Violence in Bangalore continues: Death toll 17

BANGALORE Oct 8: The government on Saturday suspended a controversial news broadcast in Urdu language to quell a communal clash in a southern state that has left 17 people dead so far, reports AP.

Violence spread to new areas of Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka state after Hindu and Muslim mobs fought each other with knives and clubs and attacked police with

Seventeen people have died and an estimated 150 people have been injured in two days of violence. Chief Minister Veerappa Molly told a news conference Saturday night.

The Urdu news broadcasts will be suspended until further notice "in view of the prevailing situation." Molly said.

Urdu is spoken mainly by Muslims, who are a minority in India. The main language of Karnataka state is Kannada. For more than 10 years, pro-Kannada activists have pro moted a campaign for more use of Kannada at the expense of English and a dozen other tongues spoken by people in the state.

Reuter adds: Police said the violence continued today despite a round-the-clock curfew in the old parts of the city where the trouble erupted and orders that anyone on the streets should be shot on sight, there was no immediate word of casualties

They said Hindu mobs were fighting police in Hindu areas and Muslim mobs were attacking police in Muslim areas, where Hindu and Muslim localities joined, activists from the two religions were fighting each other

The trouble began when a large number of Muslims gathered for the Friday prayer at a local mosque, hurled stones at a rally protesting against new Urdu-language news broadcasts on state-run Doordarshan television, police

The senior police official

BCS psychological test Nov 4 written psychological test

of the candidates who came out successful in the written part of the 15th BCS Examination will be held in Dhaka on November 4, reports UNB.

Admit cards for the written psychological examination are being sent to the candidates, according to the Bangladesh Public Service Commission secretariat

Candidates failing to receive the admit cards will have to contact the Commission's head office in Dhaka from October 31 to November 2 in person along with application indicating the roll number.

The candidates who will not appear in the psychological test will not be allowed to appear in the test further and they will also not be eligible for the viva-voce

The sitting arrangements and schedule for the test will be notified through the national dailies in due course, an official handout said

said there was no immediate prospect of the curfew being lifted. "We are worried that the violence might spread," he

Paramilitary police reinforcements were sent into Bangalore, one of the centres of India's high-technology industry, on Friday.

"We may have to call in the army if things get any worse," the police officer said.

Bangalore is the capital of Karnataka state which votes for an assembly in two-stage elections on November 26 and December 1.

It is currently ruled by Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao's Congress party and is a major target of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) which sees a good chance of winning power against a bitterly divided Congress

The rapidly approaching election seems to have inflamed passions as the BJP incruise the political pressure on Congress.

Karnataka has gone through bouts of religious tension since. BJP inspired zealots demolished the Avodhva Mosque in December 1992.

Kazi Zafar's condition deteriorates

Jatiya Party leader Kazi Zafar Ahmed, who is suffering from heart ailment, was advised by a medical board to remain under intensive care at hospital, reports UNB.

His condition has deteriorated. The medical board comprising Prof Abu Zafar. Prof Jalal Ahmed. Dr Hasina Banu, Dr M A Hakim and Dr Mahbub Ali examined him vesterday morning.

Zafar is undergoing treatment at a city clinic in Guls-

Brave groom!

LONDON, Oct 8: A British bridegroom made it to his wedding despite a road crash in which he broke his arm and leg, newspapers re

ported today, reports Reuter Tim Williams was taken to hospital after the accident but he refused to stay and doctors gave him painkilling injections to help him get through the marriage cere-

Williams, 31, arrived at the registry office in Sunderland, northeast England in a wheelchair, covered in blood and without his trousers, which had been cut off

After being cleaned up and marrying Karen Etchells, also 31, he was taken to the reception where the painkilling drugs were off and Williams passed out. He was rushed

back to hospital. "He was very brave. It proves he must really love me," bride Karen told the

"অধ্যাপিকা নিলুফার আেযাতুল মাওলাও সোনাম নির্মশ হত্যাকান্ডের সৃষ্ঠ বিচার ও দুষ্ঠান্তমূলক নাজি চাই

Students of the Home Economics College brought out a mourning procession in the city yesterday carrying banners calling for punishment to the killer/s of their teacher Prof. Nilufar Chowdhury and her daughter Shoma who were murdered Sunday last .- Star photo

Senators expand amnesty law for Haitian coup leaders

Saturday that they were con-

PORT-AU-PRINCE. Oct 8. Senators have expanded Haiti's amnesty law, but it is unclear whether it went far enough to induce the nation's military rulers to resign and let Jean-Bertrand Aristide reclaim his presidency, reports AP.

Army-related violence con tinued, meanwhile, as the October 15 deadline for the military to relinquish power approaches. Civilian gunmen backed by the military killed at least seven people when they ploughed their white Mercedes pickup truck into a prodemocracy rally on Friday.

Reporters counted seven dead in the attack in Peris, 50 miles north of the capital. Port-au-Prince, but witnesses said 11 people were killed. And US officials said

cerned about reports that brutal sheriffs were beating up democracy supporters and intimidating them with gunfire in rural areas where US troops have not deployed. The amnesty was approved

Friday as a provision of the September 18 agreement between the United States and Haiti that is to culminate with the resignation of the army chief, Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras. Cedras had pledged to re

linguish power by October 15 the date of Aristide's expected return, if a general amnesty was approved. He made no comment on the new legislation, but a source close to him said on condition of anonymity that he did not believe it met the terms of the general amnesty Cedras had sought.

The law would let Aristide since the coup.

It remains unclear, however, whether Aristide will honour the amnesty or whether anyone will be prosecuted for these crimes.

The United States also had wanted an amnesty despite concern that Aristide might not enact it. Aristide's supporters have called for justice for political and human rights crimes by the military. What this bill does ... is

pardon political crimes by the generals who overthrew him in 1991 and their collaborators. It does not expressly cover the thousands of killings, kidnappings and beatings of civilians

throw the ball back to President Aristide.

US, British warships move

From Page' | Col 5 markets reported very few outbreaks of panic buying. there was no mass exodus to the safe haven of Saudi Arabia and travel agents reported no dramatic rise in bookings.

Some Kuwaitis crowded around bank machines withdrawing cash in case of emergency. Jitters affected the stock exchange but volume was average and the index fell a modest one per cent.

Iraq's troop movements followed a warning by Baghdad that it would retaliate if the crippling UN ban on its oil exports was not eased immedi-

The Iraq government has refused to recognise the 207km (130 mile) land border or the sovereignty of Kuwait. Security Council members insist on this before allowing Iraq to resume normal crude oil exports.

UN observers reported the border guiet. However, they have no mandate to report on events beyond the demilitarised zone, which on the Iraqi side is 10 km (six miles) 2.000 US marines aboard closer to Kuwait

Britain has ordered a frigate

to sail to Kuwaiti waters from the southern gulf. Kuwait has called up some reserves but an army officer

said there was no need for people to worry. AP adds: Iraq claimed its troop deployment near the

Kuwaiti border did not foreshadow another invasion. But it warned Saturday that unless crushing UN sanctions are lifted. "the anger of the patient will erupt." A government statement

Iraq is threatening Kuwait part of a "sick plot" to justify prolonging the sanctions. "We are moving our troops within our own territory, and it's no one else's business.

called the suggestions that

Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoon, told BAC-TV on Friday. "We are not posing a threat to anyone.

The deployment of as many as 60,000 Iraqi troops and hundreds of tanks followed reports of a failed uprising in the Iraqi military.

situation "hadn't improved." He would not elaborate.

On Friday, US Ambassador Madeleine Albright threatened Iraq with punitive air strikes if Baghdad invaded Kuwait. "Let it be absolutely clear to

the Iraqi government that a repetition of its past mistakes will be met by my government with the same resolve as before." Albright told the General Assembly.

The UN Security Council president, British Ambassador David Hannay, summoned Iraqi Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon late Friday to warn Baghdad against provocative troop movements.

Respecting Kuwait's security is a condition of the Gulf War cease-fire resolution. although troops movements within fraw are not prohibited. Under the cease-fire terms, Iraq must also destroy its weapons of mass destruction and submit to UN monitoring before an oil embargo is lifted.

Iraq has accused the United States of vindictively prolonging the sanctions, and this week threatened to block

3 die in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent At least two persons were killed another six injured and one reportedly committed suicide in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

One person was killed and six were injured when a speeding minibus collided head on with a truck at Kheturbagan at about 12 noon.

The deceased could not be identified immediately. The injured were sent to the Dhaka Medical Coflege Hospital (DMCH).

Of the injured, Mohammad Abdus Salam, 45, was admitted to hospital while Mohammad Nurul Islam, 25, Selim-al-Hassaini, 45; a staff reporter of The Daily Meillat, Nurul Islam. 40. a staff reporter of The Daily Dinkal, Mohammad Rafigul Islam, 27 and Kuti Miah 25 were given first aid.

In another road accident, a garments worker was killed when a speeding bus ran over him in front of the Tibbet factory under Tejgaon police station in the afternoon.

The victim. Avinash Chandra Talukder, 30, died on the spot. The driver escaped with his vehicle (Dhaka ba 2019).

A case was filed with the Teigaon police station in this connection.

One Mohammad Badsha Miah. 40, reportedly committed suicide by taking poison at his residence at the BNP slum. West Agargaon, yesterday afternoon.

The victim was sent to the DMCH in a critical condition where he succumbed to his in-

A rickshawpuller, 30, who was injured in the New Market area on Thursday during a clash between two rival groups succumbed to his injuries yesterday morning. Police sent all the bodies to

the DMCH morgue for autopsy Govt employees

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from 9 am to 1 pm at the offices where the office timing is 8 am to 2.30 pm. The absten tion was from 11am to 3pm

where the office timing is 10

am to 4.30 pm.

The Liaison Committee claimed that the programme was observed at the district and thana level offices all over the country.

At the Secretariat, the em ployees mostly refrained from attending their offices. According to witnesses, they also locked several rooms of senior officials and prevented them from doing their job during the strike hours.

The striking employees also held a rally in the Secretariat premises. The meeting was addressed by among others Azizur Rahman, Sayed Mahiuddin, Azizur Rahman, Mujibul Haq and Shah Alam.

Le bus of the striking gavernn hit employees later held a me ing with Labour Minister Abdul Mannan Bhutyan and State Minister for Esta - siment-Aminul Hug. Son es indicated that there o positive outcome of the

4 Polish MPs killed

WARSAW. Oct 8: Four members of the Polish parliament and a parliamentary employee were killed when their minibus collided with a lorry, perliament said today. A spokesman for the chancellery of the Sejm, the lower house of parliament, said the mini bus collided with a lorry on Friday night on the way from Krakow to Zakopane in southern Poland, reports

The Midnight-Rile

Jalpaiguri sounds red alert

JALPAIGURI, Oct 8: The Jalpaiguri district administration sounded a red alert since yesterday on both banks of the river Sankosh in Kumargramduar block of the district after a huge reservoir at Wangdifootra village in Bhutan breached its embankment. The red alert followed warnings by the police au thority of the government of Bhutan and the Indian Central Water Commission. A spokesman for the district administration said that following the warnings all precautionary measures have been taken and more than 2,000 people were taken to safer places, reports PTI.

Christopher's fresh push for ME peace

JERUSALEM. Oct 8: US Secretary of State Warren Christopher launches a new push for peace in the Middle East in the coming week with Israel bidding to draw Syria into high-level open talks and preferably a summit, reports

"We want to hear Christopher say that Syria is coming out into the open," one senior official told AFP. "there is no way to get down to the major issues without direct meet

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who has offered at least a partial withdrawal in return for peace, needs to convince sceptical Israelis that Syria can be a partner.

To do so he wants face-toface talks with Syrian presi dent Hafez-al-Assad.

Israel has noted a series of peace overtures from Syria in recent weeks, but Foreign

Japan deports 2686 aliens

TOKYO, Oct 8: Japan deported 2,686 foreigners, most of them illegal workers from Asia, after a nationwide crackdown in July on Illegal immi grants, the Justice Ministry said today reports Reuter.

Padajatra

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The JP's march will start at 3 pm from Mukti Smaram at Demra and will end at the Jatrabari crossing. Acting chief of the party Mizanur Rahman Choudhury will lead the marchers who will later hold a rally at the Jatrabari crossing.

The Jamaat march will start from Aminbazar at 3 pm and end at Shyamoli where a rally will be held. Senior Naveb-e-Ameer of the party Abbas Ali Khan will lead the march.

The three parties have urged the people to join their marches.

The next programme of the AL is Sheikh Hasina's 'train march' from Mymensingh to Gaibandha from October 16 to 18 while the JP and Jamaat will observe mass contact programmes separately during the same period.

Minister Shimon Peres called for more leading up to a

Unprecedented invitations to Israeli journalists to attend a press conference given by Syrian Foreign Minister Faruq Al-Shara in Washington on Friday has raised hopes that Damascus is beginning to understand the call for open-

for Israeli journalists to visit Damascus would have a very positive effect," the senior official said. Meanwhile, Shara promised

"For example an invitation

Israelis "an era of peace on (their) northern border ending any eventuality of a surprise attack" in his first exclusive interview on Israeli television broadcast Friday.

India responds From Page 1 Col 7

meet the requirements. "India shall continue to do so in keeping with the assurance given by the Prime Minister of India to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh."

But official statistics here showed that Bangladesh received only 9,218 cusecs of Ganges water in the lean period in March 1993 at Hardinge Bridge in place of 70,000 cusecs which used to flow through this point in the same month during the pre-Farakka years.

Capital base

From Page 1 Col 7 by Parliament, the sources pointed out.

An official of the Finance Ministry, however, said the reason for proposing the increase in the bank's capital is more a cosmetic one than

economic. He said money is not a problem for any central bank since the central banks have the capacity to 'produce and

mobilise money.

The official further said the Bangladesh Bank has been making profits of Tk 400 crore to 500 crore a year, which is being deposited with the government treasury. In case of loss, the government can again inject money into the bank in various forms, he add.

newspapers. Join efforts: Khaleda

From Page 1 Col 7 talks. We assure you of continued service and uplift. she said as the crowd responded with full-throated slogans.

the nation is to educate the people as it is not possible to

ensure development without

She said the prime need of

education. Begum Zia said the governmem had introduced compulsory tree primary education and Food for Education Programme to ensure education for all, particularly for the poor people's children, and called upon the guardians to

and their wards to school. The Prime Minister said her government attached more importance to women's education and was now providing free schooling up to Class Ten outside pourashavas. The government also introduced

supend for the girl students. If the girls are educated, their families will be educated and contribute to overall de-

velopment of the country." Begum Zia urged the rural women to borrow loans and set up poultry and dairy farms. small cottage industries and buy sewing machines for their self-reliance.

"The people want peace and stability. They are in favour of development and democracy. They don't want anarchy and destruction," she said. Describing the people's

support as the BNP's strength, the Prime Minister said her party always relied on the people. They are very much with us and will remain so in future too, because the BNP has established people's right to vote and food," she asserted, apparently refuting opposition charges.

The Prime Minister urged all to work unitedly for strengthening the democratic process.

Presided over by Beraid union President MA Quaiyum, the meeting was also addressed by Home Minister

Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Harun al-Rashid, Salahuddin Ahmed MP, Farida Hasan, MP, JCD President Fazlul Hug Milon. Nasiruddin Pintu and a number of local leaders. Local MP Major (Reid)

cal problems including construction of roads and bridges, the prime minister.

Kamrul Islam raised various lo-

opment in the Beraid union, which is still outside the city corporation jurisdiction. in phases and said the under-

would be completed soon. and workers of the Awami the BNP at the meeting.

Earlier, on her way to Beraid, the Prime Minister also addressed briefly the people who gathered on riversides at Demra, Matuail, Dhitpur, Bowler Mazar, Trimohin, Nasirabad Kayetpara, Fakirkhali and

Gunbattle in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Oct 8: A flerce

and members of outlawed Sharbahara Party rocked a village here Friday night with its residents deserting their homes for safety, reports UNB. Local people said more than 200 shots were fired during

development and nationalisation of local schools, power supply and construction of the proposed Tongi-Demra city protection embankment before The series of problems raised, the Prime Minister

remarked, proved that the

past autocratic regime did not

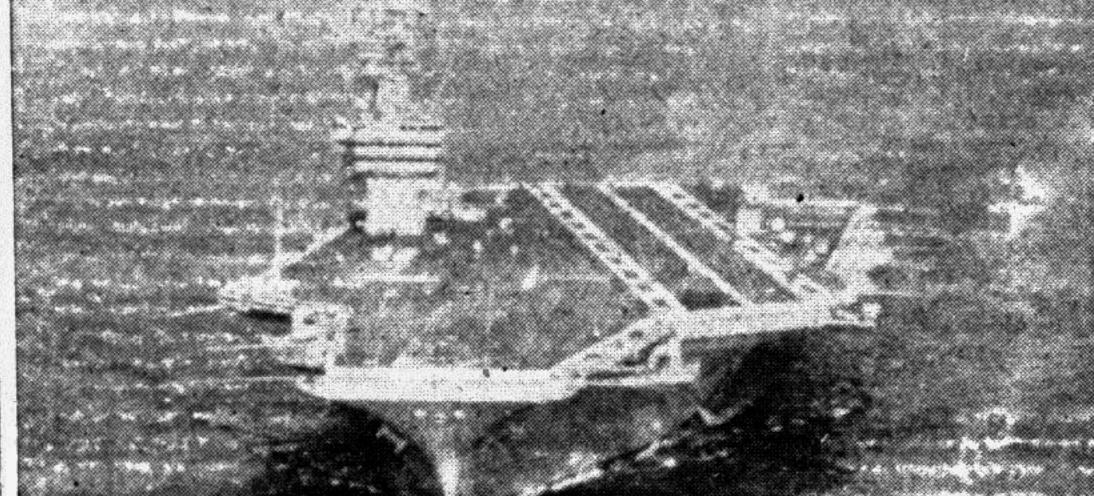
care for socio-economic devel-

Begum Zia assured the local people that all problems of the Beraid union would be solved construction link road between the city and Beraid

Several hundred leaders League, led by Saidur Rahman and Ali Kamrul, formally joined

Eiderkandi.

gunbattle between the police the three-hour battle.



In this 1992 US Department of Defence file photo, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington is shown during sea trials off the Virginia Capes. The USS George Washington was dispatched to the Persian Gulf by US President Bill Clinton following reports Friday of

Iraqi troops movements towards the Kuwaiti border. wide, and said they were seeking a briefing from the Iraqs.

The Emir, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, noted at the cabinet meeting that Iraq's compliance with UN Gulf War resolutions would strengthen regional security and end the Iraqi people's suffering, the of-

flical Kuwait news agency re-

One military analyst said

some Iraqi units were believed

to be within 30 km of the fron-

Kuwait has long wanted Iraq to give authoritative and explicit recognition of its. sovereignty and the borders newly demarcated by the UN; return hundreds of Kuwaitis believed still held captive since the 1990-91 occupation and complete its disarmament of weapons of mass destruc-

US President Bill Clinton. warning Iraqis President Saddam Hussein not to try a repeat invasion, on Friday ordered the George Washington to sail to the Gulf and sent four waships with

Kuwait's Cabinet met for a second day Saturday and some army reserves were ordered to report for duty by Sunday. The military was put on alert. Iraq is expected to have

about 60,000 troops, 700

tanks and 900 armoured per-

sonnel carriers in the area when the deployment is completed. The Security Council met Saturday to discuss Iraqi troops movements toward Kuwait and the US ambassador showed the council satellite

photographs of Iraqi soldiers

heading toward the border. A US official said the satellite photographs confirmed that elite Iraqi divisions were moving in the direction of the Kuwaiti border and some artillery units were already within striking range of, Kuwait.

The photographs had been taken within the last 24 hours, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Asked whether the troops

were continuing to advance

Saturday, the official said the

monitoring if the Security Council does not lift the oil embargo. Albright said Friday that

- AFP photo

Iraq was moving elements of two of its elite Republican Guard divisions from northern and central lraq to near the Kuwaiti border. Iraq also was moving ammunition and other logistical supplies there, she Earlier, a US official fold

reporters that three divisions

already were in the southern

area, a base for Shi'ite Muslims,

who resent the government

dominated by minority Sunni Muslims. Another report adds: The Secretary General of the Arab League on Saturday urged Iraq to pull back its forces from the border with Kuwait.

Iraq's new escalation

"complicates the situation and threatens the peace and security of the region which is still suffering the effects of the 1990 Gulf crisis," Esmat Abdel-Meguid said in a written statement from the Cairo headquarters of the Arab states' group.

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