## Interview with Newsweek

## PM seeks global help to resolve Farakka issue

NEW YORK, Oct 18: Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has urged the international community to do something to resolve its dispute with India over sharing of the Ganges water, reports PTI.

In an interview published in. the latest issue of American news magazine the 'Newsweek,' she said her government would like to continue negotiations with India. "But since we arenot getting any response, we thought that these matters should be brought to the attention of the international community," she added.

The problems, Begum Zia said, is adversely affecting Bangladesh's environment and the source of living for a vast majority of its people.

Is it not a violation of human rights? If the world is so concerned about human rights

# tg docs on strike

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: Doctors at all the hospitals and clinics in the district went on a 72-hour strike at 12 noon today protesting the attack on a doctors' cafeteria in the Chittagong Medical College Hospital that left three people dead and 15 injured, reports UNB.

They also stopped private practices at the call of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) and four other organisa-

Khaleda leaves From Page 1 Col 7 rorism and environmental dis-

asters.
The CHOGM will concentrate on 'good governance, democracy and human rights,' as well as cooperation among the member nations. It is expected to take a common approach on South Africa where a moves towards establishing a multiracial democratic rule for ending apartheid are underway.

The occasion will be graced by Queen Elizabeth II, the symbol of unity of the Commonwealth — a loose confederation of the former British colonies The Queen is also the head of state of 17 of the 50 Commonwealth members.

During her stay in Cyprus, Begum Zia is expected to hold bilateral talks with other Commonwealth leaders

The Prime Minister is expected back home on October

BSS adds: Fifteen new Commonwealth Heads of State or government are expected to attend the forthcoming Commonwealth summit, authoritative sources said in Dhaka yeste-

The new Commonwealth leaders to be welcomed at the Cyprus summit will be Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia, Prime Minister Hubert Ingram of the Bahamas, Prime Minister Manuel Esquivel of Belize, President Glafkos Clearides of Cyprus, President Cheddi Jagan of Guyana, Prime Minister P J Patterson of Jamaica, Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle of Lesotho, Prime Minister Paias Wingti of Papua New Guinea, Prime Minister James Pitiz-Allen Mitchell of St. Vincent and the Grenadines Chairman Provisional Ruling Council Captain Valentine Strasser of Sierra Leone, Prime Minister Francies Billy Hilly of Solomon Islands, President D B Wijetunge of Shri Lanka, Prime Minister Patrick Manning of Trinidad and Tobago. Prime Minister Maxime Carlot Kormen of Vanuatu and President Frederick Chiluba of Zambia.

#### Six Meghna Oil staff suspended

Four officials and two employees of the Daulatpur depot of the Meghna Otl Company were suspended following adul teration, found in kerosene of this depot, reports BSS. According to an official

handout issued here yesterday, a five-member investigation committee constituted by the government on October 12 sent the samples of kerosene from the Daulatpur depots of three off companies namely Padma, Meghna and Jamuno to the laboratory of the Eastern Refinery for examination follow ing death of several persons and injuries to some in the explosion of kerosene lamps and hurricane in some areas of Khulna, Jessore and Faridpur.

After investigation, adulteration was found in the kcrosene of the Daulatpur depot of the Meghna Petroleum Company. No adulteration was, however, found in the kerosene of the two other companies, the handout

The government has taken eertain measures to case the supply situation. Supply of kerosene from three depots of Daulatpur has been stopped for the time being.

and the environment, we would welcome that they should do something about the conflict." she added.

Replying to a question she said when she visited India last year, Prime Minister Narasimha Rao had assured her that he would try to solve the problems. "But we have not yet received a positive response," she added.

Asked why India is so 'intractable,' she said it is for New Delhi to reply the question. "But for us it is a matter of life and death. Northern areas of Bangladesh are being turned into desert. Trees are withering. In the south, sea water has come inland, increasing salinity of soil and destroying our forests and other resources. The natural forest in the Sundarbans is virtually dying off," she

tions to protest the killings. The strike was jointly enforced by the BMA's district unit, the Chittagong Medical College Teachers' Association, the Internee Doctors' Association, the Private Medical Practitioners' Association and the Private Clinic Owners Association.

Emergency medical treatment was, however, outside the purview of the strike.

Quoting witnesses, leaders of the five organisations earlier told a joint press conference at the committee room of the college that the terrorist group that had launched the attack was led by Faisal Iqbal Chowdhury, Rabiul Karim, Black Mintoo, Mithu, Mukul. Shartyar Morshed, Timir Baron Chowdhury and A J M Nasir.

All of them are reportedly leaders of pro-Awami League Chhatra League.

CMCH sources said a large number of patients left the hospital today due to the strike Students were also leaving their dormitories apprehending further trouble.

The medical college unit of the JCD at a press conference today alleged that the Chhatra League had carried out the at tack and demanded resignation of the Principal for what it called her negligence to take

#### timely action. Tabani officials asked to appear before court

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday ordered the General Manager and the Marketing Manager of the Tabani Beverage company to appear before the court on November 11, reports UNB.

The summon was issued on a criminal case filed against them for selling Tabani prod ucta -- Fanta, Coca-Cola and Pepsi - through illegal lottery.

Advocate Sultanuddin Ah med in his petition said the Tabani Beverage had an nounced prizes or rewards to attract and promote sale of its products and thus induced the people into gambling. Such inducement or abetment, the petitioner said, tantamounts to gambling, and is a punishable offence under Section 294 (b) of the Bangladesh Penal Code.

On hearing the petitioner, the court issued the summon to Tabani's General Manager Mo Fazlul Hoque and Marketing Manager Wahedur Rahman to appear the court on November

### Chanpa Murder Case: Four more PWs

examined

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Oct 18: Murder victim Fauzia Rahman Chanpa was pregnant and was admitted to the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital with 15 stab injuries all over her body.

Forensic expert Abdul Bareq. a prosecution witness, disclosed this on the third day of hearing in the sensational murder case in the court of District and Sessions Judge Hamidul Huq Four more witnesses were

examined today, including the then Police Officer-in-Charge Mallik Ruhul Islam, PDB official Abdus Salam Talukder and a senior hospital nurse Fatema

Ruhul Islam told the court that when, on receipt of information, he went to Changa's father in-law's house on October 18, 1989, the body had already been sent to the hospital.

The witnesses were crossexamined by Advocate Strajul Haq, Advocate Mahbub Hossain, Advocate Aminul Haq and others. The plaintiff's case was moved by the public Prosecutors Abdul Matid and Mukhlesur Rahman.

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A milad mahfil was held at The Daily Star office yesterday to pray for the salvation of the departed soul of S M Ali, the - Star photo paper's founding Editor.

More condolences pour in

From Page 1 Col 8 Kabir of The Daily Sangbad, Najmuddin Hashem and Fayez Ahmed were among a host of journalists who signed the condolence book. Director General of the

Bangla Academy Prof Harun-ur-Rashid, Prof Anisuzzaman, Fakhruddin Ahmed, a former advisor of the interim government. Khan Sarwar Morshed, former Vice Chancellor of the Raishahi University, Nurjahan Morshed, former Ambassador Faruk Ahmed Choudhury and former Cabinet Secretary Mutibul Hug were, among others, who visited The Daily Star Dhanmondi office to express their condolences.

Meanwhile, more messages have arrived at The Daily Star office Monday condoling the death of S M Alt, founder-Editor of The Daily Star who died Sunday at a Bangkok hospital.

In separate condolence messages, they said his death was an irreparable loss to the profession of journalism. They recalled the contribu-

tion of Ali to the profession and the society.

**Industries Minister** Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan has expressed his profound shock at the death

of S M Ali. In a condolence message, the Industries Minister termed the death an irreparable loss for the

He expressed his deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty Allah for the peace of the departed soul

State Minister for Women's Affairs

State Minister for Women's Affairs Sarwari Rahman expressed her deep shock at the denuise of veteran journalist S M

In a message, the State Minister said late S M Ali was a fearless journalist and he upheld the journalistic ethics and norms strictly.

All greatly inspired the young journalists and media men in Bangladesh to maintain the ideals of "real journalism."

Sarwari Rahman expressed her heartfelt sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

#### Chief Whip

in a condolence message, Chief Whip of the Jatiya Sangsad Khandaker Delwar Hossain said, "I am deeply shorked at the sad demise of S M Als, one of the country's best journalists and founder Editor of The Duily Star. Mr. Alt was a man of transcendent genius and his facile and powerful pen earned him honour beyond the national boundaries and made him a popular journalist in the whole of South and South East Asia region. His contributions in the field of journalism and nation-building will be ever remembered. He is the illustrious son of the soil and his death is an irreparable loss to the whole nation. My heartfelt sympathies are for the Hasina

#### From Page 1 Col 3 across the country.

The AL chief felt the need for strong resistance by the people to the government's 'undemocratic methods. However, she said she was not too keen on forging unity of the opposition parties on the issue.

Replying to a question, Hasina said: "We do not know which party will stand beside the people or which one will be siding with the ruling quarter. But the AL is determined to launch agitations with a view to resisting corruption, misrule and terrorism sponsored by the

The party's senior leaders including Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Zillur Rahman, S A M S Kibria, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed, Abdur Razzak, Dr Alauddin, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Obaidul Qader, Prof Abu Sayeed, Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, K M Jahangir, Abdul Mannan and a number of party MPs were present in the hour-long press conference yesterday morning.

members of the bereaved family. I pray for the peace of the departed soul." Royal Embassy of Saudi

Arabia Falch Muhammad Al-

Ruhaili, Charge d'Affaires of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, Dhaka said "We are deeply shocked to learn that Mr S M Ali, founder-Editor of The Daily Star expired in Bangkok yesterday, Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Elaihe Rajeoon. May Allah give you strength to bear the loss of Mr. Ali who was not only a guidephilosopher of the profession of lournalism in the sub-continent but also one of the finest

### PIB to publish collection of Ali's writings

By Staff Correspondent The Press Institute o Bangladesh (PIB), in a condo-

lence meeting in memory of S M Alt yesterday, decided to publish a collection of Ali's writings. The meeting, presided over by PIB Director General Dr Tawhidul Anwar, observed that with the demise of Ali, the country had lost an expert or

the media and environment and a doyen of journalism. The meeting was addressed among others, by PIB Director (Training) Golam Kibria, Director (Research) Hedayet Hossain Morshed, Associate Editor Kamai Lohani and Executive Editor Salimullah.

gentlemen of this country. We convey our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and his colleagues in The Daily Star. We pray for the salvation of his soul. May his soul rest in peace in the other

#### **Belgian Embassy**

The Belgian Ambassador in his message said "I had met him a few times during the last months and I had been greatly his outstanding journalistic

He also prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

**Abdus Samad Azad** Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad expressed his deep shock at the death of eminent journalist and

founder-Editor of The Daily Star S M Ah. in a message, Azad said 'We lost an outstanding personality in the journalist community. He prayed for the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the bereaved family.

#### Justice ATM Masud

Justice Chowdhury ATM Masud in a message said 'As a journalist late SM Alt need no introduction. Whatever he did in his chequered career as a journalist, he did it in his inimitable style, with total commitment and a spirit of innovation. "He felt the urgency for

consensus on broad national issucs and was working devotedly to bring the major political parties to agree on a common na-

tional agenda, so that they could join hands in taking the country forward, towards the path of peace, progress and prosperity," Justice Masud

#### Dr Kamal Hossain

Eminent lawyer and Gono Forum president Dr Kamal lossain in a message said the press and the society at large in Bangladesh would be immeasurably poorer by the loss of this outstanding personality committed to the cause of democracy and human rights.

#### **Jatiya Press Club**

Jatiya Press Club President Hasan Shahriyar and General Secretary Shawkat Mahmud in a joint statement condoled the death of S M Alt. His death was an irreparable loss to the field of journalism, they said.

#### Dr Serajul Islam Choudhury

Dr Scraful Islam Choudhury, Dr Zaheda Ahmed and Azfar Hussain, who are on the Editorial Board of the Saptahik Samoy, in a joint message said "Mr Ali died only; but he is not yet dead, for he will remain amidst us as an inspiration for promoting journalism of high professional quality and compe-

'Mr. Ali made a mark both at the national and international

## S M Ali's death condoled

**From Staff Correspondent** CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: The death of S M Ali, Founder-Editor of The Daily Star, cast a pall of grief and sadness in

Chittagong port city. The elite of the port city. admirers and readers of The Daily'Star made telephone calls to Chittagong office of the paper to condole the sad demise of S M Ali. All of them paid deep respects to the memory of the veteran journalist of the country. Besides, different organisa

tions, in separate messages, condoled the death of the celebrated journalist.

President and General Secretary of the Chittagong Metropolitan Union of Journalists (CMUJ) Nazir Ahmed and Kasem Mahmud, respectively, in a message, expressed deep shock and sorrow at the demise of S M Ali. They prayed for the salvation of his departed soul, the message

Convenor and Join Convenors of the Purbanchalia Sangbadpatra Parishad Moinuddin Kaderi Shawkat, Moslem Khan and Abu Mohammad Shahin respectively, in a message, condoled the death of S M Alt saying in his death the country had lost an internationally eminent and skilled editor. They also prayed for eternal peace to his departed soul.

Ex-VP of DUCSU and former General Manager of Meghna Petroleum Limited Badrul Alam also condoled the death of S M All and paid deep respects to the memory of the veteran jour-

#### Kashmiri leaders threaten sporadic firing near the shrine.

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"We are giving 24 hours to the occupation forces to withdraw. If they don't we will come out and defy the curfew and march toward the holy shrine," said Abdul Ghant Lone, head of the People's Conference, the largest political alliance in

If the siege continued by Friday, he said, the All Party Freedom conference would call on a mass march toward the

"This is the holiest of holy places in all of Asia," Lone said. The siege 'le ari unprecedented event in the freedom struggle. A huge explosion late Sun-

day near the besieged mosque had sparked panic in the city of 700,000 people, on tenterhooks after the rebel threat to blow up the shrine. The blast was caused by a

rocket fired by Muslim militants targeting Hazratbal but the missile fell short. The explosion heard within a three kilometre was followed by residents said A militant speaking on tele-

phone from inside the mosque said the impact of the rocket exploding had brought down wall hangings and joited the The army prepared for a

lengthy siege. Signal corpsmen strung telephone wires between the outposts surrounding the complex. Troops with binocu lars kept watch on the movement of people through the windows of the shrine, while machine gunners trained their weapons into the courtyard.

Reporters were kept away from the area, except for two brief periods, in contrast to Sunday when they were present through most of the negotia-The Indians demanded the

unconditional surrender of the militants. The guerillas insisted on the withdrawal of the army or at least the lifting of the stege and opening the shrine to the public, which presumably would allow them to slip away.

## The Midnight File

Armed men take over Managua's cathedral

MANAGUA, Oct 18: Masked armed men took over Managua's new cathedral Monday to demand church mediation of their social and economic demands. Radio reports identified them as former government soldiers seeking promised resettlement aid. Msgr. Eddy Montenegro, the Roman Catholic Church's vicargeneral in Nicaragua, arrived at the modernistic cathedral and was allowed to enter. It was not known if anybody was being held hostage, reports AP.

#### France sending warship to Haiti

PORT-LOUIS, Oct 18: French President Francois Mitterrand said today that he was send on a warship to join the U N imposed economic blockade on Haiti to force the Haitian military to relinquish power. France will not be absent from the decisions taken to give back the Haitian people their freedom, Mitterrand told a press conference capping a summit of francophone nations here, reports AFP.

### Bureaucratic bottlenecks hinder industrialisation'

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said all kinds of bureaucratic regulations except the constitutional one should go to accelerate the pace of the country's industrialisation, reports UNB.

levels for the uncompromising

and unremitting services he had

rendered to the world of media

with both passion and intellect.

At home, one of the significant

contributions of S M Alt lies in

promoting young journalists

through providing encourage-

ment, guidance, vision and a

sense of mission to them," they

Obaidul Hug

one-time colleague of S M Ali in

a message said "As one in the

profession, I am with you in

your bereavement, which is not

only the bereavement of The

Daily Star Family, but that of

the fraternity of journalist and

DU Department of Library

Dhaka University Library

and Information Science de-

partment Chairman Suraiya

Begum in a condolence message

said that death has removed

one of the best sons of the soil.

has been an outstanding jour-

nalist and set moral and ethical

standards in his profession, she

said, the void which has been

created by his death can hardly

**Ganatantri Party** 

Secretary Muhammad Afzal in a

statement said the demise of S

M Ali left a big void in the world

Shamsul Haq

mad Shamsul Huq in a message

said S M Ali, a luminary in the

field of journalism was highly

respected not only as a

journalist but also as a

humanist within and outside

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Body of S M Ali

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sponsors of the newspaper at-

blessings were sought, for the

salvation of the late lamented

to kidney failure on October 17

at Bangkok's Samitiveg Hospital

where he went for treatment on

Eternal peace and divine

S M Ali breathed his last due

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of journalism.

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Ganatantri Party General

be filled in the near future.

Mr Ali, all through his life,

the people at large."

and Information Science

Eminent journalist and a

The whole nation has been bureaucratised hindering the development process. These bottlenecks (regulations) should be removed to establish an industrialised country," he said

The Finance Minister was speaking at a reception accorded to him by the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) at a local hotel on his being elected as the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and IMF.

Bangladesh Bank Governor Khorshed Alam, BGMEA President Redwan Ahmed MP, Vice President Engineer Taher. Treasurer Zinnat Ali Mia and executive committee member

December.

exploration of oil and gas fields. has prepared a draft of the lat-

ration companies. Until now, Bangladesh has

for gas alongside oil. would provide specific incentives to the overseas companies,

including the elimination of a signature bonus, exemption from import duties on exploration, development and production equipment, no corporate tax liability and a guarantee for the full repatriation of profits.

Kazi Moniruzzaman also addressed the function.

Speaking on various problems of the garment sector, the Finance Minister said the market of readymade garments has been squeezed due to economic recession in the Europe and ugly tendency of the European to shut their doors for our goods."

In this context, he underscored the need for establishing backward linkage industries in the garment sector for further flourishment of the industry.

**BGMEA President Redwan** Ahmed accused the Customs officials of harassing the garment exporters in different ports during the import of raw materials and export of finished goods and urged the government to allow the establishment of a export bank for the ex-

## 2 foreign cos

From Page 1 Col 7 Bangladesh between the last week of this month and early

The government claims to have received good response from the foreign companies for Meanwhile, the government

est model production-sharing contract (PSC) under the new petroleum policy of the country in order to attract foreign explo-

been following a model PSC framed in 1988 which barred the foreign firms from exploring In addition, the government

Since 1910, only 52 wells were drilled in the country. In the limited areas where exploration has been undertaken, a 3:1 success ratio for gas has been achieved. The Energy Ministry considers such statistics suggest a bright future for both the upstream and downstream energy sectors of the Pak NA

### From Page 1 Col 7

"We will take part in the October 19 election with more spirit and vigour," Sharif told reporters on Sunday after the candidates of his Pakistan Muslim League Party for the Speaker and Deputy Speaker lost the vote.

The candidate getting the majority of votes in Tuesday's polling will be invited to form the next government.

### Privatisation

From Page 1 Col 7 signal to the remaining public enterprises.

Currently Bangladesh is enjoying the most favourable set of circumstances for privatisation to have the maximum 'signal' value. There is virtually no inflation, high foreign exchange reserve is supporting a liberal import policy and easing of restrictions on transactions in foreign exchange and new sectors have been opened up to private investors.

To take advantage of this favourable conditions the government must take a quick decision about what to do with enterprises with negative net worth. These should be looked upon as enterprises that cannot be sold. These enterprises can be liquidated and their assets sold. For the remaining enterprises, the objective needs to be privatisation in a transparent manner - not just getting the most money out of it.

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