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## Rutskoi calls for restoration of Soviet Union

# Moves for a compromise

MOSCOW, Sept 26: A chief Kremlin strategist and leaders from regions throughout Russia agreed today on a compromise plan to hold simultaneous presidential and legislative elections, Interfax news agency reported, say AFP, Reuters.

No details on the deal between Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai and officials from 60 regions were immediately available, but such an accord would mark a major breakthrough in efforts to resolve the political crisis in Russia.

Interfax, quoting informed government sources, said Shakhrai would inform President Boris Yeltsin on the content of the accord reached in the northern city of St. Petersburg when he returned to Moscow.

It was unlikely, however, that Shakhrai, one of the President's closest aides and most astute political strategists, would have signed any

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Russian President Boris Yeltsin (C), wife of Mstislav Rostropovich, Galina (R) and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov along with his grandchild (L) applaud after a concert in the Red Square, Moscow by the American National Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Rostropovich yesterday.

— AFP photo

## 5 outsiders held from SSMC

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested five people, identified as outsiders, from the Sir Salimullah Medical College campus and detained them at the Kotwali Police Station.

Some 50 students of the college as well as activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), who were forced to leave the hostel Saturday evening, allegedly by the activists of the All-Party Students Unity (APSU), returned to the campus yesterday morning to join a meeting with the college Academic Council regarding Saturday's incident.

The APSU workers caught the five, identifying them as outsiders who they claimed had come to the campus along with the ICS workers. The APSU leaders handed the five over to the Kotwali police.

Earlier, the college authorities called a meeting with the leaders of different students' organizations on the incident last Saturday.

An Academic Council member said that during the almost five-hour long meeting with the student leaders, the ICS representatives asked for ensuring their safety on return to the hostel and closing the college until a congenial atmosphere was restored. But the APSU representatives demanded punishment of those responsible for the incidents.

The Academic Council failed to take any decision on the issue and its chairman adjourned the meeting until 9 am today (Monday), said a member of the Council.

"Since almost half of the 24-member Academic Council was absent from the meeting, we had to adjourn it", said the member.

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A large contingent of police was deployed yesterday following the tension created with the eviction of about 50 Islami Chhatra Shibir activists by the All-Party Students Unity members from the Sir Salimullah Medical College hostel on Friday.

— Star photo

## JS discusses poverty alleviation

# House agrees on need for common approach

By Staff Correspondent

The stalwarts of both the Treasury and Opposition benches yesterday felt that political stability was a *sine qua non* for economic development and poverty alleviation of the country.

However, the Treasury bench members urged their Opposition colleagues in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) to abstain from making political capital out of the miseries of the common people while the latter urged the ruling party to repeal all the repressive laws obstructing creation of a sound political atmosphere.

The legislators, deliberating on the ways and means of poverty alleviation, identified poverty as the number one problem of the nation and felt united moves were imperative

to rid the country of the curse.

The Treasury bench argued that the nation needed a perpetually increasing rate of exploitation of the internal resources and their utilisation for reducing dependence on the foreign aid to ensure economic self-reliance.

Citing statistics, Minister for Local Government and Rural Development (LORD), said the government had succeeded in mobilising 27 per cent of the internal resources for the annual development programme (ADB) in the last fiscal year after having begun with just one per cent a year ago. "We are trying hard to meet the target of 33 per cent in the current fiscal," the minister said.

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## PM to highlight govt achievements at UNGA

# 'Return of Chakmas only peaceful solution'

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh will strive for a peaceful settlement of the Chakma problem which can only be achieved through the return of the Chakma tribals from the Indian camps in Tripura.

"We look forward to a political solution, not a military one and there has been some progress following the recent visit of a team from India".

This was stated by Foreign Secretary Reza Rahman during a regular media briefing conducted at the conference room

of the Foreign Ministry yesterday.

The Foreign Secretary said the Indian team comprising officials and tribal leaders was allowed to visit whichever camp or area it wanted to visit and added, "We are now awaiting the reply from the Indian side."

Reza said, Bangladesh was closely monitoring the situation in South Africa and was viewing positively the efforts of the Pretoria government to

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## Rebels in Sukhumi ring Shevardnadze's house

MOSCOW, Sept 26: Abkhazian rebels attacking the regional capital of Sukhumi have surrounded the residence of Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, the Itar-Tass news agency reported today, reports AFP.

The Georgian government has asked Russian forces to evacuate the president, whose "life was in danger," the news agency said.

Abkhazian secessionist rebels have seized virtually all strategic points in and around the besieged city of Sukhumi whose fall seems only a matter of time, journalists returning from the city said today.

Reuters Television correspondent Lawrence Sheets said the rebels dug in on hills above the city were using all kinds of

weapons including anti-aircraft guns to shell government-held positions.

Sheets, who left the city on Saturday night after spending eight days there, said scores of buildings were ablaze and Georgian soldiers appeared demoralised at the way the battle was going. "It's difficult to see how the Georgians can go on holding out," he said.

Rebels now control most of the Western half of the city as well as strategic heights such as the television tower.

Independently, a local journalist close to Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze quoted him as saying early on Sunday in a military radio transmission from Sukhumi that reinforcements brought in by Defence Minister Gia Karkarashvili were "not enough" to hold the city.

## Seen from the Gallery

By Asiuzzaman

Most of the MPs are apparently disinterested in the discussion on poverty or poverty-related issues. At least that's the impression their poor presence in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday during more than three-hours of discussion on the topic of poverty alleviation indicated.

Only 61 members, including a dozen ministers, were present in the House at the end of the discussion at around 11:40 PM.

The attendance of the Treasury bench was comparatively better as 40 members including 14 ministers were present. Just 16 Awami League members with their party seniors Sajeda Chowdhury, Tofael Ahmed and Mohammad Nasim were in the House until the winding up speech by Local Government Minister Abdus Salam Talukder. Besides the

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## Nepali MPs in city

An 11-member Nepalese Parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Daman Nath Dhungana, arrived here yesterday afternoon on a week-long goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

Speaker Shakh Razzaque Ali received the delegation at the Zia International Airport.

Talking to BSS at Zia International Airport, Dhungana said during his stay in Bangladesh both sides would discuss the possibilities of expanding parliamentary cooperation between Nepal and Bangladesh. He recalled with satisfaction the exchange of views he had with his Bangladesh counterparts in the recently held conferences of speakers in Colombo and in

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## Spurious drugs worth Tk 2 cr seized in city

By Staff Correspondent

A special squad of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in a raid at the Mitford whole sale market recovered spurious and sub-standard medicines worth about Tk two crore yesterday.

In an eight-hour drive, the CID team swooped on 19 godowns on the first and second floors of the market and seized sub-standard medicine from 12 godowns at about noon, a senior CID officer said.

The CID team led by two Assistant Superintendents of Police—Khaliquezaman and Abdul Kahar Akhand—included 11 inspectors and 11 Sub-Inspectors and was assisted by two superintendents of the Drug Administration.

## Qulkhwani

Mrs Shakera Rahman, wife of Late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman of Jalpaiguri died of old age illness at 10.00 pm on Friday, September 24, 1993 (Innalillahi...). She was 75.

She left behind two sons, Latifur Rahman, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, and Salfur Rahman and three daughters. Mrs Munira Wadud, w/o Dr S A Wadud, Mrs Nargis Tajuddin, w/o S A Y M Tajuddin and Mrs Sharmeen Hossain, w/o Iqbal Hossain.

Her qulkhwani will be held after Asr prayers at her residence at House No-13, Road-109, Gulshan, Dhaka. Today Monday 27 Sept, 1993.

Friends, relatives and admirers are requested to attend.

## Housing crisis getting worse

By Chapal Bashar

A latest official estimate shows that the housing shortage in the country stood at over 3.97 million units at the end of 1992.

The shortage, which was 3.10 million units in the previous year, is likely to exceed five million units by 2000.

According to experts in the Urban Development Directorate (UDD) of the Ministry of Works, the total number of housing units in the country in 1992 was 17,673,227 including 3,974,199 in the urban centres and the rest in the

rural areas.

The experts said that considering the size of the population, the country needs at least 3.97 million more housing units — 1.70 million in urban centres and 2.27 million in rural areas — to provide shelter for all.

The country's population at the end of 1992 was estimated at over 111 million including an urban population of more than 22 million. The growth rate, according to official statistics, now stands at 2.17 per cent, but the urban popula-

tion has been growing at a faster rate — 5.4 per cent annually.

The rapid growth rate of urban population and its concentration in the cities and major towns has been compounding the already acute housing problem. This problem has led to increasing congestion and overcrowding in small houses, growth of slums and informal settlements and severe pressure on civic services.

Experts say the unbridled

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## Top police officer apologises for N'ganj incident

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 26: Additional Deputy Inspector General of Police Nurul Alam told the local journalists and politicians today that departmental action would be taken against all the policemen responsible for yesterday's attack here on a rally.

The senior police officer also regretted yesterday's unwarranted incident in which 25 persons including four newsmen and several politicians were injured.

From Our Correspondent ordered the sudden assault on an all-party rally organised here to protest Jamaat-Shibir atrocities and attack on the daily Ajker Kagoj office in Dhaka has been suspended, Nurul Alam said.

Alam also begged apology of the newsmen and politicians for the unexpected happenings and sought their cooperation to deal with the issue.

The action against ASP Habib followed Superintendent of Police Habibur Rahman's assurance Saturday night of action against those responsible

and filing of a case against the ASP by the Ajker Kagoj's local correspondent Ruman Resa.

Meanwhile, seriously injured journalist Mujibur Rahman Badal was shifted today from the Narayanganj Hospital to a private clinic. Badal received head injuries.

Local MPs Ataur Rahman, Rezaul Karim, Advocate Abul Kalam and the Additional DIO of Police Nurul Alam visited Badal at the clinic.

Meanwhile, an all-party protest rally today reiterated

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## GLAXO BANGLADESH LIMITED Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office at Fouzderhat Industrial Area, Dhaka Trunk Road, P. O. North Kattali, Chittagong on Tuesday, the 19th October 1993 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and audited Accounts for the year ended 30th June 1993 and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To re-elect as Directors of the Company Mr. R. P. Gent and Mr. S. A. Chowdhury, who retire by rotation under Article 85 and Mr. M. A. Hena having been appointed during the year retires under Article 89. Mr. M. M. Reza retires by rotation under Article 85.
3. To consider reappointment of Messrs Hoda Vasi Chowdhury & Co. as Auditors of the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other business which may be transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

Chittagong  
27th September 1993

Notes:

1. Members unable to attend the meeting may appoint a proxy in the form enclosed herewith. A Form of Proxy must be stamped with Tk. 4.00 Revenue Stamp and deposited at the Company's Registered Office not less than 72 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting.
2. Company's Share Transfer Book will be closed for 7 days from 13th to 19th October 1993, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board  
D. Botleroo  
Secretary