EU FMs against lifting arms embargo on Bosnia

USEDOM. Germany, Sept. 11: European Union foreign ministers came out firmly against lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia and agreed steps to draw East European states into the union. German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel said, reports AFP.

Speaking after chairing a meeting of the ministers in this Baltic Sea resort. Kinkel said the 12 agreed that lifting the embargo would carry "incalculable risks" and should be only a last resort after other means of bringing peace had failed. Kinkel said.

The announcement came amid continuing US pressure for a lifting of the embargo to allow the Bosnian Muslims to detend themselves against hostile Serbs in Bosnia-Hercegovina

At the same time there was a high degree of agreement' on how to put pressure on the Bosnian Serbs. Kinkel said.

"We stand for a total isolation of the Bosnian Serbs and a tightening of sanctions against them, as we cannot accept that less that one million Serbs and their leaders can continue to block the Bosnia peace process, he said.

Kinkel said the 12 were unanimous in expressing the fear that a lifting of the embargo would lead to incalculable risks." Such a move would mean

countries which had UN troops in Bosnia would have to withdraw them, and supplies into the former Yugoslav republic could no longer be assured, he explained. The response of other parties was also unknown, the German

Another report says the United Nations may start lifting sanctions imposed on rump Yugoslavia as early as next week, while toughening its stance against the Bosnian Serbs. Russia's envoy to the former Yugoslavia said today.

Vitaly Churkin, who last Wednesday attended a meeting in Berlin of the international contact group on Bosnia, said late Saturday group negotiators had worked out an agreement whereby the UN Security Council would "pass two resolutions," the Interfax agency

Reuter adds: Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic urged the United Nations on Saturday to lift its arms emdestruction, the emirates agency WAM said.

call he had made at the end of an Islamic foreign ministers conference in Pakistan when he arrived in the United Arab Emirates for talks with senior

about his educational record in

was moving from a system of

many parties toward a compe-

tition between two large polit-

ical groups - one centered

around the Liberal Democrats

and the other a union of self-

proclaimed reformers. Oppo-

sition parties said last week

they plan to unite as one party.

calls for less protection for in-

efficient industries and more

attention to urban consumers.

Murayama's coalition has advo-

cated a go-slow approach to

placed on the election, each

side sent its biggest names to

campaign in Aichi. Murayama

stumped for the government's

candidate and former prime

ministers Hata and Toshiki

Kaifu rallied for the opposition.

Secret talks best

way for deal

with Syria: Rabin

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

said in an interview broadcast

today that he believed secret

bilateral talks with Syria were

the best way to work towards a

Syria was currently refusing

such contacts, but said he

hoped US Secretary of State

Warren Christopher could help

help of the United States -

hopefully — we can find a basis

that will allow us to meet in

secret or openly," Rabin said,

according to a German transla-

bilateral, secret negotiations."

Pak Opposition

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simultaneously under an army-

In the snap elections in

October Sharif's PML lost to

the PPP by a narrow margin.

Political confrontation between

Opposition has been mounting

Bhutto said the Opposition "is

playing a very regrettable role.

row for Morocco on an official

visit, said the government was

not 'afraid,' adding that the

Opposition campaign was

The government has said it

bound to fail.'

Reacting to the movement.

Bhutto, who leaves tomor-

since Bhutto assumed office.

government and

brokered peace formula.

"But the best thing would be

tion of his comments.

"We think that with the

bring in the sides together.

Rabin told German radio

peace deal, reports Reuter.

BONN, Sept 11: Israel's

Reflecting the importance

The opposition's platform

The election came as Japan

campaign literature.

Murayama's coalition loses seat in by-polls

Minister Tomiichi Murayama failed a test of strength Sunday as an alliance of opposition parties triumphed over his ruling coalition in a closely watched by-election for a parliamentary seat, reports AP.

In conceding defeat after early returns, however, coalition candidate Jiro Mizuno, a former United Nations official. insisted: "This result is my personal responsibility and of the Murayama administra-

gressive new party.

per cent of the vote counted, of Nagoya.

Chalak Samabaya Federation drivers to run their vehicles ignoring the hartal call by opposition parties, reports BSS.

federation said it has no connection with opposition's hartal call. The leaders expressed provided by the government and extended full support to government's development ac-

The leaders who issued the statement included Md Mokaddem Hossain, president of the federation and Md Solaiman Khan, Farooq Ahmed. Md Esahaq Maksudi, Md Feroz Azam Mazumder, Md Suroj Mia

This government has lost its moral right to remain in

power," he added. Kazi Zafar Ahmed said "The people have now only a onepoint agenda — removal of the

government." He alleged that BNP government had used force to foil the peaceful programme of the

opposition parties. He thanked the people for "observing the hartal on Sunday" and urged then to

make the next two days' programmes successful. Party secretary general Khaledur Rahman Tito, Sirajul

Hossain Khan and Mostafa Jamal Haider also addressed the meeting. Later, the JP supporters

brought out a torch procession in support of today's half-day and tomorrow's day-long har-

minister added.

quoted him as saying.

bargo on his country, saying it had brought only death and

Silajdzic was repeating a

who was stripped of his seat after being found guilty of lying

reforms

TOKYO. Sept 11: Prime

does not represent a judgment

For the victorious opposition, former Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata said voters had judged the alliance between Murayama's left-leaning Socialists and the conservative Liberal Democrats as "an act of betrayal" and wanted a pro-

The Liberal Democrats had governed Japan alone from 1955 until last year, when voter anger about rampant cor ruption brought down their government. They regained a share of power by joining with their longtime rival Socialists in June.

Officials said that with 64 opposition candidate Yuzuru Tsusuki, a labour Ministry section chief, had 567,696 votes to 377,063 for Mizuno for the upper house seat for central Aichi prefecture (state), which includes the industrial centre

Tsuzuki will succeed the 1992 winner, Shoji Shimma,

Autorickshaw. drivers urged to ignore hartal

Bangladesh Autorickshaw Limited has called upon all its members and autorickshaw

In a press release issued vesterday, the leaders of the their intention to repay loans

tivities. and Mohammad Hossain.

JP rally

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would not obstruct the Opposition protest but warned had made Parliament ineffecthat any attempt to disturb peace would be sternly checked.

> Observers said incidents were likely as Opposition supporters would be flocking to railway stations to hear Sharif. en route from Karachi to Lahore in Punjab province. amid expected heavy police

deployment. They said Bhutto had a comfortable grip on power. with her majority in parliament intact, a supportive President at the helm and the powerful army apparently unwilling to dip its fingers in

politics. Pakistan newspaper reports

have said the PML has not succeeded in winning crucial support from Mehajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), a major political force in Sind's urban centre which is at odds with the PPP.



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting in front of the Jatiya Press - Star photo Club yesterday.

Uttar Pradesh govt faces collapse

NEW DELHI, Sept 11: A coalition government in India's most populous state was facing collapse today after premier PV Narasimha Rao's Congress (I) party said it was withdrawing its crucial legislative support, reports AFP.

The Congress chapter in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh said its 32 members in the 425-seat legislature would no longer support the state government, controlled by a socialist-led two-party coalition.

The Congress decision, taken in the Uttar Pradesh capital Lucknow, reduced the state government of Mulayam Singh Yadav, who came to power in November last year. to a minority in the assembly.

Int'l child abuse prevention confce opens in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept 11: Nations must join in putting people, funds and reliable data into the fight against increasing child abuse in the world, an international conference was told Sunday, reports

"With the sense of commitment shown by all countries. I am sure that the incidence of child abuse and neglect can be reduced," Napsiah Omar, Malaysia's minister for national unity and social development, told 900 delegates from 62 countries.

The four-day conference was jointly organised by the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, the Malaysian Council for Child Welfare, and the Suspected Child Abuse and

AL's post-hartal rally

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intérests. The AL chief admitted that hartals caused sufferings to the people but said, "We have been compelled to observe such programmes as a last resort to protest the government's repressive measures and misdeeds."

She claimed that her current agitation aimed at ensuring people's right to vote, food and work. "We want polls under a non-party caretaker government as no fair election is possible under the present vote dacoit BNP government." This, government rigged all the elections held under it, even one by-election, boycotted by all opposition parties, alleged the AL chief. She was struggling for change of power through fair polls, she added her struggle would continue until Hasina said people's economic emancipation was achieved and democracy was

institutionalised. "We believe in democratic and systematic movement but it is the BNP government which is behaving with us in an autocratic manner," Hasina said. The people will give a befitting response to such conduct, she added.

The AL chief blamed the ruling party for 'not being sincere in resolving the political impasse and blocking the Opposition's return to Parliament. "We offered dialogue and asked BNP to move a bill seeking constitutional provisions for elections under a caretaker government but they have pushed us to the path of agitation.

The opposition leader said the people of all sections were now fed up with the BNP for its three-and-half years' mis-

During this period, the people witnessed widespread corruption, terrorism, politicisation of the administration and closure of mills and facto-I rics, she alleged.

Chaired by Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, the rally was also addressed by party Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan. Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tofael Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Zillur Rahman, Mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif, Matia Choudhury. Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Abdul Jalil, Dr Selim and Mofazzal

Hossain Choudhury Maya. Samad Azad said the government would be changed through ballot and not by any other means.

Zillur Rahman urged the people 'not to leave the streets' until the government accepted the demand for polls under a caretaker administra-

The rally was followed by a procession which paraded different city streets.

Shrimp farmer shot dead

CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: A shrimp farmer was killed and eight others were seriously injured when a gang of armed people attacked a shrimp field in Banskhali today, reports

health complex.

Police said that Abdus Salam, 40, son of Magbul Ali of village Saral in Banskhali thana, was killed when the gang, locally known as the 'Mannan-Kashem group', fired shots on the shrimp field at about 2 pm.

The shootout erupted when the shrimp-farmers tried to resist the miscreants who tried to loot the shrimp field. police said.

Local people said the attack might also be a sequel to earlier dispute over shrimp land. The miscreants reportedly looted fish worth about Taka three to four lakhs.

The body of the victim was brought to Banskhali thana

All the injured were admit-

ted to the Banskhali thana

Tanbazar yarn traders observe strike

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ. Sept 11: A half-day strike was observed by the traders of the Tanbazar wholesale yarn market today at the call of the Bangladesh Yarn Merchants Association.

The Association called the strike protesting alleged irregularities in the allocation of products of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation

The association alleged that the BTMC has been patronising a few traders.

The products of 27 BTMC mills, out of 30, are being allocated to nine traders while the products of the three mills to

the rest of the traders, it said. After the strike, the association brought out a procession in the town and held a rally.

Presided by the asseria tion's Vice-Chairman Haji Amzad Hossain, the rally was addressed also by General Secretary Jahangir Alam and Kamaluddin.

Owners urge

Exempt transport from purview of hartal

By Staff Correspondent The Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association yesterday urged the opposition parties to exempt the transport sector from the purview of hartals considering the 'sufferings of passengers and transport wor-

An emergency meeting of the association's executive body requested the political leaders to take a unanimous decision on the issue.

Meanwhile, terminal sources said interdistrict buses will ply after hartal hours today.

2 die in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent A minor girl was killed in

road accident and another teenager reportedly commit ted suicide in the city yester Noor Jahan was seriously

injured when a speeding autorickshaw knocked her down at Reverbagar on Saturday, She was rushed to the Dhak. Medical College Hospital (DMC11) where she succumbed to her injuries vesterday. Yasmin, 15, reportedly took

poison to commit suicide at her house Saturday night. She was admitted to the

DMCH where she died early vesterday. Police sent both the bodies to the DMCH morgue for au-

A tea vendor was seriously injured when he was stabbed near the Curzon Hall of Dhaka University around 3:30 pm

Sunday. The victim Sohel, 16, who received injuries in his abdomen, was immediately admitted to the DMCH. He was later shifted to the

Chest Diseases Hospital. Cairo confce

From Page 1 Col 7 sexual health.

The joke circulating in the corridors at the conference was: "Who ever thought that talking about sex all week could be so boring."

The key remaining issues center on 'reproductive rights' for women. The Vatican objects that the phrase could be misconstrued to include abortion, and Muslim countries are worried that the wording could foster premarital sex.

Delegates finally hammered out compromise language on 'unsafe' abortion Friday, but the Vatican still refused to sign on, along with predominantly Catholic Malta, Ecuador, Peru and Argentina. Delegates said Jordan, Libya and Costa Rica also registered objections Saturday.

Sai, whose committee worked on the abortion compromise, said that for all the fuss, changes in language did not alter the meaning that

But he noted the Vatican's rigid stance through five days of debate produced much bitterness.

Kuwaiti envoy From Page 1 Col 4

vited Begum Zia on behalf of the Ameer and the Prime Minister to visit Kuwait.

Congratulating the special envoy, Begum Khaleda Zia expressed the hope that the friendly relations between Bangladesh and Kirwait will be further strengthened.

She requested the envoy to recruit more Bangladesi work ers for Kuwait.

Begum Zia also conveyed her greetings through the envov to the Kuwaiti Ameer and the Prime Minister Principal Secretary to the

The Midnight File

Elections to Palestinian council Nov 1

GAZA CITY (Gaza Strip). Sept 11: Palestinians will hold their first elections to choose the new autonomy council on November 1. Palestinian social affairs "minister" Intissar Al-Wazir said Saturday. 'The most important decision we took today was to proceed with elections on November 1," she said after the weekly Palestinian authority meeting here, reports

German embassy in Algeria evacuated

BONN, Sept 11: The German embassy in Algeria was evaciuated today after receiving a bomb threat, a German Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Bonn. Algerian police searched the building but no explosives were found, the spokesman said. Personnel at the embassy had been significantly reduced in recent months due to violence against foreigners in Algeria, reports AFP.

Expenses of British MPs

From Page | Col 4 its among the Commonweith countries, the expenses for passage are borne by the respective parliaments while the host parliament takes care of local hospitality.

The Bangladesh Parliament. like any other in the world. has a fund to spensor local hospitality, a JS official said, adding that it was the Jatiya Sangsad which bore the expenditure for the local hospitality extended to the British parliamentarians. On the other hand, a par-

liamentary delegation attending any conference of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) has to bear its own expenses, including travel, food and board. The IPU doesn't sponsor anything, JS sources said.

Therefore, all the expenses of the five member Bangladesh delegation attending the current IPU conference in the Danish capital is being borne by the Jatiya Sangsad, Shaikh Razzak Ali said.

Headed by the Speaker, the delegation includes members from the ruling BNP, and the opposition AL and Jatiya Party.

Meanwhile, sources in the British High Commission in Dhaka also admitted that the British parliamentary delegation came to Bangladesh at the invitation ol Commonwealth Parliamentary

Association of the country. When asked to comment on the reported statement of Sheikh Hasina that the British MPs made remarks in favour of the BNP, the British High

Transport strike

From Page 1 Col 8 rested in connection with the Thursday's incident, they said.

The DRTA General Secretary said they had called the indefinite strike also to press for the realisation of nine point demand that includes stopping police harassment and establishing a city terminal and a special coach terminal.

The association also demands payment within 15 days for any vehicles requisitioned by police, exemption of interest on bank loans for defaulters in the transport sector and release of seized vehicles within 48 hours as per the Motor Vehicle Test (MVT) rule.

Press Note

From Page 1 Col 5 everybody will play a helpful role to ensure normal public

The Press Note said the road transportation system is a public welfare oriented sector. The present democratic government is determined to provide more services to the people through the development of the sector. The government hopes that the cooperation of all concerned would strengthen the activities of the sector, the Press Note said.

Commissioner, Peter J Fowler said: I have seen the press reports. However, as usual the British MPs did not make any official statement. Any observations made by them were their individual views based on their experiences and meetings with the leaders of both the ruling party and the Opposition. As some of the delegation members were familiar with Bangladesh, I think they were expressing their frank concerns on the country's present political situation," the High Commissioner

Refugees clash with Zairian soldiers

GOMA, Zafre, Sept 11: Thousands of Rwandan refugees clashed with Zairian soldiers in Kibumba, the largest camp in eastern Zaire. Witnesses on Sunday reported seeing at least two bodies and "lots of patches of blood," reports AP.

The violence late Saturday night prompted the United Nations to issue a security alert.

Chambers

From Page 1 Col 3 country is projected to be virtually in continuous strike for 4 days, it is only natural for the world at large to form an adverse impression. The country's image problem already remains a major hindrance for development. It is the people's future which will be affected if the image problem worsens and we fail to make use of the remaining few years of this century in strengthening the economic base of our country. Similarly, such political unrest and consequent instability will further discourage both local and foreign investment which is so badly needed to revamp

the economy.

"We submit to all political leaders not to forget the interests of the economy at this critical juncture. The hawkers, shop-owners, contractors, small and cottage industries across the country are already struggling for their survival. So are the exporters and domestic market-oriented industries. Their survival needs not only better governance, but also better politics. Good politics fosters good economy, inasmuch as bad politics hampers growth. It is time to drop strikes as the means of achieving political gains. History is full of instances that no such gains can be sustained without

economic success. In this regard we would like to reiterate our earlier position and once again strongly urge all to earnestly resolve their political differences through intense consultations and meaningful dialogue. Failure to do so will bring disaster to the country for which the political leadership shall be held responsible by the nation."



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Street urchins join in the act of wrecking a 'renegade' rickshaw on a city street during

yesterday's hartal hours. 'Invasion of Haiti getting closer'

WASHINGTON, Sept 11: US Secretary of State Warren Christopher said today the United States has "exhausted" all diplomatic efforts to oust the military regime in Haiti, hinting that an invasion is getting closer, reports Reuter.

"There comes a time when we have to use military force and President Clinton will explain carefully and fully to the American people what the reasons are and I hope and believe we will have their support at that point. If it comes to that," Christopher said on NBC Television's "Meet the Press" programme. '-

"We have exhausted every diplomatic endeavour," said Christopher.

US policy is to restore Haiti's popularly elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power. He was ousted in a coup in 1991 and now lives in exile in Washington.

Hartal observed From Page 1 Col 7 of Agargaon ASI of police

noon. He was taken to the Suhrawardy Hospital. Three other police constables suffered minor injuries in clashes with demonstrators at Topkhana Road and Johnson

Abdut Mannan received bomb

injuries in his leg at around

The police picked up 28 around 12.30 noon. persons including 21 street urchins from the Motifheel area, 15 persons from Mohammadpur, 4 from Tejgaon and 4 from Lalbagh area for attacking the police and rickshaws. A number of bomb blasts

rocked Green Road area and pickets damaged a number of rickshaws plying on the street. Two autorickshaws of the official news agency BSS were damaged at Green Road and Khilgaon area in the morning. The number of police deployed yesterday at important

spots like the Zero Point

Topkhana crossing and Jatiya

Press Club was far less com-

- Star photo

The AL, the JP and their front organisations brought out processions in different parts of the city. The AL and its stu dent front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out two front of the Press Club at

Shamim.

Chowdhury Maya and the BCL

rally by its newly elected

President Enamul Haq

The AL rally was addressed by among others SA Mannau. Khandker Shaffqur Rahman and Igbalur Rahim. The BCL was addressed by Ajay Kar, Akhter Hossain and some others.

pared with that on Saturday Also, there were fewer agitators at these points.

processions and held rallies in The AL rally was presided over by Mofazzel Hossain

Both the rallies urged the people to continue the movement till the BNP government was compelled to step down and hold national elections under a caretaker government.

> Prime Minister A N M Eusul. Kuwaiti Ambassador in Dhaka Mohammad Ebrahim Al-Najran and other senior officials were present on the occasion.