Army cracks down on looting, seals off quake-hit areas

KILLARI, Oct 3. Given control over police and civilian authorities, the Indian army cracked down Sunday on looting and sealed off the quakestricken area to outsiders, reports AP.

Barricades were erected outside shattered villages, as army officers supervised the rescue efforts for survivors of Thursday's earthquake which killed some 30,000 people.

Tremors continued to shudder through the rural area of southwest India. Press Trust of India news agency said three people were feared dead in an aftershock Saturday night in Balakund, a village that had largely been flattened in the

"I'm not allowing anyone to-

KARACHI, Pakistan, Oct 3:

Murtaza Bhutto, 39, wanted

"Obviously it was a shock to

me." Bhutto, former Prime

Minister and leader of the

Pakistan People's Party (PPP)

said in a late-night interview on

picked up the newspaper in a

rural dusty town one evening as

BA aircraft

stranded at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

remained stranded at the Zia

International Airport(ZIA) since

Friday after it failed to take off

lems, airport sources said

One of the four engines of

the Boeing 747 jumbo jet seized

during take-off with nearly 400

passengers, one source, re-

questing anonymity, said. The

aircraft was to fly for London via

Airways engineers arrived from

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cio-economic development pro-

grammes to attain economic

democracy and urged the

Bangladeshis living abroad to

Economic progress has been

supplement her efforts unitedly.

achieved in the last two and a

half years while the country had

attained self-sufficiency in food,

poverty, frequent natural cala-

mities and over population, the

Prime Minister said these

national problems could be

overcome through coordinated

She, however, said the na-

tion would go backward if there

could not be an end to disorder,

of compulsory primary educa-

tion, mass education, food for

education programmes, Begum

Zia said her government had at-

tached importance to education

Chowdhury, the reception was

addressed also by Foreign

Minister A S M Mostafizur

Rahman, Fatema Chowdhury

MP. Amanullah Aman MP and

Gias Uddin Ahmed and M A

Quiyum, two Bangladeshis liv-

Deputy Minister for LGRD

and Cooperatives Abdul Hye,

Syed Manzur Hossain MP, Mo-

Presided over by Ibrahim

Referring to the introduction

Referring to the problems of

Begum Zia said.

efforts of all

chaos and strike.

to eradicate illiteracy.

ing here.

democracy meaningful.

The source said British

because of mechanical prob-

Yesterday

Bombay.

the source added.

A British Airways aircraft

"It was a thunderbolt when I

Friday at her Karachi home.

less they are cleared by the army," said Col S K Joshi, in charge of relief for Killari and four surrounding villages.

"We are allowing only genuine voluntary groups in. They are being issued identification cards to avoid the thieving which has been going on the last two days," Joshi said.

Looters have slipped into villages in the guise of volunteers. stripping corpses of jewelry and wrecked homes of any valuables that could be carried away, relief workers said.

But the crackdown meant yet another hardship for victims displaced from their homes.

"I do not understand these men in uniforms. They won't even let me into my own house." said Jagannath Kumble, a 65year-old farmer who was

stopped from reaching his vil

Helicopters dropped food to isolated villages and medical teams began a massive operation to inoculate survivors against cholera, which spreads through water that could become contaminated from the putrefying bodies of men and livestock.

Authorities decided to set up new townships for survivors. abandoning many of the devastated villages. New sites would be found within two weeks, said Anil Pawar, a local administra-

Relief efforts were briefly disrupted as Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao's security detail made a trial run for the Indian leader's scheduled visit on Monday

Habitat Day From Page 1 Col 8

The theme for this year is Women in Shelter Develo-

In its theme of the day, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlement (HABITAT) recognises the vital role women have to play in the human settlement, development process as economic producers, managers of the households, as producers of houses and services, as workers providing the

children, and in caring for their community. In a message on the occasion, President Abdur Rahman Biswas said that aspirations for having a planned habitat is part

household with all its necessi-

ties, as reproducers rearing

of the fundamental rights. The President said a good habitat is a pre-condition for development of environment

and advancement of civilisation. The day bears immense significance as it contains pledges to fulfil aspirations, he

added. In a similar message, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said the government had enunciated a national housing policy for providing sound housing accommodation to every family through planned housing schemes by ensuring optimum

The Prime Minister said efforts were being made to make available housing accommodation for all by the year 2000, as announced by the UN.

utilisation of lands.

Begum Zia said Bangladesh is a poor country with high density of population. Because of poverty many of the people have no residential accommodation. As a result, she added the environment was being polluted and the efficiency of the people lost.

In observance of the World Habitat Day, the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Dhaka and Commitment, a national voluntary organisation will jointly organise a discussion today at 4:30 pm at the UNIC premises.

Minister for Works Barrister Rafiqul Islam Miah will attend the discussion as chief guest while State Minister for Environment Gayeshwar Chandra Roy and Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP Putu Kamaiyana will be present as special guests.

House Building Research Institute Director Khurshed Alam will present a paper on "Women and Shelter Development" at the meeting.

Rehabilitation and Development Organisation for Landless (RADOL) has planned a walkathon on the day from the Shishu Park to the Osmany Memorial Hall at 7 am today.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder will inaugurate the walkathon while the Works Minister and the State Minister for Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman will address the inaugural function as special

come tax on the computer Hotel Purbani, was addressed by Abdul Kader, Editorial Advisor to the magazine, Mostafa He also said the government Jabbar, Dr Lutfar Rahman of should involve the country with the Dhaka University, RI Sharif, the Fibre Optical Link Round

An abundant supply of hilsa in the city's fish depot at

Sawarighat yesterday pushed the wholesale price to its

Govt urged to gear up

computerization process

By Staff Correspondent

- Star photo

puter with similar programming

within a very short time and at

ernment should make comput-

ers easily affordable for the

maximum number of people by

reducing duty on its import and

also make computer training

less expensive by reducing in-

Abdul Kader said the gov-

a very low cost, he said.

lowest of the seasons.

Computer traders and ex-

perts, at a press conference in

the city yesterday, stressed the

need for appropriate measures

by the government to help de-

velop computer education in the

The press conference, organ-

ised by the Monthly Computer

Jagat, a computer magazine at

world as well as in neighbouring

country were being deprived of

the facilities enjoyed by the

whole world following the intro-

duction of electronic mail sys-

tem. If the system were intro-

duced here, any person with a

computer would be able to

communicate with anybody else

in the world possessing a com-

SAARC, EC to

hold meet Oct 8

for Regional Cooperation and

the European Community will

hold a meeting at the EC head-

quarters in Brussels on October

8 to chalk out possible interac-

tion between the two regional

yesterday Foreign Minister A S

M Mostafizur Rahman who is

now in New York for the UNGA

session will visit the capital of

Belgium to lead the SAARC

team at the meeting, on way

Chairman of the Council of

Ministers of the seven-nation

Marin who visited Bangladesh

last August will head a 12-

member Community side at the

Mostafiz is the current

EC Vice-President Manual

Official sources here said

fora, reports UNB.

back home.

talks.

The South Asian Association

He said the people of the

Islam

Delwar Hossain Azad and MN the World Project to help make the information exchange pro-Abdul Kader alleged that the gramme of the country more government has completely improved and accurate. failed to keep pace with the de-He said the banking system, velopments in the field of comindustrial sector, education sysputer technology made in the

tem and other important sectors are yet to be computerised. If this is not done immediately, the country would fall far behind the rest of the world, he warned. Appropriate measures in developing computer education in

the country would also help increase employment opportunities as well as develop human resources, he said.

Two murdered From Page 1 Col 4

a profusely bleeding Palash was rushed to the DMCH. But the doctors on emergency duty declared him dead. Police, who think Palash's

murder was linked to a quarrel between two groups of the area, are yet arrest any one. Palash, a first year student

of the Mirpur Bangla College. was the son of one Mostafizur Rahman, a senior officer of the National Security Intelligence In the other incident, Yunus

Mia was severely beaten up, reportedly by his neighbours, at a slum at Mirpur Saturday night and died at the DMCH at around 4:00 am Sunday.

Both the bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy and two murder cases were lodged with Mirpur, police.

dar. 40, a leather merchant, was shot dead at Hazaribagh.

to town with a Tk 2.5cr drive

The clientele of Coca Cola, Fanta and Sprite will get a chance of winning six motor cars, 12 motor-cycles, cash and other prizes worth about Tk 2.5 crore starting from today Monday)

The bottlers of these soft drink brands Tabani Beverage Company, a subsidiary of the Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust, at the launching of a campaign titled "Under the Crown" (UTC) yesterday, announced this huge business promotional drive. which will be effective for the next six weeks across the coun-

was addressed by Coca Cola Export Corporation representative in Bangladesh Abbas Ali Khan, Khalid Raza, general manager of Tabani Beverage Company Faziul Haq and Wahidur Rahman. A number of retailers were present on the

all three soft drinks will be marked especially with tokens for various prizes. "Thirty-eight per cent of Coke, Fanta and Sprite bottles will contain those marks," said Abbas Ali Khan "which means there will be chance of getting something from every three bottles bought."

The UTC is the biggest of its kind in Bangladesh, the speak ers said, and added that such promotional campaigns had been banned by the government since 1988. But at long last the government has once again approved such a drive, they said.

Tabani Beverage expects to increase its sales four-fold during the next six weeks. Usually it sells eight to nine thousand cases of beverages in the capital city alone every day. Coca Cola is sold in 154

countries around the world.

which urged the government to save jute, jute industry, other industries, industrial workers agriculture and farmers from ruination, was chaired by AFM Mahbubul Hug.

only socialism could ensure real progress and development of the country as well as freedom of the people.

Menon blamed the government for managing the country's economy under dictation from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and warned they would resist the government's subservience to the World Bank in its conspiracy to destroy jute

ment members, specially the Treasury bench members, to support a bill to be placed in the next session to ban the communal politics of Jamaat-Shibir.

He criticised the government for evicting hawkers from the footpaths of the city without al-

squeezing 40 per cent looms and bringing down jute export to 60 per cent.

Coca Cola goes

By Staff Correspondent

The launching of the drive

Speakers said the crowns of

The speakers said the mixing of the crowns containing the prize marks had been done in Singapore.

Left alliance

From Page 1 Col 8 Prokria, the Ganotantrik Biplobi Jote, the Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal and the Sammyabadi Dal belong to the platform, yet to be named.

UNB adds: The meeting

Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon MP said

There is no alternative to socialism," he said and called upon the people to unite to establish their own rule.

agriculture and local industries.

He said free market economic policy had made the poor poorer and turned the country into a market of foreign goods.

Menon called upon parlia-

CPB leader Mujahidul Islam

The Midnight File Jt military exercise in

Malaysia from today KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3: Malaysia will hold from Monday an intensive eight-day joint military exercise with Britain, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, defence officials said today. The suman warrior land exercise would be conduced under the Five Power Defence Arrangement (FPDA) and would feature about 950 troops, the officials said. The exercise, to be held in eastern Pahag state, would involve a officer drills and three days of field training for soldiers, they

ANKARA, Oct 3: Eight Iraqi Kurdish civilians were killed in shelling and air strikes launched from Turkey, an Iraqi Kurdish official said Sunday. Separately, across Kurdishdominated southeastern Turkey, clashes between security forces and separatist Turkish Kurdish rebels claimed 27 lives

Armed uprising

Earlier Yeltsin's office said the elite Kantemirovskaya, Tamanskaya and Tulskaya armoured units were moving into

was said today to have divided into two camps, one supporting Yeltsin, the other supporting Vice President Rutskoi, informed military sources said.

The Dzerzhinski division, created by the KGB, the Soviet Union's feared internal security organ, is supposed to be the main intervention force to quell an armed insurrection in Moscow

into a virtual battle zone as screaming protesters armed with sticks, clubs and rocks broke through line after line of riot police. Officers were beaten to the ground, savagely punched and kicked by the enraged protesters.

Alexander Rutskoi urged the protesters to occupy the Mayor's office, as well as

they must 'take the Kremlin tonight.

Dozens of people were in jured, some of them run over by trucks driven by protesters to lice. At least two soldiers were killed, according to Russian press reports.

lence in Russia in decades In Washington, President

Clinton blamed Rutskoi and

City corpn polls

objections on the ward boundaries would be received during a 15 day period from the date of the publication of the notice." he said, adding that another 15 days would be needed to settle the disputes. However, he said the EC

would fix the time-frame and Chowdhury confided that the

poration elections.

Four EC-appointed judges

Corruption case against Shyamoli Housing MD

has filed a forgery and corruption case against Alhaj Khandaker Abul Hossain, Managing Director of Shyamoli Housing Limited, reports UNB.

According to a primary investigation report of the Bureau, Hossain registered a piece of land owned by Md Abul Khair and Abdul Gafur, in the name of his housing company

Alhaj Abul Hossain and continued its investigation.

Parliament Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov for the violence and reaffirmed his support for

"I am convinced the United States must support President Yeltsin and the process of bringing about free and fair elections," Clinton told reporters at the White House. "We cannot be in the pos of wavering at this moment.

But longtime rival former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Yeltsin must pull all armed forces out the Moscow and rescind his decree imposing emergency rule. Rutskoi said on Sunday that

22 people had been killed in clashes with police in Moscow since Yeltsin dissolved parliament on September 21. He told a news conference in the blockaded White House

parliament building that he would meet Yeltsin only if the President withdrew his decree and agreed to resign.

Resist communal forces: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent Awami League (AL) chief and

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her resent ment over the recent attack by the 'Jamaat-Shibir axis' on a procession of students protesting communalism.

In a press statement faxed from Singapore where she is undergoing treatment, Hasina urged the people to unite strongly against the fascist forces who, in the name of religion, attack and kill people.

"If we do not resist this evil, fascist force now, it will take deep roots across the country and violence will spread all over," she said.

Demanding arrest and punishment of those responsible for the attack Hasina urged unity among all political parties against on communalism.

Chemical tanker crash leaves 18 dead in Bombay

BOMBAY, Oct 3: Eighteen people were burnt to death today and 16 others sustained severe burn injuries when a tanker carrying naphtha crashed and turned over on the outskirts of Bombay, exploding into a ball of flame, police said, reports Reuter. Fourteen were charred be-

yond recognition, and four others died in hospital in the Bombay suburb of Thane. The truck was coming from

the western state of Gujarat to Bombay. The driver was among those burnt alive. The tanker exploded after the chemical leaked from the

overturned vehicle, burning down some nearby huts, residents said. The Press Trust of India (PTI)

said some of those killed in the explosion were from the quakehit town of Killari. They had migrated to Bombay to get work.

Georgian rebels From Page 1 Col 4

"It is critical that we take united measures," Shevardnadze said. Shevardnadze also spoke

with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin by telephone about the worsening refugee situation in Georgia, which borders Russia. Chernomyrdin promised to send food Russian officials in Moscow

said Chernomyrdin also offered to send peacekeepers to Georgia, and they denounced offensives by Gamsakhurdia's supporters and by the Abkhazians, the ITAR-Tass news agency said But in Tbilisi, Shevar-

dnadze's aides emphasized that they had not accepted any offer of Russian peacekeepers and were not considering it, wary of setting off an anti-Russian backlash. Russia has offered in the

past to send peacekeepers to Abkhazia, and Shevardnadze long resisted such a plan, calling it an occupation.

Performance under ESAF programmes From Page 1 Col 3 Khenissi rated Bangladesh's wages are high, the financial It is not easy to adjust durtween Bangladesh and the IMF ing the transition period. Other performance in ESAF among sector is not functioning countries also faced similar properly, debt recovery is slow

for the post-ESAF period is likely to be finalised during the ongoing Washington visit of the Finance Minister, Khenissi said.

The bridge arrangement he added, would enable the two sides to 'stay together' till an ESAF successor facility is ap-The Fund's board of gover-

nors, currently meeting in the US capital, is going to consider launching a new facility replacing the ESAF, reported to be totalling around five billion dollars.

The ESAF programme, with worldwide in November.

ernors," the Fund official said.

the best in the world and went on to point out a string of economic indicators to back up his statement.

ing around 10 per cent in 1990 while it is less than two per cent per year now while the revenue to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio increased from nine to 12 per cent and the money supply to GDP ratio declined from 17 to 12 per cent during the same period.

The current account deficit fell from seven per cent of the GDP in 1990 to less than two per cent now while the debt ser-

achieved during the period.

problems of stagnation, and democracy often slows down the adjustment process since a minimum agreement is needed, "We would like significantly higher growth specially to make an impact on poverty," Khenissi pointed out. Citing World Bank figures he said 50 per cent of

the population lives below the poverty line and to have an impact at that level would require a minimum of seven to eight per

The loan, with an annual interest rate of 0.5 per cent, has a 10-year repayment period with a grace period of five years. The fund has provided Bangladesh with about a 2.6 billion dollar

that the economy is in a stable condition.

Selim said the government had signed an agreement with the World Bank committing to closing down nine jute mills by December next, retrenching 20,000 workers from jute mills

On Saturday, Qayyum Sar-

Inflation, he said, was hoverhe explained

> cent growth. To achieve such growth, he said, prudent macro-financial

he added. remain a lot of red-tape, the and because of poor infrastructure and a deteriorating law and order situation. Responding to another question. Khenissi said the softloans under the ESAF are not earmarked for any specific purpose but are placed at the dis-

loan since 1972.

posal of the government.

said, reports AFP. 8 Kurds killed in Turkish air raid

in the last two days, the Anatolia news agency reported, reports AP.

From page 1 col 7 Agency reported.

the city on the Lenin Avenue. But the Dzerzhinski elite division of Interior Ministry troops

Central Moscow was turned

Earlier. Vice President

Russia's national television. The rebel parliamentary Speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov also told Russian deputies that

smash through lines of riot po-

The chaos dramatically deepened the political crisis that began Sept 21 when Yeltsin dissolved parliament and ordered parliamentary elections in a bid to end his power struggle with hard-line

lawmakers. It was the worst political vio-

From Page 1 Col 4

"Like the previous occasion.

guide him in his task.

experience gathered from a similar exercise recently and the complaints received would prove a beneficial when restarting the process of fresh delimitation of the city wards. He also shared the EC Sec-retary's view that repetition of the job would delay the announcement of the schedule for the city cor-

The EC published preliminary lists of fresh delimitation of 177 wards under the four city corporations on August 1 and invited objections until August

were scheduled to settle the disputes by August 31 and September 5 was fixed for the announcement of final lists and September 7 for gazetting those.

Bureau of Anti-Corruption

present at the reception. through forged documents shoa nearly three billion dollar The leaders of the Banglavice ratio dropped from 20 per management and fiscal policies achieve that goal informal talks wing two fake owners, said fund, was specially designed to deshi community thanked the should be continued and the cent to less than 13 per cent would be arranged if necessary. Asked to comment on the official handout yesterday. bring about structural adjustand the reserves increased from structural reform process upcoming current account con-Alhaj Abul Hossain then sold ments in the developing coun-1.7 months' imports to the should be accelerated. vertibility issue, he said any the land to Gulshan Humayun, Editor: S. M. Ali tries. Participated by 22 councurrent six months' worth of "The privatisation process move towards easing restric-Jebun Islam and Labana Watries the programme expires **Executive Editor: Mahfuz Anam** was much slower than what imports. tions is good and termed it as a hid, the report said. However, he admitted that good step for Bangladesh. was agreed upon under ESAF." Following a complain by the "Support for a new prothe GDP growth rate during the "I don't think anything draowners Abul Khair and Abdul gramme is very good and the period was lower than that matic will happen on October Replying to a question, the Gafur, the bureau of anti-corchances are good that an ESAF projected under ESAF, saying it IMF representative said Bangla-15, we are convinced of that," ruption filed a case after a prisuccessor facility would be apshould have been higher than 500092-4. Advertisement: 500091 (Direct) Fax No. 88-02-863035. desh is still unable to attract Khenissi added while noting mary investigation, against proved by the IMF board of govthe little over four per cent foreign investors because there

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earlier quake.

day to work in the villages un-Murtaza's decision a thunderbolt: Benazir

the papers arrived ... to read by mother's declaration saying that Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto said her little brother's decision to he (Murtaza) was coming to fight 24 seats and against PPP fight her in next week's election candidates," Bhutto said. came as a shock, but she in-His plans have been temsisted the challenge would not pered to contesting two National hurt her chances of victory, re-Assembly seats next Wednesday ports Reuter

seats as an independent. in Pakistan on terrorism "Don't want to be associated charges, has been threatening since August to end 16 years in with any of the conventional exile in Syria and return as a parties," he said from his home possible spoiler in Wednesday's in Syria.

tan's first family

and four provincial parliament

The children's mother, Nusrat Bhutto, and Murtaza's Lebanese wife, Ghinwa, are canvassing on Murtaza's behalf Murtaza's younger sister

Sanam, has sided with Benazir.

Ghinwa flew to Damascus on

The move has split Pakis-

Croats, Muslims sign ceasefire ZAGREB (Croatia), Oct 3 Bosnian Croats and Muslims signed a cease-fire for Mostar in central Bosnia, but fighting among Muslims reportedly

Sunday in the republic's north-Janata Dal calls

killed at least one person

hartal Oct 10 The Bangladesh Janata Dal yesterday called for a countrywide half-day hartal on October 10 demanding immediate dissolution of Parliament and eradication of corruption in the

Calcutta, India, to check the engine and suggested its recountry, reports UNB. placement Announcing the hartal programme. which coincides with The airline officials were un available for comment last the hartal called earlier by the Awami League and the Jatiya Meanwhile, a relief flight flew Party, Janata Dal Chairman K in and ferried some 130 pas-M Obaidur Rahman alleged that sengers last night (Sunday) present Parliament failed comwhile some others were carried pletely to bring any welfare to by a Biman flight via Athens. common people in last three

years.

PM asks Bangladeshis

country and added that ecothe vexing Farakka problem nomic emancipation of the during her speech at the 48th people was a must to make session of the United Nations General Assembly She said her government They praised Begum Zia for had taken up a number of soher bold leadership which had

Prime Minister for highlighting

enhanced the image and pres-

tige of Bangladesh in the inter-

national arena. PM exchanges views with media men Meanwhile Begum Zia yesterday called upon the editors of the vernacular newspapers and electronic media to uphold national interests and unite the Bangladeshi community here to

help pursue production-oriented politics and establish selfreliant economy back home. She made this call while exchanging views with the editors of the newspapers and elec-

tronic media at the UN Plaza

Bangladeshi journalists here

The Prime Minister said the

could play a vital role in encouraging both the Bangladeshi and overseas investors to invest in Bangladesh, which had established second export processing zone in Dhaka recently. She also asked them to

maintain objectivity while dis-

charging their professional du-Probe body on Agri Ministry meets in JS

A meeting of the Parliamen-

tary Special Committee was

held yesterday at the Sangsad hammad Shamsuddoha MP. Bhaban with Speaker Shaikh Salahuddin Ahmed MP, Mana Razzak Ali in the chair. ging Director of Dainik Dinkal It was decided in the meeting Prof Majedul Islam and Ehsanul that all out efforts would be Huq Milon were, among others, made to reach a consensus as to the terms of reference and to

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