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Today's issue of the Belly Ster contains a 5-page section-The Star Computer Special.

To accommodate this the two Business pages, one Sports page, the Feature and National pages have been dropped.

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#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Cultural show in honour of PM

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 17: Local artistes presented a cultural show in honour of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the Cox's Bazar Circuit House tonight. The Prime Minister gave the artistes Taka one lakh being satisfied with their performance, reports BSS.

#### SPGRC hunger strike today

Stranded Pakistanis here will go on a 12-hour token hunger strike in front of the National Press Club today demanding their early repatriation. A press release of the Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC) said yesterday similar programme will be observed by all branches of the committee to press the governments of Bangladesh and Pakistan for implementing last year's August 12 joint declara tion, reports UNB.

#### JP dissidents open office

The dissident group of the Jatiya Party led by former Speaker Shamsul Huda Chowdhury yesterday opened its office at 7, Eskaton Garden in the city Sources closed to the faction said the office at Shamsul Huda Chowdhury's residence would function temporarily, reports

#### JCD sweeps SUCSU polls

SYLHET, Aug 17: The Jattyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP. swept the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Central Students Union (SUCSU) election today, JCD won 14 posts including VP and GS while Chhatra Otkya, an alliance of pro-Awami League Chhatra League and Bangladesh Chhatra Union, bagged 4 posts including AGS. Abdus Salam, Sabbir Ahmed Choudhury and Muslehuddin Ahmad Khushbu were elected VP, GS and AGS respectively, reports

## No progress in remapping of Bosnia

# Sarajevo to be under UN after demilitarization

GENEVA, Aug 17: Bosnia's Muslim president and his Serb for failed Tuesday to make progress in talks on the ethnic division of their country after clashing over the future of eastern Bosnia and its Muslim enclaves, reports AP.

The two met a day after Bosnia-Herzegovina's three warring factions agreed in principle that the capital, Sarajevo, would be demilitarized and placed under interim UN administration pending a settlement of its future.

Demilitarization would effectively require Bosnian government forces to surrender their heavy weapons in the capital because they would not be able to withdraw the guns beyond range of Serb forces ringing the city, UN spokesman Comdr. Barry Frewer said.

Serbs would have the options of surrendering their heavy weapons to UN monitors or withdrawing them an estimated 30 kilometers from Sarajevo, he said.

President Alija Izetbegovic and his Bosnian Serb rival, Radovan karadzic, met to thrash out details of the partition of eastern Bosnia. Muslims, Serbs and Croats have agreed to carve Bosnia into three ethnic states with a weak central government, but haven't agreed on the borders.

lzetbegovic said no progress was made in 90 minutes of

The contested areas include

- Star photo

JUTA deplores

cases against

teachers

By JU Correspondent

ty Teachers' Association (JUTA)

yesterday deplored the filing of

cases against some teachers by

a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

Liton, Vice President of the re-

cently dissolved JU Central

Students' Union (JUCSU), lod-

ged a First Information Report

(FIR) with the Savar Police

blaming ten teachers for the

terrorist acts on the campus

July 29 that forced the institu-

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Masud Hachan Talukder

(JCD) activist.

The Jahangirnagar Universi-

the Muslim enclaves of Zepa, Gorazde and Srebrenica, which are now besteged by Serbs. The three cities have been declared safe havens by the United

There was no comprehensive agreement reached during the two-way meeting, said John Mills, the spokesman for the peace conference. 'No one has ever said that these issues will be resolved quickly. Bosnian Serbs control about

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#### Conspiracy on in Shrimp Development the name of 3rd force: Hasina

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the government which ruled the country during the last 18 years of failure to improve the lot of the commonman, reports UNB.

She was addressing a group of BNP and CPB workers from Gafargaon and Mymensingh who joined Awami League at her official residence, said a party press release.

The Awami League chief said her father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed along with his family members at a time when he took steps to reach the fruit of independence to the masses.

Welcoming those who exressed allegiance to Awami League, Sheikh Hasina said their joining would strengthen the party which is trying to alleviate poverty.

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#### Mizan disowns Huda, 29 others

Acting Chairman of the Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury has totally disowned Shamsul Huda Chowdhury and his 29 political associates, saying they left us long ago and had no liaison direct, indirect of distant with Jatiya Party, reports UNB.

In a sharp rebuff to what he called the gang of deserters', Mizan Chowdhury yesterday said he was intrigued to find the 'Rip Van Winkles' stirring out of their long slumber to claim themselves as members of Jativa Party and threatening to quit the organisation.

"How does the question of See Page 12 Col 3

#### Babangida offers to resign

LAGOS, Aug 17: Gen Ibrahim Babangida told lawmakers on Tuesday that he has offered to resign as president and commander-in-chief, but refused to say whether he would actually step down, reports AP.

In a much anticipated ad-

Babangida has since said

## Crackdown on public sector defaulters

Star Report

Board under study

debts have to be done with the

on defaulting public agencies,

the Ministry of Finance did little

to check whether these agencies

were servicing their debts to the

government. With their financial

position in a disarray, most of

the public agencies routinely

defaulted on their debts to the

government. When the Ministry

of Pinance caught up with this

every year during preparation of

the annual budget, these debts

used to be rescheduled. Of the

few agencies who did service

their debts, most did so out of

the money given to them throu-

gh the Annual Development

Programme. As a result these

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under consideration of the gov-

ernment. Proposals for setting

up a 'Local Government Fund'

to provide loans for shrtmp cul-

tivation and rebate facilities for

importing necessary materials

for the industry will also be

that environmental issues

should be given due considera-

tion during application of new

technology in shrimp cultiva-

The Prime Minister, who flew

in here in the morning, visited a

number of semi-intensive shri-

mp farms and hatcheries on the

She, however, pointed out

Until the recent crackdown

Finance Ministry.

The Ministry of Finance has notified all public sector agencies that they must service their debts to the government out of current receipt and not through adjustment of the allocation made to them out of the development budget.

Forty-three public sector agencies owed Taka 2283 crores as debt service liability in the last fiscal year. Only sixteen agencies made partial payment toward their debt service liabil-

Public enterprises and semiautonomous public agencies receive funds out of the government budget as loans and grants. The loans have varying lengths of maturity and carry interest. The servicing of these

COX'S BAZAR, Aug 17:

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Zia today laid emphasis on

adoption of modern technology

for optimum utilisation of the

country's limited resources to

break the cycle of poverty, re-

possible in the traditional

manner due to limitation of na-

tional resources. We have to

adopt new techniques," she

the concluding session of a two-

day seminar on "Shrimp Cul-

tivation in Coastal Area and its

Export: Problems and Poss-

ibilities," jointly organised by

the Ministry of Fisheries and

Livestock and Bangladesh

Frozen Food Exporters' Associa-

tion at Hotel Shaibal in this

ommendations to set up a

Shrimp Development Board are

The Prime Minister said rec-

tourist resort this afternoon.

Begum Zia was addressing

"Poverty alleviation is not

ports UNB.

Grand convention

### DF to invite Khaleda, Hasina

The Democratic Forum will invite the Leader of the Opposition and AL President Sheikh Hastna to its National Grand Convention beginning here August 27, reports UNB.

Prime Minister and Chairperson of the ruling BNP Begum Khaleda Zia will also be among the invitees from different political parties, Dr Kamal told newsmen yesterday.

Talking to a group of reporters at the Forum office last evening, he said they had decided to invite the leaders of all pro-liberation political parties to the three-day convention at the Sec Page 12 Col 6

#### Saifur for private investment in energy sector

Rahman yesterday stressed the need for private sector participation in exploration and investment in the energy sector to meet the growing fuel needs. reports UNB.

the development activities; we don't want to penalise investors through imposing tax buron the planned energy policy at (NEC) auditorium.

bank of the river Bakkhali. She took a speedboat to visit the projects which included the Allawala Scientific Shrimp Farm Limited the Cox's Bazar Aquaculture Farm Limited and the Meghna Shrimp Culture Limited on the bank of the river

at Khurushkool. She also vis-See Page 12 Col 4

## Container terminals in Ctg open today

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Aug 17: Two container terminals, built at a cost of over Taka 400 crores at the country's major port here, is ready for commissioning tomorrow to ensure faster handling of container cargo.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the terminals at Chittagong Port at 11 am to-

The construction of the two container terminals, known as multi-purpose berths (MPBs),

was taken up in 1984 and were completed with back-up facilities in July last year. The two MPBs were built to

cope with the growing size of container cargo at Chittagong Port amid a global switchover from bulk cargo to containerisation of freight, Port official said.

With the full commissioning of two MPBs the port will be able to comfortably handle about 1,50,000 containers annually, officials added.

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# Finance Minister M Saifur

"We have to keep apace with

den....we want more investment in different sectors," he said as chief guest at the concluding session of a day-long discussion the National Economic Council Sounding a note of warning against wasteful use of energy,

the Finance Minister said the government would provide incentives to those who would replace energy-wasteful ma-

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#### Indefinite nurses' strike.from today By DMCH Correspondent

Nurses throughout the country, will go on an indefinite strike from today protesting the transfer of the Nurses Welfare Directorate to the Health Directorate.

This was decided by the Bangladesh Diploma Nurses' Association (BDNA) and the Student Nurses' Union yester-

A press release signed by BDNA president Kohinoor Begum vesterday said that this transfer would hamper the health service.

Meanwhile, emergency nurses squads have been formed in the hospitals to meet the crisis likely to result from the strike.

# Flood situation deteriorates

Police were deployed at the Dhaka Aliya Madrassah compound following a clash between the

and students leaving the halls (R) after the madrassah was closed sine die.

Lalbagh thana said.

Aliya Madrassah closed

as JCD, Shibir clash

By Staff Correspondent

activists of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Islami Chhatra Shibir yesterday (L)

Nine persons were admitted

to the Dhaka Medical College

Hospital (DMCH) while some

tims, admitted at the DMCH.

the ICS activists allegedly at-

tacked members of the

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

who were waiting at the guest

added, was scheduled at the

venue to resolve a dispute over

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A conciliatory meeting, he

room at around noon.

According to one of the vic-

others received first aid there.

The flood situation in the districts of Pabna and Straigani worsened further yesterday as the Padma and the Jamuna rivers continued to swell due to onrush of water from upstream.

At least 20 students and

three teachers were injured in a

three-hour long clash between

rival student groups at the Aliya

institution sine die following

the violence and asked the stu-

dents to vacate their respective

Police raided the madrassah

compound and detained one

edly an Islamic Chhatra Shibir

(ICS) activist- with seven crude

explosives in his possession.

Monwar Hossain, 18, - report-

The authorities closed the

Madrassah yesterday noon.

halls by 6 pm yesterday.

An agency report said two people were drowned in Bera and Sujanagar thanas of Pabna Meanwhile, 12 unions of

Arathazar thana in Narayangani district were inundated due to rise in the water level of the According to district admin-

istration officials reached over telephone, several thousand people in at least 23 villages in five thanas were affected by the flood waters in Pabna district. Standing crop in almost 3,000 acres were damaged.

The Jamuna was flowing 1.6cm above the danger level at the Nagarbari Ghat while the

By Staff Correspondent Padma was slightly below the

red mark at the Hardinge Bridge. The affected thanas of the

district are sadar, Sujanagar, Bera, Faridpur and Bhangura. UNB reported that Asgar Ali, 8, of Nayangram in Bera thana and Mozammel Hossain, 60, of Badaihat village under Sujanagar thana drowned in

the flood waters on the day. District officials said 10 tonnes of rice were distributed and another Taka 25,000 allocated for the affected people of the district.

In Sirajganj, almost 5,000 peoplé in over 20 villages in Kazipur, Chowali and Shahzadpur thanas were affected in the fresh flood, district officials reached from Dhaka

The Jamuna at Strajganj was

flowing along the danger mark

on the day. Erosion along the turbulent river also took a serious turn.

The district administration, meanwhile, started repairing the town protection embankment damaged on Thursday night. The embankment was reconstructed recently at a cost of Taka nine lakh.

In Narayangani, over 300 houses were damaged in of the Kalapaharia union under Araihazar thana as several villages were flooded due to the rising water level of the

Meanwhile, our correspondent from Barisal reported that at least 11 houses and several acres of crop land were devoured by erosion along the Kirtankhola river. The affected areas are in Char Kaua village under Sadar thana.

dress, Babangida said he made his resignation offer to his top officers, whose acceptance will most likely be based on what Babangida himself wants to do.

Nigeria has been politically paralyzed since Babangida, who has ruled since 1985, voided the June 12 presidential election that was to return the na-

tion to civilian rule. that he will turn over power to an interim government made up of civilians and soldiers, but has not said whether he will step down on August 27, his long-promised deadline for democracy.

## 'Weigh impact before executing FAP' By Masud Hasan Khan

JAMALPUR, Aug 17: Speakers at a public discussion here today suggested that only a plan which is proper and acceptable to all should be drawn up by the policy planners to combat the flood problem for the greater interest of the country and its people.

The Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) organised the discussion on 'Flood Control Programme and the Jamalpur Priority Project (JPP)" at the local town hall to share and exchange divergent views on the multi-million dollar Flood Action Programme (FAP)

of the government. Members of Parliament, local

government representatives, environmentalists, local farmers. fishermen, school teachers, farm-hands (khet majur), NGO leaders, civil servants and wa-

ter experts and engineers attended the discussion. Several hundred people, who came from different parts of Jamalpur district and its adjoining areas, thronged the meeting venue to listen to the speakers and also voiced their own thoughts on what should be done with the flood problem, particularly with the Jamaipur

Priority Project (JPP), an ongo-

ing pilot project under the FAP. They expressed both hope about the promised benefits of the JPP as well fears about its impact on the local agriculture, fisheries and the ecology.

gineering in Beel Dakatia and Bhabadaha were repeatedly cited during the discussion. The programme was organ-

ised in the backdrop of the growing concern over the environmental implications of the FAP and the alleged lack of people's participation in the projects.

The examples of erratic en-

ADAB chairperson Khushi Kabir, executive director Ras-

heda K Chowdhury, -Additional Deputy Commissioner of Jamalpur Hamidur Rahman Khan, and Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO) Superintending Engineer Ashfaq-e-Azam spoke in the opening Cross-section of people and

experts in concerned fields took part in the discussion session. Ilias Ali, president of the Jhalkata-Madarganj fishermen's cooperative feared that the fishing folks of the locality would be the worst victims if the JPP was implemented.

The embankments under the See Page 12 Col 1

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