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The Awami League will hold a public meeting at the Bangabandhu Avenue today at 4 pm in memory of Jahana Imam who expired recently. Party chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting, reports UNB.

Iraqi envoy
hosts reception

Zuhair M. Salib, Charge d'Affaires of Iraq in Bangladesh, held a reception yesterday in celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Revolution Day of Iraq, reports BSS.



BLUE CROSS
SCORE BOARD



THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF RESULT

Game : Sweden 4 : Bulgaria 0
Scorers: Sweden Tomas Brolin 8th:
Hakan Mild 30th; Henrik Larsson 37th;
Kennet Andersson 40th

MATCH STATISTICS

	Sweden	Bulgaria
Goals	4	0
Shots on goal	16	21
Fouls	11	13
Corners	3	5
Offsides	6	3
Yellow cards	1	1
Red cards	0	0

100% FULL CREAM SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK

Koirala faces expulsion from party today

KATHMANDU, July 17: The central committee of the ruling Nepali Congress (NC) will meet tomorrow to discuss whether any actions would be taken against Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala for his role in dissolving the House of Representatives, reports AFP.

The dissolution of parliament has caused massive demonstrations and plunged the country into political crisis.

The NC party president, Krishna Prasad Bhattarai, and its general-secretary, Mahendra Narayan Nidhi, said today two-thirds of the committee's members were unhappy with Koirala.

"Stern action should be taken against Koirala for his treacherous role against the democratic system of government in Nepal," Nidhi said.

Koirala, however, claimed it was his right to advise the King, who called for new elec-

tions on November 13.

Dismayed at the prospect of his expulsion from the NC, Koirala sought to his party president, Bhattarai, and colleagues to hold the forthcoming mid-term polls unitedly in

"The best interest of democracy and the Nepali Congress, the Prime Minister told reporters.

"If the NC can contest the elections unitedly, our party will win with a thumping majority," he said.

"But if we cannot get united, nothing would be more unfortunate," Koirala said.

Koirala resigned July 10 after losing a crucial parliamentary debate on his government's annual socio-economic and political programme.

The King asked Koirala to continue in office until elections are held, which he asked the prime minister to oversee.

The King's decision to dissolve parliament has angered all the major political parties in the 205-seat house of parliament.

Just before the Prime Minister resigned, 86 members, including leftist groups, had voted against his government's annual programme, while 43 other members were absent during the vote.

Only 74 MPs had supported Koirala's programme.

The Nepali Congress (NC) party had 112 seats in the Lower House while the NCP-UML had 68 members.

An NC source said: "The Prime Minister is demanding the NC president to take sternest action against the 36 dissident ex-NC MP who had abstained from the voting

The 36 dissident ex-MPs are demanding harsh action against Koirala for his unilateral action leading to the dissolution of the elected house without prior permission from the NC president.

The chairman of the National Council (upper house) and treasurer of the NC, Beni Bahadur Karki, expressed doubts about whether the mid-term polls could be held at all.

He alleged that Koirala had exceeded party boundary lines by breaking discipline and had advised the King to dissolve parliament without party consent or knowledge.

Participants in the fair, to be held at the Soving Centre in

Moscow, are likely to receive orders from the buyers and sign contracts.

Samples of garments, fabrics, jute and jute goods, carpet, handcraft, melamine products, tableware, leather, leather goods and some other products will be on display at the fair.

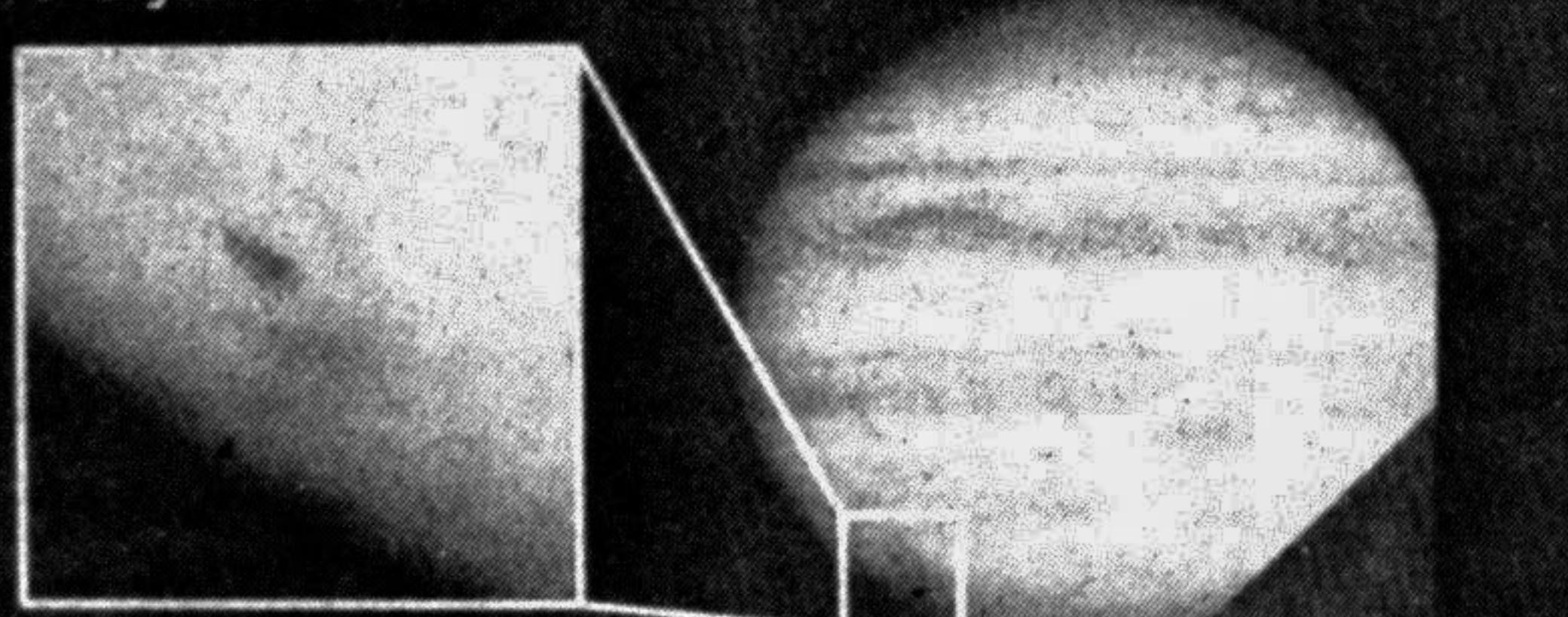
The export houses expected to participate in the fair include Bangladesh Melamine Industries Ltd, Apex Footwear Ltd, Knit Fashion Ltd, Doel Group of Industries, Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation, Helena Enterprise, and Romy Textile Mills.

Bangladesh earned 26.3 million US dollars from its exports to Russia in fiscal 1992-93. The earning stood at 25.8 million dollars in the first nine months of fiscal 93-94.

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Jupiter 16 July 1994

AFTER
Impact site
enlarged and enhanced



Hubble Space Telescope Wide Field Planetary Camera 2

Image of Jupiter's cloud tops after the impact of the first fragment (A) of comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 on Saturday. A violet (410 nm) filter of the wide field Camera 2 of the Hubble Space Telescope was used to make the image which was taken in Washington at 21.32 GMT Saturday, 90 minutes after the impact.

— AFP photo

Dhaka, N'ganj municipalities owe Tk 74cr to Rajuk

Star Report

The Dhaka City Corporation and the Narayanganj Municipality together owe a total of Tk 1.94 crore in contribution to RAJUK while Narayanganj Municipality owes Tk 1.81 crore, as arrear contribution and other development costs, to the Rajdhani Unnayan Karitapkha (RAJUK).

Meanwhile, RAJUK's total expenditure in fiscal 1993-94 stood at Tk 79.86 crore compared with Tk 36.48 crore in fiscal 1992-93. The total comprises revenue expenditure of Tk 7.46 crore and capital expenditure of Tk 72.40 crore as against Tk 5.89 crore and Tk 30.58 crore respectively in the previous year.

Of the arrear dues, the DCC owes the lion's share of Tk 71.86 crore to RAJUK on account of mandatory contributions, price of allotted land and the costs of markets handed over to it.

Both the DCC and Narayanganj Municipality are required to pay 1.5 per cent of the total property tax collected by them to RAJUK as contribution as per law.

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Palestinian policemen watching workers coming back home at a road-block leading to the crossing point to Israel as smoke blows from buses set ablaze by Palestinians at the Frez Check Point in Gaza yesterday.

— AFP photo

Anti-Rabbani forces rocket Kabul : 11 die

KABUL, July 17: Opponents of Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani rained rockets on the capital Kabul overnight, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 40, a spokesman for presidential forces said on Sunday, reports Reuter.

More than 100 Palestinians were wounded in the clashes, the bloodiest since PLO chairman Yasser Arafat launched Palestinian self-rule.

Thousands took part in the violence around two adjacent checkpoints, one of which is controlled by Palestinian police and the other, just before the Erez crossing into Israel, by Israeli troops.

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Israeli troops gun down 5 Palestinians in Gaza

GAZA, July 17: Israeli troops shot dead five Palestinians in a riot today at the crowded exit-point for workers going to Israel from the new self-rule area in the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian official said, reports Reuter.

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First chunk of comet leaves earth-sized mark on Jupiter

BALTIMORE, July 17: A fragment of the doomed comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 made an earth-sized mark on Jupiter, whetting astronomic appetites for 20 more mini-comets expected to collide with the great planet this week, reports Reuter.

Fragment A, thought to be one of the smallest of the 21 pieces of the comet, slammed into Jupiter's surface around 2018 GMT in the beginning of what astronomers are calling a once-in-a-millennium occurrence.

Speeding toward Jupiter at 138,000 miles an hour, the fragment caused an explosion on impact that rose about 600 miles above the planet's surface and was seen by telescopes in Spain and Chile and confirmed by the first images from the orbiting Hubble space telescope, which were shown at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore.

The black-and-white picture showed the explosion as a light coloured dot near the edge of the visible disc of

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Jupiter and a mysterious black spot at the point of explosion.

A later enhanced version of the image showed an oval 'bird's eye' with a dark splotch at the centre where the comet fragment hit and a smudged rim outside it. The area of the image was about the size of Earth but seemed small on Jupiter's gigantic surface.

The impact, which will not affect life on Earth, fulfilled the hopes of the comet's American discoverers, Eugene and Carolyn Shoemaker and David Levy.

The three celebrated with champagne at a news conference at the institute as the first rough Hubble image was released.

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