence and demanded arrest of the troublemakers. They also demanded immediate release of the arrested Chhatra League members.

Chief of the college unit of the Chhatra Shibir Liakatullah and general secretary Nastruddin, in a separate statement, condemned the incident and resented the role of police and college authorities during the clash.

## JMB project

schedule, but refrained from taking any decision because of Japan's position. According to concerned

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sources, two other co-financiers - the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) - were, however, willing to go ahead with the project in its present shape.

A concerned official, while talking to The Daily Star last night, said all efforts were being made by the government as well as the co-financiers to complete formalities before the bid validity periods of the project com-

Speaking on condition of anonymity, he also said that the project was now being deemed to be more viable by the co-financiers, despite the fact that timate of US dollar 528 million

the cost had increased substantially since the original esmade in the late-Eighties. The revised cost has been estimated at 690 million US dollars. The government has already collected Tk 464 crore

through levies and surcharges to meet the local currency cos of the project, while the co-financiers are expected to provide 600 million dollars as credit. The bid validity periods of

Contracts 1 and 2 of the project (the main bridge and the river training component) expire on January 26 next year while those of Contracts 3 and 4 (approach roads on the eastern and western sides) are valid only until December 30 this

## More Rohingyas return home

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 9: A group of 320 Rohingya refugees of 78 families have been repatriated to Myanmar voluntarily this morning.

They left from the Nayapara, Jummapara and Lungikhali transit camps

of repatriated Rohingyas comes to 32, 191

## By Staff Correspondent

Ali Miah, 33, a Bangladeshi passenger scheduled to fly to

Ali Miah collapsed at the immigration enclosure and was rushed to the Suhrawardy

Hospital by an ambulance of the Civil Aviation Authority where the doctors declared him

### Bank employees From Page 1 Col 5

the trade unions, the stalemate "We want to render services

Criticising the decision, he said, it should have been taken after discussion with the bank

scale, fringe benefits and incentives for the bank employees for the extended hours of cus-

bank clients, approached for their immediate reactions about the new timings, expressed

Rampura area, Anisur Rahman, said the new timings would help the business community to a great extent. "But, unfortunately, I did not

get service today after 1 pm. The bank situation should be improved," he said.

### Serbs From Page 1 Col 5

ists at Geneva airport.

John Mills said Alija lzetbegovic, president of the Muslim-led Bosnian government, would attend Monday's session. However, Croatian sources said Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban would not arrive until Tuesday.

The NATO allies met Monday to review options for bombing raids on Bosnian Serb targets amid continuing uncertainty that they will actually carry out air strikes.

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation nations reviewed blueprints to knock out Bosnian Serb military positions outside Sarajevo, officials said. But the allies disagreed over

strikes - NATO or the United Nations. "That continues to be the central point of dispute," said a NATO official.

### I DP defectors The defectors From Page 1 Col 4 Kubota, the new Economic Planning Minister.

tion were named to cabinet posts to ensure balance in the new government, in effect making every cabinet meeting a summit of the main players in the alliance.

Hosokawa gave the key foreign, finance, trade, and defence portfolios to LDP defectors in Hata's Japan Renewal Party, seeking to ensure continuity in those policy areas from the previous government.

Besides Deputy Prime Minister Hata, the other Japan Renewal Party figures include Pinance Minister Hirohisa Fujii, a retired finance ministry bureaucrat-turned-politician, and Hiroshi Kumagai, Minister for International Trade and Industry, who hails from that

Hosokawa, 55, named three women and two non-political

figures to his cabinet. In the key post of justice minister, he named Akira Mikazuki, a law professor unaffiliated with any political party who sat on a government panel overseeing reform of the country's antiquated bar exam sys-

Coalition officials said Hosokawa refrained from naming a politician to the justice post because to do so could affect investigations into major

bribery scandal. The other non-political appointee was Education Minister Ryoko Akamatsu, a former civil servant at the Labour Ministry in charge of women's affairs. She was instrumental in bringing about a 1985 law on equal

opportunity. The other two women in the cabinet were Environment Minister Wakako Hironaka from the Buddhist-backed Komeito, and Socialist Veteran Manae

Hosokawa created the new post of Special Minister in Charge of Political Reform, and named socialist chairman Sadao Yamahana to take the

Hosokawa said he would call an extraordinary parliamentary session next month to enact drastic reform, including stiff anti-graft laws, a ban on political donations by big firms and introduction of a simpler, cheaper electoral system.

" I have designed the cabinet so that we can inherit what was good and renew what had to be renewed," Hosokawa said. " I want to keep an open eye to the

From Page 1 Col 5 ference room of the Finance

of Bangladesh Bank and Chairman and Managing Directors of the NCBs attended

the meeting. The Finance Minister also directed the NCB authorities to create a Tk 100 crore equity participatory fund for disbursement among the small investors with a view to reactivat-

forward movement of the counprivate sector must pick up and the bank officials should give up their traditional outlook and help in arousing the entrepreneur's spirit.

The minister urged the Board of Investment (BOI) to play its contributory role in the development of the private sector, an official handout said.

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Hasina

From Page 1 Col 3 able industrial unit but it was sold out at a throwaway price of Tk 9 crore only, she said. "Obviously, the question comes - what has prompted this deal

causing damage to the country." The opposition leader reminded that Begum Khaleda Zia had protested the indiscriminate denationalisation of mills and factories during the Ershad regime. "Why doesn't she protest today? Is everything forgotten after receiving

kickbacks through the backdoor?" she charged. Hasina said those who wanted to buy banks should be allowed to set up new ones instead of selling out the prof-

itable banks. Criticising the role of radio and television, she said, "Let radio and television go to the private sector before transferring bank, insurance, and mills

and factories. Hasina recalled that Begum Zia had led procession towards the Television Bhaban demanding autonomy for radio and television during the anti-Ershad movement. "After assuming power, radio-TV have been made the publicity box of BNP. Now TV is being controlled in worse ways than during

Ershad's rule. Hasina called for a united agitation to oust the "corrupt and neo-autocratic" government and making the August 20 public meeting at Manik Mia

Avenue a success. Earlier, nearly four thousand workers and employees of the Janata Bank came to 29 Minto Road residence of the Opposition Leader in a colourful

hailed the victory of the pro-Awami League panel in Janata Bank CBA election. The CBA Union President Rafiqui Islam and General Secretary Saidul Islam Saju presented bouquet to Hasina. Rafigul Islam said the CBA

League had won.

feeling that there would be a showdown during the conference which has been proved election in Janata Bank was a wrong. fight between the Awami League and BNP, and the Awami Prime Minister took her deci-

From page 1 col 7 tion of the committee, formally announced their re-election shortly after her 45- minute in-

augural speech. The BNP chairperson also announced that two vice presidents of the city unit - City Corporation Mayor Mirza Abbas and State Minister for Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka would retain their posts for an-

other term. Earlier it was widely reported in the press that Mayor Mirza Abbas had vigorously lobbied

for the presidentship. According to party sources, the city unit leadership sought the Prime Minister's intervention when the Mayor and the State Minister for Youth and Sports made serious bids to

replace Mir Shawkat Ali. Abbas' campaign for the coveted post reportedly created an acrimonious situation almost threatening a showdown between the rival groups. However, the central leadership successfully meditated and

averted any crisis. -Both Abbas and Shawkat admitted during their speeches yesterday that there were problems in finalising the committee.

" Sometimes we quarrel to make the opposition parties happy for a while, but we will not break the party discipline," Abbas said. He said that being members

of a democratic party they

fought for party positions

democratically. Mir Shawkat said: "We created the trouble only to create an excuse so that we could see our chairperson." He added: "We have a prudent chairperson who can resolve any sort of complex problem within moments."

Party insiders said that the sion late Sunday after consult-

The retired general assented,

"Some of our opponents had a

ing some of the senior party col-All tension and suspense ended when the Prime Minister personally made the announcement of re-election of the incumbents.

Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda announced his resignation from the post of the president of the Dhaka District BNP at the conference yesterday. Barrister Huda later said

that he had done this to make

Meanwhile, Information

room to accommodate new leaders as part of the practice and policy of the party. "I was a consensus choice of the district leaders and workers during last week's conference of the unit, but I resigned voluntarily to make room for a new

president," he said. Earlier at the city conference, the speech of the BNP chairperson Begum Zia was punctuated with frequent applause and wild cheering and chanting of party slogans.

The Prime Minister was

flanked on the rostrum by

Information Minister Barrister

Nazmul Huda and Law Minister

Mirza Golam Hafiz. Chaired by Lt General (retd) Mir Shawkat Ali, the other party stalwarts on the raised podium were city unit general secretary Salauddin Ahmed, MP, the two vice-presidents Mirza Abbas and State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka, BNP Vice Chairman Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury and Irrigation Minister Majid-ul

The two-and-a-half hour long opening ceremony was followed by a cultural programme and a closed -door meeting of the councillors. Murtaza Bhutto

seeks new symbol ISLAMABAD, Aug 9: The exiled brother of Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto is gearing up to challenge her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) in forthcoming elections, officials and family said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

## Girl commits suicide in Khulna

Cynthia Tazreen, 17, hanged

the family members entered her

From Page 1 Col 8 Biswas, in a message on the eve of the Janmastami, expressed the hope that the spirit of love for humanity would inspire all to consolidate the ethnic harmony further as well as to

the Hindu community.

sions, and cultural functions.

progress of the country.

the country.

# By Our Correspondent

With this, the total number

## Biman passenger dies at ZIA

Saudi Arabia could not make it on the Biman flight BO 035 even after completing immigration formalities at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

Bank Employees' Federation Bakir Hossain told UNB if the government did not settle the issue through discussion with

would continue. to our clients, but what benefit will we get for the extended services? There is no overtime or fringe benefit for the bank employees," he regretted, and said a bank official would not be able to go back home before

9 at hight because of the extended schedule.

officials and employees. The situation in all the commercial banks had already become tense after the government stopped giving incentives since 1990 and fringe benefits since July 1991, Bakir

He demanded a separate pay

CBAs of ten banks yesterday held a meeting at the Sonali Bank head office in the evening to plan future programmes. On the other hand, scores of

overwhelming satisfaction. A businessman of the

Peace conference spokesman

who has the power to start air

The United States wants NATO to have the final say.

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Banks asked

Division. Finance Secretary, Governor

ing the share market. The minister said for the try's economy, investment of the

The Awami League President Executive Editor: Mahfuz Anam

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