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Foreign fishing
trawler seized

BAGERHAT, Sept 25: Bangladesh Navy ship Surma seized a foreign fishing trawler from the south of Hiron Point and arrested all of its 12 crew-member yesterday. The Navy ship seized the trawler during routine anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and fishery protection patrol and recovered about seven maunds of hilsa fish from the trawler, reports BSS.

Sarbhara man
arrested

PATUAKHALI, Sept 25: Police arrested an outlawed Sarbhara partyman and recovered some ammunition from his possession from the village Gachhani, under Dashmina thana of the district recently. Police on a tip-off raided a house of the village and arrested him, reports BSS.

Blast kills five
children in Turkey

ISTANBUL, Sept 25: Five children were killed and another injured when one of them pulled the pin of a grenade they found in the garden of a house in Genc, southern Turkey, the Anatolian news agency reported today. The children's ages and identities were not released, reports AFP.

WHO director meets
Badruddoza

The visiting World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Director, Dr Utan Muchtar Refei, called on the Deputy Leader of the Jatiya Sangsads and Chairman of National AIDS Committee (NAC) Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury at the latter's official residence in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

Teacher mugged

By Staff Correspondent
A teacher of Dhaka Tea-chers' Training College — Kishwar Kamal Khan was robbed of her gold bangle and a wrist watch in the city yesterday morning. She was waylaid by two muggers at Road No. 8, Dhanmondi, around 9 in the morning when she was going to the college by a rickshaw.

Malaysia to hire 50,000 Bangladeshis a year

Star Report

The home minister said that the issue of Bangladeshi workers now stranded in Malaysia was also discussed and he got the assurance from Dato Megat that such cases would be considered sympathetically.

Some 1300 Bangladeshi workers are now detained at different camps in Malaysia for illegal entry and unlawful employment in that country.

During the talks, Bangladesh requested regularisation of these workers and Malaysia responded positively.

The talks were dominated by the issues related to recruitment of manpower for Malaysia while some problems faced by the Bangladeshi workers also came up for discussions.

Malaysia also agreed to share her experiences with Bangladesh on drug detection.

prevention of drug abuse and treatment of the drug addicts," said Matin Chowdhury.

Malaysia will also provide training to senior police officials of Bangladesh, he said.

Bangladesh put forward some specific proposals to simplify the visa procedures between the two countries and Malaysia assured its consideration.

Dato Megat led his country's eight-member team at the talks which included senior government officials and Malaysian High Commissioner Ahmed Fuzi bin Abdul Razak.

The Bangladesh team led by the home minister included high officials from the ministries of home, foreign affairs and labour and manpower.

Prof Chowdhury, Chief Whip

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BNP response to Samad Azad's letter soon

By Asiuzzaman

Deputy Leader of Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will shortly communicate to his Opposition counterpart Abdu Samad Azad the ruling party's views on the Opposition pre-conditions for a dialogue to end the current political stand-off.

Prof Chowdhury will reply to Samad Azad's letter to him in response to a communication from him earlier this month formally proposing a dialogue.

The text of the reply, to be sent in a couple of days, was finalised at a meeting of the ruling party leadership yesterday with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair at her office, sources concerned said. Details were not available.

Prof Chowdhury, Chief Whip

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Goods train wagons plunge into river

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 25: A goods train derailed and five of its wagons plunged into a river at the Sreepur health complex and the Railway Hospital in Dhaka. Both were stated to be in critical condition.

Other witnesses said one person who happened to be passing under the bridge on a boat at the time was killed. However, no official confirmation of this was available.

Witnesses said at least four persons were injured, including the guard on the train.

Sheikh Abdul Mannan. The three others, all members of the public, were hurt seriously when the wagons tore off from the train and fell upon them. Two of them, Abdul Aziz of Gazipur and

Humayun of Mymensingh, needed hospitalisation at the Sreepur health complex and the Railway Hospital in Dhaka. Both were stated to be in critical condition.

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Railway officials said the accident occurred due to a 'technical fault' and refused to elaborate.

The railway control room here said all trains travelling on this route between the capital and the northern districts, as well as to Jessore, Khulna and Kushtia, had been

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10 Haitians killed in clash with US marines

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti, Sept 25: US Marines killed 10 armed men outside a police station in the first deadly clash between Haitians and American occupation troops sent to pave the way for democracy, reports AP.

American servicemen said the Haitians opened fire first in the gunbattle Saturday evening in the northern coastal city of Cap Haitien.

It wasn't clear whether the dead men were police or "affaiches," civilian strongmen backed by the police.

The gunfight was followed by a long siege, as Marines tried to persuade two men inside, believed to be policemen wounded in the shooting, to give themselves up.

Marines had cleared the

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Opposition's
barricade
programme
tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Three major opposition parties — the Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami — are planning to close all the entry points of the capital as part of their road-rail barricade programme tomorrow.

The parties will organise demonstrations at the Kamalapur railway station and the inter-district bus terminals at Syedabad, Mohakhali and Gabtali to enforce the dawn-to-dusk barricade programme to press home their demand for general elections under a caretaker administration, party sources said.

The three parties will organise similar programmes in other cities and towns. However, the movement of vehicles, and the functioning of business establishments and public and private offices within the cities and towns will be exempted from the programme, said Prof Abu Syeed, AL information and research chief, talking to The Daily Star last night. However, this could not be confirmed from other AL leaders, as most of them are outside the city.

The three opposition parties will lay sieges at 2,000 points all over the country during tomorrow's programme. Abu Syeed said.

Leaders of the three parties will also address meetings. The next course of action will be announced from separate rallies in the city Wednesday.

Saifur leaves for
Madrid to attend
IMF, WB seminar

Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman left Dhaka yesterday for Jeddah en route to Madrid to attend a seminar to mark the 50th founding anniversary of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) beginning September 29, reports BSS.

Rahman, who is also the chairman of the board of governors of the IMF and the WB, will inaugurate the two-day celebrations.

Besides, attending a meeting of the interim committee and development committee of the group of ten industrialised countries from October 1 to 3, the Finance Minister will also preside over the four-day annual meeting of the joint board of governors.

Dawn-to-dusk strike
at Mymensingh
today for divn

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 25: A day-long strike will be observed here tomorrow to drum up support for the creation of an administrative division in Mymensingh.

The Mymensingh Division Implementation Council and some other organisations of the district have called the strike.

A torch procession was brought out in the town this evening demanding a government announcement making Mymensingh a division with the six districts of Greater Mymensingh — Mymensingh, Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrakona and Kishoreganj. Presently all these districts are part of the Dhaka Division.

PM distributes grants to 67 youth bodies

Deaths from plague fall in Surat

Patients continue to suffer

By Staff Correspondent

Patients at government hospitals and health complexes across the country continue to suffer as the doctors' indefinite strike passed its fifth day yesterday.

The number of patients at the hospitals further declined yesterday.

At least 22 patients left the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday while 42 were discharged. The total number of patients stood at less than 1300 as against the usual over 1400.

A substitute outdoor section run by the striking doctors, however, admitted 73 patients.

The outdoor section remained closed and scheduled operations were not performed.

Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) called the strike in demand for higher allocation of fund for the health sector, more job opportunities and promotion for doctors, withdrawal of vigilance system.

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Shilpakala introduces colour slide system to select art works

By Staff Correspondent



follow this rule.

Artists intending to participate in the exhibition have to submit slides/photographs to the Director, Fine Arts, of the Shilpakala Academy at its

Exhibition due to begin in the first week of December will

Segun Bagicha office on or before October 20.

In case of mail or courier services also those must reach the authorities before the deadline, otherwise those will be considered rejected. A completed entry form along with a short biography of the artist is obligatory.

Any Bangladeshi artist aged 22 and above is eligible to submit three colour slides/photographs — one each of his recent works (1993-94) excluding those already exhibited in the Sixth Asian Art Biennale. For sculptures, three slides/photographs for each work is required.

All slides and photos must have serial numbers and an

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Jubilant processionists celebrating the declaration of Sylhet as a separate administrative division in the city yesterday. — Star photo