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Mostafiz greets
Turkish FM

Foreign Minister A S M
Mostafizur Rahman congratulated
Prof Mumtaz Soysal, Foreign
Minister of the Republic of
Turkey, on his appointment as
the Foreign Minister. "Please
accept my sincere felicitations
on your appointment as the
Foreign Minister of the Republic
of Turkey. I am confident that
the bilateral relations and
friendly cooperation existing
between the two brotherly
countries will grow further
during the term of your
office," Mostafiz said in a
message, reports UNB.

One dies in Sylhet
road accident

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET, July 31: A rickshaw puller was killed and two others were injured in a road accident on the Airport Road yesterday afternoon while the victim, Hamidul Haque, 20, along with two passengers, was going to the Cadet College area. A passenger bus (Chittagong Ja-9727) coming from the opposite side collided head on with the rickshaw. A case has been registered.

Hanif visits
Sromojibi Hospital

Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Mohammad Hanif yesterday visited the 'Sromojibi' Hospital in the city, run by the Corporation, at Naya Bazar. During the visit the Mayor expressed his dissatisfaction over mismanagement at different sections of the hospital. He also found some doctors, nurses and employees absent from their duties at the time of his visit, reports BSS.

JCD slates BCL

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal yesterday (Sunday) blamed the Chhatra League (M-I) for ransacking Bangla Academy and the offices of political parties in the city on Saturday during the hartal called by the Awami League and the Anti-Communal Student Unity.

Security Council okays invasion of Haiti

UNITED NATIONS, July 31: The UN Security Council today approved a US-led invasion of Haiti should President Clinton decide to send troops to remove the country's military leaders, reports Reuter.

The resolution, initiated by the United States, was adopted by a vote of 12-0, none against and abstentions from China and Brazil.

It allows President Clinton to select the date of military intervention. The resolution also calls for a 6,000 strong UN peacekeeping force to replace the invaders when a "secure and stable environment" has been established.

The key provision in the resolution authorises member states "to from a multinational force under unified command and control, and in this

framework, to use all necessary means to facilitate the departure of the military leadership."

She said the resolution showed that "everybody is fed up with what they are doing to the people of Haiti and that it is time to restore democracy."

But several Latin American states said they feared the resolution would set a precedent for international approval of US intervention in the region.

Khaleda may
visit Islamabad,
Delhi in Nov

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, the current chairperson of SAARC, is expected to visit India and Pakistan in November. Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said yesterday.

He was talking to newsmen

at the Hotel Sheraton lobby after holding separate bilateral meetings with Pakistan Foreign Minister Sardar Aseff Ahmad Ali and Indian State Minister for External Affairs R L Bhatia. The parley took place at Hotel Sheraton.

Emerging from the talks, the first ministerial-level formal contact since Foreign Minister Dinesh Singh and Sardar Aseff met here last December, Bhatia told UNB that they discussed the recent incidents of assaulting diplomats and matters relating to territorial waters and fishing.

"We had a very good meeting, India believes in resolving all bilateral issues, including Kashmir, through dialogue," Bhatia said.

He said the recent incidents of beating diplomats had "vitiated" the atmosphere between the two countries. He said the diplomatic code of

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Over four lakh students sit for the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations

beginning today under the four

education boards of the country.

A total of 4,08,045 exami-

nences will appear at the exami-

nations from 753 centres

throughout the country.

For the first time, the HSC

examinations are going to be held under a computerised tabulation system. The Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations have already been computerised.

The authorities have com-

pleted all preparations to con-

centrate on the examination

process.

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