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### Peace talks resume today

## Bosnian Muslims will demand more land

SARAJEVO, Aug 29: Despite an overwhelming military defeat, Bosnia's Muslim leaders are sending negotiators back to Geneva to demand more land in eastern Bosnia, reports AP.

They also want NATO and US participation in any truce to end the 17-month-old war.

Delegations representing the warring sides—Bosnian Serbs, Croats and the Muslim-led government—were due back at peace talks Monday. So far the talks have bogged down over how the republic should be divided into three ethnic mini-states.

"Without the active involvement of the United States of America, (a truce settlement) will not be respected," Miro Lazovic, president of the Muslim-dominated Parliament, said Sunday. "We are asking for their political or military support, if necessary."

Lazovic would not say

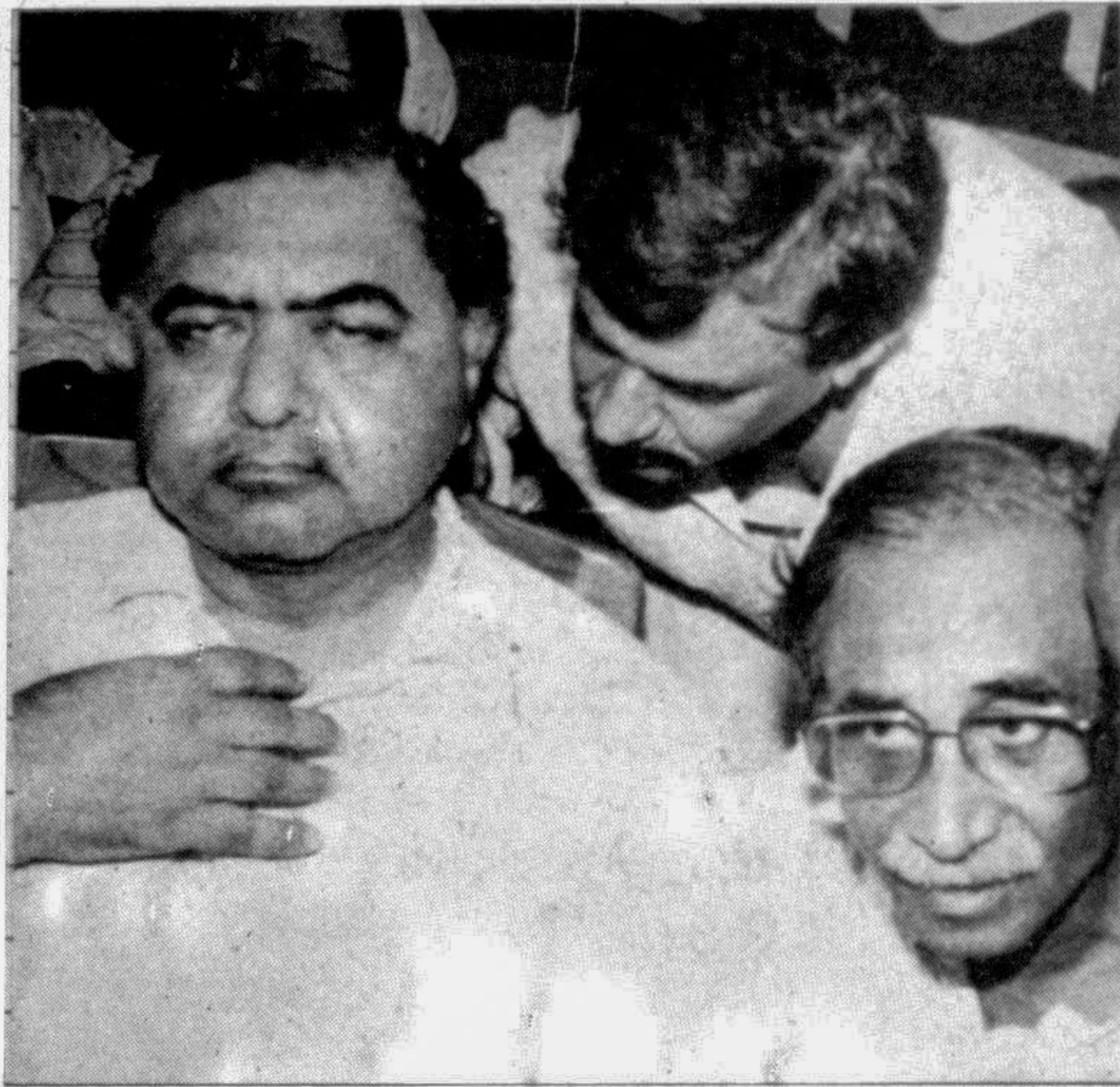
whether the government was seeking direct involvement of US troops.

He said the government delegation would be seeking more territory in eastern Bosnia, but acknowledged that the only means of obtaining it was if the international community pressured the Bosnian Serbs into giving it up.

Bosnian Serbs and Croats have said they will compromise no more.

Lazovic said the government would also seek a UN Security Council resolution on the implementation of an agreement before signing, as well as direct NATO and US involvement.

On the ground Sunday, UN officials were negotiating with Croats and Muslims to establish a safe corridor for aid convoys into the southwestern city of Mostar and to arrange for 53 UN peacekeepers trapped in the city's Muslim enclave to leave.



Mostafa Mohsin Montu has Dr Kamal Hossain's ear yesterday during the launching of the Gano Forum. A U Ahmed, GF treasurer, on Dr Kamal's left is also listening keenly. — Star photo

## Kamal launches new party

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 Rahman and Shahjahan Siraj, MP.

The members of the Secretariat are: Mazharul Haque Baqi, Mozizul Islam Kamal, Engineer Abul Kashem, Mortuza Khan, Nazrul Islam Khan, Mustafa Mohsin Mantu, Nurul Islam Nahid, Enayetur Rahman, Begum Rabeya Siraj, Commander Abdur Rauf, Shahed Ali and Maulana Ahmedur Rahman Azmi.

A U Ahmed, a businessman from Khulna, was elected Treasurer of the organising committee.

A seven-member Executive Council of the Organising Committee, consisting of Dr Kamal Hossain, Pankaj Bhattacharya, Barrister Amirul Islam, Advocate Zahurul Islam, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, AMA Muhit and Shahjahan Siraj, MP, was also formed, which will act as the steering committee.

An interim constitution, approved by the delegates, empowers the organising committee to hold a national council within 15 months after formation of the committees at the lower tiers.

None was named as general secretary of the organising committee. When the attention of Dr Kamal was drawn to this at the press conference, he said the secretariat will work as a team collectively for the interim period until a full-fledged committee is elected at the party council.

Advocate Sagir Anwar, Advocate Abul Hossain, Advocate Sajwar Hossain, Shobeb Ahmed Chowdhury, Mushtaque Ahmed and Ataur Rahman — were named assistant secretaries.

Each member of the Council of Chairmen will have a specific portfolio for which he will be assisted by a secretary, some

committee members and experts.

Earlier, in the afternoon session of the NGC, the declaration of the convention, read out by Pankaj Bhattacharya, was approved by the delegates. The document spells out the reasons and necessity for floating the new party.

The declaration says with the launching of the party, the convention was presenting a new political and socio-economic programme before the nation as a potential step for national development. It mentioned that the objective of the new party would be to unite all the political forces imbued with the spirit of the Liberation War.

The declaration affirms that united efforts on the basis of collective leadership and coordinated programmes will ensure development and progress of the country.

The declaration also noted that a congenial atmosphere was essential for building an exploitation-free and development-oriented society. But the existing political parties failed to create this atmosphere for which a political vacuum exists. "This political vacuum is leading the country towards anarchy and threatens the country's independence, sovereignty and very existence," it added.

The declaration stressed on initiating a new political trend by changing the existing politics

for establishing a happy and prosperous nation.

The other members of the organising committee named yesterday are: Jamil Chowdhury, Ayesha Khanam, Barrister M C Das, Engr Shamsul Huda, Advocate Tobarak Hossain, Ahmed Rafique, Fazul Haque Khandker, Enayet Peer, AOM Shaifullah, Advocate Abu Mohammed Hashem, Advocate Nazrul Islam Advocate Abdul Baten, Monoranjan Dhar, Hashemuddin Haider Pahari, Nuh-ul Alam Lenin, Kamal Haider, Ronesh Moitra, Mokhesur Rahman, Mahmud Hasan, Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Advocate Fazur Rahman Khan, Dr Abdul Hakim, Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder, Shobeb Ahmed Chowdhury, Moshtaq, Najib Sardar, Abul Hashem Bhuiyan, Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Bhui, Meer Amir, Syed Abdul Mannan, Harunur Rashid, Anwar Hossain Bhuiyan, Bahauddin Kheloni, Principal Emdadur Rahman, Nirmal Biswas, Mujibur Rahman, Mazharul Haque Shah Chowdhury, Abdul Matin Meah, Billal Hossain Yusuf, Khurshid Alam, Shekhar Dutta, Mukul Chowdhury, Abul Kalam Azad, Helaluddin, Shamsunnahar, Mahbubuzaman, Mohammad Yusuf, MP, Mahubul Alam, Advocate Saifuddin Ahmed, SM Jamaluddin, Kafiluddin and C M Morshed (former ambassador).

## Greater unity GF's goal

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system; why the condition of the people have worsened". He said the approaches of both the ruling BNP and the opposition political organisations were wrong. "Only the future will tell who is right," Dr Kamal Hossain said, adding: "We hope they will become more active and promptly address the needs of the people."

Responding to a question, Kamal Hossain said his party would strongly demand repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance.

Evading a direct reply to a question on how his party would evaluate the role of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Ziaur Rahman and Golam Azam, Dr. Hossain said "We are opposed to the anti-Liberation forces as well as military rule, since we believe in people's power."

Revival of the spirit of the Liberation War was one of the objectives of his party, he pointed out.

When asked about his feelings on quitting the Awami League where he worked for more than three decades, Dr. Kamal Hossain said he had to resign in response to the need of the hour.

Hoisting the national flag of a new nation at the United Nations headquarters in New York was his happiest moment, he recalled. But signing the release of the war criminals and failing to check the incident of August 15, 1975 were the saddest experiences in his life.

All the central leaders of the GF were present at the press conference.

Later, the GF leaders brought out a procession and laid wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar.

## Kamal quits AL

By Staff Correspondent

Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday announced his resignation from the primary membership of the Awami League.

Replying to a question from the media after launching his new party, Dr Kamal said he had sent his letter of resignation to the Awami League chief early morning yesterday.

"I thought it proper and ethical to resign from the Awami League before I launched a new party", he declared before a packed-auditorium of journalists and partymen at the Institution of Engineers yesterday evening.

No official reaction to his resignation was available from the Awami League at the time of filing this report late last night.

Dr Kamal also said two other ranking Awami League members, who had joined the new party — Major General (ret) Khalilur Rahman and Matiur Rahman — had also tendered their resignations yesterday morning.

However, a UNB report quoted the AL joint secretary Abdul Jalil as saying the AL did not receive any letters of resignation from Dr Kamal Hossain and the others.

"We have no knowledge about his (Kamal's) resignation from the AL," Jalil told the UNB

## BNP council

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leadership of present chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia launched an uncompromising movement which finally ended in the downfall of the autocratic government.

Afterwards, the BNP again came to power through a neutral election in February, 1991.

Siddiky said 15 years of the BNP had given it political experience — from the Bangabhaban to the streets and again to the Bangabhaban.

"BNP was dynamic in Bangabhaban and active on the streets," he said.

Dispelling any confusion about the BNP, Tanbir Siddiky said, the party is a proponent of Bangladeshi nationalism. At the same time, it is a democratic, liberal and centrist political organisation.

He said the BNP had no rival or parallel force in politics because it believed in positive politics which had earned it a sense of pride over the years.

## French CP

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minister Abdul Baten, Akmal Ibn Yousuf and other party leaders were present at the airport to receive the guest.

Another report says, convener of the UK branch of the BNP Strajul Huq Siraj and joint convenors Nurul Islam Hossain and Shaikh Sujat Miah arrived here yesterday to attend the party's two-day council session beginning here on September 1.

Party leaders including DUCSU general secretary Khairul Kabir Khokan received them at the Zia International Airport.

UNB adds: A three-member Chinese delegation will arrive shortly to attend the council.

M Kanade, a leader of Japan's Social Democratic Party, is also scheduled to attend the BNP function.

Leaders of the Muslim League, People's Party and National Awami Party of Pakistan are also expected. Chief of the Tehrik-I-Istiqal Air Marshal (Retd) Asghar Khan is learnt to have accepted the BNP invitation.

Deputy Speaker of the Indonesian parliament Ismail Hossain Motreum arrives here today.

## Khaleda

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Seeking cooperation of the teachers and the guardians, she said "We will have to make the programme successful at any cost."

The Prime Minister laid stress on sending girls to school and said "If a girl is educated, the entire family is educated."

State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, State Minister for Textiles Maj (Retd) Abdul Mannan, Whip Mahbubul Alam Tara, Barkatullah Bulu, MP, Halima Khatoun, MP and Primary Education Secretary Kazi Raquibuddin Ahmed also addressed the functions.

During her tour of the far-flung unions of Parshuram and Chhagalnaya thanas, the Prime Minister also went to see the ill-fated Shuvapur bridge on the old Chittagong-Dhaka highway, which was washed away during the recent floods.

Addressing a spontaneous gathering at the bank of the Feni river, Begum Zia assured that repair of the bridge will be undertaken soon.

## The Midnight File

### Fresh flood in Assam, Bihar

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: Hundreds of thousands of people have been marooned by fresh flooding in the Indian states of Assam and Bihar, the press Trust of India (PTI) said today. Some 460,000 people were stranded in Bihar, bordering Nepal, where parts of 14 of the economically-backward eastern state's 49 districts were under water, PTI said, reports AFP.

### Georgia masses troops to stop Gamsakhurdia men

TBILISI (Georgia), Aug 29: Georgia massed its troops today to stop new advances by armed supporters of ousted president Zviad Gamsakhurdia a day after they seized three western towns in the troubled former Soviet republic. As the opposing sides braced for a showdown near the Black Sea resort of Poti, Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze delivered a strong warning to the rebels, urging them to surrender or face "grave consequences", reports Reuters.

### 4 extremists to die in Algeria

ALGIERS (Algeria), Aug 29: New Premier Redha Malek continued consultations Sunday on forming his government, while a special anti-terrorist court sentenced four members of an armed Islamic group to death. The four condemned men, one sentenced in absentia, were among 78 defendants judged in a mass trial of extremists from the western town of Tlaret, accused of several attacks on security forces, reports AP.

## BGMEA chief

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 1991, the number increased to 1354 in 1992", Ahmed said. "Today, there are 1525 garments plants in the country."

The BGMEA president expressed apprehensions at the outcome of the Uruguay Round talks and the gradual withdrawal of the Multi Fibre Arrangement (MFA) by 2005. "There would be no quota system by that year," Ahmed said. "It would become a free world of competition for garments exporters. In such a situation the Bangladeshi garments industries, which have little backward linkage, would be in a disadvantageous position."

Ahmed put utmost emphasis on developing the country's backward linkage industries — for greater value addition — to face the challenges of the 21st century.

He also pointed out that Dhaka was tapping new markets in the CIS countries and the South Africa. "We have already started exporting to the CIS countries," he said. "We will send delegations there to further explore the market."

Speaking about the proposed

Harkin Bill and the issue of child labour, Ahmed said Bangladeshi garments exporters have already shed off their child labourers.

"Because this has caused displacement and economic misery to the child workers we have already proposed to the UNICEF, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the government to set up camps in the industrial belts, to train and educate these children," Ahmed said.

"Our proposal has been accepted and the programme may start soon," he added.

## JS body on BPC

A parliamentary sub-committee has been formed to frame specific recommendations on the overall activities of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and also for the reduction of its financial expenditure, reports UNB.

The committee with A K M Abu Taher (BNP) as its chairman will submit its report to the standing committee within next three months.

## COURT INJUNCTION AGAINST COLOUR QUEST LTD.

On the application of ICI Bangladesh Limited the Court of Second Assistant Judge, Dhaka has issued notice upon Colour Quest Limited to show cause as to why an order of temporary injunction shall not be issued restraining the said company to carry on any business till the disposal of the suit. In the meantime, the Court has passed an order of status-quo directing the said company not to carry on any business in its name. It may be mentioned here that ICI Bangladesh Ltd. filed the suit for permanent injunction against Colour Quest Ltd. and its sponsors namely Mr Aftab Alam, Mr Kazi Abdus Salam and Mr Mahmudjan Chowdhury restraining them from carrying on any trade or business in the name of Colour Quest Ltd. and/or to carry on similar business or trade as that of the plaintiff company i.e. ICI Bangladesh Ltd. In the said suit the plaintiff also prayed for a declaration that Colour Quest Ltd. and other defendants can not carry on business or trade similar to that of the plaintiff company. In the said suit an application for temporary injunction was filed and the Court was pleased to pass an order of interim injunction directing to maintain status-quo to the above effect.

Mr Rafique-ul-Huq, Barrister-at-Law assisted by Mr E. H. Khan, Mr M. C. Debnath and Ms Nahid Sultana, Advocates appeared for the plaintiff company.

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## BJC closed down

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"All employees of the corporation would stand terminated with the promulgation of the repeal ordinance," the official source added.

However, he said, the Jute Ministry would temporarily retain about 200 of the BJC's employees to man a winding-up cell. A large portion of the assets of the corporation would be transferred to the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC).

The BJC was set up by a government ordinance in 1985 by combining the services of the Jute Marketing Council, the Jute Trading Corporation, the Bangladesh Jute Export Council and Rally Brothers.

It was established to ensure fair price to the jute growers, stabilise market prices and undertake special purchasing drives in the border areas to check smuggling.

The government announced a decision last year to close down the operations of BJC in the face of mounting losses and as part of the jute sector restructuring plan.

The draft law, prepared by the Law Ministry a few months ago, was earlier approved by the cabinet and forwarded to Parliament during the budget session for being placed in the form of a bill. But it was not placed before the House during the last session.

Presently there are about 450 employees remaining in the corporation, down from almost 3100 in June last year. Of the total, 400 workers on daily wages were disengaged and 200 were retired on medical

## Israeli cabinet

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ries will be moved... Jews in the territories will be under Israeli rule."

Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, said the withdrawal issue could undermine the peace talks, which begin an 11th round in Washington on Tuesday.

"We are seriously studying suspending the talks because Israel does not intend to withdraw from one inch of the occupied territories," Kaddoumi said in Amman.

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