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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 Mojti and pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League, reports UNB.

Transport strike called off

Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Sramik 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 Panchali 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 Panchali police.

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

By Sohel Manzur
nalised 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 imple-

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.



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

— AFP photo

Israel, Jordan sign accord to narrow differences

WASHINGTON, Sept 14: Israel and Jordan carried forward the momentum toward Middle East peace Tuesday by signing an agreement setting the framework for resolving long-standing differences between them, reports AP.

The ceremony at the State Department came less than 24 hours after Israel and PLO signed a breakthrough peace accord at the White House.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the agreement between Israel and Jordan was a signpost for the progress we hope and expect will soon come.

Signing for Israel, Elyakim Rubinstein said the agreement was 'yet another step in a long

road to peace between Israel and Jordan.'

Fayez Tarawneh, who signed for Jordan, said he hoped it would establish an agenda for discussions on a range of outstanding issues and lead to a

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Dhaka hails PLO, Israeli accord

Bangladesh has welcomed the signing of the 'Declaration of Principles' between Palestine and Israel in the US capital on Monday, reports UNB.

A spokesman of the Foreign Office yesterday said that Dhaka believes the accord to be

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comprehensive peace that will transform the lives of all our peoples.'

The product of 22 months of painstaking diplomacy, the Jordan-Israel agreement could lead to settlement of the border between the two countries and launch joint efforts to harness water resources and protect the environment.

Peacemaking with the PLO produced another breakthrough

Tuesday as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin arrived in Morocco for a meeting with King Hassan II.

The two leaders could announce the establishment of diplomatic relations, a Cabinet minister in Rabat said.

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To cope with the rush of diarrhoea patients at the Cholera Hospital at Mahakali in recent weeks a tin-shed extension has been built to accommodate patients.

— Star photo

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 said a session of Parliament convened to debate his call for a

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 emergency 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.

Reuter 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.

Georgian leader Edward Shevardnadze's state of emergency, 'I resign.'

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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 Reuter.

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.

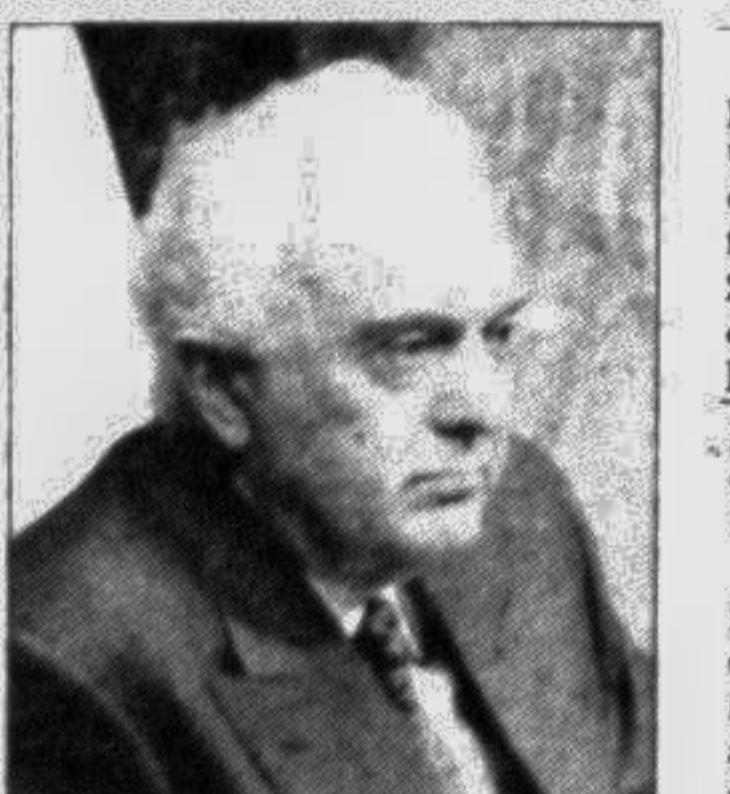
It said the man took advantage of a car leaving the courtyard of the palace which houses the king's offices, and drove fast through the gate towards the main door.

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.



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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 Khagrachari 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 Parbatty Chittagong Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the parent organisation of the tribal rebels, to find out a political solution to the long-drawn CHT issue.

The reply to the letter reached Hangashadot Chakma — convenor of the Liaison Committee which is brokering the peace talks — yesterday and accordingly it was communicated to the government.

Sources in the Special Affairs told this correspondent that the process for holding the next round of talks with the Shantibahini leaders on September 18 has been finalised.

In the talks, the Parliamentary Committee will be headed by the Communications Minister Oli Ahmed while the Shantibahini team will be led by Shanto Larma, president of the PCJSS.

Such comments stem out of ignorance and are not objective, the Foreign Minister said.

Opposition members of the

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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 Rajendrapur.

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

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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 Manzur Elahi, says.

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

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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 Nooritola 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

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RAJUK COMMERCIAL PLOT

Corrigendum of Auction Notice

It is hereby notified for the information of all concerned that the auction date of Plot No-39 'BIPONON C. A.' as published in The Dainik Bangla and The Daily Star on 6-9-93 and 7-9-93 respectively have been extended as follows due to unavoidable circumstances.

1. Last date for submission of application forms will be on 22-9-93 instead of 12-9-93.
2. Auction will be held on 23-9-93 instead of 13-9-93.

All other terms and conditions of the previous auction notice will remain unchanged.

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