The Midnight File

Rockets pound Kabul: 5 die

Kabul Tuesday killing five people injuring three. Radio

Kabul Said. The attack also caused outsige to property in the

city, which has been targeted almost laily, the broadcast,

UNITA ambushe US aid

convoys, captures 70 workers

priest and two people linked to a US aid Agency, were miss-

ing following an ambush in Angola by suspected UNITA

rebels, state media and aid officials said today. They said the

70 were travelling in a 20-vehicle convey on Friday when they

were ambushed near the coastal town of Porto Amboim, about

250 kms (150 miles) south of Luanda, reports Reuter.

LUANDA, Aug 30: About 70 people, including a Portuguese

monitored here, said, said AFP.

Pakistan, India

expel diplomats

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30: Pa-

kistan today ordered an Indian

diplomat to leave the country

within a week, accusing him of

said JJ Singh, Consul in Kara-

sona non grata for "activities

that are incompatible with his

Pakistan and India each ex-

pelled two of the other's offi-

cials in July in tit-for-tat moves

that worsened a spy row be-

other of spying through local

agents, beating up one of its

violating a code of conduct

they signed in 1992 on the

today gave no details of its case

India today expelled a Pakis-

tani diplomat hours after

Islamabad declared its Consul

in Karachi persona non grata

and gave him a week's time to

Javed Ahmed, first secre-

tary at the Pakistan High Co-

mmission here, was asked to

leave for "indulging in activi-

ties incompatible to his diplo-

matic status," an official state-

Meanwhile. AFP reports:

treatment of diplomats.

against Singh.

leave.

ment said.

cials last month.

tween the regional enemies

chi, had been declared per

A government statement

spying, reports Reuter.

diplomatic status."

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30: Rebel forces fired 12 rockets into



Professor Muhammad Yunus, Founder-Managing Director of Grameen Bank is seen (first from right) with Tun Rahah Mohammad Noah, the wife of former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Late Tun Abdul Razak, Ms Zinzi Mandela, daughter of Nelson Mandela, representing President Mandela of South Africa and Tan Sri Ahmad bin Mohamed Ibrahim, Dean of Law, International Islamic University of Malaysia. Three awardees of Tun Razak

of South Africa, and Tan Sri Ahmed bin Mohamed Ibrahim. Dean of Law at the Internaof 50,000 Malaysian ringgit (Tk 8 lakh) along with a gold medal and a certificate, were given out in a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur on August 10. Professor Muhammed Yu-

Russia for lifting of sanctions on Belgrade

ZAGREB, Aug 30: Russia called on Monday for an immediate lifting of some UN sanctions on rump Yugoslavia to reward it for imposing a blockade on the Bosnian Serbs for their refusal to agree to an international peace plan, reports Reuter.

Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev said rescinding some sanctions would foster support among Serbs for a fairer peace in Bosnia by tangibly rewarding Serbian-led Yugoslavia for its embargo on its Bosniar Serb kin.

"Our conviction is that at least some sanctions should be immediately lifted to reward Belgrade for its courageous approach, and thus strengthen the tendency (among) Serbs to go on the goad of peace, that is accept tile peace plan. Kozyrev said after talks with Croatian President Franjo

could continue, even be engthened, against the Lan Serbs, said Kozyreik ho was winding up talks in eigrade. Sarajevo and Zagret th political leaders.

President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia, dominant republic in rump Yugoslavia. sealed its borders to Serb-held Bosnia on August 4 to stave off tougher UN sanctions on Belgrade.

Kozyrev said the five big powers who drafted the peace plan should not be preoccupied with winning Milosevic's approval for foreign monitors to verify beyond doubt

Grameen Bank gets Tun Abdul Razak Award

Tun Razak Foundation se-Award because the Foundation is "impressed with the bank's philosophy in helping the less privileged and to express its

In 1986, Malaysia became the first replicator of Grameen Bank model. Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, the Grameen Programme of Malaysia, now has 35 branches in seven states serving over 32,000 borrowers, mostly women. Another Grameen programme, Projek Usahamaju, is working in the island State of Sabah.

PPP seeks China's support to resolve Kashmir issue reparations

BEIJING, Aug 30: The visiting Pakistan People's Party (PPP) delegation on Monday briefed the Chinese Communist Party officials here on the human rights situation in occupied Kashmir, and sought their support in resolving the

Dialogue From Page 1 Col 4

"We are hoping to arrive at a good turn," the Deputy Leader said, adding: "That is why we are eager to talk with the Opposition on various issues including those of the caretaker government and election-related bill."

In marked contrast to Prof Chowdhury's assertions, Mohammad Nasim repeated the Opposition stand that it would not attend the proceedings unless the ruling party tabled a bill proposing care taker government hold the next general elections.

The Opposition chief whip briefed the press after a meeting of all the opposition parties at the Sangsad Bhaban

the Jamaat, Suranjit Sengupta of the Ganatantri Party, the NDP's Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury and the IOJ's position caucus.

Deputy Opposition leader meeting.

Mohammad Nasim said the ruling party seemed to be least interested in resolving the cri-

He alleged that the BNP had been using the present crisis mislead the people in the

name of a dialogue. "The Opposition is ready for dialogue if the fuling party comes up with a specific agenda which includes the caretaker government issue,

Ganatantri Party

"If necessary, we would organise under a common banner," the '92 resolution also

The Sengupta-led faction observed that the objectives could not be achieved due to unwillingness of a section of the GP leadership to materialise the idea.

The faction would now devote itself to realising the objectives of working together with the mainstream pro-Liberation forces, yesterday's resolution said.

Daily Star last night that the Sengupta-led faction is likely to merge with the Awami League in the near future.

The Paily Star JP procession

From Page 1 Col 5 had lost its moral right to remain in power therefore, i foiled the JP rally at Panthapath on August 23.

He said that the people would prove it again on September 10 that they do not want this government to remain in power.

The major opposition Awami League announced a secretariat seige programme on September 10. The JP has extended its support to the programme.

Moudud Ahmed also said his party would not join Parliament unless the ruling party tabled a bill proposing provision for a caretaker government.

Chaired by JP's city unit chief Col (Retd) M A Malek, the meeting was also addressed by Kazi Zafar Ahmed Khaledur Rahman Tito, Zafar Imam, Monirul Huq Chowdhury and Abdus Salam.



yesterday protesting police excesses during its public meeting at Panthapath on August 20. - Star photo

US to help curb drug trafficking

The governments of Bangladesh and the USA signed an agreement in Dhaka yesterday under which the United States will provide assistance to the Department of Narcotics Control (DNC) to enhance its capability of suppressing the consumption and illicit trafficking of narcotics, reports

Under the agreement signed in the office of the ERD, the DNC will receive telecommunication equipment, photographic equipment and accessories from the

BNP gives its MPs' a free hand in voting

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) would give its MPs a free hand in voting for or against a bill introduced by treasury bench MP Farida Rahman.

The decision came at the meeting of the BNP parliamentary party with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair. The chair also sought sug-

gestions from the MPs for enriching the bill which proposed amendments to the Muslim Family Law.

The bill is likely to be passed during the current session as a private members' bill. parliamentary sources said.

US warns Haitian military rulers of invasion

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Aug 30: Senior US officials warned Haiti's military rulers today that they must give up power quickly or face an invasion by a US-led force of 10,000 or more troops to restore democracy in that country, reports "We are not yet to that point

(invasion) but we are moving briskly in that direction," said one of the officials, who spoke to reporters traveling with Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott and Deputy Defence Secretary John Deutch to Jamaica for talks with Caribbean leaders on the Haiti crisis.

AFP adds: Five Caribbean countries have agreed to contribute to a multinational force in Haiti to support a possible US-led invasion to oust the military leadership in Port-au-Prince, officials said today.

Antigua, Jamaica, Barbados, Belize, and Tinidad and Tobago pledged to contribute troops in a non-combat role to support US forces, said Jamaican Foreign Minister Paul Robertson.

At a ministerial meeting of the Caribbean community (Caricom) two other member states - Guyana and the Bahamas — said they were considering contributing forces to a Caricom contingent. Robertson said. Meanwhile. Secretary

General Boutros Boutros-Ghalt has decided to end efforts to negotiate a solution to the political crisis in Haiti, a highranking UN official said today.

The official said the decision was made after the failure of a mission to the region by special UN envoy Rolf Knutsson, who sought to persuade Haiti's military leadership to step down and allow the restoration of democratic rule as called for in Security Council Resolution '94.

The resolution authorises a US-led military intervention if other means fail to persuade the military rulers who took power in a 1991 coup to step

2 top business executives of Sharif held

LAHORE, Pakistan, Aug 30: Pakistani police said today they had arrested two senior executives of Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif's Ittefaq Industrial Group on complaints of forgery, reports Reuter.

Finance general manager Haroon Pasha and accounts general manager Mohammad Akram were arrested on Monday on the complaint of Khalid Siraj, a cousin of former prime minister Sharif and a shareholder director of the group, police said. Siraj accused the managers

of forging his signature and preparing fake documents to get his name deleted from the list of company directors, po-

JS session

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que umal took part in the The House also appointed a

five-m inber panel of chairmen te preside over the sesthe absence of the Speak r and Deputy Speaker. The members of the panel include Syed Manzur Hossain. Anser Ali Siddiqui, Begum Matia Showdhury, Salauddin Ahmed and Magsud Ibne Aziz

afternoon, yesterday's sitting of Parliar ent had its usual question-ar wer session.

Shipping Minister M K Both sides accused the Anwar made a statement in the House on the launch capsize in the river of Meghna on August officials to get a confession and 20 which left many people dead and missing.

. House hat 29 bodies had so The government statement far been recovered, while 60 passengers might have es-

"A rescue team is still working hard to trace the missing launch," the minister told the House.

Prime Minister and Leader of the House Begum Khaleda Zia entered the hall at 5:50 pm and stayed there until the session was adjourned at 6:30. She did not seek the floor.

adjourned the House to resume a ain at 7:00 his eve-

US-led nations

From Page 1 Col 7 a nuclear weapon to be used.

"In my own view, if a nuclear weapon is detonated in anger in the next five years or so, and one had to guess where is the most likely place for that to happen, it would seem to me personally - this is not an administration judgement that the most likely place would be South Asia," one official told a meeting of the US Arms Control Association

ISLA MABAD, Aug 30: A four-member delegation from the International Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) is to hold talks with the Pakistan government here on missile issues, the Foreign Ministry said today. The delegation. which is due here on Wednesday for a two-day stay, will be led by MTCR chairman, ambassador Rolf Jeker of Switzerland, and will include officials from the United States, France and

Japan, reports AFP. A yeam to. Central Intelligerace Ail cy Director James Woolsey expressed similar fears, te mig the US senate: "The arm race between India and Parkstan poses perhaps the most probable prospect for future u.e of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear

weapons." Indian officials say the fear was exag terated.

mad me to allow a nuclear war," a s nior Indian diplomat said today. "The chances of a nuclear change with Pakistan are very very remote."

"We are not yet ruled by

visiting ATCR team was expecting to persuade India to make soile concessions, possibly agreeing to delay deployment of its shot-range Prithvi

Foreign capital

come here." Cooksen further observed

watching the KAFCO deal. It has stirred a lot of doubts and hopes. Uitimately, if KAFCO becomes a success, Japanese

Drawing an optimistic line Cookson said that the rura economy of Bangladesh has made significant progress and most farmers now have surplus production.

"The previous government did two smart things - one was charging the fertiliser system I ider which private dealers li stribute fertiliser in the country now and allowing

from #k 43,000 to Tk 20,000 per pump. "But the economic im-

class," Coolison added.

5 killed, 35 injured in Sylhet road mishap From Our Correspondent

sons were killed and 35 others injured in a road accident that took place on Sylhet-Zakiganj highway today. Of the injured, 15 had been

about 2:30 PM when Zakiganj-bound minibus collided head on with a speeding microbus at Sheikhpara of Charkhai union, about 20 miles off Sylhet town. Both the vehicles were badly damaged.

tified as microbus driver Farid Uddin, 60 of Barutkhana, Sy

The minibus driver managed to escape immediately after the accident. The vehicular traffic movement on the road was disrupted for about

Osmany Medical College morgue for autopsy. A case has been lodged. Another handout says, the tabulation sheets of the SSC examinations held in 1994 of the Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dhaka could not still be distributed due to unavoidable

The headmasters of all the schools under the board have been requested not to contact the board for the tabulation sheets of the SSC examinees

UNB adds: Two people were killed and seven injured in an Mymensingh town today.

truck collided head-on with a Mymensingh-bound tempo from Trishal killing its passenger Abdur Rashid (28) and driver Selim (23) Seven seriously injured pas-

sengers were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. They are: Nurul Islam (50), Yakub Ali (50), Jotsna (27), Umme Kulsum (30), Hashmat Ali (60), Aziz (30) and Shamsur Rahman

Police sided the truck but its driver f- away.

SYLHET, Aug 30: Five per-

A procession towards the Jatiya Sangsad organised by the Sammilita Sangram Parishad, an

alliance of religion groups, was intercepted by police near the Bangla Motor in the city

admitted to the Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College hospi-The accident occurred at

The victims had been iden-

thet, Sankar Dev. 25, of Khil gram, Zakiganj PS, minibus helper Ripon, 25, of Alaituk. Sylhet Kotwali PS, minibus helper Faruque, 22, of Kayextagram, Golapganj PS, and an unidentified youngman. Of the injured, condition of five were stated to be critical.

one hour. Beanibazar police sent the bodies to the Sylhet MAG

— Star photo

till further notice.

accident at Polytechnic crossing on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway. 5 kilometers from Witnesses and police said a

OMS From Page 1 Col 5

Malik and senior officials concerned of ministries of food agriculture, finance, relief and disaster management, planning commission and directorates concerned were present at the meeting. The meeting was also ap-

prised that rice and wheat will

be sold under the OMS at the district level at this moment. The programme may be extended to the thana level if the requirement demands so. Under the programme, sale price of one kg of rice in Dhaka and Chittagong city areas will be Tk 12 and at dis-

trict level it will be Tk 11.50.

Per kg price of wheat will be

Tk seven at district levels in-

cluding Dhaka and Chittagong Three kgs of rice and three kgs of wheat will be sold per head and, one ton of rice and one ton of wheat has been allotted for each sales centre for this purpose.

The meeting was further informed that in order to maintain sufficient stock of foodgrains in the government godowns for all times, arrangements have been made to import substantial bulk of wheat on commercial basis in addition to that wheat being obtained under food-aid programme so that adequate supply of foodgrains in the market can be ensured and its price remains stabilised.

Ber nning at 4:07 in the

The minister informed the

caped death by swimming

Speaker Shaikh Ruzzak Ali

JJ Singh, was asked to leave Pakistan in seven days for alleged espionage. Pakistan and India had expelled two of each other's offi-

The move came hours after

the Indian Consul in Karachi,

Gen Noor Uddin From Page 1 Col 8

The Prime Minister expressed the hope that after retirement Gen Noor Uddin would dedicate himself to the service of the nation.

The General said, he was ready to perform any duties which may be entrusted upon him for the interest of the country and its people.

Visits Shikha Anirban Another report say General Muhammad Nosr Uddin Khan visited the 'Shikla' Anirban' — the eternal flame at the Dhaka Cantonment vesterday.

He placed a wreath at the memorial and paid homage to the members of the armed forces martyred during the War of Liberation in 1971, according to an ISPR press re-Senior army officers includ-

ing the Principal Staff Officers were present during the cer-

General Noor Uddin then went to the Senakunja where he was given a guard of honour by a smart contingent of the army. He took salute and inspected the guard.

Western diplomats said the

Fron Page 1 Col 4

that many countries were watching the 'actual action of the government in order to decide on investing here, "For instance, Japan is

investors will come here?

import of pumps, which re-sulted in a sharp drop of price

provement has not been significant among the urban middle

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Editor: Mahfuz Anam

Award, 1994, are holding their gold medals and cash prizes. By Staff Correspondent The Grameen Bank was recently awarded the Tun Abdul Razak Award, 1994 by the Tun Abdul Razak Foundation of Malaysia. nus, the founder and managing admiration for Grameen Bank's Nelson Mandela, President director of Grameen Bank. achievements. received the award on behalf of the bank, says a press release. Zinzi Mandela, daughter of tional Islamic University of Nelson Mandela, received the Malaysia were also selected award on behalf of the South for this year's award. The African President. awards, corrying a cash prize lected Grameen Bank for the

Murayama may announce war

TOKYO, Aug 30: Japan's Prime Minister is expected to announce war reparations after his just-ended southeast Asian tour, during which he repeatedly apologised for wartime atrocities. Tokyo News reports

said today, reports Reuter: Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, whose eight-day trip to the Philippines. Vietnam, Malaysia and Singapore ended today was expected to announce a package of war reparations on Wednesday, news reports in

Lanka begins probe into HR violations by past regime COLOMBO, Aug 30: The new government has begun a probe into one of the worst human rights violations by the previ-

ous regime in southern Sri

Lanka five years ago during

Tokyo said

which about 32 school children disappeared, an official said Tuesday, reports AP. About 60,000 people went missing in a crackdown on a radical Sinhala group that repeatedly tried to overthrow the government from 1987 to

1990, according to human rights organisations. The Peoples' Alliance, which won control of parliament in August, 16 national elections, said it will soon ask judges to probe all disappearances and murders during the 17 years of rule by the previous

government. Gunfire rocks DU

From Page 1 Col 7 the BCL(B-K) gunmen and

fired several rounds, witnesses Later, the BCL(B-K) took up position near the Lecture Theatre while the BCL(M I) entered the Madhu's canteen area. The rival students traded gunfire in about 20 minutes

from ther respective posttions, sources said. At this stage, the police lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the feuding sides.

The BCL(M-I) brought out a

procession and held a rally on

the campus at about 2:40 pm to protest the attack by the BCL(B-K) activists Earlier, in the morning the BCL(B K) also held a rally near the Aparajeo Bangla statue to protest the assault on their ac-

tivists on Monday. The leaders demanded ar rest and trial of the attackers and alleged that a group inside the 'pro-Mumb Chhatra League were in deep conspiracy to foil

the on going anti-razakar and anti-latweber movement. The rally was addressed by Ruhul Quddus Babu, Rokon,

Obayedur Rahman Chonnu and

the 'terrorist activities of the

BCL(B-K) and alleged that the

JSD-backed Chhatra League

was trying to hinder the stu-

The BCL(M-I) condemned

others:

dents' struggle against the 'autocrat Khaleda' and funda-

mentalist circles. The BCL(M-I) also alleged that the ruling BNP was supporting the BCL(B-K), who tried to foil yesterday's gherao programme at the Prime

olence on the campus. The BCL(M-I) also termed Monday's assault on BCL (B-K) activists a 'silly incident. Earlier this month, the

following a violent gunfight on August 4 in which some teachers were attacked. On August 12, all the stucampus of terrorism and vio-

peace procession on the campus as a symbol of unity Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has condemned yesterday's incident at the Arts Faculty and demanded punishment of those involved.

thorities to take effective mea-

sures to check such terrorism.

Minister's office by creating vi-

Dhaka University authorities had banned all political activities on the campus for a week

dents' bodies agreed to make united efforts for freeing the lence. The following day the leaders of almost all students' bodies, along with the Vice Chancellor Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, brought out a

In a statement DUTA urged government and university au-

However, insiders told The

contacts with the Janua Party

at 9 pm. AL leaders Tofael Ahmed Rahmat Ali, Matta Chowdhury and Shudhangsha Shekhar Halder, the Jativa Party's Moudud Ahmed and Anwar Hossain Manju. Maulana Abdus Sohban and Sheikh Ansar Ali of

Maulana Obaidul Hug were present at the closed-door op-

Abdus Samad Azad chaired the

as a 'political tool' and trying to

Nasum said.

From Page 1 Col 8 party resolution, adopted in '92. which said, "The party will work for uniting the pro-Liberation forces, on the basis of Bengali nationalism, with a view to forming a bigger party.

> in Paris PARIS, Aug 30: King Hussein of Jordan arrived here today for a one-day working visit centred on the Middle East peace process, reports

around 7:30 pm.

German officials.

yesterday.

Police block

religious groups'

march to JS

By Staff Correspondent

shad, an alliance of religious

groups, organised a meeting at

the North Gate of Baitul

Mukkaram yesterday in

support of their 11-point de-

The rally presided over by

Charmonohar Peer Shaheb

Sved Fazlul Karim, was ad-

dressed by JAGPA chief,

Shafiul Alam Prodhan, Korban

out a procession and headed

towards the Jatiya Sangsad.

Police, however, intercepted

the processionists at the

Bangla Motor area. After

picketing at Bangla Motor, the

demonstrators dispersed

King Hussein

Hussein was welcomed at

Paris' Orly Airport by European

Later the parishad brought

Ali, Anwar Zahid and others.

Sammilita Sangram Pari-

Affairs Minister Alain Lamassoure. He arrived from Germany where he met senior