

Members of the Prokrichi who observed an 8-hour token hunger strike at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh in Star photo the city yesterday.

Motivate people against terrorism: Khaleda

Expressing her firm belief

Begum Zia called upon the

she said poverty could be allevi-

ated to a large extent if the pro-

grammes were properly imple-

local leaders to motivate the

people to accept family planning

methods saying that the suc-

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grammes depended on popula-

to strengthen the organisation

at grass roots level to carry for-

ward the development efforts of

number of programmes, includ-

ing education, and asked the

people to set up pisciculture,

poultry and dairy farms as well

as small and cottage industries

to increase production and

make the country self-reliant.

opportunities," she added.

"It will also create a lot of job

Keramat Ali, State Minister for

Education Principal Yunus

Khan, State Minister for Irri-

gation Mosharraf Hossain

Shahjahan, Raushan Ara Hena

MP, standing committee mem-

ber Abdul Baten, Patuakhali

district BNP GS Abdur Rab and

other local leaders of the organ-

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US visa

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to Washington. He also men-

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the countries whose percentage

of immigrant population is

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Religious Affairs Minister M

The Prime Minister listed a

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the government.

Prime Minister Begum at improving the lot of Khaleda Zia yesterday asked commonman and alleviating her party workers to motivate the people against terrorism and indiscipline being created

by the Opposition, reports UNB. "The Opposition is mislead ing the people through false propaganda to malign the democratic government," she said addressing a group of people who came from Patuakhali to join the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) at Sugandha last

"Politicians have an important responsibility to encourage and motivate the people in making the country self-reliant," she told the teachers and politicians of Baufal and Boga

Former VP of Patuakhali JSD unit S M Hiru, former NAP leader of Boga union Abdur Rashid Sikder, Baufal union chairman Abdul Jalil Talukder Headmaster of Sabupur High School and workers of different political parties joined the BNP yesterday.

The Prime Minister accused that the Opposition instead of giving the hard-earned democ racy an institutional shape was trying to create anarchy across the country. "They are destroying public and private property by calling unnecessary hartals. she alleged

Pointing to the development efforts of her government. Begum Zia said they were aimed

SMC student From Page 1 Col 5

earlier in the morning to meet a friend and was on her way to the SMC

A brilliant student having secured First Division marks in her SSC and HSC exams Parvin began her first-year classes at the medical college only in August last.

A pall of gloom and grief descended on the family residence at Naya Paltan yesterday. Some shocked family members were speechless. Others were wailing and sobbing uncontrollably. Parvin was the third among four sisters and a brother.

Her namaz-e-janaza was held at the Naya Paltan mosque after post-mortem examinations at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. She was later buried at the Azimpur graveyard.

Police seized the killer truck from near the Chandkharpool area but was unable to arrest the driver.

However, some four hours later the traffic police arrested the truck driver Md Shahjahan Miah, 35, from the Gabtali area A case was lodged with the

Ramna police. Soon after the accident angry SMC students brought out a procession, which was later joined by the DMC and the Dental College Students. They marched towards the National

Press Club. The agitating students went on a rampage, stoning and smashing a number of trucks and buses along the way. They also beat up a truck driver and damaged two trucks and a bus near the Foreign Office at

around noon The medical students later held a rally in front of the Press Club and declared a token strike today in all the medical colleges of the country.

Speakers at the rally also demanded the immediate arrest and punishment of the truck driver and urged the authorities to ban the entry of trucks in the city during the daytime.

A mourning meeting is also scheduled for 11 this morning at the SMC campus.

Different organisations condemned the death of the SMC student. They include the SMC Teachers' Association, Sandhani, the SMC Reporters' Association and the Bangladesh Chhatra League.

The non-administrative civil servants and the professionals including engineers, agriculturists and doctors in government service (Prokrichi) yesterday observed an eight-hour token hunger strike in the city to ter of demands for administrative reforms.

Several hundred government officials and professionals began the fast at 9 am at the Institute of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) premises and broke it at 5 pm.

Selina Akhter. 60. mother of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon who embraced martyrdom during the democratic movement against the Ershad regime in 1990, offered a glass of fruit juice to Prokrichi chairman Dr M A Majed to break the token day-long fast.

Political leaders, Parliament members of both the ruling and opposition parties, leaders of different socio-cultural organisations and student communities came to the IEB premises to express their solidarity with their 17-point movement.

The leaders of these organisations who addressed the fasting officials and professionals included Mujahidul Islam Selim of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Hasanu Huq Inu of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Khaleguzzaman of the Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal (BSD), L K Siddiki MP and Dr A K M Qumruzzaman MP of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Dr Kazi Abu Yousuf of the Awami League (AL), Barrister Amirul Islam of the Gano Forum, Fayez Ahmed of the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote and Advocate Mahbub-e-Alam of the Supreme Court Bar Association

Sleeping bank

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Meanwhile, in an extraordi nary move, 230 members of the Parliament (MPs), in a joint recommendation to the Finance Minister, have demanded that the Sundarban Bank be given the necessary clearance to start operation.

Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, Shaikh Razzak Ali, in a personal request to the Finance Minister, also reportedly recommended that the Sundarban Bank be allowed to func-

If allowed to operate, the bank would have a Taka 40 crore paid up capital with Tk 20 crore as the sponsors' contribution. The authorised capital of the bank would be Tk 300 crore.

Medical test for BCS candidates

The tests will be held in different batches in 12 working days till December 8 at Midford Hospital, Institute of Cardiovascular Disease and Hospital, PG and Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Bangladesh Public Service Commission is sending letters to the candidates, referring to

CPB MP

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to follow suit, sources added

-It may be required of persons selected for registration and further processing to pay a

processing fee. -Each person is strictly limited to only one application October. for registration. Submission of more than one application will automátically disqualify the

person for registration. -Winning applications will be selected at random by computer. There is no way that an applicant or other person can influence the chances for selec-

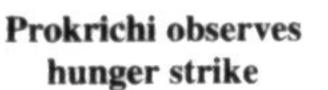
-Visas will be made available on a regional basis using a formula which considers the region's population and total immigration to the United States during the previous five

-There will be a maximum upper limit of 3,850 DV-1 immigrant visas available for issuance to nationals of any one country in one year, no matter how many nationals of that country have applied for and

been selected for registration. -The US Embassy in Dhaka will make every effort to provide reliable, up-to-date information on the DV-1 programme at all times, the press release stated.

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By Staff Correspondent press home their 17-point char-

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Medical tests for the temporarily selected candidates of the 13th BCS examination. 1992-93, will begin from November 25, reports UNB.

the medical boards.

Mozahar was not available in the city for comments since he was busy organising the planned meeting and to receive the PM in his area. However, Nazir Hossain, another MP of the CPB who joined the ruling party only last month, con-

firmed Mozahar's decision. Nazir's own changing of party allegiance was announced at a public meeting, attended by the Prime Minister, at his Sunamgani constituency in mid-

Nazir Hossain and Mozahar Hossain are two of the five CPB MPs who were elected on the Awami League's election symbol the boat.

Of the three other CPB MPs. Dabirul Islam is actively considering joining the AL while Mohammad Yusuf, who was included in the recently-launched Gano Forum's central body is also reported to be now preferring the AL, close associates of

the two told The Daily Star. Shamsuddoha, the other CPB legislator, became a central leader of the Gano Forum by merging his faction of the CPB with the Forum.

When contacted last night, Dabirul Islam said he would meet the AL chief and Leader of he Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina on her return from China and discuss with her his joining the party.

"I am already in the AL and my formal joining can take place at any moment", he said. Justifying his decision.

Dabirul said he was indebted to the AL since the party's symbol had helped him win the polls twice. Besides, he added, the AL was the biggest pro-Liberation party in the country and the most important political task in the country now was to resist the anti-Liberation forces.



outside the Dhaka Central Jail gate yesterday. The BSEHR helped secure his release. Star photo

Another top Arafat aide shot dead

SIDON, Nov 15: Gunmen shot and killed the top official of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement in Lebanon today, security sources said, reports Reuter.

Mouin Shabaytah died in hospital after being hit by seven bullets when his car was riddled by sub-machinegun fire in the port city of Sidon, 40 km (25 miles) south of Beirut.

The unidentified assailants fled and there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Shabaytah, 58, was the second senior Fatah official to be

shot in south Lebanon in less than a week. Meanwhile, Israel and the PLO resumed talks today on an Israeli withdrawal from the

Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho. A PLO official said the talks were going on at a secret Cairo

The Israeli embassy, the PLO mission and Egypt's Foreign Ministry all refused to say whether the meeting had

Jackson 'hiding' in French Alps

PARIS. Nov 15: Michael Jackson, who dropped from sight after saying he was addicted to painkillers and cancelling his worldwide concert tour, is in the French Alps near Switzerland, hotel and tourist officials said Monday, reports

Jackson has been at the ski resort of Avoriaz in the Haute-Savoi region of southern France for a few days, said the director general of the hotel where the reclusive pop star has been

staying. Jackson's stay had been kept secret because the pop star 'needed a certain amount of discretion,' said Albin Marchesseau, director of the Marchesseau hotel group that runs the Hotel Les Dromonts.

The Morzine-Avoriaz Tourist Office announce Jackson's presence in a communique Monday evening. But a spokeswoman of the Tourist Office reached by telephone said she could not confirm the singer was there.

There was a rumour but we can't confirm anything,' said the spokeswoman, who refused to give her name.

But she said Les Dromonts is a luxury hotel frequented by film and recording stars. Morzine and Avoriaz are re-

sorts in the French Alps, 900 kilometers southeast of Paris.

started. But the official, who requested anonymity, said in late afternoon that the sixth round of talks had been going on for more than two hours.

Diplomats had expected the meeting to start at noon (1000

They said the negotiators. led by PLO strategist Nabil Sha'ath and Israeli Major-General Amnon Shahak, would be trying to define 'Jericho' and agree how many Israeli troops can remain in Gaza to protect 3,000 Jewish settlers.

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The two sides are struggling to reach agreement in time for an Israeli withdrawal to start as scheduled on December 13.

They are holding the talks in secret to avoid the media, which they complain has embarrassed both sides by presenting compromises as concessions Earlier rounds were held in the small Egyptian resort of Taba. where it was impossible to hide from reporters.

Leghari decorates US general

ISLAMABAD, Nov 15: Pakistan President Farooq Leghari conferred a military award on visiting US General Merril McPeak at the presidential palace today, reports Xinhua.

The award was conferred in recognition of General McPeak's personal efforts for the improvement of relations between the US and Pakistan and the Air Forces of the two countries. an official handout said.

Mona murder

From Page 1 Col 8 and Mahbubul Alam Mamun of

the killing Charges under Sections 302. 394 and 34 of the penal code were brought against the accused when the case was first placed before the court on Oc-

tober 6 last. On the first day of hearing the recording officer and the then Sub-Inspector of Police of Kotwali thana Dhiren Mohapatra were produced as wit-

nesses. The witnesses were not examined by the defence because Jongi's lawyer was absent on

the day. The court appointed APP Md Maynuddin as State defence for the other accused — Mahbubul Alam Mamun — since there was no lawyer to represent the second accused either.

January 9, 1994 has been fixed as the next date of hear-

Hazratbal siege

From Page 1 Col 4 nagar, the Kashmir summer capital, had called on the population today to march on Hazratbal mosque to force a lifting of the siege. Indian troops shot dead

more than 50 demonstrators on October 22 and only a few token protests took place here today. The Press Trust of India (PTI)

reported meanwhile that 13 people were killed in clashes between Kashmiri Muslim separatists and Indian troops in the Kashmir valley on Sunday and today. AP adds: Indian forces shot

and killed 12 militants today as

they tried to enter Jammu-

Kashmir state from neighboring Pakistan, the military said. The shootout occurred in Kargil, a mountainous district of the state that is 200 kilometers west of Srinagar, the sum-

Meanwhile British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd told India Monday it cannot rest on a 45-year-old treaty to resolve the Kashmir dispute and must

negotiate with Pakistan. Hurd's statement could put him in the middle of a diplomatic row between India and the United States,

Ex-VP of Dhaka College held By Staff Correspondent

Former Vice President of the Dhaka College Central Students' Union Mir Newaj Ali was arrested yesterday by the Lalbagh thana police. He was accused in a case filed with the Gulshan thana under the Anti-Terrorism Act. Police said that Newaj was involved in toll collection and terrorism since long in the city.

Falu Miah is free again!

Staff Correspondent

Falu Miah, the modern-day Count of Monte Cristo who languished for long 21 years in the Dhaka Central Jail, is at last a free man.

Fifty-plus-years old Falu. convicted of a dacoity and kept without a charge long after the completion of his sentence, was brought to the court of the District and Sessions Judge. Dhaka, Abdus Salam, yesterday and set at liberty.

Falu, who made the headlines after his tragic case came to light Sunday, was also granted bail by the judge regarding two unspecified cases against him. Elina Aziz. a lawyer representing the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR), moved the petitions for bail on Falu's behalf

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Director (Investigation) Saiful Islam Dildar of the BSEHR and Elina Aziz received a dishevelled Falu Miah at the jail gate and

took him to the BSEHR office. A poor day labourer of Savar, Falu Miah last visited a court in 1977 when he was sentenced and convicted by a special military court in the dacoity case. He was put behind

bars in August, 1972. Son of late Lal Chand of vil lage Salehpur, near Amin Bazar under Savar thana. Falu has developed asthma and other complications during his more tham 21 years of confinement.

Hearing of Chanpa Murder case

resumes From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 15: Hearing of the sensational Fauzia Rahman Chanpa murder case resumed today at the court of District and Sessions Judge Mominul Huq. The hearing will continue for three days.

Three witnesses were exam ined today. They are Chanpa's husband Shahidul Alam and doctors of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Dr Rafiqui Islam and Dr Liaquat Ali Khan. Chanpa's son Khairul Alam, 6, who accompanied his father, was also produced before the court.

The first phase of the hearing continued for five days from October 16. Twenty-one witnesses have been examined till yesterday. The prosecution was represented by Abdul Majid Munshi, Special PP, and Muklesur Rahman, PP.

The accused was defended by Sirajul Huq and Mahbub Hussain.

Dhaka eligible From Page 1 Col 5 proved the draft of Nationalised

Manufacturing Industrial Workers (conditions of service) Act 1993 to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of the National Wages and Productivity Commission.

The act was proposed by the Ministry of Labour and Man-

meeting

Ministers, State ministersin-charge of different ministries and divisions attended the

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Cyclone claims 3 in Karachi

KARACHI. Nov 15: At least three fishermen died and 10 were reported missing as tropical cyclone 1-a moved on off the Karachi coast Monday, the Meteorological office and ambulance sources said. The three were killed when a wall collapsed on a boat in the harbour area and two others were seriously injured. ambulance sources said, reports AFP.

6 killed in Afghan fighting

ISLAMABAD, Nov 15: At least six people were killed and 10 injured as the Afghan capital Kabul came under a heavy rocket attack late today state run radio Kabul reported. The broadcast monitored here said a barrage of 85 rockets slammed the residential districts in Kabul. The attack was the first after a luli lasting several months, reports AFP.

Cuban refugees steal plane

MIAMI. Nov 15: About a dozen Cuban refugees stole an airplane and flew it to freedom today. landing at dawn at the Opa-Locka Airport outside Miami, local radio reported. The Cubans appeared to be family members of the pilot and co-pilot, according to a Cuban American National Foundation spokesman quoted on local radio. The Cubans were taken into custody by US authorities, reports Reuter.

Saifur in Tokyo

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, leading a six-member delegation, arrived in Tokyo yesterday on a four-day official visit of Japan, reports UNB.

Rahman was received at the Narita Airport by Ambassador Mahbubul Huq. Economic Minister of Bangladesh Embassy S M Shahjahan, senior representatives and Foreign Ministry officials of Japan, said an official handout issued in Dhaka

During his visit, the Finance Minister will meet his Japanese counterpart Hirohiza Fuji, Chief Cabinet Secretary, Parliamen tary Vice Minister of Miti. Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Vice Minister for International Economic Affairs and Economic Planning Agency

Saifur Rahman, who is Chairman elect of the Board of Governors of the World Bank and IMF, is also expected to meet the President of the Asian Development Bank, Chairman of the Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) and

From Page 1 Col 5 this month. The report is likely to clearly indicate that human error — meaning pilot's fault was the main cause of the mishap.

Biman DC-10

"We are giving the final touches to the report," one member of the seven-man body told The Daily Star, requesting anonymity "The DC-10 accident was identical to the recent accident

of a China Airlines (Taiwanese)

aircraft in Hong Kong," the source said. "Both aircraft overshot the runway during landing in bad weather Chairman of the committee Group Captain (Retd) Nazmul Hug Chowdhury, who is the Member (Operation), Civil Avia tion Authority of Bangladesh

mitted soon. He did not elaborate. The captain, the co-pilot and flight engineer of the ill-fated aircraft have remained groun-

ded since the accident.

(CAAB) said that the inves-

tigation report would be sub-

Chairman of the Japan Cham ber of Commerce and Industry.

Members of his delegation

are Executive Director of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMBA) M Muha mmad Ali, Industries Secretary A H M Abdul Hye, Secretary of the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry M Faizur Razzaque, Additional Secretary of External Relations Division Dr Saadat Hossain and Dr Jamilur Reza Chowdhury.

consultant of JMBA Defence of Taka

From Page 1 Col 4 these cost push pressures on competitiveness can be eased immediately is devaluation.

The World Bank's argument has one flaw, however Devaluation will make the price of Bangladeshi exports more attractive at current cost. But what is the guarantee that devaluation itself will not raise this cost? After all, export industries as well as the industries servicing these are import dependent to various extent Devaluation will increase their import costs as well as the Taka cost of servicing their foreign

The defences that the Fi nance Minister is putting up against the Bank's pressure to devalue are presumably the uncertainty attached to the immediate effect of devaluation and the programme at hand to raise Bangladeshi industries

competitiveness through trade liberalisation. Minister Rahman's trade liberalisation programme has reduced average tariff rates leading to cost saving for many industries. But Bangladesh's competitors in the global market are taking similar measures. If Bangladesh cannot match this, the deciding factor will be the trend in price of inputs like power and utilities and of wages. If wage rate increases outpace productivity growth and if utility prices cannot be lowered Bangladeshi exports will face an uphill battle and, ultimately, the present defences for the external value of the

Taka will crumble.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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