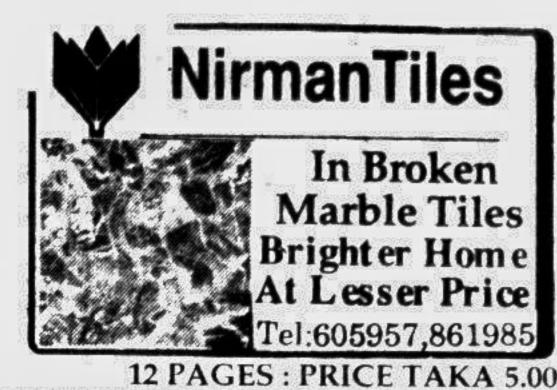


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## Boat sinks in Kutubdia: 45 bodies found

. From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 16: At at Ujantia where the boat sank. least 100 people are feared drowned when an overloaded engine boat carrying a bridal party capsized in the Kutubdia channel at around noon today. According to district administration sources, 45 bodies were recovered till 11 pm.

ing of this report. when it tried to change its di-Thousands waited on the banks of the Kutubdia channel

Rescue operation by local

people continued till the writ-

Witnesses said the ill-fated country-boat, fitted with an outboard shallow tubewell engine, was carrying a bridal party of about 170 persons to Matarbari village of Moheskhali thana from the Baraghup launch ghat on Kutubdia Island in the Bay of Bengal. The boat tipped to one side and sank

Of the bodies recovered, 12

Commonwelth emissary Ninian Stephen (R) called on Awami Legue chief and Leader of the

litical impasse. sources close

have enquired about the op-

posing camps' plans in case

the proposed dialogue failed to

her talks with Sir Ninian, told

him that she was ready to ac-

cept any Opposition suggestion

for improving the electoral

system for holding general

elections in a free and fair at-

mosphere, sources close to

her told The Daily Star yester-

day. But she asserted that the

ruling party would not enter-

tain any suggestions beyond

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The Prime Minister, during

Sir Ninian is also learnt to

to the two camps said.

produce any solution.

Opposition Sheikh Husina at her official residence yesterday. .

Sir Ninian seeks to find

By Staff Correspondent

common ground

were of men while the others were of women and children. The bridegroom - Zafar

KARTICK 2, 1401 BS, DHAKA MONDAY OCTOBER 17, 1994

Some 60 passengers of the

boat either swam ashore or were rescued by local people.

- Star photo

Dialogue Oct 19

if interim govt

is main topic,

says Opposition

they are ready to hold the pro-

posed dialogue with the gov-

ernment on October 19 for re-

solving the current political

crisis caused by the dispute

The date was proposed

after a lengthy meeting of

leaders of the opposition par-

ties and groups in parliament

with Leader of the Opposition

We want that the dialogue

should start on October 19. We

are looking forward to joining

the talks with all prepara-

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Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

over holding free and fair na-

tional polls, reports UNB.

The Opposition have said

were rescued. The local Thana Nirbahi Officer said that the rescue operation was limited to initiatives by local people and boatmen. The district administra-

tion was still to do anything. Some 40 passengers of the engine-boat were given first aid at the Kutubdia health complex.

General Secretary of the Cox's Bazar Press Club Atahar Iqbal, who was a witness to the

incident, told this correspondent that as the engine-boat capsized, fishing boats in the canal rushed to the spot and recovered many passengers. Besides, more than '10 from distant areas soon joined the

rescue operation. The Thana Nirbahi Officer and thana magistrate of Kutubdia visited the spot, 50 km from Cox's Bazar town, at around 4 pm and along with

#### Condolence

The President, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition yesterday expressed deep shock at the tragic loss of lives in Kutubdia channel, reports BSS.

In a condolence message President Abdur Rahman Bis was conveyed his heart-felt sympathy to the members of bereaved families and prayed See Page 12 Col 1

dredger. He then crossed the

Dhaleshwari river, a tributary

of the Jamuna, by boat to visit



S M Ali's death anniversary today

By Staff Correspondent The first anniversary of the death of Syed Mohammad Ali

Daily Star, will be observed to S M Ali, as he was better known, died at a Bangkok hos pital due to kidney failure on this day last year. He was also

The founder-editor of The

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## Legal Notice It is notified for general information

that in the Title Suit No. 255 of 1994 of the 4th Court of Asstt. Judge, Dhaka filed by our client Mr. Mizanur Rahman against the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry for declaration and permanent injunction, a petition for temporary injunction against holding of election on 17.10.94 was filed and it was heard by the learned Court on 15.10.94 in presence of the parties and the learned Court vide its order of the same self date passed the following order:

"আদেশ হইল যে,...অত্ৰ মূল মোকদ্দমা নিম্পত্তি না হওয পর্যন্ত উভয় পক্ষকেই ১৭–১০–৯৪ইং তারিখ নির্বাচনের ব্যাপারে স্থিতিবস্থা (Statusquo) বজায় রাখার আদেশ প্রদান করা হইল।"

#### M. Ali Ashraf

Advocate

for Badrul Ameen & Company Barrister-at-Law & Advocates 72, New Elephant Road Monsur Bhaban (First floor) Dhaka-1205

Alam Chowdhury - was recovered in an unconscious state. but his mother and two sisters were missing.

told this correspondent that

Members of the bridal party only eight of the total 80 women passengers of the boat

See Page 12 Col 7 Construction of Jamuna Bridge begins

> By Asiuzzaman, back from Tangail Shyamshoil under Kalihati

thana in Tangail district, on

the eastern bank of the mighty

Jamuna, early yesterday

here again to open the bridge

to traffic," Oli declared. He also

said that despite the formal

laying of foundation stones by

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Zia on April 10 last and the

mobilisation of necessary funds

certain quarters had tried to

impede the smooth progress

of the country's biggest civil

construction schedule, the 4.8

km long and 18.5 metres wide

bridge is to be completed by

the Communications Minister

After the inaugural function

According to a 40-month

engineering project.

December 15, 1997.

"Insha-Allah, we shall come

morning.

The nation took a long step. forward towards bridging the chasm between the relatively developed eastern and the neglected western halves of the country yesterday when Communications Minister Oli Alfmed switched on a dredger to begin actual physical construction of the much-cherished Jamuna Multipurpose .Bridge (JMB).

"The Jamuna Bridge is no longer just a dream. Until today not many believed the bridge would ever be built. But from today there will remain very few doubters. The bridge will be constructed, and constructed on schedule," Oli said while inaugurating the river training work, a major component of the 700-million US dollar project.

The ceremony took place at

switched on a HAM-219 Cloud over today's FBCCI polls

By Staff Correspondent

Today's scheduled elections of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) have been thrown into uncertainty following reports that a city court had issued a temporary injunction.

However, a press release of the FBCCI issued very late last night said the elections would be held as per schedule, from 10 am to 1 pm and 2-4:30 pm. notwithstanding 'rumours' about any prohibitory court

The press release, claiming that certain quarters were federation's election board was yet to receive any order from any court prohibiting today's elections.

spreading rumours, said the

Meanwhile, according to a press release issued earlier yesterday by Advocate M Ali Ashraf of Badrul Ameen & Company, the Fourth Court of Assistant Judge, Dhaka Issued a temporary injunction asking the federation to maintain the status quo until disposal of a title suit by one Mizanur

The court order was re-See Page 12 Col 4

#### বিসমিপ্রাহির রাহ্যানির রাহীম

· Commonwealth Secretary

General's emissary Sir Ninian

Stephen, during his talks with

the chiefs of the two major

political parties over the past

couple of days, tried to gauge

their respective positions with

regard to the proposed gov-

ernment-Opposition dialogue

and also how much concession

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

Saturday and Awami League

chief and Leader of the Oppo-

sition Sheikh Hasina yesterday

Sir Ninian tried to explore

common grounds for fruitful

negotiations to find a way out

of the country's current po-

In his meetings with Prime

either side was wiling to give

এফবিসিসিআই নির্বাচন ১৯৯৪-৯৬

রেদোয়ান আহ্মেদ প্যানেল

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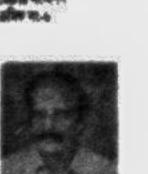
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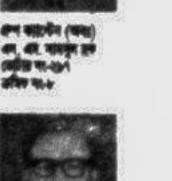
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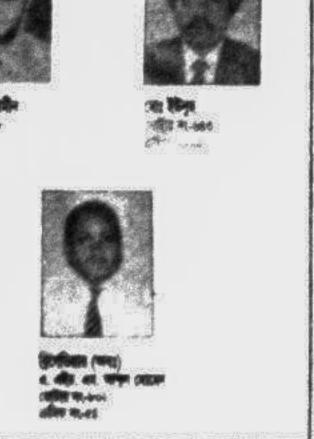












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## Outnumbered cops!

Less than half of Dhaka's police force is entrusted with combating crimes while a good number is deployed to protect key installations and VIPs, reports UNB.

Of the 12,000 strong Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), only five to six thousand are engaged in dealing with crimes and criminals in the city, police sources said.

About one thousand police are posted in the key installations of the metropolis, like Bangladesh Bank, T&T and radio-television, and some 1.100 personnel are placed under the traffic division.

Besides; more than 1,400 policemen guard the President, Prime Minister, ministers and other VIPs including diplomats. The remaining law enforcers are too inadequate to deal with crimes and criminals, said a police officer on condition of anonymity.

For a city of 85 lakh people, the existing number of policemen simply cannot cope with the situation, he said. Bangladesh, with a population of 12 crore people, has a police force of about 84,000, a ratio of one policeman for every 1.429 people, ranking the country 145th in the global

Asjaweek, a Hong Kong-based international magazine, in a recent issue termed Bangladesh a "safe haven for the crimi-

Law cannot touch the criminals here for various reasons. One reason is the inadequate number of policemen, the magazine femarked See Page 12 Col 2

### Russia backs US-drafted UN move against Iraq

UNITED NATIONS Oct 16: The UN Security Council late on Saturday demanded that Iraq pull back its elite troops from the Kuwaiti border area and barred any new threat to the Emirate reports Reuter

context

The vote on the US drafted resolution was a unanimous 15-0. Russia supported the measure after US officials agreed to some amendments following a day of tortuous deliberations.

The resolution condemns leaq's recent military movements southwards towards Kuwait and demands the im mediate withdrawal of elife Revolutionary Guard units to their original positions It also bars Baghdad From using its forces in a hostile or provocative manner to threaten either its neighbours or United Nations operations in Iraq.

the UN resolution calling it a "face saving" exercise by the United States. An Iraqi official said on

condition of anonymity this resolution is face-saving for the Untied States after they showed their military might."

The official was referring to the US decision to proceed with its military build-up in the Gulf despite the announcement by Baghdad that it was withdrawing its troops from the Kuwaiti border

Ap adds: The United States will not waif to retaliate the next time Saddam Hussein sends his troops south to threaten Kuwait, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said

The warning came a day after the UN Security Council Baghdad today dismissed

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