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From Our Correspondent

SHERPUR, Sept 29: Three people were killed by lightning at Kamrare Char Union in the early hours of today. One of the dead was identified as Mohammad Shariatullah, 65, of Dashari Village.

5 killed in
road mishap

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, Sept 29: Five people were killed and 50 others injured when a bus skidded off the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Comilla. The accident occurred at Syedpur of Chowdhury thana when a Chittagong bound bus fell into the road side ditch. The injured people have been admitted to the Chowdhury Govt Hospital.

College girl
kidnapped

KHULNA, Sept 29: A college girl was kidnapped by a group of miscreants in the city on Tuesday. Police said Akter Bithi, 18, a student of BA class of Baita Government Girls College, was kidnapped by the miscreants while she was returning home from the college in the afternoon, reports UNB.

398 Rohingyas
back home

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 29: Three hundred and ninety eight Rohingyas refugees voluntarily went back to their homes in Myanmar through two transit camps at Teknaf here today. Official sources told BSS here tonight that UNHCR and Bangladesh officials saw the refugees off at the time of repatriation through Noyapara-2 and Rongkhali transit camps.

Bosnian Parliament rejects Geneva peace plan

SARAJEVO, Sept 29: After two days of impassioned debate, Bosnia's Parliament on Wednesday effectively torpedoed the Geneva peace plan, voting to accept it only if territories taken by force were returned, reports AP.

Bosnian Serbs who have now control 70 per cent of the public have categorically refused to return territory.

The immediate effect of the vote is likely to be harsh: the resumption of a war that has left up to 200,000 people dead or missing and forced 2 million from their homes.

A plan to divide Bosnia into Serb, Croat and mostly-Muslim mini-states "as it is, was rejected," said Ejup Ganic, a member of the collective presidency.

Even as those in Sarajevo wrestled with the future, UN of-

icials on Wednesday reported heavy fighting in Jablanica, in central Bosnia, between government and rival Croat forces.

After the vote, Ganic emphasized that the government wanted more negotiations. Bosnian Serbs, however, have said they will talk no more, and have suggested they would simply leave Bosnia with the Croats and leave nothing for the Muslims.

Despite the potential costs, key figures in Bosnia's Muslim-led government insisted that accepting the plan, as is, would mean signing a death warrant for their multi-ethnic state.

Territories taken by force, especially where genocide occurred... must be returned to their rightful owners. Other-

wise, we are living in a jungle," Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic said Wednesday.

The peace plan would give the Muslim-led government about 31 per cent of Bosnia. Serbs would get 52 per cent and Croats 17 per cent.

Silajdzic also accused the international community of "complicity" for refusing to lift an arms embargo against the outgunned Muslims.

Bosnian presidency spokesman Kemal Muftic told reporters that signing the plan "would mean signing the eradication of the Bosnian state forever, and getting nothing in return."

Parliament debated into the night Tuesday, but adjourned without a vote.

Import duty to go up by 10 pc Quota system for crude edible oil to go

By Special Correspondent

on a quota basis.

The new decision on crude edible oil was taken at a recent meeting of the cabinet. The cabinet has also decided to form an inter-ministerial committee to monitor the impact of free import of edible oil as well as its effect on market price.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has already prepared the Statutory Regulatory Order (SRO) for the purpose which is expected to be issued soon to enhance the duty.

The import duty on crude soybean oil will be raised to 40 per cent from the existing 30 while the duty on crude palm oil will similarly go up to 55 per cent from the present 45 per cent.

So long the import of crude edible oil was restricted, and only a certain quantity fixed by the government was allowed to be imported by the local refiners

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Khaleda arrives in New York

NEW YORK, Sept 29: Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia arrived here this afternoon to address the 48th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The aircraft carrying the Prime Minister and her entourage landed at the New York Airport in New Jersey where she was received by United Nations and United States high officials.

The Prime Minister was greeted by Foreign Minister A. S. M. Mostafizur Rahman, Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Abul Ahsan, Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Humayun Kabir and Bangladeshi community living in USA welcomed the Prime Minister at the airport.

Besides making her statement in the UNGA session on See Page 12 Col 6

Carrying of arms, sticks banned in city

The Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday prohibited carrying of any kind of arms, explosives, sticks or other lethal weapons by anybody in the entire metropolis from 8 am today until further order, reports BSS.

According to a police press release, since some parties had given programme of carrying sticks and other weapons in processions and rallies on September 30 and since there is an apprehension of breach of peace and discipline, Police Commissioner AN Hussain has promulgated this prohibitory order.

In an official handout, the government expressed the hope that some political parties and their front organisations, which have given programmes like meetings and rallies would follow democratic principles and procedures in conducting these programmes.

Biman to suspend Bangkok, Calcutta flights from Ctg

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 29: Biman's flights to two of its international routes from here will face suspension for a month from October 2, official sources said today.

Biman authorities have taken a decision to cancel its service in the month of October on the Chittagong-Bangkok and the Chittagong-Calcutta routes as one of its two F-28 aircraft is being sent to Singapore for overhauling.

Biman sources said due to a shortage of aircraft with the national carrier and failure to arrange alternative flights on these two routes, the service will be suspended temporarily.

Normally F-28 and ATP aircraft were pressed into service on these routes.

Biman operated flights on the Chittagong-Bangkok route on Thursdays and on the Chittagong-Calcutta route on Saturdays.

Biman's Chittagong-Bangkok flight via Rangoon used to start its journey from Dhaka but returned to Chittagong without touching Rangoon, official sources informed.

The Chittagong-Bangkok service was inaugurated on October 25, 1992.

Meanwhile, Biman's offices here are not making any bookings in these two sectors for the month of October.



Soldiers of a special unit guard one of the entrances leading to the Russian Parliament building early Wednesday.

Jamaat to resist move to ban party : Nizami

By Staff Correspondent

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Maulana Mattur Rahman Nizami yesterday claimed that a certain quarter, unhappy with the revival of Islamic forces in the country, was now conspiring to ban his party.

Nizami, however, said the Jamaat was ready to face any conspiracy to impose ban on religion-based politics in the country.

The Jamaat leader was addressing a press conference yesterday at the Maghbazar Al-Falah building.

Nizami read out a five-page statement narrating his version of the incidents taking place at Rajshahi and Khulna that left three students killed on September 19 and 20 respectively.

The Jamaat leader denied al-

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Work on supply of gas to tea gardens in limbo

Star Report

The work for providing gas to 13 tea gardens in the Lungla valley of Sylhet has remained suspended for seven months despite an expenditure of about five crore taka.

Implementation of the project undertaken by the Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System Ltd was initiated in mid-92 and pipes were laid to supply gas to the tea gardens by March this year. But, at the final stage, the work was suspended in February for an indefinite period due to alleged interference of some local influential quarters.

The affected tea estates of Lungla valley have already drawn the attention of the higher authorities and have also sought the intervention of some ministers to solve the problem. Yet the implementation of the remaining work is still uncertain.

The garden owners claim they have been incurring heavy losses for lack of gas supply. In a letter to the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, they said that the tea estates were compelled to use imported oil as fuel while some gardens were burning wood. It has been reported that the use of wood procured from local forests were

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Malpractice at Cardio-Vascular Instt

No action yet against those found guilty

Star Report

No action has yet been taken against those found involved in the appointment scandal in the National Cardio-Vascular Disease Institute even seven months after the report submitted by a probe body.

Hospital sources said the enquiry committee, which filed its report on the scandal on February 16, charged the director and the chairman of the selection committee, two associate professors and one administrative officer of the institute with gross irregularities, corruption and nepotism.

The three-member committee also advised steps against the officials, they said.

The probe, in its report, found that the chairman of the selection board and some other members, violating rules, had illegally selected 107 persons for appointment as technicians, senior accountant, office assistant, lower division clerk, senior instrument caretaker and chief anaesthesia technician.

Institute sources said that despite the 'proven' charges, some of the guilty officials have been 'rewarded' with promotions.

Such inaction and subsequent rewards have sparked off resentment among the officials and employees of the hospital, commented a senior doctor of

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Bureaucratic tangles delay flood control project in Tangail

By Masud Hasan Khan

Implementation of a flood control pilot project in Tangail district is being delayed because of lengthly bureaucratic tangles, officials said.

They said, over the last three years, the government has been able to receive possession of only 0.55 hectare of an estimated 200 hectares of land, required for construction of the Tangail Compartmentalization Pilot Project (CPP).

Talking to The Daily Star, officials of the Water Development Board (WDB), which is implementing the physical structure of the project, said they have so far purchased 0.55 hectare of land at Khalatbari in Sadar thana of the district.

Proposal for purchasing another 22.58 hectare of land for the 55 kilometer-long peripheral embankment was underway.

When completed, the compartmentalization project would be put to operation for the next two years for various studies on flood control, food production

Dhaka exports 5,000 kg of hilsa to Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Sept 29: Hilsa, the favourite item in the Bengal menu, are always in short supply considering the outstripping demand, but with Bangladesh offering its help the fish will now reach everybody's plate, reports PTI.

Under an agreement between the two countries, a consignment of 5,000 kg of hilsa arrived today on the no man's land in the Haridashpur border in North 24-Parganas district. It was received by the state's Minister for Fisheries Kironmoy Nanda.

Under the agreement, Bangladesh would export 5,000 tonnes of "Padmar Ilish" to West Bengal during the year.

Thirty tonnes would reach the state every day to be distributed among different markets in Calcutta by the 'Bengali', a state government undertaking.

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