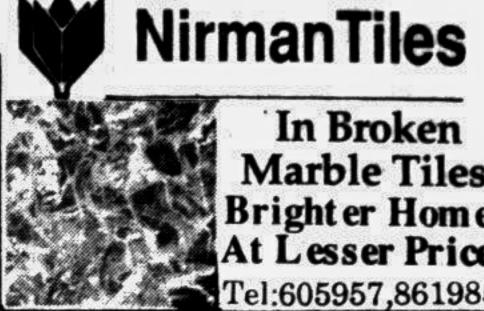
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HSC exams postponed

The HSC examinations under the Dhaka Board sched uled to be held today and tomorrow have been postponed due to unavoidable circum stances, an official press release said in Dhaka yesterday. The practical examinations of these subjects, however, will be held as scheduled on October 1 and 2, reports BSS.

Train derails

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 11: Rail way service between Sirajganj and Ishurdi was halted after a mail train derailed near the Chatmohar station this afternoon. Four boggies of the Sirajganj Ghat bound train from Chapainawabganj went off the tracks at around 5:15 pm near the outer signal of the Chatmohar rail station. Some 1000 passengers were held up at the station due to the derail ment. No casualties were, how ever reported in the incident reports UNB.

Two killed in Khagrachhari

KHAGRACHHARI, Sept 11 Two people were killed in separate incidents in two thanas of the district today Witnesses said Raja Miah, 25, a rickshawpullar of Zia Nagar area in Panchari thana, was allegedly killed by his uncle after a quarrel over smoking. Raja died on the spot after Burhanuddin hit him with a rod in the head at around 7:30 am. Police said a young woman at Guimara village in Matiranga thana committed suicide by taking poison at 6 am after a hot exchange of words with her parents, reports UNB

Jessica Tandy dead

NEW YORK, Sept 11. Jessica Tandy, who won an Academy Award at age 80 for her portrayal of a spirited Southern matriarch in "Driving Miss Daisy." died Sunday at her Connecticut home after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was Tandy's acting career spanned more than 60 years. mostly on stage in New York

and London. She was Broadway's original Blanche DuBois in the memorable 1947 production of Tennessee Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire' that co-starred Marlon Brando as Stanley Kowalski, reports Al'

Troops deployed: Bhutto not 'afraid'

Pak Opposition launches movement to topple govt

KARACHI, Sept 11: Pakistan's main Opposition party today launched a movement aimed at toppling the 10month old rule of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, reports AFP.

National opposition leader Nawaz Sharif and his colleagues in the Pakistan Muslim League (PML) party kicked off the campaign with a public' rally here which was attended by thousands of people.

Troops and police were out in strength in the city to maintain peace, as Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) held a parallel and equal rally nearby.

Sharif, 45, a wealthy indus-

Leaders of the country's

four leading chambers, in a

pressed deep concern at the

current round of strikes and

said it was causing serious dis-

democratic tools, but it is per-

tinent to ask whether these

contribute to the people's

Making an appeal to the po-

litical parties to abandon

strikes as the means of achiev-

ing political goals, the cham-

ber leaders observed: "Failure

to do so will bring disaster for

the country for which the po-

litical leadership shall be held

by Mahbubur Rahman. Presi-

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and Industry (FBCCI), A Rob

Chowdhury, President of the

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce

and Industry (DCCI). Latifur

Rahman, President of the Met-

ropolitan Chamber of Commer-

ce and Industry (MCCI) and

Mahbub Jamil, President of the

Foreign Investors' Chamber of

Commerce and Industry

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joint statement yesterday, ex-

Minister, and his companions were to board a train late at night on a 1,735 kilometer journey across the country to

He has said the movement would continue until the 'fall of the corrupt, incompetent and anti-state' government.

Sharif said the present govget rid of it."

Calling Bhutto's foreign policy a "complete failure" he said it had isolated Pakistan

munity, particularly from

He also criticised President Farooq Ahmed Leghari, accus-

Sharif will address public rallies at more than a dozen railway stations during his anti-government crusade on

year term amid a political crisis triggered by his bitter power tussle with President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who quit See Page 12 Col 2

Govt to compensate owners of damaged vehicles: Press Note

The government has decided to compensate the owners of all kinds of motor vehicles damaged during the strikes and siege in the past few days, reports BSS,

According to a Press Note issued in Dhaka yesterday the decision to compensate the damage of motor vehicles will remain valid for indefinite period to ensure security of vehicles and lives and property during strikes.

The Press Note said the government has taken up all out measures to provide security of transportation and lives and property. The government hopes that all concerned with road transportation system would be careful in the proper management of the sector.

The owners of the damaged vehicles have been advised to animit the commof general diary registered with the police in connection with the damage and other relevant papers to the chairman of the BRTA a the nearest BRTA office within next seven days.

The Press Note said the government has further decided that the provision to compensate for damaged vehicles will remain valid for an indefinite period and all kinds of motor vehicles will be included under the provision

Street agitation against govt

The Jatiya Party yesterday said street agitations would continue until the ruling party accepted the Opposition de-

In a post-hartal rally at the south gate of the Baitul Mukarram mosque yesterday, JP leaders alleged that the present government is 'autocratic, corrupt and ineffi-

"The days of the present government are numbered The people will soon force the BNP to step down," Moudud Ahmed told the rally.

forced the opposition parties to go to the streets because all their legitimate demands have been ignored. He alleged the ruling party

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road mishap

From Our Correspondent this morning.

According to eye witnesses, the accident took place as the driver lost control over his vehicle.

18, Prashanto Kumar, 35 and

The injured persons were admitted to the Chuadanga Sadar Hospital. Conditions of two of them were stated to be

critical. Driver of the bus, who altion for girls, women's health issues and balancing popula-

Hartal passes off peacefully

By Staff Correspondent

An eight-hour hartal cailed by three major opposition parties in the city yesterday passed off peacefully barring some minor clashes which left some 10 people injured.

Normal life was disrupted due to the 6 am to 2 pm shutdown. Fiftyone people were arrested during the hartal.

The hartal was called by the Awami League, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami to protest 'police atrocities' during Saturday's 'Dhaka Siege programme to press home their demand for holding national elections under a caretaker government. A number of cocktails were

blasted in Green Road Agargaon, Mirpur and Rajarbagh areas while an armed clash took place between supporters of the hartal and its opponents at Jatrabari in the morning. Shops and business centres

were mostly closed while attendance was poor at the government offices during the

hartal hours. Transaction in banks was also very poor. All types of motor vehicles stayed off the road but rickshaws were availtrolled the streets from 10 am while pro-hartal pickets chanted anti-government slogans at various points.

AL supporters took place at Jatrabari when the two groups other.

None was, however, reported

tographer of the Dainik Janakantha was harassed by some activists and his camera was snatched away. Later, the police recovered the camera but its film was missing.

A student of Nakhalpara High School, Sajjad Hossain, suffered bomb injuries near Nabisco crossing at Tejgaon at around 11 am. He was admit ted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

hartal activists in Taltala area Sec Page 12 Col 4

- Star photo

The city roads were full of people either walking to their destinations or taking rick shaws or rickshaw vans. Riot police in trucks pa

At around 10 am, a clash between Jubo Dal activists and

in separate processions. chanted slogans against each The rival groups exchanged gunshots for about half an hour.

During the incident a pho-

During clashes with pro-

able at all places. Hasina tells rally in city

No hartals the moment govt accepts demand

By Staff Correspondent

Sheikh Hasina said yesterday we would stop all sorts of agitation the moment the government agreed to the Opposition demand for elections under a care taker administration "There will be no hartals

tomorrow and the day after if the government accepts our demand today," the Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament told a post-hartal rally at Topkhana Road in the city yesterday afternoon.

"Otherwise, we will continue the agitation and an nounce a fresh course of action after Tuesday's nationwide dawn-to-dusk shutdown," she said. "Repression by the government would fail to preven us from taking to the streets."

Warning the government about the 'consequences of using police" against the demonstrators, the opposition leader remarked said "No autocrats in the past could protect themselves in this way nor will it be able to protect today's neo-au-

Alleging police atrocities during Saturday's 'Dhaka Siege', Hasina called upon the members of the law enforcing agencies not to work for protecting the 'corrupt' and 'autocratic' BNP government. Your job is to ensure security of people's lives and property and not to act against their See Page 12 Col 3

Cairo confce ends tomorrow

CAIRO, Sept 11: The abortion debate at the UN population conference, for all its divisiveness, has succeeded in focusing the world's spotlight on the broader issue of curbing the world's population boom, Delegates fafled Saturday

night to resolve three remaining issues in their Programme of Action, but before the conference closes Tuesday they are expected to approve the wide-ranging plan for slowing population growth.

The Cairo conference had no formal meetings today but delegates were busy on the sidelines in a rushed attempt to finish drafting a declaration.

It's true that many more compelling components got short shrift equal rights for women, ensuring equal educalimited resources. But the silver lining is that

tion growth with the earth's

with the abortion argument raging, the world paid more attention to over population over the past week than it would have if the conference consisted only of droning speeches.

Dr Fred Sai, chairman of the committee on the abortion question, said the abortion debate has been good for the conference, "Without it, you people (in the media) would have buried it." he said Saturday at a news conference.

While the problems of population growth are huge the world gains more than 90 million people each year - the meeting has mostly dealt with arguments over minute turns of phrase like 'fertility regulation and reproductive and

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Police resorted to baton

Half-day hartal today

By Staff Correspondent Three major opposition

parties have called an eighthour hartal from 6 am today in the five divisional cities including the capital.

The parties - Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat e-Islami - separately announced a series of hartal programmes to protest, what they said, police actions during the 'Dhaka Siege" programme Saturday and to force the ruling party to accept the demand for a caretaker government for holding general elec-

As part of the programmes, a 6 am to 2 pm hartal was observed in the capital yesterday.

The parties have also called a dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal tomorrow.

Transport strike called off

The Dhaka Road Transport Association (DRTA) called off their transport strike yesterday after fruitful discussion with the government representatives, reports UNB. DRTA leaders, including its

Executive President Harun-ar Rashid, General Secretary Khandaker Enayetullah, and Secretary General of the Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity Ashraf Khan held separate meetings with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) Chairman AHMB Zaman at their respective offices.

The association had enforced the indefinite strike in September 8 evening after five transport owners and 15 workers were reportedly injured in a clash with police at the Fulbaria bus terminal following an altercation between a police sergeant and a

minibus worker Police vesterday released four transport owners - Akh taruzzaman Babul, Saifur Alam, Abdul Kader Khan and Md Alamgir - and transport workers' leader Abdus Sattar, and the government assured the association to fulfil their ninepoint demand, the DRTA

The transport owners and the workers' leader were ar See Page 12 Col 7

sources said.

Govt pushes people to the streets.

says Jamaat Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami yesterday said his party was not in favour of frequent hartal but stressed

the need to sacrifice for realising people's demands, reports Congratulating the city dwellers for making yesterday's hartal a success, he said Jamaat always fought to realise

the demands of the people. Addressing a post-hartal rally at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque yesterday afternoon. Nizami said. "We urged the government to amend the Constitution for caretaker government but it sidetracked the proposal saying there was no provision of caretaker government in the

Constitution. The government ignored the demand of the people. he said. "Government is responsible to push the people to the streets and to force them to go for agitation.

Jamaat along with other two major opposition parties called a series of hartals demanding the national election under a caretaker government and for enacting blasphemy law.

20 hurt as soccer fans clash in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Sept 11 Some 20 people were injured in violence at the Chittagong Stadium this afternoon.

All the injured received first aid from hospital. Police and witnesses said.

the violence erupted outside the stadium at the end of a football match when a group of soccer fans went on the rampage damaging some shops and vehicles. In today's match Chittagong

Port beat Abahani KC by 1-0 goal. The supporters of the two teams hurled brick-bats at each other for about an hour. witnesses said.

charge to disperse the mob.

- Inside Today -

Article

Competitiveness

International

Crimean parliament

muster public support.

ernment had no economic agenda, no clear cut economic policies, and had failed to curb rising inflation in the country. He said people were "sick of the government and wanted to

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Chambers concerned

at series of hartals

By Staff Correspondent

friendly states.

ing him of involvement in corruption, a charge Leghari has denied and which is the subject to a judicial commission's

Sharif resigned in July last year midway through his five-

Kuwaiti special

nstruction of Kuwait and in other sectors, reports UNB. He thanked Prime Minister

a letter from Kuwaiti Prime Minister to Begum Khaleda Zia when he called on the prime minister at her office in Dhaka vesterday.

cecruiting of managemer for Al-Aoun said that about one lakh Bangladeshi people were working in various fields in Kuwait. "They (Bangladeshi people) are very much coop-

countries would be further strengthened in the coming

these contribute to the people's well-being. "In the changing global scenario, the means and mechanism of socio-political protest are also changing. When a

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envoy meets PM, hands over letter

Special envoy of the Kuwaiti Prime Minister Jassem Mohammad Al-Aoun has sought more cooperation from Bang ladesh for the post-war reco-

Begum Khāleda Zia, on behalf of the government and the people of Kuwait, for Bangladesh's cooperation in post-war reconstruction of his The envoy also handed over

The special envoy assured the Prime Minister that priority would be given to Bangladesh during overseas

erative and work with utmost sincerity." he added. He hoped that the existing bilateral ties between two

Al-Aoun conveyed the greetings of Kuwaiti Ameer and in-



The visiting special envoy of the Kuwaiti Prime Minister, Jassem Mohammad Al-Oun, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. - PID photo

MPs' remarks personal: Envoy Expenses of visit borne by British parliament'

By M Anwarul Haq and Nurul Kabir

'certificate' in favour of the

egation which came to Bangla- ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP). Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali who left Dhaka Saturday for Copenhagen to attend the annual conference of the Interna tional Parliamentary Union

The last member of the six- of public money to secure a

man British parliamentary del-

desh on a six-day visit left yes-

terday while the others de-

the British delegation was

borne by the British parlia-

ment. Jatiya Sangsad (JS)

however, extended local hospi-

tality to the British MPs, the

Parliament and Awami League

(AL) chief Sheikh Hasina, at a

press conference in the city

government had brought the

British delegation at the cost

Saturday, claimed that the

The Bangladesh Parliament.

Leader of the Opposition in

The expenses of the trip of

parted Friday evening.

sources said.

sources noted.

(IPU), told The Daily Star before his departure that the British delegation had paid the visit at the invitation of the Bangladesh unit of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). When his attention was drawn to Hasina's remarks, the Speaker said, over telephone,

"Bangladesh government had

nothing to do with the visit of

the honourable members of

the British parliament. He also said the Bangladesh wing of the CPA had invited its

British counterpart long ago and the British parliament responded by sending the sixman team last week. "They have also invited us to send a similar delegation to Britain," the Speaker told The

Daily Star.

Parliament Secretariat sources said, a 15-member JS body comprising members of both benches and with the Speaker as chairman, looks after matters relating to exchange of visits by parliamentary delegations. According to the sources, in

cases of exchange of such vis-See Page 12 Col 7

Near the New Market in the city during yesterday's hartal.

The government thinks that See Page 12 Col 7

to continue: JP By Staff Correspondent

mand for a caretaker government to hold general elections.

He said the government had

6 killed, 11 hurt in Chuadanga

JESSORE, Sept 11: Six persons were killed and eleven others injured when a Darshana-bound coach from Dhaka dashed against a roadside tree at Manoharpur of Jibannagar thana in Chuadanga

The dead are Golam Mostafa, 28, Delwar Hossain 22. Sakur Ali, 22. Shahidul. Mannan, 11.

lowed his helper to drive despite repeated protest from the passengers, managed to flee soon after the accident.