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Huda returns
 Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda returned home yesterday concluding his official visit to London, an official handout said last night. Huda had left Dhaka for London on October 2, reports BSS.

Benazir, Sharif accuse each other of buying deputies



Benazir Bhutto, co-chairperson of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) with her party supporters at the Karachi airport yesterday. — AFP photo

ISLAMABAD, Oct 11: Benazir Bhutto and her rival ex-premier Nawaz Sharif accused each other today of buying deputies in their tussle to form a coalition government in Pakistan's hung parliament, reports Reuter.
 "I think we have the centre sewn up," said a spokesman for Bhutto, whose Pakistan People's Party (PPP) victory in two of four crucial provincial elections on Saturday virtually assured her of the regional support she needs to recapture the post of Prime Minister.
 However, as the two leaders held frenetic meetings with potential allies, Bhutto raised fears Sharif was using the wealth of his family's industrial conglomerate to buy over independent deputies.
 "We have asked the caretaker Prime Minister to take strict notice of the fact that Nawaz Sharif is going around with bags of money trying to buy over independent candidates," Bhutto told reporters in Islamabad.
 She said Page 12 Col 1

Section 144 at Feni Whip Tara, 9 others hurt in bomb attack

FENI, Oct 11: Whip Mahbul Alam Tara and nine others accompanying him, including three cops, were injured in an armed attack by opponents here today, officials said, reports UNB.
 The district administration imposed Section 144 on the municipal area for an indefinite period to avert further violence as tension mounted in the town after the incident.
 Officials and ruling BNP leaders blamed the Awami League supporters for the attack at 12 noon. Several bombs were hurled at the Whip's car, they said.
 Of the injured, two policemen — Nurul Islam and Jaimul Abedin — were admitted to the Sadar Hospital while president of BNP Sadar Thana unit Shamsul Haq was rushed to a local clinic with serious splinter injuries.
 Tara was injured slightly. APS to the Whip, Fazul Karim Bablu, got a splinter in his right thumb.
 According to the sources, the Awami League and the Chhatra League activists came in a procession and attacked Tara's car on way to his village home at Farhadnagar in Sadar thana from the Circuit House. The vehicle was damaged.
 The Awami Leaguers were protesting the installation of an additional polling centre in ward number 6 for the forthcoming Pourasava election scheduled for October 17.
 District BNP activists brought out a procession in the town protesting the attack on the Whip.
 Tara told the Deputy Commissioner that there was no need of Section 144 and that the restrictions might hamper campaign for the forthcoming pourasava election.
 BNP district committee president Advocate Abul Hasem and general secretary Shahiduddin Ferdous also spoke against the imposition of Section 144.

BADC will be reorganised: Polythene bags banned

The cabinet yesterday approved an Agriculture Ministry proposal for reorganising the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC) squeezing its functions, reports UNB.
 It also approved a proposal of the Ministry of Environment and Forest restricting the manufacture of plastic or polythene shopping bags in the country.
 The existing industries producing plastic or polythene bags will have to stop production of shopping bags for local use within three months, an official handout said.
 The approval came in the regular weekly meeting of the cabinet held at Bangabhaban with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.
 As per the proposed reorganisation, based on the recommendations of the Dr Iqbal Mahmood Committee, BADC's corporate status will be retained, but its scale of operations will be limited to certain core functions to meet some of the strategic agricultural development needs.
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'Children policy' at final stage

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed her unflinching commitment towards welfare of children and said a 'national children policy' was at the final stage of formulation for proper rearing of the country's future leaders, reports UNB.
 "We must take an accurate decision to save our future leaders from the present situation where the children are victims of malnutrition and infectious diseases caused by hunger, calamities, man-made problems and wars," she said.
 The Prime Minister was addressing the closing ceremony of the 'World Children's Day and Children's Right Week, 1993' organised by the Ministry of Social Welfare at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the morning.
 According to a proposal of the International Union for Children's Welfare, the first Monday of the month of October is observed as the Children's Day throughout the world every year since 1953.
 Colourfully dressed tiny tots from different institutions greeted Begum Zia waving flags and ribbons to the rhythm of band music as she arrived at the venue.
 Terming children as a creative force, the Prime Minister said "It's our responsibility to bring them up properly."
 As signatory to the charter on Children's Rights, "We are pledged to implement the charter on Children's Rights. We are expressing the solidarity with world community expressed by her at the recent UNICEF round table titled 'Keeping the Promise to Children' at the UN headquarters."
 The Prime Minister also mentioned the commitment towards helpless, distressed and disabled children and said group and institutionalised programmes had been undertaken.
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New Delhi reacts sharply to PM's speech at UNGA

By Star Correspondent
 An unnamed official spokesman of the Indian government, reacting to Begum Khaleda Zia's recent address in New York on water sharing, has expressed considerable regret that the Prime Minister of Bangladesh thought it fit to raise the bilateral issues of river waters at the UN.
 The remarks by the spokesman were made available to the Daily Star yesterday by the Counsellor (Political and Information) of the High Commission of India in Dhaka.
 The remarks quoted by BBC on Oct 8, mentioned that, "In answer to a query on the Bangladesh Prime Minister's address to the UN General Assembly, the official spokesman (in New Delhi) said that India noted with considerable regret that the Prime Minister of Bangladesh thought it fit to raise the bilateral issue of River Waters in her statement at the UN General Assembly on October 1, 1993. Her references to the Farakka Barrage and related issues neither do justice to the documented facts nor refer to the understanding in May '92 between Prime Minister of India and Prime Minister of Bangladesh on the principles and framework of solution. India remains committed to devising an equitable, long-term and comprehensive arrangement on water sharing with Bangladesh through bilateral

All sectors but jute show export growth

Star Report
 Export earnings during the first two months of fiscal 1993-94 increased by about 10.98 per cent over the corresponding period last year.
 During the time the country has been able to come out of its 'mono product' based export thrust and all sectors excepting jute and jute goods showed export growth.
 The export performance during the period was also helped by a 2.24 per cent increase in the export price index.
 During July-August, 1993-94 fiscal, the country's exports stood at 459.04 million US dollars against the annual target of 2900 million dollars.
 The volume of export also increased by 8.74 per cent during the period compared to last year's corresponding period.
 In the frozen food sector, the country earned 42.19 million dollars against 39.42 million of last year's corresponding period. The amount was 44.63 per cent higher than the target for the sector.
 Tea exports fetched 7.13 million dollars against last year's 4.06 million dollars for the same period. This year's two month's earnings were 8.36 per cent higher than the target.
 Leather exports slightly fell by 0.23 million dollars and the

EC will help implement SAARC programmes

The European Community (EC) has offered all possible co-operations to the SAARC in implementing its programmes to promote socio-economic condition of more than one billion people in the region, reports UNB.
 The assurance came at a meeting between Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and EC Vice-President Manuel Marin at the Commission headquarters in Brussels on Sunday.
 Mostafiz, current Chairman of the SAARC Council of Ministers, held the meeting with EC officials in the capital of

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T & T adopts optical fibre technology

By Staff Correspondent
 Bangladesh has already started switching over to optical fibre technology which has revolutionised telecommunications worldwide, Minister for Posts and Telecommunication said yesterday.
 The technology was first used in the Dhaka multi-exchange system where 26,000 digital telephones were installed in 1991. Tariqul Islam said while inaugurating a workshop-type seminar on optical fibre technology at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday.
 Five Exchanges in Dhaka and two in Khulna will be connected by optical fibre by the year 1996 while nearly two lakh digital lines will be installed in six major cities by 1995, the minister said.
 Some 22 participants and seven resource persons from 14 countries are taking part in the 11-day deliberations jointly organised by the Islamic Centre for Technical and Vocational Training and Research (ICTVTR), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of Bangladesh.
 The resource persons will present technical papers and the delegates will present their

US move for political solution in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Oct 11: US fighter jets screamed over Mogadishu today, signaling the arrival of American warships off Somalia's coast, as rival clan gunmen fought in the streets, reports Reuter.
 Leaders of Warlord Mohamed Farah Aided's militia were reported by Somalis to be meeting in a secret spot in the wrecked city to work out a common position on ceasefire talks with Robert Oakley, the US special envoy to Somalia.
 "They are meeting with Aided himself to work out what they will say to Oakley, probably tomorrow," said Abdi Abshir Kahiye, a staunch supporter of Aided's clan militia.
 Abdi said Oakley, on a mission from US President Bill Clinton to find an end to a guerrilla war that has cost many American and UN lives, met with elders from Aided's Habre Gedir clan when he arrived on Sunday.
 With the mediation of the elders, who traditionally fill a peace-making role in the constant disputes among Somalia's

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