

# Ershad told of charges in two new cases

Deposed President Hussain Mohammad Ershad and a Japanese national are being charged with misappropriating government funds amounting to over Tk 33 crore, reports BSS.

Ershad, now serving jail terms, was produced before the Special Divisional Judge's Court to be told of the charges. The day was fixed for the appearance of the accused persons so that the court takes cognizance of the matter.

# Demolition of Babri Mosque Advani, Thackery, 38 others summoned

LUCKNOW, Oct 12: The special magistrate today issued summonses to the BJP President LK Advani, the Shiv Sena Chief Bal Thackery, and 38 other persons of VHP, BJP and Shiv Sena for their appearance before the court on November 10 next, reports PTI.

# Fisheries project

From Page 1 Col 7 Most embarrassing of all, the average farm gate price of market-size carp harvested was only 70 US cents a kilogram, or less than one-third of the cost of the fish stocked, the FFI report commented.

# Corruption cases against seven Jamuna Oil staff

CHITTAGONG, Oct 12: The district Anti-Corruption Department here filed cases against seven officers and employees of the Jamuna Oil Company on charge of misappropriating 4,270 barrels of diesel worth Tk 88,26,090, reports BSS.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia presiding over a meeting of the National Committee on Education at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman is on her right while LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar are on her left.

# Two Americans share Nobel Prize for Economics

STOCKHOLM, Oct 12: Professors Robert W Fogel and Douglass C North of the United States were jointly awarded the 1993 Nobel Prize for Economics on Tuesday for research covering the impact of trains, slavery and shipping, reports AP.

# PLO ratifies peace deal with Israel

TUNIS, Oct 12: The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Central Council on Monday ratified the peace deal with Israel, PLO officials said.

# Darkness

From Page 1 Col 5 Board engineers have not been able to tell me exactly what had gone wrong.

# AL procession

From Page 1 Col 4 when the local unit of BNP also announced this morning a protest rally on the same venue and at the same time.

# Workshop on FP told Ctg div lowest in use of contraceptives

By Staff Correspondent The contraceptive prevalence rate (CPR) is lowest in the Chittagong division compared with the rest of the country.

# PM: United stand

From Page 1 Col 4 reaucrats, SM Al-Hussaini, gave a resume of the draft national plan on education aimed at ensuring education for all by the year 2000.

# Khaleda to lay foundation stone of new Biman office bldg today

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will lay the foundation stone of a new head office complex of Biman Bangladesh Airlines near the Zia International Airport this morning, reports UNB.

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# PM leaves for Cyprus Oct 19 to attend CHOGM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will leave here for Cyprus on October 19 to lead the Bangladesh delegation to the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) to be held there from October 21-25, officials said, reports UNB.

# Back to Berlin

BONN, Oct 12: Leaders of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's coalition parties have agreed to move the German government to Berlin from Bonn by the year 2000, coalition sources said, reports Reuter.

# Bhutto govt

From Page 1 Col 4 a bid to stop their war of words.

# German court

From Page 1 Col 8 Europe-wide central bank, which is to be in place no later than January 1, 1999. The independent central bank will eventually issue a single currency, replacing existing national currencies.

# Drug policy

From Page 1 Col 5 ceuticals industry said if given the proper environment, the country would earn as much as one billion US dollar from exports in the next five years.

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Sixty special teams—45 under 15 police stations of the DMP, five under the Detective Branch, five under the Dhaka Metropolitan Traffic Police and five others led by the DMP deputy commissioners—will conduct the month-long swoop on the hide-outs of criminals, said a senior police officer.

A decision for the special drive was taken at a recent meeting of the senior police officers with DMP Commissioner A N Hussain in the chair.

## Franco-German

From Page 1 Col 8 a growing number of smaller states and uphold the primacy of the council of EC governments over the executive European Commission.

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A Somali woman argues with a US soldier as she comes to find some work at the entrance of Mogadishu harbour yesterday. — AFP photo