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DU reopens today

By DU Correspondent
Classes of the Dhaka University resume today after an eight-day vacation. The university remained close from October 11 on account of Autumn vacation, Durga Puja and DU mourning day.

Dialogue begins tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The Commonwealth-mediated dialogue between the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and the Opposition in Parliament to end the country's present political impasse begins tomorrow evening.

The announcement of the date came from Sir Ninian Stephen, the Commonwealth Secretary General's emissary who arrived in the city on October 13 to facilitate the talks, at 11:10 last night.

The written announcement, however, was read out by one of Sir Ninian's two Commonwealth aides — Christopher Childs — at the gate of State Guest House Meghna.

BNP leader and Chief Whip of Parliament Khandaker Delwar Hossain and Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim of the AL were present during the announcement.

According to the text of the written announcement, the dialogue will begin tomorrow at 6:30 pm in the Cabinet Room of Jatiya Sangsad. Deputy Leader of the House Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury will lead the ruling party delegation while AL leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad will lead the opposition team.

In his announcement, Sir Ninian said, "I am pleased to be able to announce that the first joint session of the dialogue process will take place on October 20, 1994 in the Cabinet Room of the Parliament building in Dhaka at 6:30 pm."

The announcement of the talks came half way through the second round of yesterday's pre-dialogue parley between Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury and Abdus Samad Azad at the Meghna. The first round of discussions between the leaders, lasting two hours and 45 minutes, began at 10:45 yesterday morning. Afterwards both the deputy leaders rushed to their respective party chiefs — Prime

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Sub-judge jails Jhalakathi DC for contempt

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 18: A Sub-judge in Jhalakathi today convicted the Deputy Commissioner, the Controller of Food and Ansar Adjutant of the district for violating a court order and sentenced them to six months' civil imprisonment each.

Sub-judge Ainul Haq also passed an order asking the police Super to arrest Mir Mohammad Abdul Wahed, DC Jhalakathi, Sukumar Chandra Roy, the District Controller (Food), and Pabitra Kumar Saha, the Ansar Adjutant, and produce them before the court.

The three, however, later in the day appeared before the court of the District and Sessions Judge and sought anticipatory bail. District Judge of Jhalakathi, Ismail Mia, See Page 12 Col 8

76 bodies recovered so far TNO office ransacked, boat owner held

From Our Correspondent

COXS BAZAR, Oct 18: The bodies of 12 more persons were recovered from the Kutubdia channel today where a mechanised boat carrying 170 passengers capsized two days ago. The total number of recovered corpses now stands at 76.

Local people say, some 25 passengers were still missing. Angry people, meanwhile, ransacked the Thana Nirbahi Officer's (TNO) office in Kutubdia demanding arrest of the owner of the sunken boat. The police later arrested the owner, Shakerullah, who is also the UP Chairman of Kutipati, as well as his elder brother.

When the local people identified one of the victims of the tragedy as the Kutubdia thana Awami League secretary Abdul Mabud, they became agitated and gheraoed the TNO's office around 10:30 am.

At the time Shakerullah and his brother Kabir were having a meeting with the TNO. This which angered the people who ransacked the TNO's office, saying that the TNO had failed to arrest the persons responsible for the boat capsizing.

Kabir was later arrested while Shakerullah escaped.

But at around 6 pm, the Patiya thana police arrested Shakerullah from a microbus on the Cox's Bazar-Chittagong highway. Shakerullah was fleeing to Chittagong via Chakoria, police said.

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Wheat for FFW, Test Relief reduced

By Special Correspondent

The allocation of wheat for the government's food-for-work (FFW) and test relief (TR) programmes during the current fiscal 1994-95 has been sharply reduced.

This year's allocation for the FFW has been slashed by nearly 40 per cent compared with that of last year, resulting in down-sizing of the overall programme.

A total of 1,19,650 tonnes of wheat have been sanctioned for this year's FFW schemes to be implemented under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief while the allocation was 1,97,600 tonnes last year.

The sanction for the TR programmes has also been reduced and fixed at 54,189 tonnes for the current fiscal. About 61,286 tonnes were See Page 12 Col 2

C'wealth diplomats in Dhaka express guarded optimism about dialogue

By M Anwarul Haq

High Commissioners or representatives of all the Commonwealth countries who have resident missions in Dhaka attended the reception which began at 3:30 pm and lasted for more than an hour.

The Australian High Commissioner, when contacted, said: "It was a social gathering. All Commonwealth missions were represented." He declined to give any other details.

According to some diplomats who attended, most of the envoys of the leading Commonwealth nations, talking to Sir Ninian, expressed the hope that his facilitatory role would succeed in giving democracy in Bangladesh a fair chance to flourish.

Many envoys insisted that the success of Sir Ninian's mission would help to boost the image of the Commonwealth organisation and strengthen ties among the member nations.

One diplomat of a developing country, insisting on anonymity, told this correspondent that the "ABC countries of the Commonwealth" were keenly interested in the success of Sir Ninian's mission. When asked what he meant by "ABC countries", he said "Australia, Britain and Canada."

Two western high commissioners, when asked about their meeting with Sir Ninian said, the discussions at the Australian envoy's residence were wholly related to Sir Ninian's current mission. They See Page 12 Col 7



Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali (R) and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin are helped by aides while initialising a peace treaty which will be signed next week. Standing behind during the ceremony at Amman's Al-Hashimieh Palace Monday are King Hussein (C), Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. — AFP photo

Repatriation of Chakmas stalled

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Oct 18: The third phase of repatriation of Chakma refugees from the Tripura state of India is likely to be delayed.

According to sources, the leader of the Chakma refugees, Upendra Lal Chakma, has placed a new condition for resumption of the repatriation.

Upendra Lal has reportedly demanded verification of the present conditions of the refugees rehabilitated in the first and second phases of the repatriation. He also wanted to know if the settlements were conducted in accordance with the government commitment.

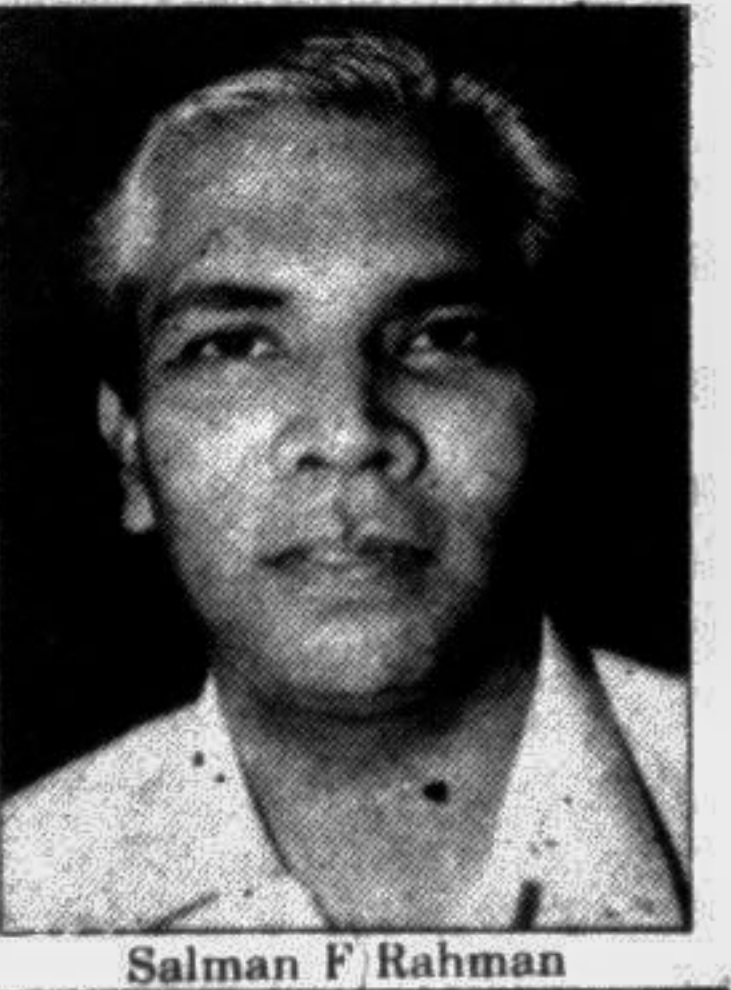
In the backdrop of such a fresh demand, the Tripura government recently wrote to See Page 12 Col 7

Salman elected new FBCCI chief

By Staff Correspondent

Salman F Rahman was elected president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), the apex business organisation in the country, for a two-year term, according to preliminary results yesterday.

Rahman, who contested from the Bangladesh Oushadh Shilpa Samity — the association of pharmaceutical manufacturers — polled 221 out of 598 votes cast, out of 614 registered voters in Monday's Association group, in Monday's See Page 12 Col 3



Share prices of BEXIMCO group climb

Star Report

The election of Salman F Rahman, Deputy Chairman of the BEXIMCO Group of Companies, as the new FBCCI president yesterday had a salutary effect on the fortunes of his companies enlisted with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

No sooner had the news of his election been confirmed, trading in shares of the BEXIMCO and its subsidiary companies picked up and prices gained significantly, in some cases even by as much as 10 per cent.

In yesterday's trading, all the issues of the BEXIMCO and its subsidiary companies See Page 12 Col 8

US, DPRK draft new accord

GENEVA, Oct 18: The United States and North Korea reached a new accord to ease months of tension over the North's nuclear programme the chief US negotiator said late Monday, reports AP.

Robert L Gallucci said the draft would be sent to Washington and to Pyongyang for approval and that negotiators hoped to sign the document in Geneva on Friday.

He declined to give details of the accord, but said it was "broadly acceptable and positive" for the United States and North Korea's neighbours, including South Korea and Japan. He said it addressed concerns about North Korea's nuclear programme past and present, as well as "facilities under construction."

"I personally think it is a good agreement", Gallucci said at a midnight news conference. North Korean diplomats were not available for comment.

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The United States and others fear North Korea has already made at least one atomic bomb, although North Korea insists its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes only. In Washington, White House press secretary Dee Dee Meyers said US officials looked forward to examining the accord. Obviously, it's something we'll want to review carefully, Meyers said.

In Seoul, South Korean officials said the agreement lays the foundation for halting North Korea's alleged nuclear weapons development, but falls short of expectations. Foreign Minister Han Sung-joo said the agreement gives North Korea See Page 12 Col 2

Loadshedding Schoolboys block road

By Staff Correspondent

Traffic on the Airport Road was disrupted for about an hour from 2 pm yesterday as schoolboys laid a siege on the highway near the Khilkhet bus stand protesting frequent loadshedding in the adjoining areas.

Witnesses said several thousand motor passengers remained stranded as hundreds of agitating students of the See Page 12 Col 6

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Charles, Diana to divorce next yr?

PARIS, Oct 18: British Royal heir Prince Charles and his estranged wife Diana have agreed a 127 million francs (24.5 million dollars) divorce settlement for next year, a French magazine said today, reports Reuter.

In the latest report on Britain's crisis-hit monarchy, the brash weekly *Voici* quoted writer Andrew Morton's book, "Diana: Her New Life," to be published next month, as saying this is the sum she would receive as a settlement.

The couple, who were married in 1981 but bitterly separated 11 years and two sons later, are expected to put an amicable end to their marriage in March, according to the magazine.

As part of the divorce settlement, Diana also would get a London residence with an estimated value of 50 million francs (9.6 million dollars) and a country house in Wales or in France.

She would have to give up most of her jewels under the divorce terms and would divide wedding presents with Charles.

The number of those presents was greatly diminished in December 1992 when the couple, on the eve of their separation, organised a bonfire at their residence in See Page 12 Col 7

Prince Charles

Princess Diana

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