

**Come to CHITTAGONG Come to BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT**

The only place for ORIGINAL THAI FOOD & SEAFOOD in CHITTAGONG NO BRANCH Please try us and you will love BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT more than ever before.

1443 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y. M. C. A. NASIRABAD, CHITTAGONG, TEL: 226803, FAX: (880) (31)-225258

VOL. III NO. 233 REGD. NO. DA 781

# The Daily Star

BHADRA 31, 1400 BS, DHAKA WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1993 RABIUL AWAL 27, 1414 HIJRI

**NIRMAN TILES**

Broken Marble Tiles In More Shades Than The Rainbow

Tel: 605957, 861985

12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 4.00

## Inside Today

### Supplement

Today's issue contains a six-page **Star Computer Special** on pages 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11

### Article

**Accountability before Polls: Dilemma in Banning Religious Parties in India**

Column: Between The Lines  
by Kuldip Nayer  
Page 4

### International

**PLO-Israeli accord to open way for solution of ME issues: UN**



**Benazir faces sceptical voters as she plans comeback**  
Page 5

### NOTICE

To accommodate the Star Computer Special today we were obliged to alter the format of the issue. We sincerely regret the inconvenience caused to our valued readers and patrons.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ALWC meet today

An emergency meeting of the Awami League central working committee will be held today at 11 am at the party central office. Party general secretary Zillur Rahman in a press release has requested all members of the working committee to attend the meeting, reports UNB.

### Rajshahi Govt College closed

RAJSHAHI, Sept 14: Authorities today closed Rajshahi New Government Degree College for two days to avert further campus violence. The decision was taken at a meeting of the college academic committee following a series of clashes over the last few days between the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Motry and pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League, reports UNB.

### Transport strike called off

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samik Federation called off their strike scheduled to begin today. The South Bengal and North Bengal regional committees of the federation called the transport strike on their 2-point demand. The federation called off the strike following a negotiation between its leaders and Dhaka City Mayor Mirza Abbas, MP, reports UNB.

### City GF extended meet today

The extended meeting of the Dhaka city unit of Gano Forum will be held today (Wednesday) at 5 pm at the party's central office in 76/A, Segun Bagicha.

### Beheaded body found in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Sept 14: The beheaded body of a woman in her early 20s, wrapped in a quilt, was recovered by Panchlatah thana police here this morning from the Muradpur Bus Station. Police sent the body for postmortem but could not find any clues to the killing. Witnesses said the body was carried to the bus station in the form of luggage and was abandoned. A general diary was filed with Panchlatah police.

## Co-financiers agree to give \$ 570m for JMB

The World Bank, ADB and Japan have agreed to provide 190 million US dollars each as credit for the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Project (JMBP), according to official sources.

After thorough discussions on all the aspects of the project with the government, the joint appraisal mission of the three co-financiers reached consensus on all the issues except the resettlement plan for the people affected by the project, the sources said.

Final decision regarding the resettlement plan will be taken in October next, while an action plan for implementing the project will be formulated in the same month. The ground rules for the action plan will be finalised by the end of the current week.

A wrap up meeting of the appraisal mission, which arrived in Dhaka on September 5, will be held on September 19 at 10 am at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) of the Ministry of Finance.

According to the sources, the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) of Japan, which was earlier in favour of a parallel financing method, has finally agreed with the joint financing method.

The resettlement plan was also opposed by the World Bank since it felt the compensations were not adequate for rehabilitation of the affected people.

Out of the total 690 million US dollars needed for implementing the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

By Sohail Manzoor

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.

The appraisal mission of the World Bank was headed by Ismail Mobarak, while the missions of ADB and OECF were headed by BK Gupta, Senior Project Engineer and Kei Hare, Director, respectively.

menting the project, 120 million dollars will be borne by the government. A sum of 116 million US dollars had already been collected through levies and surcharges.

Officials concerned, while talking to The Daily Star, said the Jamuna Bridge will also have the provisions for setting up railway, gas and electric lines. All the co-financiers are also hopeful about awarding the contracts for the bridge works before expiry of the bid validity periods, they informed.



French President Francois Mitterrand (C) leaving on his aide-de-camp Yan Tainguy (L) as he prepares to sign the visitors' book at the South Korean presidential Blue House yesterday.

— AFP photo

### Mitterrand falls sick during ROK visit

SEOUL, Sept 14: French President Francois Mitterrand vomited and nearly fainted today during a welcome ceremony in South Korea, but aides said the 76-year-old French leader recovered after a short rest and resumed his schedule, reports AFP.

Mitterrand felt 'slightly unwell, due to jet lag and the humid heat', a French presidential aide said. He drank a glass of water, took no medication and rested for 20 minutes before holding talks with his South Korean counterpart, Kim Young-Sam.

He recalled that Mitterrand suffered a similar bout of illness in Venezuela in September 1989.

Presidential Blue House of

See Page 12 Col 6

## MPs decry WB plans for jute sector

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday witnessed a constructive discussion on the ways and means of saving the country's jute sector, now in crisis, from what the members called national and international conspiracies.

Although the Treasury and the Opposition Benches made each other partly responsible for the present crisis in the jute sector, they did not fail to recognise, during the three-hour general discussion on the issue, each others' sincerity to restore the jute's lost position in the country's economy.

However, most of the 20 speakers, including some MPs of the Treasury Bench, severely criticised the role of the World

Bank (WB) which allegedly suggested Bangladesh to reduce jute production and asked India to increase the same. The opposition members were very critical of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman for his alleged loyalty to every WB suggestion.

Jute Minister Brig (Retd) Hannan Shah, who wind up the debate, informed the house about the limitations of the jute sector, India's role in world market to elbow out Bangladesh, government's policies to survive the odds and explained the WB prescriptions relating to the issue.

Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers' Party (WP), who proposed the discussion during

See Page 12 Col 1

## Eradicate poverty for social stability: PM

GAZIPUR, Sept 14: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that the poor people should be given the opportunities to help expand their horizon of empowerment to effectively eradicate poverty from the region, reports BSS.

"Otherwise," Begum Zia said, "Our social stability will be destroyed and the circle of poverty will continue to expand."

She was addressing the inaugural session of a symposium on "Poverty Eradication in South Asia," jointly organised by the United Nations University and the BRAC at the Community Development Management (CDM) centre of the BRAC at Rajshapur.

SAARC Chairperson Begum Zia said poverty was a regional problem in South Asia where nearly half of the population was poor. The main objective of

See Page 12 Col 4

## BEA regrets wage hike for public sector

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Employers Association (BEA), in a statement yesterday, regretted the government decision to increase wages of all public sector enterprises and expressed concern that this may alarm the investors and development organisations.

The rational approach should have been to wait for the recommendations of the tripartite committee which has been working to establish linkage between wages and productivity," the statement, signed by the President of BEA Syed Manzoor Elahi, says.

The BEA claimed that the increase in wages would cost the national exchequer an addi-

See Page 12 Col 8

## 14 killed in bus mishaps

Fourteen people were killed and more than 100 people injured yesterday in two separate bus accidents — one in Comilla and the other in Jessore, report agencies.

In Comilla district on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Chandina thana headquarters, three passenger buses met an accident leaving 12 people killed and 74 others injured.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) of Comilla told BSS over telephone that six passengers died on the spot at Noorjata while the others were declared dead on arrival at the Comilla Sadar Hospital and Comilla Adhunik Hospital.

He said two passenger buses collided and the third one from Dhaka hit them from behind. Local people and the police from

See Page 12 Col 7

## Cholera-type germ spreading fast

A new cholera-type bacteria, detected in Bangladesh early this year, has caused outbreak of severe diarrhoea in 17 districts.

According to reports available here, diarrhoea has been spreading in these districts, particularly in greater Sylhet, Kishoreganj and Dhaka, in almost epidemic form.

The disease has so far claimed at least 300 lives since the beginning of June while more than 57 thousand were said to have been attacked by it. The Health Directorate Control Room said 1721 people were attacked by diarrhoea in 24 hours until yesterday morning. Five deaths were also reported during the period.

The diarrhoea situation has also deteriorated in Dhaka city and its adjoining areas. The 200-seat hospital of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh

By Special Correspondent (ICDDR,B) at Mahakhali had to admit over 600 yesterday.

"The inflow of patients increased three to four times since the past one week and a large number of them were afflicted with the new cholera-type bacteria," said ICDDR,B sources.

The ICDDR,B has had to erect tents and make extra arrangements for increased number of patients, who are coming mainly from the city suburbs.

Health Directorate sources said the new bacteria has been identified as Vibrio Cholerae Non-O 139, which is as deadly as the known cholera germ and totally new in this country.

The patients attacked by this bacteria suffer from severe dehydration due to acute watery discharge and vomiting and need immediate treatment to survive. So far, doctors have noticed that adults were more prone to the germ than chil-

dren.

Health authorities said the outbreak of diarrhoea this post-monsoon season seems worse than that of last year and is likely to spread further with the recession of flood waters.

The new bacteria caused widespread diarrhoea epidemic in the coastal areas at the beginning of the year killing nearly 2,000 people and afflicting another two lakh. Although the situation in the coastal region appeared to have improved since May, yet the bacteria has again started inflicting fresh victims in other areas, especially the eastern half of the country.

The affected districts are: Habiganj, Comilla, Kishoreganj, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Piro, Brahmanbaria, Cox's Bazar, Netrakona, Dhaka, Chittagong, Bandarban, Khagrachhari, Rangamati, Sirajganj, and Nilphamari.

See Page 12 Col 7

## Shevardnadze resigns

TBILISI, Sept 14: Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze on Tuesday announced he was resigning from his post, saying he was fed up with Parliament's inability to resolve the current crisis in the republic, reports AFP.

"I am tired of the insults and the humiliations," Shevardnadze told a session of Parliament convened to debate his call for a

TBILISI, Sept 14: Georgia's parliament unanimously voted today to introduce a state of emergency for two months from midnight on September 20 in the troubled transcaucasian republic, reports Reuters.

agency rejected the resignation offer. One deputy officially abstained.

In a letter sent to lawmakers following the vote, Shevardnadze said that the Parliament's response came too late and reiterated his intention to resign.

Thousands of supporters of the Georgian leader meanwhile gathered in front of the parliamentary building where police forces had taken up positions.

Reuters adds: Shevardnadze said today he would withdraw his resignation if Parliament declared a state of emergency and agreed to suspend its work for three months.

He set the two conditions at a public meeting in central Tbilisi where huge crowds pleaded with him to stay on.

over the Interior Ministry.

Lawmakers today overwhelmingly rejected Georgian Shevardnadze's offer to resign but the Georgian leader said their vote was 'too late' and vowed to quit.

One hundred and forty nine of the 150 deputies attending the parliamentary session called to debate Shevardnadze's plan for a nationwide state of emer-

TBILISI, Sept 14: Georgia's parliament unanimously voted today to introduce a state of emergency for two months from midnight on September 20 in the troubled transcaucasian republic, reports Reuters.

agency rejected the resignation offer. One deputy officially abstained.

In a letter sent to lawmakers following the vote, Shevardnadze said that the Parliament's response came too late and reiterated his intention to resign.

Thousands of supporters of the Georgian leader meanwhile gathered in front of the parliamentary building where police forces had taken up positions.

Reuters adds: Shevardnadze said today he would withdraw his resignation if Parliament declared a state of emergency and agreed to suspend its work for three months.

He set the two conditions at a public meeting in central Tbilisi where huge crowds pleaded with him to stay on.

## Deranged gunman attacks King Fahd's palace

DUBAI, Sept 14: A deranged gunman attacked the palace of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd in the kingdom's second city Jeddah on Monday, injuring two people before being detained, the official Saudi Press Agency reported, says Reuters.

The agency did not say whether the king, who spends at least half of the year in the Red Sea port city, was at the palace when the attack occurred at 2:30 pm (11:30 GMT). The agency quoting an official said it became clear on examining the attacker that he was in an unnatural condition.

It said the man took advantage of a car leaving the courtyard of the palace which houses the king's offices, and drove fast through the gate towards the main door.

There he got out and opened fire towards the door, seriously injuring one of the guards.

## Mother Teresa hospitalised

CALCUTTA, Sept 14: Mother Teresa was admitted to a hospital for surgery to clear a vital blood vessel in the heart that doctors suspect may be blocked, her physicians said Tuesday, reports AP.

But specialists in surgery were undecided on the operation, as the 83-year-old nun has developed fever.

## Shantibahini agrees to peace talks on Sept 18

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 14: The Shantibahini leaders agreed to sit for the fifth round of peace talks on September 18 at the Khagrachhari Circuit House, officials said today.

The Special Affairs Division sent a letter to the tribal rebels' leaders last week through the Liaison Committee proposing September 18 as the date for holding the fifth round of dialogue between the nine-member parliamentary committee and the Parbaty Chhatra-gam Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the parent organisation of the tribal rebels, to find out a political solution to the long-drawn CHT issue.