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Announcement

We are happy to announce that from the 10-9-94, we are bringing out yet another page for our young readers, 'Teens in Twenties.' This page, as its title suggests, is meant for the higher age group than the Rising Stars. The tastes and dispositions of these young minds could not be accommodated in the Rising Stars. Now the scope and range have been widened to cover the older among the young. We hope our young readers will find our new page interesting and will not hesitate to contribute through writing and also by responding to the published materials.

Dhaka in new 10-nation population body

From Masud Hasan Khan

CAIRO, Sept 8: Ten developing countries with exceptional family planning programmes today announced formation of a new grouping to pool their experience and resources to find new ways of making what they have learned available to other nations in the South.

The countries include Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Thailand, Morocco, Zimbabwe, Colombia, Mexico, Tunisia and Kenya.

The platform, called Partners in Population and Development, was formed during the on-going International Conference on Population Development (ICPD) '94 here.

Announcing the setting up of the body, Dr. Maher Mahran, Egypt's Minister of Population and Family Welfare and

Secretary General of the country's National Population Council, said 'population growth affects all of us, it affects every part of our economy, our agriculture, and the quality of life our children will have.'

Timothy Wirth, US Under Secretary and Head of US delegation to the ICPD, said his country has already pledged support to the new grouping of the 10 developing countries, an extended South-South co-operation.

Bangladesh's Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf extended all cooperation to the Partners in Population and Development saying 'we are ready to share our experiences in the family planning and the development sectors with other countries in the South.'

He, however, cautioned that mere rhetoric and no action might lead to failure of this initiative like many others taken up in the past.

'We must mean business... because implementation part of this forum will be much more difficult,' he noted.

Later talking to The Daily Star, Yusuf said that the Bangladesh delegation played a very active role in the process of forming the forum, though it was led by Indonesia.

The minister said Bangladesh has already proposed to house the regional headquarters of the Partners in Population and Development in Dhaka.

Organisers of the newly-formed body said that initially the body would include only 10

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Vatican urged to accept compromise or opt out

CAIRO, Sept 8: Delegates to a UN population conference today pressurised the Vatican to stop blocking a consensus on abortion, reports Reuter.

Conference sources said they expected a subcommittee to present new compromise language on the issue to a drafting committee as early as this afternoon.

But sources said the Vatican would most probably not accept the wording if the chairman tried to force a decision for today on the most controversial part of the document.

They said the Vatican wanted more time to try to win more countries over to its side.

The Vatican and some Ca-

tholic allies face an uproar from nations whose delegations have urged it either to agree with the painstakingly crafted language or opt out of the consensus so the gathering could move on to other issues.

The most contentious phrase in the abortion section says: 'In circumstances where abortion is legal, such abortion should be safe.'

'We read it as tremendously ambiguous and encouraging abortion,' said one Vatican delegate.

The Vatican fears that unless the document explicitly says there is no international right to abortion, countries where the practice is illegal might feel under pressure to

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Text of abortion section of UN population plan

UNDATED, Sept 8: The section of the UN population conference's report that deals with abortion has been one of its most-debated parts. Its wording has been modified since this version was released Tuesday night, but the committee debating it in private has not disclosed more recent versions, reports AP.

'In no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning. All governmental and nongovernmental organisations are urged to strengthen their commitment to women's health, to

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who visited some educational institutions in the city's Uttara suburb yesterday on the occasion of World Literacy Day, seen talking to some students of the Kachkura Govt Primary School. —PID photo

PM visits colleges, schools at Uttara

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday urged the people to send their children to schools and let them complete their studies without interruption, reports UNB.

Her call for increasing enrolment and reducing the dropout rate in schools came at a spontaneous gathering at Uttara when she visited some educational institutions on the occasion of the International Literacy Day.

The Prime Minister paid the visit in the morning to the Kanchkura Government Primary School, Kanchkura High School, Kanchkura College and Uttara Anwafa Model Degree College.

The Dakkin Khan Kanchkura Government Primary School, established in 1936 and renovated in 1992, was

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President urges all to join hands in literacy drive

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday urged the people, irrespective of their political affiliation and ideals, to join the integrated literacy programme for achieving 'education for all by the year 2000'.

'This should be considered a programme of the state, not of the government. The government may change but the state is ours. So, all of us should take it as a national programme,' President Biswas told the audience at the packed Osmany Memorial Hall auditorium.

This was the main function of the country-wide programmes arranged in connec-

tion with the International Literacy Day, 1994. Information Minister Nazmul Huda was a special guest.

The President said, dropouts from schools was the main obstacle to attaining universal literacy. The number of dropouts has gone down since the present government took up the food-for-education programme.

Introduction of the programme led to a rise in school enrolment by 14 per cent.

The programme of compulsory primary education also helped raise the enrolment, the President said.

'Still, nearly 5.5 crore of

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Ten injured in Gulistan clash

By Staff Correspondent
At least ten people were injured and several vehicles damaged during clashes in the city's Gulistan area yesterday afternoon.

Transport workers clashed with a group of people who brought out a procession to drum up Opposition's Dhaka siege programme Saturday.

The clash started when the processionist damaged a bus of the Dhaka-Narayanganj route at Gulistan around 5 pm.

Witnesses said, the processionists became angry and damaged the bus when its driver reportedly misbehaved with them.

Shortly afterwards, many transport workers from the Narayanganj bus terminal at Gulistan attacked the procession.

The clashing groups chased each other exploding crackers. Of the injured, a hawker, Abul Mia, was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College hospital (DMCH). Six others were also given first aid at the DMCH.

Non-stop agitation if govt tries to foil 'Dhaka siege': Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for forcing the government to accept the demand for a neutral caretaker government by enforcing 'Dhaka Siege' tomorrow, reports UNB.

'Today democracy is at stake in the hands of the BNP. We're committed to save democracy at any cost,' she said addressing a gathering of workers who joined the Jatitya Sramik League at a function at 29 Minto Road in the afternoon.

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Press Note
Refrain from unlawful activities

The government made an appeal to all concerned to refrain from activities which are unlawful and against the public order and security, a Home Ministry Press Note said in the city last night, reports BSS.

The Press Note said some political parties and their front organisations have announced 'Dhaka siege' and 'gherao' programme on September 10. In view of the announcement, the government hoped that the political parties and the organisations will show respect to the democratic norms and system for the public interest.

The Press Note said each and every citizen has the sacred constitutional duty and responsibility to cooperate in maintaining law and order and protecting public property.

OIC threatens to defy UN arms embargo against Bosnia

ISLAMABAD, Sept 8: The world's Islamic countries are threatening to defy the United Nations arms embargo against Bosnia if it is not lifted, according to a draft resolution released today, reports AP.

Foreign ministers from the 50-nation Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) will vote on the resolution tomorrow, but Pakistan's foreign ministry spokesman, Munir Akram, said it is certain to be approved.

The resolution states that 'members, acting individually or collectively, can provide the means of self-defence to the

government of Bosnia-Herzegovina'.

It's not clear whether that resolution would actually translate into a windfall of weapons for Bosnia's mostly Muslim government.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic made an impassioned plea for an end to the arms embargo at the OIC opening session on Wednesday, although he said smuggled weapons were reaching his Muslim fighters.

He refused to identify the nations supplying weapons to Bosnia.

'The Serbs are openly threatening the Muslims with annihilation. What are we to do?' he asked. 'The time has come to help Bosnia'.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman has called upon all concerned for protecting the independence and territorial integrity of Bosnia-Herzegovina under any circumstances.

The issue in Bosnia cannot be categorised as a civil war. It

is in fact a systematic dismemberment of a sovereign country which is also a member of the United Nations,' he said while making the agenda statement Wednesday at the extraordinary session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Islamabad.

According to a message received in Dhaka, the foreign minister observed that the case of Bosnia-Herzegovina 'remains an acid test for the credibility of the international community'.

Mostafiz said Bangladesh welcomed the 'framework agreement signed in Washington in last March between the Bosnian government and the Bosnian Croats aimed at establishing peace in the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina'.

He hoped that the UN Security Council would take effective action encompassing political, economic and other measures so that the Bosnian Serbs accept the peace agreement without any further delay.

BDR-mob clash One trampled to death in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 8: A man was trampled to death and 20 others, including three BDR jawans, were injured when an angry mob attacked BDR personnel at a hat (bazar) in Kaliganj thana of the district on Wednesday, reports UNB.

BDR sources today said a Task Force composed of BDR jawans and led by Narayan Chandra Barman, Magistrate First Class, went to the Chamtar Hat and seized 11 Indian smuggled bicycles from the sellers.

At this time the people gheraoed the Task Force members and started pelting stones and bricks on them protesting the seizure. Finding no other alternative, BDR jawans fired 24 rounds of shot in the sky to disperse the angry mob.

The crowd of 15,000 people, who came to the hat, started running helter and skelter causing a stampede in which a day labourer, identified as Jatra Mohan Barman, was trampled to death.

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16pc increase in wage earners' remittances

Star Report

The country's wage earners' remittances have been showing a steep rise over the past few years with the highest increase in fiscal 1993-94.

According to the Bangladesh Bank statistics, remittances rose by 15.75 per cent during the July-May period of 1993-94 as against the corresponding period of the previous year.

During the July-May period in 1993-94, the remittances stood at 1902.64 million US dollars as against the previous year's 944 million dollars.

In FY 1991-92, the remittances totalled 848 million dollars and the amount was 764 million dollars in 1990-91.

On the other hand, the foreign exchange reserve of the country as of July 23, 1994 stood at 2724.44 million dollars, 47 million dollars less than that in the previous month. The figure was, however, 580 million dollars

higher than that in July, 1993.

The imports during the July-May period in 1993-94 increased by 127 million dollars to 3523.80 million dollars over the previous year's imports.

The exports during this period of 1993-94 also showed an increase by 180 million dollars over that of the previous year.

Trade in terms of commodity has been rising over the last few years, according to the Bangladesh Bank statistics.

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Notice
In the Supreme Court of Bangladesh
High Court Division
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

Company Matter No. 47 of 1994

An application under section 38 of the Companies Act, 1913.

AND
IN THE MATTER OF:

Shamsher Wadud —Petitioner

-Versus-

- Dynamic Marine Ltd.
- Mr. Jalalur Rahman
- Mr. Ashfaq Jamil Rahman
- Mr. Paul Prager
- The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

— Respondents

Notice is hereby given that an application under Section 38 of the Companies Act, 1913 has been filed on 1st September, 1994 for rectification of the share register of Dynamic Marine Ltd. His Lordship Mr. Justice Mainur Reza Chowdhury has been pleased to admit the application and fix the date of hearing on 8.11.1994.

If any person wishes to oppose the application he may appear before the Court either in person or through an Advocate.

A copy of this application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of prescribed charges.

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'Countries of the sub-continent have identical problems'

By Staff Correspondent

Engineering University of Lahore, maintained.

In an interview with The Daily Star, he pointed out that in these countries, the police continued to behave in the same way it did during the

The countries of the sub-continent are beset with identical problems and even 47 years after independence from British rule, they are not yet on the road to industrialisation and prosperity, said a former Pakistani minister yesterday.

India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and, to some extent, Sri Lanka and Nepal — all face similar problems of corruption, law and order situation, communalism and sectarian violence and violation of basic human rights, said Dr Mubashir Hasan, a former finance minister in Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's cabinet in the 70s.

He is now in Dhaka to attend a preparatory meeting of the annual South Asia Dialogue, grouping private citizens of five South Asian nations, to be held in November in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu. The meeting is being organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue, a local think-tank.

'There is very little difference in the nature of the problems which these countries are facing, the difference is only in the degree,' Dr Hasan, also a former professor at the

British rule, many of the members of parliament are up for sale and they all have severe law and order problems.

'In all of these countries, musclemen, smugglers and narcotic dealers have support among politicians and in some cases, even among ministers.'

In all these countries, to a lesser extent in Bangladesh, there are ethnic problems and the provinces in Pakistan, some of the Indian states and the Tamils in Sri Lanka are all up in arms against the central government, he noted.

'These countries all have highly centralised governments which are unable to perform their duties of protecting the life and property of the citizens' and meeting their basic needs.

Furthermore, communalism, religious intolerance and sectarian violence are also increasing in all these countries, he said. 'It makes little difference as far as the problems are concerned.'

Dr Hasan, 72, also talked about the agenda of the next South Asia Dialogue meet, the prospects of SAARC and about the ongoing economic-liberalisation process in Pakistan.

'We have been meeting under this forum every year since 1991 to discuss frankly all internal and external problems that confront the participating

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