The Midnight Rile

Georgian forces enter Zugdidi

Zugdidi, the west Georgian stronghold of rebel leader Zviad

Gamsakhurdia who has fled, the Georgian presidency told AFP.

"At 1400 (1100 gmt), advance Government forces entered the

town without encountering any large- scale resistance. Forces

loyal to Gamsakhurdia were withdrawing in disorder towards

Yeltsin may not seek re-election

he would not seek re-election but stated that he should be

allowed to complete his tenure set to expire in 1996. Yeltsin.

speaking to a meeting of news editors, said he was against

holding an early presidential election in June in a reversal of his

previous pledge to call a vote for the country's top post six

months after parliamentary elections set for December, reports

IMF official for effective

MOSCOW, Nov 6: President Boris Yeltsin announced today

the inguri river," spokesman Nodar Broladze said.

MOSCOW. Nov 6: Georgian government forces today entered

Hosokawa apologises to Koreans

KYONSJU (South Korea). Nov 6: The leaders of Japan and South Korea, meeting for the first time on Saturday expressed mounting concerns over North Korea's nuclear programme and sought to overcome their nations' bitter historical differences, reports AP.

Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa, in the clearest such statement by a Japanese leader, apologised for the "unbearable sufferings" his nation inflicted on tens of thousands of Koreans during Japan's 1910-1945 colonial

Hosokawa's apology was unlikely to satisfy many Koreans. But South Korean President Kim Young-sam called it "satisfying," and urged Koreans

"Now is the time to put the past behind us and move onward," said Kim. "Our two nations face a mountain of tasks that must be tackled jointly with the goal of advancing our common interests and world de clopment in anticipation of

the Asia-Pacific age." Hosokawa took office in August and Kim in February. It was their first summit.

The two leaders agreed that North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons development poses a serious security threat to the region and a grave challenge to the global nuclear nonproliferation pact, said South Korean chief presidential spokesman Lee Kyung-jae.

Gunshots in DU

By DU Correspondent At least three gunshots were fired on the Dhaka University campus yesterday at about 3:30 in the afternoon.

The shots were fired report edly from the north-western side of the campus, sources

Campus dwellers said an uneasy calm was prevailing in the area following the killing of a Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Jinnatul Islam Jinnah at the Registrar's building Monday last

Tourism can change Bangladesh's image'

By Staff Correspondent

highlight the positive image of Bangladesh to the outside world which otherwise has a rather negative impression of the country because of recurrent natural calamities.

ommunication Tariqul Islam UNDP representative Sophie de Cau. Secretary for Tourism and Civil Aviation Afzalur Rahman, Hadiuzzaman MP and others.

desh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) in observance of the Tourism Month 1993, the keynote paper entitled "Importance of Hotel and Restaurant Services in the Development of Tourism in Bangladesh" was presented by Dr Rashedul Hassan of the Dhaka Unive-

The ILO director also observed that tourism itself can help in shaping an infrastructure of the country if duly nur-

tradicted by Dr Hassan who underlined infrastructural facilities as a pre-condition for the

He also underscored the three As — attraction, accessibility and amenities - as determining factors for tourists. which are felt lacking in the

Dr. Hassan also informed the audience that 115.37 thousand tourists visited Bangladesh in 1990 with an average length of stay of 14.2 days.

Taking part in the discussion General Manager of the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel John L Eaton said that almost 95 per cent of the foreign visitors came to Bangladesh for business purposes, mainly for aid-related or consultancy reasons.
Improvement of local resorts

can also attract the domestic tourists who usually spend their holidays in neighbouring countries, Eaton added, saying this will help keep the local currency within the country.

The paper was also discussed by Dr Md Maniruzzaman and Prof Masuda M Rashid Chowdhury of the Dhaka University, with Secretary Afzalur Rahman in the chair.

Benazir's letter to Ghali

UNITED NATIONS. Nov 6: Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali received a letter from Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Friday about the long-standing Kashmir problem, Pakistani sources said, reports Reuter.

District and Sessions Judge

Nasiruddin Ahmed to hear the

was acquitted of a terrorism

charge allegedly committed at

Hotel Purbani while resisting

Nasiruddin Ahmed felt embar-

rassed to conduct the case. The

High Court then referred it to

defence counsel opposed Golam

Kibria Tipu as the prosecution

witness alleging that he (Tipu)

himself was facing several crim-

inal charges. The High Court

rejected the defence contention.

workshop, claimed himself to be

an eye-witness of the murder

and recorded his statement be-

The learned judge did not

read out all 38 pages of her

verdict but just read the order

convicting and sentencing

Public Prosecutor Abdur

Razzak conducted the case for

the state. He was assisted by

APP Habibur Rahman Mandal

Sirajul Huq, Sajwar Hossain

and Mosharraf Hossain Kajal

Murtaza

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on a commercial flight from

brought to the court, saying he

had believed he was being

taken from Karachi's Landhi

Jail to take his oath as a mem-

ber of the Provincial Assembly

of the southern province of

Sind. He was elected in his ab-

tense embarrassment to

Benazir Bhutto, who began her

second term as Prime Minister

last month.It has split the fam-

ily, with their mother Nusrat

Bhutto openly supporting him.

on her brother's return.

their father's death.

Benazir has yet to comment

It was allege he became in-

volved in terrorist acts after

His return is a source of in-

sence in polls on October 9.

He voiced surprise at being

appeared for the defence.

Advocate Abdul Malek.

and Khorshed Alam.

fore the judge.

Auranga.

Dubai.

Tipu, owner of the motor

During the proceedings, the

the court of Judge Zinat Ara.

On May 8 the learned Judge

During the period Auranga



Ziaur Rahman (extreme left) listening to the then President and CMLA Justice Abu Sadaat Mohammad Sayem (in suit) on November 8, 1975 at the Bangabhaban. - PID photo

Nat'l Revolution Day today

From Page 1 Col 8 many of which will also be decorated on the occasion.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, in separate messages, have urged the freedomloving people to renew their pledge for protecting the national independence and sovereignty

Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh will broad cast special programmes while the national dailies will bring out supplements highlighting the day's significance.

The government has undertaken elaborate programmes to mark the day with due enthusi-

The Ministry of Religious Affairs has urged all communities to offer special prayers and arrange milad mehfil and Qurankhwani.

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations have arranged discussions. seminars and cultural functions.

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has taken up various programmes with a view to celebrating the day in a befitting manner.

The Party will hold a public meeting at the Democracy Square near the city's Fulbaria crossing at 3 in the afternoon. Prime Minister and BNP chief Khaleda Zia and other central leaders of the party are scheduled to address the gathering.

Other programmes of the party include hoisting of the national and the party flags atop the central and all branch offices across the country, placing wreaths and offering prayers at the mazar of late President Ziaur Rahman, and holding ral-

lies and discussions by the party units all over the country. The Janiaat-e-Islami will hold a discussion at the Al-Falah building at Maghbazar at 3:30 pm

The Bangla Academy has arranged a cultural function at its premises this evening. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum will attend as chief guest. In the first part of the programme, the Bangladesh Sangskritik Dal will stage a musical drama "Miley Mishe Aamra" while Mohammad Arif Dewan and his troupe will present a folk drama in the second session.

The Islamic Foundation will hold a Qurankhwani and doa mehfil at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the morning.

As part of its celebrations, the Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha, the BNP's cultural wing, organised a discussion at the Shilpakala Academy yesterday afternoon. Politicians, teachers, journalists and prominent personalities participated in the meeting. It was followed by a colourful musical soiree and the screen ing of a documentary film titled "Uttaran"

The Zia Parishad, another BNP front body, also held a discussion at the Diploma Engineers' Institute in the city yesterday afternoon.

The BNP's student front, Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) organised a students' rally on the Dhaka University campus Haq Milon, the general secretary Nazimuddin Alam and a central leader Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny addressed the

in connection with the day's

observance, the "Saatee Novemberer Chetona Bastabayan Jatiya Parishad" has planned a discussion on "The Spirit and Pledge of November 7" on November 12 at the Jatiya Press Club. Works Minister Barrister Rafigul Islam Mia will be the

chief guest It will also be addressed by State Minister for Environment and Forest Goveswar Roy. Anwar Zahid of the BNDP. Salahuddin Qader Chowdhury MP. of the NDP. Major (Retd) Bazlul Huda of the Freedom Party, Muhammad Qamaruzza man of the Jamaat, Prof Majidul Hag of the BSP and Mahbubur Rahman Rousseau of the Bangladesh Journalists' Foundation while the parishad convenor Masud Nizami will chair the meeting

Alternative roads

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police has requested all to use alternative roads during the public meeting of the BNP at the Fulbaria crossing today for smooth movement of vehicles. reports UNB.

night said all cars and jeeps coming towards the meeting should park at Phoenix Road. while the heavy vehicles should stay at Abdul Gani Road and Stadium circle

All other vehicles have been asked to use divertion roads instead of using the Joykali yesterday. JCD president Fazlul . Mandir crossing. Toyenbi Circular Road, Fulbaria crossing, Siddiq Bazar crossing, Pashu Hospital crossing. Old Railway Hospital crossing. Zero Point crossing to UBL crossing and roads from 1 pm to 7 pm

during BNP meet

A DMP press release last

Raphel leaves for Pakistan

United States Assistant Secretary of State Robin L Raphel left Dhaka yesterday for Pakistan ending a five-day visit convinced that the people and the government in Bangladesh are making every effort to face the challenges in economic and other fields, reports BSS.

The visit has been very good - it is interesting" she told newsmen at the airport before departure.

Ms Raphel's visit to this country was the first hop in her current swing of some countries in the region.

The visit assumed signifi cance since she took over some time ago the charge of the South Asia bureau in the State Department.

It also marked the first high level visit to this country from the State Department since the Clinton administration took over in the White House.

"I am very impressed" said Ms Raphel, who during her stay here called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and several ministers including Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman in addition to having extensive talks with the Bangladesh side led by Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman.

She also met Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina.

The United States official said she had talks here covering all areas of mutual interest.

Answering questions. Ms Raphel expressed the hope that Bangladesh and India would be serious to settle the water issue. The United States was available for any kind of help in reaching a settlement of the problem, she

Ms Raphel on Friday took time off from her busy itinerary and spent some time in seeing countrysides-beauty of rural Bangladesh in the lovely autumn season.

She was seen off at the airport by Additional Foreign Secretary Khairul Anam Charge d'Affaires of the United States James Nach and political counsellor in the embassy Jeffrey J Lunstead

11 Shibir workers get bail

JHENIDAH, Nov 6: Eleven Islami Chhatra Shibir workers. out of 17, who had been arrested on charges of putting barricades on Jhenidah Kushtia highway were granted bail by the Thana Court today (Saturday), reports UNB.

Police had arrested the Shibir workers when they blocked the highway on November 3 demanding removal of Vice Chancellor of the Islamic University and Police Super of Kushtia.

From Page 1 Col 8 on October 18 that left three people, including a doctor. killed and several injured.

Talking to this correspondent over telephone. Dr Nurjahan Bhuiyan said, "We have decided to reopen the medical college for the greater academic interests.

"But we have decided to impose a ban on all political activities inside the campus of the College to ensure a congenial academic atmosphere from the date of the reopening," she said.

Meanwhile, the college authorities have expelled five students for life and dissolved the college student union following the raid on the cafeteria.

Int'l workshop on river behaviour

Cooperation among co-riparians urged

State Minister for Irrigation. Water Development and Flood Control (IWFC) M H Shahjahan yesterday said that for any comprehensive and meaningful solution of the morphological problems of the country's rivers, their morphological behaviour should be correlated with that of the upstream, reports BSS.

Quoting Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, he said the problem could only be solved through consensus of all the riparian countries - upper and lower - based on justice, equity

amount of planning, however meticulous, could effectively contain the erratic upstream morphological behaviour manmade or otherwise.

Shahjahan was speaking as

3 held in city

By Staff Correspondent Two people were arrested in the city yesterday for possessing knives and crude explosives, reportedly while planning a

Ramna police sources said. Hasan, 25, and Liton, 24, were arrested near the Dhaka Sheraton Hotel. Police recovered

In another drive, Babul, 25, was caught red-handed from the Nilkhet while trying to snatch goods from a passer-by yesterday morning.

function of a three-day international workshop on "Morphological behaviour of the major rivers in Bangladesh" held at a hotel here. Organised by the Ministry of

the Commission of the European Communities (CEC). the inaugural function was also addressed by Secretary of the Ministry M Asafuddowlah, CEC Representative Charge d'Affaires A Goodwin, chief engineer of the Flood Plan Coordination Organisation (FPCO) M H Siddigi. consultant of FAP-15 Dr Manowar Hossain, Director of Surface Water Simulation Modelling Programme Coordination (SWMC) ASMA Khaleque and Principal Scientific Officer of Sparrso A Gafoor.

ratic morphological behaviour of the major rivers coupled with an over abundance of water during the rains and its scarcity during the winter had set in a process of desertification and wide-spread ecological imbalance, causing untold human misery as well as hindrance to sustainable development.

He said international rivers are the heritage of mankind, they do not belong to any country as such and the morphological problems facing Bangladesh should be addressed in that spirit.

largest distributary of the Ganges in Bangladesh, was drying up due to withdrawal of water in the upstream; it might be totally cut off from the Ganges in the near future. Upstream constructions on many rivers were causing problems downstream in Bangladesh resulting in loss of land, he

Shahjahan suggested studies of the morphological behaviour of the major rivers within Bangladesh in conjunction with the problems of river bank erosion and decreasing navigability due to the silting up of river-beds by approximately 2.4 billion metric tons of silt coming from across the border every

Asafuddowlah said "the rivers in Bangladesh are waiting as if in a death row for serial execution by its neighbours and 15 rivers out of 54, big and small, have already been diverted by them." He said in such a situation, Bangladesh should soon find out ways to survive as a nation.

sive morphological study since it was a continuous process for the whole life cycle of a river.

Goodwin said the CEC found it justified to finance the FAP. river survey projects, morphological studies of rivers and protection of Bangladesh from floods and cyclones.

was also brought out in the city.

use of convertibility

Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Slaheddine Khenissi yesterday called for undertaking reforms in the related areas for attaining the objectives of convertibility of Taka, reports BSS.

Khenissi suggested necessary changes in the rules and regulations to ensure quick decisions at the Ministry of Commerce and related organisations for effective use of cur rent convertibility of Taka under trade account.

The IMF representative was making his remarks at a oneday workshop on "Convertibility of Taka - Its understanding and likely effects" organised by the Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB).

He expressed his happiness to note that Taka would also be made convertible under capital accounts from the next fiscal Referring to the comfortable

Jamaat against mid-term polls

KHULNA, Nov 6: Jamaat-e Islami Secretary General Matiur Rahman Nizami MP today said his party did not want any midterm polls, reports UNB.

Addressing a news confer ence at the local Circuit House. the Jamaat leader said. "We want the democratically elected government to complete its term." But he added with regret that many activities of the BNP appeared to be undemocratic.

Nizami said Jamaat-e-Islami was pledge-bound to introduce interest-free loans and an Islamic economy.

Talking on the Farakka issue, he said his party wanted the country's due share of water and a national consensus to solve the problem.

The press conference was also attended by the Party's Assistant Secretary General Qamruzzaman and Ruhul Quddus MP.

Urban dwellers

From Page 1 Col 4 water carriage system and even here only 15 per cent of the dwellers are served with the facility. Forty per cent are served with septic tanks and 15 per cent by pit latrines while 30 per cent have no recognised system of sanitation.

In the district towns, only 22 per cent have access to septic tanks, while coverage in the thana towns is about six per

About solid waste management, the report maintained that the standard and level in the country is poor. The municipalities, which have the responsibilities for collection and disposal of urban wastes, do not have the resources to deal with the situation.

Urban dwellers generate almost 6,000 tonnes of solid waste daily, said the report, expressing doubt whether 20 per cent of these waste are collected. In areas under the Dhaka City Corporation, about 1500 tonnes of solid waste is generated daily, about half of which is carted away and dumped.

The report also mentioned about poor drainage facilities in the urban areas with specific reference to the situation in Dhaka and Chittagong where water stagnates for hours even after only moderate showers.

City violence

From Page 1 Col 5 panic-stricken during the violence. The residents at the NSC hostel ran helter-skelter during the attack. The NDA activists also dam-

aged a number of cars parked in the Baitul Mukarram parking

Reuters' photographer Rafigur Rahman and Azizur Rahim Peu, a staff photographer of the Daily Ittefaq, were also assaulted by the unruly elements. They even snatched away the wrist-watch of Rahman while Peu's camera was also damaged.

Witnesses said police waited

for quite sometime before taking any action to bring the situation under control. When some photographers asked an officer of the Motijheel thana to help rescue the Reuters' photographer, he declined to help, saying that he did not have permission to take action.

position of foreign exchange reserve. Khenissi said Bangladesh could afford to undertake more reforms in the economic and financial sectors.

Khenissi, however, noted that Dhaka was to yet fulfil some conditions under article 8 of the charter of the Fund with regard to introduction of convertibility of the currency.

The workshop conducted by a panel of resource persons was attended by senior and midlevel officials of commercial

IUB President Dr M Majid Khan presented a summary of proceedings of the workshop at its concluding session.

AL emergency meet Nov 9

The Awami League Central Working Committee will meet at an emergency session on Tuesday to discuss measures for making its November 10 sitin at the Secretariat a success. reports UNB.

The sit-in will be enforced around the Secretariat at 10 am to press for a package of demands, which include scrapping of the Indemnity Ordinance, Anti-Terrorism Act. trial of Golam Azam as a war criminal and an end to the "corrupt" rule of the BNP government.

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman has requested members of the central committee to attend the meeting to be held at the party office at 10 am.

An extended meeting of the presidents and general secretaries of the Jatiya Sramik League, the Krishak League, the Chhatra League, the Jubo League and the Mohila Awami League will be held at the party central office at 11 am on Monday. The meeting will discuss ways to make the programnie a success.

WB VP

From Page 1 Col 7 achieving its full potential; that many government agencies are not able to utilise the foreign aid and increased local resources that have been provided to them; and that the public enterprises are losing money or earning only a very small profit on their invest-

"Faster financial sector reform is urgently needed to accelerate economic growth and create jobs for Bangladesh's rapidly growing labour force. Greater private investment depends on improving the returns on private investment by more far-reaching liberalisation of trade and industrial regulations," Wood emphasised in his letter and added that now was a particularly good time to liberalise because Bangladesh's forex reserves are plentiful.

Wood also underscored the need for a faster privatisation and corporatization of stateowned enterprises, saying privatization and corporatization sends a clear signal that the government is committed to support the private sector and will ensure that consumers and businessmen can obtain badly needed services at reasonable prices.

In his correspondence with the PM, Wood also observed that with quicker reform, Bangladesh can achieve a much higher rate of economic growth and a substantial rise in employment and living standards for its people. But, the WB VP warned that if the reform effort is not accelerated. the opportunity to build on the recent improvements in Bangladesh's economic for-

tunes may be lost. During his stay in the capital, the senior WB official is likely to discuss the country's long-term future, the fate of the Flood Action Plan and water resource management, the jute and gas projects, release of the second tranche of the public resource management credit and second industrial sector adjustment credit (ISAC II) and the Jamuna Bridge Project.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, the economic pointsman of Begum Khaleda Zia will, alongwith his cabinet colleagues, brief the visiting World Bank executive on the progress achieved so far by the present government.

to put historical bitterness behind them.

Development of tourism can

This was disclosed by the director of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Warner K Blanc at a seminar in the city yesterday attended by the Minister for Post and Telec-

Organised by the Bangla-

tured. This view was, however, con-

development of tourism.

Auranga sentenced From Page 1 Col 7 killed an army corporal Ali Azam in front of the New Popular Motor workshop near the Sakura restaurant and bar

at Paribag on January 28, 1980 at around 6:30 pm. Azam was assigned to arrest

Auranga who was wanted on several charges. The killing was witnessed by the owner of the Popular Motors Golam Kibria Tipu, who was the principal witness among 13 prosecution witnesses. DGFI driver Fazlul Haq lodged a General Diary with the Cantonment Police Station fol-

lowing the murder. Two defence witnesses were heard during the proceedings. Auranga was chargesheeted in May 1981 but the then authorities suspended proceedings of the case on July 7, 1982 un-

til further orders when Auranga

was in exile in India.

Auranga returned home after the mass upsurge in Nov-December 1990 which ousted President H M Ershad and the case was revived on August 28. Auranga was arrested from Hotel Purbani on October 24.

1992 and the proceedings

started the following month in

the court of Additional District

and Sessions Judge Md Habibul Awal who granted interim bail to the accused. The bail-order was challenged by the prosecution in the

High Court which cancelled the ad interim bail and ordered Tutul killing:

One arrested From Staff Correspondent KHULNA, Nov 6: The Khulna sadar police arrested one Wasique Rahman this morning in connection with the killing of a local Jubo League activist

Farhad Hussain Tutul. Farhad Hussain, 22, was fatally injured during a gunfight and cocktail explosions in and around the local Awami League office yesterday evening and succumbed to his injuries on the way to hospital.

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and international norms. He said, otherwise, no

mugging raid. two cocktails and a knife from their possession.

the chief guest at the inaugural

The women's unit of the Bangladesh AIDS Committee brought out a rally in the city yesterday.

IWFC with the sponsorship of

The state minister said er-

He said many major rivers had dried up due to lack of water supply from their parent sources and the river Gorai, the

He suggested a comprehen-

CEC representative A

Referring to the importance of inter-regional impacts and dependence of the flood action

plan. M H Siddigi said study of rivers' behaviour as a system was necessary to help the government draw up a national Dr. Manowar Hossain said,

inly farmers, are affected each year due to the change of river courses/ and behaviour of the The inaugural session was followed by three paper reading sessions participated by experts from home and abroad.

about one million people, ma-

Cooperatives Day observed The 22nd National Cooperatives Day and Week '93 was observed throughout the

country yesterday with the aim

of promoting cooperative move-

ment and encouraging the co-

operators for capital formation, reports UNB. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder inaugurated the day at Samabaya Sadan in the city by hoisting the national and cooperative flags.

He termed the cooperatives a

"social movement" and re-

marked it unites the people of low income group in a democratic process for their economic development. Later, a big rally of cooperators and cooperative leaders

The rally, led by Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder, started from the Samabaya Sadan and ended at the National Press Club.