## Bill to ban communal politics soon

A private bill will be moved by the Opposition in Parliament seeking ban on communal politics, said Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim.

Talking to UNB yesterday. Nasim said members from both the Treasury and Opposition benches, except Jamaat-e-Islami, spoke in the last session of Parliament calling for ban on the politics of communal forces to consolidate democracy, national independence and sovereignty

He referred to the general discussion in Parliament on the terrorist activities of Jamaat-Shibir following the killing of a student in Rajshahi University, allegedly by Islami Chhatra Shibir.

"We want to see the ruling party's move on the issue during the ensuing session ... If BNP does not take any initiative, we will give notice of bringing a bill to ban communal politics," said Nasim, the Organis-

ing Secretary of Awami League. To a question, he said the move to ban communal politics would be taken on behalf of the Opposition in Parliament.

Parliament will reassemble on November 21

Meanwhile, National Coordination Council of the Nirmul Committee is preparing for their planned march towards Sangsad Bhaban on November 21 to press for demands that include trial of Golam Azam as 'war criminal' and ban on communal politics and on use of religion and places of worship for political purpose.

Nirmul Committee leader Sved Hasan Imam said they would send out appeals to MPs of all parties, except Jamaat-e-Islami, to extend support to their demands.

He said the Coordination Committee is also contemplating to appeal to international fora, including the United Nations, to enact laws for banning communal politics in member

Replying to a question, Hasan Imam said leaders of the Coordination Committee have decided to exchange views with political parties, student organisations and cultural bodies, and seek their active support to the Committee's Sangsad Bhaban march programme.

The Committee leaders will hold meetings with 10 left leaning parties on November 13 and with Awami League on November 14.

Hasan Imam said the November 21 march towards Sangsad Bhaban would be another manifestation of people's demand for implementation of the verdict of 'Gano Adalot' (people's court).

#### Police attack GCO

processionists on DU campus

By DU Correspondent Police lobbed at least 12 teargas shells near the Madhu's canteen in the Dhaka University vesterday when some activists of the Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) reportedly pelted

At the same time some unidentified gunmen fired twice from the western side of the Arts Faculty building at about

them with stones from a pro-

11:45 yesterday morning. This created panic among the students in the area. The situation, however, became normal after about an hour.

## Jute sector reforms ready

From Page 1 Col 7 participation in the telecommunication and gas sectors, he said. But similar progress is lagging in the water supply and power sectors. "We are urging the government to vigorously pursue reform in the power sector," he said.

Although a 'good start' has also been made in the areas of liberalisation and deregulation. he added, the country still has a 'significant' way to go. "We advocate liberalisation and deregulation because it is critical to Bangladesh for moving ahead from a growth level of four per cent to at least six per cent" to make a dent at the

poverty level, he explained. External competitiveness is the only way to expedite growth. he said, and the performance of the local agriculture and garment sectors is very encourag-

ing in dealing with the market

forces.

He noted that although the government had decided to drop licensing requirements at the policy-level, yet in practice various forms of permission are still needed and the government's capacity to deal with procedural bottlenecks remain inadequate.

Project implementation is slowest in Bangladesh compared to all other South Asian countries, as reflected in a recent survey, he said

"It is not a new issue; there hasn't been any degree of improvement (in project implementation).

He identified the primary problems in implementation of projects as procedural problems in the procurement process and inadequate management capability to implement programmes and the government's development agenda. "The government's management capability is inadequate to the task of placing people who are able to break the bottlenecks

From Page 1 Col 7

to co-finance the Jamuna pro-

and implement the reform mea-

Responding to a question about the slow pace of investment in the country, Wood said that the competitiveness issue and the cost of doing business in Bangladesh has to be looked

"Labour strife, unreliability of power supply, labour-management relations and the relations between firms and the government, which involve a degree of tensions and guarded roles — all these hinder investment growth," he added.

On his discussions with the local business community, the World Bank vice president said local investors have expressed their concern about the problems in the financial sector, about the high interest rates and access to local financing. particularly for the companies operating in the Export Processing Zones.

He added that there is a prevailing 'stalemate' where lenders are getting used to a more effective lending procedure and investors are yet to get used to the new procedures.

The business sector, he said, also appeared to be frustrated about the implementation of the government's liberalisation and deregulation agenda.

"There is also a pervasive notion among the private sector that this government doesn't work very well," he added, while

disagreeing with the notion. "The government's reform agenda is not only helpful for the poor but it is also essential."

The key to the success of the reform programme is to build up confidence by implementing the policies over a period of time, he said. "If these programmes are followed through and sustained, I am confident that Bangladesh would be able to move ahead with its development agenda," he concluded.

tives so that investment and

private sector actively can grow

## ComTeq '93

Government High School ground in Barisal yesterday.

from today By Staff Correspondent A three-day exposition of

opment and, above all.

country, she said. The government would provide loans on easy terms to the small farmers wanting to set up dairy and poultry farms. "We have to work hard for ensuring optimum utilisation of the domestic resources. Otherwise, we will never be able to

The Prime Minister said her government had given top priority to primary education which

Begum Zia said under the food-for-education programme five lakh children and seven lakh families would be benefited this year. She said at present gradually.

ment was successfully progressing with the programme of health for all by the year 2000 All the development efforts would be foiled if the population boom was not checked, she

#### Fake cosmetics factory in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: Police here unearthed a fake cosmetics manufacturing factory last night during a raid in the

Police arrested four persons and seized a large quantity of materials used for preparing the spurious goods.

## Khaleda: Hartals

From Page 1 Col 7 Later, Begum Zia distributed wanted to create poverty and poultry birds and livestock pull the nation back from the

> The Prime Minister went to Swarupkathi thana by launch and witnessed the erosion caused by the river.

PID photo

Begum Zia also addressed a big public meeting at the Swarupkathi Government College ground where she called upon the people to involve themselves in the government uplift programmes and carry forward the nation towards the

path of progress and prosperity. She underlined the need for involving women in the development efforts to make the ongoing uplift endeavours more meaningful and effective.

#### UK good trading partner, DCCI chief tells envoy

High Commissioner of the United Kingdom Peter Fowler met with the President and members of the Board of Directors of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at its office here yesterday, reports BSS.

President of DCCI A T M Waziullah briefed the British envoy about the open policy of the government for attracting foreign investment.

Describing the UK as a good trading partner, he said Bangladesh enjoys a favourable trade with Britain. He recalled British aid for development of various sectors of the economy. The share in technical assistance to Bangladesh by the UK is also quite significant. Currently, there are 47 British industrial units in this country he

Fowler lauded parliamentary democracy, macro-economic stability and a highly successful garments sector

He said the privatisation policy needs to be implemented global economic scenario.

## Cancer kills 1.5 lakh every year

By Staff Correspondent

country every year while anannually. This was disclosed by the

Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon

on the eve of the society's annual council that begins in the capital today, Prof Fazlul Hag. president of the organisation. told the newsmen that there were an estimated eight lakh cancer patients in the country.

He warned that the number would double within the next 20 to 25 years because the rate of smoking was gradually increas-

Prof Haq, however, consoled that fifty per cent of these cases were preventable and one third of them were totally curable while the remaining incurable patients could get relief from their sufferings. In this context, he informed the gathering that reduction of deaths from all but lung cancer had been made possible in the developed countries and in some of the

developing nations. Speaking on the prevention of cancer, the Cancer Society president suggested 90 per cent of the cases could be prevented by merely changing life-styles to avoid the causes of the disease. Most of the cases could be cured provided those were detected at the initial stages, he

added. Prof Haq stressed on building awareness among the people about cancer and regretted that detection and treatment facilities were inadequate in the country.

"There is only one cobalt ray machine for 10 crore people whereas the ratio should be 2:1,000,000," he mentioned, adding that the solitary machine, too, was 30 years old. He further said there were only about 40 doctors for eight lakh cancer patients and 153

The cancer society had taken up a project to establish a Bangladesh Cancer Hospital and Welfare Home' and an application for allocation of necessary land was lying with the

He sought cooperation of all concerned for the successful implementation of the project.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas will inaugurate the annual council of the Bangladesh Cancer Society at the National Museum auditorium at 9 this morning. Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf will attend as a special guest while Barrister Moinul Hosein will be the guest of honour.

The news conference was also addressed by society leaders Shahabuddin Mahtab. Mahbubuzzaman and attended by Prof Mirza Mazharul Islam Kafiluddin Mahmud, Prof Shamir Kumar Sharma, Dr AM Khan, Justice Abdul Wadud Chowdhury, Prof M A Hye and Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury

### Panic shopping in Kashmir

Shoppers queued up at stores and markets here today to stock up on provisions ahead of a strike called by Kashmiri Muslim separatist groups to protest the siege of the Hazratbal Mosque, reports AFP.

Thousands of people crowded food shops and vegetable markets in this Kashmir strike shuts down the city again at 4.00 pm (1030 GMT), residents said.

## sit-in a success By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Awami League (AL) Working Committee, in an emergency meeting yesterday, thanked the people for their participation in the party's sit-in demonstration Wednesday braving the impenetrable barricades set up by the

Discussing strategies for a successful hartal from 6 am to 12 noon in the city tomorrow the Working Committee expressed concern at the authority's indiscriminate arrest of party workers and innocent passers-by. The meeting, presided over

by acting party president Abdul Mannan, demanded immediate unconditional release of persons arrested during the sit-in in which about 150 persons were injured and over a hundred arrested.

#### 3 Israeli newsmen detained in Jordan

JERUSALEM, Nov 11: Jordanian border police briefly detained three Israel television journalists who crossed the border today, Israeli army radio and security sources said, reports Reuter.

#### 2 billed in air з кшеа in city

By DMCH Correspondent Three persons including a

young woman were killed in the city yesterday. Mohammadpur police recovered the body of an unidentified

young woman from a bathroom of an under-construction apartment at Dhanmondi yesterday morning. Sources said a maid of the house found a short note which led the police to the bathroom

where the body of the victim with a red scarf around her neck, was dumped. Police suspected that the woman was murdered on

Wednesday night A severely assaulted tenant Abdus Sattar, 42, reportedly beaten up by the hirelings of his landlord at Sutrapur on November 6. succumbed to his injuries yesterday afternoon. A case was lodged with the Sutrapur Police.

Meanwhile, on the outskirts of the city, at Kamrangirchar, another body, identified as that of one Anis, 30, was found in the premises of one Altass house with a slft throat.

The father of the victim filed a case with Lalbagh Police.

### CMC hostels reopen amid tight security

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Nov 11: Hostels of the Chittagong Medical College have reopened today amid tight security with a ban on all kinds of political activities on the campus by the students' organisations.

Over one platoon of police men, most of them in riot gear, have been deployed on the college campus. Classes will resume from Saturday.

Students were allowed to enter the hostels after a check of their identity cards.

#### Prokrichi

From Page 1 Col 8
The council also resolved that the members of the nonadministrative cadre services and the Prokrichi will boycott all district-level government functions coordinated by the

According to the council resolution, they will not even take part in any state-sponsored ceremonial function where the DCs are now entitled to take salute of the paramilitary and police forces. Conventionally, the DCs take

salute of the forces at the district-level parades held in observance of the country's Independence Day and the Victory

Dr Moshtaque Hussain, a central leader of the Prokrichi who was present at yesterday's meeting, told The Daily Stat that the council felt the districtlevel elected representative of the people should take the, salute. On the question of the ap-

pointment of returning officers,

the Prokrichi leader said that when the DCs and the TNOs are given the responsibilities of conducting an election, there are always chances of administrative manipulation. "The politicians often accuse the government of influencing the election results through the administrations," Dr Moshtaque said, adding: "Our proposal would definitely help the Election Commission to make the polls non Fontroversial."

The council will submit a memorandum on this issue to the Chief Election Commissioner within a week, the Prokrichi leader said.

Replying to a question, Moshtaque said they have taken the decision keeping the forthcoming Zila Parishad elections and the December 16 Victory Day celebrations in mind.

The meeting was presided

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#### New UN sanctions on Libya

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 11: The UN Security Council today imposed new sanctions against Libya for refusing to surrender two suspects accused of the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am Airliner over Scotland.

The vote on the resolution, which takes effect December 1. was 11 in favour, none opposed and four abstentions in the 15member council. The abstentions were by China, Djibouti, Morocco and Pakistan, reports Reuter

#### Pope taken to hospital

ROME. Nov 11: Pope John Paul was taken to hospital for more X-rays today after he tripped on the hem of his robe and fell during an audience at the Vatican, the ANSA news agency said. Earlier on Thursday, Vatican sources said an X-ray of the pope's left arm revealed no fracture, reports Reuter.

## 'Dhaka-Pyongyang ties strong'

Chang Chol, vice premier of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), flew in here yesterday on a six-day visit and said the visit symbolises the close character of relationship that exists between his country and Bangladesh, reports BSS. "Our relations are bound by

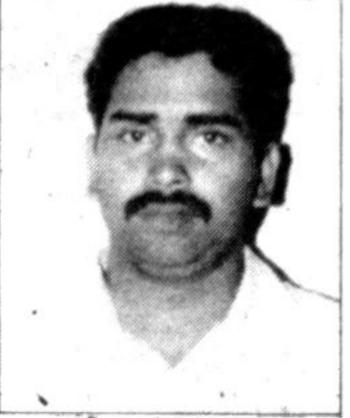
manifold common factors and we value the ties with Bangladesh," he told newsmen at the airport.

State Minister in charge of Cultural Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum received the DPRK dig-

Chol is leading a five-mem

#### Jinnah murder

From Page 1 Col 8 the JCD - the students' wing of the ruling BNP. Three university staff- Abdus Sattar. Haider Ali and Abdul Alim suffered bullet wounds as Jinnah's assailants fired indiscriminately.



Sayeed Sohrab

Among eleven accused of the murder, only Sohrab has been arrested while ten others -Swapan Tarafdar, Sohel. Tinku. Titu. Rafi, Alam, Mamun, Iman, Rafiq and another youngman whose name could not be known, are still at large. On the following day of the

murder, Sayeed Sohrab, Rabiul Islam Lablu (plaintiff of the murder case). Ruhul Alam Mahbub Manik, Swapan Tarafdar and Mamun were expelled from the JCD.

Jinnah was a final year student of the Food and Nutrition Institute of the Dhaka University while Sohrab was a final year student of Philosophy of the university.

#### Pak N-plan From Page 1 Col 5

presidential elections on Saturday where Bhutto's candidate and Sharif's are neck-and-neck in the race. Bhutto's announcement

followed the visit to Pakistan by Robin Raphel, Assistant US Secretary of State for South Asia. Diplomatic sources said Raphel made no breakthrough on the principal issues of Pakistan's nuclear programme nor the Indo-Pakistani conflict over Kashmir. Diplomats here say that the

Pakistani army is the final guardian of the country's nuclear programme. "If Pakistan agrees to roll

back, it will only be if the army agrees to roll back," one diplomat said

efforts to face the challenges to improve the quality of life of people under the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda "We in our country have made progress through hard labour and it is nice to hear that Bangladesh is making similar efforts," the vice premier

The vice premier, who is also

the Minister for Culture and

Arts, said he was aware that

Bangladesh is making relentless

The cultural cooperation between the two countries would be a major area of discussions during his stay here. Chol said.

Answering questions, the vice premier said cultural matters and other issues of common interest would feature in his talks here.

Replying to another question. Chol said his country wants to resolve North Korea's nuclear issue through "dialogue and peaceful means."

#### Gold smuggling

From Page 1 Col 5 Bangladesh Airlines has been promoted and rewarded Tk 5,000 as a recognition of his honest and courageous act Wednesday.

Meanwhile. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan yesterday visited the Biman security unit at the Zia International Airport to boost the morale of the security personnel and lauded the role of Moslem Ali.

He urged the security people to be vigilant and dedicate \*themselves to their duties.

Mannan assured that the security unit would be modernised to cope with the growing needs of the times.

#### UNHCR From Page 1 Col 4

at both sides.

\* "The large-scale repatriation is expected to start sometime this winter since we prefer the dry season for the purpose", he said, adding that as many refugees as possible will be repatriated before the next

The MOU signed in Yangon provides three phases of the repatriation plan - movement. resettlement and integration. The UNHCR spokesman said that some infrastructural arrangement will have to be build up along the border for the reception of refugees in Myanmar.

"Our first point is the adequate arrangement of reception at the border - once we are satisfied with the arrangements, the process of large-scale repatriation will start," he added.

Five reception-camps will operate to receive the refugees under the supervision of the UNHCR.

The UNHCR is also laying much importance on proper rehabilitation of the repatriated refugees in Myanmar. For the purpose, the recent MOU outlines various inputs, such as infrastructure, food supplies, housing and community pro-

## বাংলাদেশ তার ও টেলিফোন বোর্ড একটি বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

রাজধানী ঢাকায় আই.এস.ডি টেলিফোন সংযোগের জন্য আবেদনকারী সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, যাঁরা অক্টোবর '৯৩ এর মধ্যে দরখান্ত করেছেন তাঁদের ঠিকানায় নভেম্বর '৯৩ এর মধ্যেই ডাকযোগে দাবীনামা প্রেরন করা হবে। তাছাড়া, যাঁরা নন–আই.এস.ডি থেকে আই.এস.ডিতে রূপান্তর করার জন্য অক্টোবরে দরখান্ত করেছেন তাঁদেরকৈও উল্লেখিত সময়ে ডাক্যোগে দাবীনামা প্রেরণ করা হবে।

যে সকল গ্রাহক নির্দিষ্ট সময়ে দাবীনামা পরিশোধ করবেন, সেগুলোর সংযোগ দেয়ার ব্যবস্থা পর্যায়ক্রমে আগামী মার্চ/এপ্রিল '৯৪ এর মধ্যে সম্পন্ন করা হবে।

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#### most of his time at yesterday's wrap-up discussions trying to convince Wood about the justi-Begum Khaleda Zia. He held fications of the country's vital several rounds of discussions jute sector adjustment credit. He reportedly told the WB official that once known as the 'golden fibre,' jute had played

Jamuna Bridge

country's struggle for indepenand reform programmes. Rahman said it was an inseparable part of the Bangladeshi culture, economy politics and heritage. Wood also assured Rahman of the WB's prompt action to present the jute sector adjust-

ment credit to the executive di-Dr Moyeen Khan. rectors. Rahman also sought the WB's assistance for the con-Processing Zone, selected struction of feeder road networks throughout the country. women's programmes, health and educational projects and The WB official said that he exchanged views with selected would look into the matter. exporters, businessmen and Wood highly appreciated the

efforts of the present government to improve Bangladesh's overall economic performance and to expand the social programmes that were so crucial to people's welfare and their long run economic future. "There is now a clear oppor-Bangladesh.

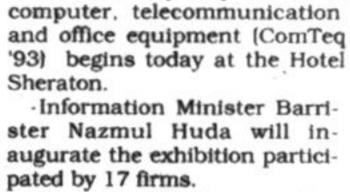
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at a much faster pace', Wood Rahman, sources said, spent The WB executive, during his stay in Bangladesh, made a courtesy call on Prime Minister

with the Finance Minister, who is the current chairman of the Board of Governors of the WB-IMF Group, and reviewed the an instrumental role in the on-going development activities Wood also held discussions with Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Com-

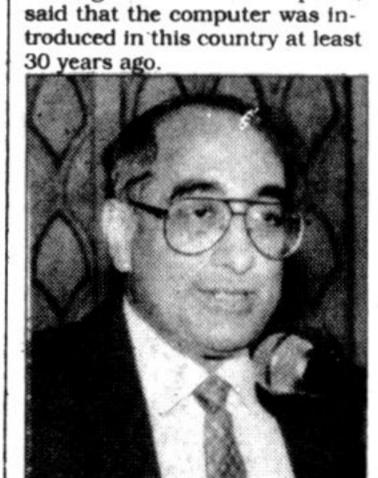
merce Minister Shamsul Islam, Energy Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan and State Minister for Planning He visited various industrial units at the Chittagong Export

ambassadors. Rahman, economic points man of Begum Zia, listed various measures undertaken by the present government and asked the WB executive to gear up the lending operations of the Bretton Woods institutions in



Organisers of the exposition yesterday hosted a reception to explain the aims and objectives of the exposition. Eminent computer scientist Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, as

chief guest at the reception,



Dr J. R. Chowdhury

"That second generation computer was the first in the region, but we are lagging behind and now we are only ahead of Bhutan. He said that computer

telecommunication and office

equipment are three islands of

technology, but these are grad-

ually merging. Chowdhury, who was in charge of the computer centre at BUET, said there is no other way but to join these information technologies for the devel-

opment of the country.

He said that such exposition should be an annual event to popularise the equipment. The exhibition will remain open for traders, professionals

#### and the public from 10 am to 2 pm everyday. Foreign experts may

probe Pak NA blaze ISLAMABAD, Nov 11: The Pakistan government said today foreign experts might be associated with a judicial probe into the blaze which gutted the parliament building here this week.

reports AFP. Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto appointed a judicial commission and a parliamentary committee to make sepa-

rate enquiries and said the building would be rebuilt. National Assembly Speaker Yusuf Raza Gilani said repairs would cost about five million

#### dollar and take seven months.

NCBs' branches From Page 1 Col 5 folio management. This signifies that the NCBs are coming out of the shock of capital wipeout following introduction of loan classification. Sources in the Finance Ministry added that the current practice of annual loan classification may be substituted by semi-annual

classification in the future. The NCBs, which were considered to be notoriously slack in loan recovery, are doing quite well in this area now, The Finance Ministry set a target of recovery of Tk 346.46 crores from one hundred largest defaulters by July 1993. The NCBs have exceeded this target by recovering Tk 443.44 crores. The NCBs' loan recovery drive was helped by quick and strong support from the legal machin-

making NCBs branches is being viewed as a major step in making the NCBs leaner so that they can complete with the private sector banks for business. The government believes that such competition will be good for the economy. The government has already set up a committee chaired by the Bangladesh Bank Governor to advise it on permitting some new commercial banks and financial institutions in the private sector.

The plan for closure of loss

#### among the destitute people of path of progress and prosperthe areas.

The Prime Minister said the BNP government believed in a democracy which would ensure the people's basic rights, develpeaceful and secured life. Her government was working relentlessly to make such a democracy work smoothly in the

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting at the Banaripara

achieve the target of self-reliance," she said.

had already been made compul-

the programme had been taken up in one union of each of the 460 thanas but the number of unions would be increased Begum Zia said the govern-

From Staff Correspondent

Kadamtoli area of the city.

# in the context of the changing

One lakh fifty thousand people die of cancer in the other two lakh are attacked

Bangladesh Cancer Society at a news conference held at the Addressing the conference

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SRINAGAR (India), Nov 11:

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