# US warns India, Pakistan against arms race

NEW YORK. Oct 2: Emphasising the role that regional organizations play in reducing tensions and promoting economic development. Secretary of State Christopher warned Pakistan and India on September 29 against the dangers of a nuclear arms or missile race in South Asia, reports BSS

We hope that India and Pakistan will engage in direct discussions on nuclear and missile non-proliferation." Christopher said while hosting a meeting with leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). says a USIS press release yes terday

We believe that regional organisations are especially well attuned to help reduce tensions. To bolster stability and to promote constructive relations within your region." the Secretary told his audience of senior officials from Bangladesh. Bhutan, India. Maldives. Nepal. Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

He cited the return to democracy in Bangladesh and the transition to democracy in Nepal, noting that they have touched more people than the return of democracy to Eastern Europe although the latter is much more talked about

The Secretary said the Clinton administration is committed to strengthening its partnership with South Asia, an area he described as one of intense economic growth and development. US investment in India has increased more in the past year than in the preceding four decades of Indian independence, he said. and Pakistan, too, has un dertaken a long-term economic reform programme.

Meanwhile, two more peo-

talised. They had not devel-

oped any symptoms other than

fever and cold, the IDH doc-

dent says, plague scare has

raused suspension of transit

ferry service between

Bazar from bordering Teknaf

said Myanmar authorities have

stopped movement of terry

boats in the Naaf river for fear

On Saturday morning.

ferry boat went to Myanmar's

Gundum port put Myanmar of-

ficials did not allow the pas-

Bangladesh from Myaninar

since Saturday morning.

Government officials and rep-

resentatives of various Non-

Government Organisations

(NGOs) at a meeting yesterday

decided to set up a resource

pool to create public aware-

The joint meeting also

called for defusing panic

among the people. The meet-

ing decided that the Voluntary

Health Services Society

(VHSS), a platform of several

health-sector NGOs, would

work as an information coor-

Our Chittagong correspon-

dent says: Preventive measures

have been stepped up in the

porteity following the out-

The Bangladesh Shipping

Corporation has suspended the

voyage of its vessel 'Banglar

Sampad which was scheduled

to sail from Chillagong port

that in the backdrop of plague-

A senior BSC official said

break of plague in India.

tomorrow for Calcutta.

dination centre.

No ferry boat came to

sengers to disembark.

Reports received at Cox's

Bangladesh and Myanmar.

Our Cox's Bazar correspon-

Hospital (IDH).

tors said

of plague

development cannot take place unless there are stable foundations of peace," Christopher pointed out, calling for redoubled efforts to tackle long standing differences between the two countries.

"America will work with you in dealing with the critical issues of the deployment of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles." he said.

"The fact is that a nuclear arms race or a missile race in South Asia would jeopardize not just stability in your region. but could affect nuclear proliferation all over the globe," the Secretary said. "So we share a responsibility to address together these problems of nuclear expansion."

He said the United States is committed to working with India and Pakistan on a comprehensive test ban and a fissile materials cutoff. "Meeting challenges like these will require a lot of resolve and a lot of determination on the part of your nations and your people." Christopher said, pledging to work with both nations to build a relationship that is constructive, balanced and mutually beneficial.

He told Bangladesh Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman that his country "has eloquently demonstrated its commitment to democracy" by joining the coalition of multinational forces that is engaged in returning democracy to

"For years you have demonstrated a global view toward peacekeeping," Christopher said. "You and other South Asian states have been among the major contributors to UN peacekeeping forces around "We all know that sustained the world.

No report of plague panic and as part of preventive From Page 1 Col 7

ple were admitted to the IDH remain suspended for some vesterday after they returned The Chittagong port au from India with mild fever and cold Nazmul Hug and Munni. who came by a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight were isolated and later hospi

> Meanwhile, the Chittagong City Corporation has started a massive campaign to create public awareness about plague As part of the campaign, the students of Chittagong Medical College organised a rally today. The rally was inaugurated by principal of the college Dr Nuriahan Bhuiyan.

Meanwhile, the city markets are facing an artificial crisis of onions as its price doubled in the past two days with the imposition of a ban on its

ing onions and spices.

Onion now sells at Tk 24/per kg as against Tk 12/- two

# Fresh clash in N'ganj:10 hurt

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 2: At least ten people were injured. armed clash here today.

two days.

tion under control.

hour clash which began around Chamber and Nagar Khanpur shut-down in the locality.

measures, the vovage of its

vessels to Indian ports would

thority has also decided not to allow the berthing of ships coming from India until they are checked and found plague-

import from India. Market sources said, a sec-

tion of traders started hoard-

From Our Correspondent six of them seriously, in a fresh

The violence was a sequel to clashes between two groups of youths of Khanpur and Missionpara during the last

They fired gunshots and exploded crackers while police lobbed teargas shells and used clubs to bring the situa-

During the one and a half 2:45 in the afternoon, the youths went on the rampage in Missionpara Mosque, Don areas. They also enforced a

# JMB won't affect wildlife

From Page 1 Col 4

the area having impact on the ecological condition. Alteration in the ecosystem would obviously affect the food grains and alter the faunal composition.

2) Construction embank ments and approach roads would destroy much of the human settlements along with the planted trees, bushes and jungles also the birds and other animals living there would lose their shelter and breeding grounds.

Proposed dredging operation from the bridge site for maintaining a navigable dry season channel for carrying heavy machinery would perhaps eliminate many of the chars of the Jamuna along with Kash bushes which provide breeding grounds for spotbill for grey duck. As a result, this duck would suffer the most. Other birds like the small pratin cole and a number of warblers would also be af-

fected. 4) Noise created by the machinery during the construction and also the presence of hundreds of people would have adverse effect on wildlife.

5) Spill of oil and lubricants and discharge of other wastes are likely to pollute the water endangering the life of sensitive dolphins and tortoises.

The study report pointed out that the area concerned was already a disturbed one because of human activities alongside the rivers.

The team pointed out that the Dhaleswari' eroded many areas and dries completely in the winter. The birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians recorded in the area were thus generally adapted to bushes, jungles and small forests near

the human settlements. So these birds and otheranimals would find shelter outside the impacted areas while the waders would take shelter in the lower Dhaleswari or in the nearby Jamuna.

The study teams suggested special attention to the spotbill duck and said the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (in collaboration with the World Bank) may take a 'spotbill protection project' and set up a sanctuary for it.

The team would conduct a follow-up survey soon.



- Star photo

### 8 get life term for double murder

BARISAL, Oct 2: Eight people were today sentenced to life term rigorous imprison ment and seven others acquitted in a sensational double murder case, reports UNB

Court sources said Fazlul Haque Sarder, Shamsu Dhali Ameer Hossain, Delwar Hossain, Mokhles Dhali, Monir Hossain Howlader, Alauddin Gazi and Mohiuddin Matabbar were also fined Tk 2,000, in default to suffer one month more RI.

According to the prosecu tion, the accused beat to death Belayet Hossain and Sunnu Chowkider after kidnapping them from a local market on December 8, 1991.

Monoara Begum, wife of Belayet Hossain, had filed a case against 15 people with the local police. The District and Sessions

Judge S M Abdus Samad sentenced the eight and acquitted seven others.

## killed, 6 hurt in Cox's Bazar clash

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Oct 2: One person was killed and six others were injured in a clash

under Moheskhali thana today. Local people said, Haru Mia. 70, was stabbed to death allegedly by his younger brother Golam Kuddus when the two brothers and their supporters clashed following a family feud

over land at Shipahipara village

over the land. Golam Kuddus and his son were arrested

The injured were admitted to Moheskhali Thana Health Complex.

# Saitur

From Page 1 Col 7 with a good opportunity to play a major role.

About the post cold-war situation Saifur said halt to competition between Washington and Moscow would not be harmful for the developing countries since there will be more resources available to invest now that military competition is over.

The Finance Minister said the rate of economic growth in the developing countries was better than that of the industrialised nations.

In South Asia, the average growth rate is more than five per cent. China is even going to control expansion to avoid inflation with 13 to 14 per

cent growth. Referring to the critical situation of Africa. Saifur said he did not foresee any change unless the industrialised countries go out of their way and

relieve them of past debts. "The countries concerned with good governance, good institutions, capable civil administrations, favourable policies-projects and programmes have obtained better results,

he added. Saifur Rahman, current Chairman of the WB-IMF Board of Governors, pleaded more investment by the Bank in human resource development and noted that over the last 50 years it followed a uniform approach, the same policy for all countries.

# Murders in the city

From Page 1 Col 4 place between 2:30 and 5:30

Nilufar Chowdhury's bloodsoaked body was found in the dining room of the flat while that, of Shoma was recovered by police from under her bed. Both had been mercilessly attacked and stabbed repeatedly with a sharp weapon, probably a knife or a boti. However, preliminary inspection in the kitchen and dining rooms showed all the knives and even the bott were spotlessly clean.

There were wounds and lacerations all over the two bodies. While Mrs Chowdhury was wearing a saree her daughter was dressed in a greenish shalwar-kameez.

According to Dr Atiya, her sister Nilufar \_ an Assistant Professor of Textiles and Clothings— returned from her college after 2 pm. She was to have gone shopping with one of her colleagues in the evening.

It was only when her colleague, vice principal of the college, came knocking at around 5:30 pm that she discovered something was amiss. Having failed to get a response after pressing the doorbell, she climbed down to the first

# Village focal point

From Page 1 Col 4 More than 40 distinguished citizens of Tejgaon thana. including teachers, lawyers, businessmen and community

leaders were present The local MP and State Minister for Textiles Major (retd) Abdul Mannan, Abdul Wadud Master, A S Momenul Hug, Ruhul Amin Chowdhury, A T M Zahid Hossain, Advocate Hossainul Kabir and Mohammad Ashraf spoke on the

Summing up, the Prime Minister said that capital Dhaka has expanded in an unplanned way and the population has grown from nearly 34 lakh during Shaheed Zia's period to the nearly 86 lakh at present, creating problems like scarcity of water and drainage.

She alleged that the autocratic government did not do anything to increase the basic facilities of the people.

Begum Zia said the government has undertaken development programmes aimed at solving the problems of the people and mentioned the beginning of the work of the second bridge over river Buriganga. "It will reduce much of the pressure on the capital and help expand the Dhaka city."

The Prime Minister assured the people of Tejgaon thana that all their problems would be solved in phases.

BSS adds: Begum Zia regretted that the disrupting politics was doing immense harm to the people and at the same time was impinging upon their rights.

She said that the agitational programmes like hartals, gheraos and strikes by some political parties were affecting the economic structure, impeding progress and at the same time infringing upon the fundamental rights of the commonman.

The Prime Minister said such negative programmes could only weaken the hardearned democratic system.

lady. Then both ladies went up the stairs and turned the cloorknob which gave way.

floor and informed the land-

Upon entering the Chowdhurys' flat they switched on the living room lights and immediately screamed out in horror after noticing the bloody lifeless figure of Nilufar in the adjacent dining room. They raised an alram and soon informed the police. It was for the police to discover the corpse of Shoma in the bed-

The bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue after midnight for autopsy

Detective police who also rushed to the spot were searching for clues

When asked by this correspondent, Assistant Commissioner of DB Humayun Kabir said it was still too early to say anything about the motive or the identity of the murderer/s. DB experts were taking fingerprints of all inmates of the four-storied building and others they felt necessary till writing of this report around 1:00 am last night.

#### Reform must direct resources to rural areas'

Time has come for the World Bank to consider mak ing the NGO network an ele ment of the structural adjust ment advocated by the Bank said F H Abed. Executive Director of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), reports UNB.

He was addressing the 50th anniversary conference of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Madrid, Spain, on Friday.

According to a message received in Dhaka vesterday Abed said an authentic reform must direct resources to the rural areas, empower the poor and democratise the purchasing power.

"The NGOs can be effective partners in the task of such reforms because successful ones among them have developed mechanism to reach the poorest section of the community.

He pointed out that the East Asian countries have been successful in reducing poverty only in societies where egalitarian and agrarian reforms preceded present growth oriented model of development.

"Those reforms destroyed the power of the landed elite and thus created the ground for sustainable poverty reduc-

The BRAC executive said the main thrust for development of a country must come from within where the poor and the deprived are empowered to alleviate their poverty.

With that end in view, he informed, the BRAC set about designing a strategy to group the landless for their self-sustaining personal development through training, credit and income generation as well as through education for their children.

Abed said the BRAC has emerged as the largest national NGO in the Third World implementing several development programme's all over Bangladesh in rural development, primary education and women's health sectors.

#### Plague cases in Maharashtra From Page 1 Col 8 was being tested for the

Pakistan and Bangladesh also reported suspected plague cases in their countries.

In the first organised evacuation. Qatar evacuated 125 of its citizens from Bombay. United News of India reported. Gulf Air, the Manama-based airline, will operate special flights to evacuate Bahrain citizens from India Monday, United News reported from

Dubai. Gulf Air later announced it was resuming flights to India today and said Bahrain will serve as a transit point for passengers traveling to and from the Subcontinent.

Indian authorities tried to persuade citizens that there

was no need to panic, but hundreds of thousands of Indians were suffering from psychological trauma caused by plague

So high is the fear of contamination with plague germs that nearly everyone in this capital of 11 million people is wearing a face mask. In New Delhi, an alarmed

government turned to folk artists for help to contain the plague fear. The government want folk performers use a major Indian

religious holiday to help quell plague panic. In Pakistan, an eight-year-old boy who returned on a special train from New Delhi was hospitalised with flu-like symptoms and plague, said Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, a health ministry official in Islamabad.

The train was run for some Pakistanis who were stranded after their government suspended regular travel links with India because of the out-In Bangladesh, Sunday newspapers said about 50 peo-

ple have been hospitalised with suspected plague but no cases had been confirmed. The official New Light of Myanmar Daily reported today that the National Health Committee was discussing ways to block the spread of the plague across the more than

800 miles of border Myanmar

shares with India.

### Bangladeshi dies in accident in Saudi Arabia

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Oct 2: A Bang-

ladesht was killed in a road accident in Saudi Arabia on September 25. He hailed from village Palarchak under Biswa nath thana of Sylhet district. The victim, Nurul Islam,

30, who had been in Saiyara. Jeddah for two years met the tragic end of his life while crossing a road. The body would be reaching Sylhet soon a telephonic message said to-

# JS team leaves for Toronto today

By Staff Correspondent

A Parliamentary delegation headed by Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali leaves the city today for Toronto, Canada, to attend an international seminar sponsored by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA). The five-day seminar is

scheduled to begin October 7. The Speaker would also at tend a two-day meeting of the CPA executive committee beginning October 5.

Shaikh Razzak Ali was elected a member of the CPA central body last year.

The Parliamentary delegation, comprising members from both the treasury and the opposition benches, include Whip Abdul Karim, Prof Abdullah and Rashed Khan Menon.

#### Minor girl raped at Osmany Hospital From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET. Oct 2: An under treatment minor girl was allegedly violated by an interne doctor in the Sylhet M A G Osmany Medical College Hospital last night.

According to a complaint registered with the Sylhet Kotwali police station, the victim, Selina, 12, was admitted to the hospital on Saturday. At 10 pm she was taken to a nearby room of the ward by interne doctor Abdul Hannan who then allegedly raped her. After sometime, she made a hue and cry and informed the matter to those present. The hospital authorities shifted her to another ward the same

The victim's father, Abdun Noor of village Durgapasha under Sunamgani Sadar thana. lodged a case with Sylhet Kotwali thana today.

The Human Rights and Legal Aid Committee. Sylhet is providing legal aid to the vic-

Habitat Day From Page 1 Col 5 said it is possible to solve the housing problem through a

planned approach. A family can take up initia tives to fulfill its future demands and build a happy family life, she added.

"Family has proved to be the nucleus around which other institutions have grown for thousands of years. A society draws its strength from it and builds its future through the family," the Prime Minister ob-

### **Tariff Commission**

From Page 1 Col 3 iff value of 2,000 items included in the operative tariff schedule for 1993-94.

Of them, 1,062 items were related to capital machinery and spare parts and the commission suggested that the tariff value of these items should either be kept at zero or at a minimum to encourage investment in the country.

Of the remaining 938 items, the recommendations on 309 items were fully implemented while that for another 228 items were partially accommodated in the 1994-95 budget.

The commission had also suggested lifting the existing ban on the import of newsprint by fixing a 75 per cent import duty on the item, but it was not accepted by the Finance Ministry.

The commission also formulated the 'request' and 'offer lists to be forwarded to other member-nations of the South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) and helped in the final stages of the GATT negotiations last

It recommended reducing tariff on particular items from Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Argentina under the Global System of Trade Preference (GSTP).

But it gave its views against similar requests from Brazil and North Korea. The GSTP was formed in 1988 by 48 developing countries and Bangladesh receives some tariff concessions from 10 member countries under the programme.

Asked by the Commerce Ministry, the commission recommended seeking tariff concessions on seven local items from Malaysia, to boost exports to the South-East Asian country. These items include: ready-made garments, furniture, frozen fish, jute goods, handloom products, handicraft and fine rice.

# The Midnight File

### 10 shot dead in India

LUCKNOW. Oct 2: Ten people were killed and 10 seriously wounded when Indian police opened fire on protesters heading to a New Delhi rally today, a leaders said. We have seen ten bodies ourselves," Satish Joshi, a leader for the Uttarakhand Sangharsh Samiti (Uttarakhand Agitation Committee), told Reuters after police fired on a 7,000-strong crowd at Muzaffarnagar, 150 km (91 miles) from Delhi.

#### 6 killed in Pak blast

ISLAMABAD. Oct 2: Six people were killed and 20 wounded today when a bomb exploded in a bus near the town of Lalamusa about 150 km (94 miles) southeast of Islamabad, the private Pakistan Press International (PPI) news agency said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility and it was not clear what had motivated the attack.

# Opposition reaction

From Page 1 Col 8 ministers at the Manik Mia Avenue rejecting the issue of a caretaker government

The statements and actions of the BNP leaders prove that they were not at all sincere about the proposed dialogue. Nasim said. He. however, made it clear that "there will be no election under Begum Zia's government.

Whatever efforts the government may make, it will have to concede to a neutral non-partisan caretaker government - the core issue of the current agitation of the Opposition, the Opposition chief whip said

He added that the present problem could have been resolved peacefully through discussion, but the 'intransigent attitude of the government leads the settlement of the is sue to a confrontational atmosphere on the street.

Nasim said the Opposition will not contact the govern ment on its own volition regarding the Commonwealthbrokered dialogue.

Jatiya Party leader Maudud Ahmed said Saturday's statement of the Prime Minister reconfirmed the fear that the government has no honest intention" of holding any fruitful dialogue to resolve the present crisis centring round the m terim government. "Her (PM) statement has

## 30 lawyers held in Karachi

KARACHI, Oct 2: Pakistani police fired tear gas and arrested 30 lawyers today after a clash during a protest demonstration in Karachi in which four policemen and four lawyers were wounded, police said, reports Reuter.

Police dispersed more than 100 lawyers protesting outside city courts against a government decision to shift some courts to the newly created Malir district in eastern

#### Karachi. Hasina: Drought

From Page 1 Col 7 immediate succour to the affected people

The Opposition leader, now

visiting the drought-affected areas in Kurigram and Lalmonirthat districts, said the people's right to vote and food are not ensured under the present government. Hasina addressed wayside

rallies at some 15 places, including Nabadiganj, Kaunia. Teesta, Barobari, Mirerbari, Nayarhat and Dakbangla in Kurigram district. Hundreds of men and

women - scrawny and hungry - flocked around Hasina at the drought-hit areas when she distributed sarees, lungis and rice among them. She will visit Lalmonirhat

tomorrow.

uncertain the prospect of overcoming the current political crisis through discussion. "If the government sticks to

certainly not helped in creat-

ing a congenial pre-dialogue

General Maulana Matiur

Rahman Nizami said the Prime

Minister's speeches in Dhaka

and Chittagong have made

Jamaat e Islami Secretary

atmosphere," he added.

its negative stand about a caretaker government, the proposed dialogue will be a futile exercise," he said. About the Commonwealth

mediation in resolving the present crisis, Nizami said the government, in fact, had realised its weakness in tackling the country's internal political affairs and involved quarters from outside in settling the is-

He, however, said that the Jamaat stands for a solution of the present crisis by any means, although such solution by intervention from outside would create a bad precedence for the nation.

#### Doctors' strike From Page 1 Col 5 strike anyday.

Some 17 patients left the DMCH voluntarily while five died yesterday. Five emergency operations were performed but all scheduled routine opera-

tions remained suspended as

usual for the twelfth consecutive day. With the senior or specialist government doctors abstaining from private practice as a mark of solidarity with the BMA strike yesterday. Suffering of the patients aggravated further. However, a few specialised doctors, alongwith some BMA leaders; yesterday evening provided free treat-

DMCH, IPGMR, the Institution of Engineers and other hospital premises. According to our SSMCH correspondent, the number of patients at the Mitford Hospital has declined below the number of available beds, a

ment for the poor at the

the country's poor healthcare facilities. Normally the 400-bed Mitford Hospital remains overcrowded with nearly 650 patients daily. Yesterday the number was 397. Some six pa tients left the hospital of their

really rare phenomenon given

However, the doctors at the hospital conducted four scheduled operations defying the BMA directive. Meanwhile, the BMA lead-

own choice while two died.

secretary general Gazi Abdul Haq told The Daily Star last night. The BMA again called upon the government to implement

the 21-point charter of de-

mands immediately.

ers held rallies and demon-

strations in different hospital

premises of the country, BMA

# গোড়ান

# হাউজিং লিমিটেড:এর ्यायाजिक शकल्भ

মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা থেকে ২ মাইল দুরে বাসাবো-মাদারটেকের শেষ প্রান্তে সুবিশাল প্রকল্পটিতে ইতিমধ্যে প্রায় ৭৫০টি প্লট উন্নয়ন করে সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদেরকে হস্তান্তর করা হয়েছে। বর্তমানে প্রকল্পটিতে নতুন জমি উন্নয়ন ও প্রট বরাদ্দ চলছে। গোড়ানে প্লটের আয়তনঃ ১.৭৫, ২.০০, ২.৫০ ও ৩.৫০ कार्रा। श्रकश्राहरू প্রয়োজনীয় সব ধরনের নাগরিক সুবিধা থাকবে। আপনার পছন্দের প্লটটির জন্য যোগাযোগ করুন।

বিঃ দ্র: ঢাকার বাইরে অবস্থানরত আগ্রহী ক্রেতাগণ পত্র मात्रकर निम्न ठिकानाम याशायाश कतरा भारतन।

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