## Republicans against medicare for illegals

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 23 · A measure seeking to end social benefits for illegal aliens and deny their US-born children citizenship is drawing solid support in California, as many voters blame immigrants for the state's economic woes, reports AFP

### N'ganj clash

From Page 1 Col 8 Till the filing of this report at 10 tonight, the transport workers' leaders were holding a meeting at the local bus ter-

According to police and witnesses, the clashes broke out after lobal, a worker of a motor garage, teased Shirina, a student of class VI of Morgan Girls' High School, on her way to school vesterday morning.

After Shirina informed her family of the matter, her brother Sagar tried to mobilise the local people to remove the This prompted the garage workers to attack the house of Sagar at 9.30 at night. The workers numbering 10 to 12 injured Sagar, his mother and a neighbour and damaged households. However, Shirina was unhurt.

At about 11 that night. Sa gar accompanied by some of his friends attacked the garage workers and damaged a few buses there. Motor mechanic Osman was stabbed. Knives, sticks and iron rods were used during the attacks.

Both sides filed cases with Fatullah police in this regard None was arrested so far.

Meanwhile, two persons were killed in two-separate road accidents here today.

Governor Peter Wilson, a Republican facing a tough challenge in the race to the November 8 election, propelled the immigration issue to the national level, suing the federal government for education and health care expenses incurred by illegal aliens and their families.

Now he is pushing a measure that would bar undocumented immigrants from receiving government aid an calling for a constitutional amendment that would deny their US-born children the automatic citizenship they now

The latest polls show that State Proposition 187 is backed by two-to-one in California, where the demise of the defence industry and a lag behind the US economic rebound has boosted unemployment from 5.4 per cent to 8.3 per cent in the past four years.

President Bill Clinton, who was here Saturday campaigning for Wilson's Democratic opponent Kathleen Borwn, has rejected the measure as "plainly unconstitutional," and charged it would cause the troubled state even more prob-

"If you don't give the children health care, you can create health risks for the society generally." he said at a White House news conference Friday

But the measure is likely to pass, according to the polls. and it could catch on in other

Recently, at least four other states have followed Wilson's lead and are demanding bil lions of dollars in compensation from Washington

## Dialogue continues

From Page 1 Col 7 put forward two arguments. party sources said. Ashrat Hossain of the BNP maintained that a caretaker government was bound to be weaker than an elected one and acceptance of the opposition demand would lead to a fundamental thinge in the spirit of the ...istitution.

But the Opposition team members, especially Suranjit Sengupta, is learnt to have argued that a caretaker governwould rather be stronger one with support from all the political parties. Sengupta said that in the past the BNP rulers had even changed the preamble of the Constitution and also made other fundamental changes

The Opposition strongly maintained that the strength ening of the Election Cominission could not be an alternative to the Opposition's idea of holding elections under caretaker administration.

rging the government side to talk 'heart to heart', the Opposition side told the ruling party delegation that once the two sides agreed on the need for holding polls under a caretaker administration, the Opposition was ready to bring about changes in the already announced modalities for a caretaker government.

Today's session of the dialogue will be held between the same groups of leaders, while the next session is likely to be held between smaller ones comprising deputy leader of parliament and his opposition counterpart and chief whips.

Deputy Leader of the House

Prof. Badruddoza Chowdhury accompanied by Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain had a meeting with Commonwealth emissary Sir Ninian Stephen at State Guest House Meghna yesterday morning. There was also a separate

meeting between Sir Ninian and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad Awami League adviser SAMS Kibria was also present at the meeting held at Meghna.

Sources said, both the sides apprised Sir Ninian of the development of the on-going dia-

#### Press Note

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ister and a state minister to oversee the relief activities. Relief materials worth about

Tk 21 crore, including 20.775.00 metric tons of wheat as TR grant, 6,000 tons as gratuitous relief, 4,100 tins of biscuit and Tk 16 lakh in cash had been allocated for the eight drought-hit districts.

Field-level monitoring was also being conducted in the region to ensure fair distribution of the relief materials and check wastage.

The Press Note said that overall situation in the region had become more or less normal following the measures undertaken by the government and some rainfall.

The government sought cooperation of the people in facing the situation and urged all concerned to refrain from publishing reports which might create panic among the

## Copenhagen summit

From Page 1 Col 3 opment priorities through lo cal level discussions to be fol lowed by a National Workshop,

Watanabe added. FAO Representative Peter Myers, ILO Director Werner K Blenk, UNICEF's Water and **Environmental Sanitation Chief** Philip Wan, UNHCR Represen tative Canh Nguen-Tang, UNF-PA Representative Dr S K Alok WFP Country Director Alan Wilkinson and WHO Representative Dr W Hardjotanojo also spoke on the occasion.

Coming in the 50th Anniversary year of the United Nations, the 1995 Social Summit in Denmark on March 6-12 occupies a central position in a constellation on UN gatherings on global development issues, according to available UN documents.

Heads of State and Government for the first time in the history of the United Nations will meet to give the highest priority to the betterment of the human condition, the documents said.

"The Summit presents an opportunity to build on the accomplishments of the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, where more than 150 nations agreed that human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable de-

velopment. Watanabe said that the UN Agencies' have been working in close cooperation with each other in Bangladesh with their multi-sectoral integrated approach.

She also lauded the role of the country's non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for their efforts in the country's

overall development. Reminding that 'poverty' is one of the major challenges on the agenda of 1995 World Summit, Country Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) Alan Wilkinson said Bangladesh and the SAARC would make quite a mark in internationalising the poverty alleviation issue in the Copenhagen Summit.

Giving a run down of the WFP programme in Bangladesh, he said his organisation was working for seasonal employment generation and to help the poorest of the country's women organise themselves, develop skills and acquire assets.

The UN system supports the national and SAARC regional initiatives of the government in the massive task of poverty reduction, he assured.

Peter Myers said FAO looks forward to the Social Summit with its concerns of the growing number of people going

FAO is working for a sustainable farming in Bangladesh that would feed its population in future, he said.

Dr S K Alok, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), said the forthcoming summit would be one-step forward from the recently held Population Conference in Cairo which charted women-centered development programme.



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein (C) presides a meeting of the Revolution Command Council in Baghdad yesterday to hear a report of Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz on the latest meeting of the UN Security Council on the Iraq-Kuwait issue. - AFP photo

## 5 held in Pabna

PABNA, Oct 23: Police today arrested five people including a municipal employee, for their alleged involvement in rape and murder of a teenaged girl in the town, reports UNB

The arrested- Sub Assistant Engineer of Pabna Pourasabya Mohammad Polash, 27. Swapan. 25. Liton, 24. Akai, 20. and Aslam (25)were arrested from their resi

All of them were sent to jail after they made confessional statements in the Magistrate's

#### **FBCCI**

From Page 1 Col 5 development during the time To this end the locus was on macro-economic environment incentive package, legal and regulatory framework, physical and social infrastructure and financial sector efficiency, he said, adding in all these fields, the government and the business community worked hand in hand.

"I feel confident that the interaction with the government over the period has for the first time brought out adequate confidence for inclusion of the private sector in key policy committees and even to participate in areas which were purely the government domain", said the outgoing FBCCI president who is due to hand over his responsibilities to the newly elected President

'We have strived for deregu lation, decontrol and responsible intervention in the interest of private sector growth and the economy", he said, adding efforts were made also to bring about trust, mutual respect and concerted efforts by the private sector and the government for economic emancipa-

He also said that the FBCCI projected the view of the trade and industry on many matters including political and labour issues. It also approached the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in parliament for an 'effective parliament' and an end to the current 'stalemate' in the interest of the country and the economy, he said. The interaction was very significant from the business community's point of view, he added

"During the tenure of my Committee, we had the privilege of launching the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry which has already become a strong body for regional interaction and exchange", he said. The successinl inauguration of the Chamber in Dhaka gave the organisation the 'impetus to forge ahead after five fledgling years in incubation'. Now it is receiving attention of other regional blocs, he added.

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 23:

Malaysia will start a tough five-

year plan next year to wipe out

all Muslim movements in the

Southeast Asian country

deemed to be deviant. The Star

newspaper reported today, says

had been identified of which 17

were active, Zainal Abidin Abdul

Kadir, director general of Pusat

Islam, Malaysia's state Islamic

Malaysia's experience with

the outlawed Al Argam sect

showed that persuasion was in-

sufficient to deal with such

groups, he was quoted as say-

He added that the spread of

what he descried as deviant

movements in the country was

lot of manpower and money.

Hence in the new programme.

the government will handle the

groups firmly, scrutinies them

closely and monitor their

sect leader of the banned Al

Last Thursday, the detained

movements," he said.

"The government wasted a

ing. .

alarming.

authority, told the newspaper.

At least 47 deviant groups

## Rape victim dies: US navy intercepts ship with Iraqi diesel fuel

DUBAL Oct 23: The US navy has boarded a ship believed to be carrying lraqi diesel fuel in violation of UN sanctions, a navy spokesman said today.

We boarded it and diverted it. It's loaded with diesel fuel that we believe to be from Iraq," the spokesman told Reuters.

"We have substantial evidence that she went to Iraq. It was the second such boarding in 10 days and came amid heightened tension in the Gulf region as a result of Iraq massing troops near the Kuwaiti border early in

October.

On October 13 the navy, enforcing a UN oil embargo imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in 1990, boarded the 29.687-tonne Greek-owned, Liberian-flagged tanker Katerina P, saving it had oil believed to have come from Iraq.

Iran and the ship's agents denied reports that it had probably been carrying Iraqi gas oil to Iran, and that it had apparently also often carried

#### 1000 Bangladeshi troops fly to Haiti

SAN JUAN. (Puerto Rico) Oct 23: The last contingent of nearly 1,000 Bangladeshi soldiers flew Saturday to Haiti to join a multinational force assigned to keep the peace in the Caribbean nation, reports

About 330 Bangladeshis flew each day on Thursday. Friday and Saturday, said Army Maj Steve Panton, spokesman for a US team that provided refresher training. Another 136 peacekeepers from Guatemala are to fly Monday to Haiti.

Besides the Bangladeshi. there are 266 peacekeepers from six Caribbean countries deployed in Haiti.

### Govt employees to observe strike today

Government employees will observe 5-hour work stoppage in their respective offices today and tomorrow to press home their 14-point demand, reports

The Bangladesh Govt Emplovees! Coordination Council and the Bangladesh Govt Employees' Solidarity Council have jointly called the strike throughout the country.

During the strike employees will stage rallies and demonstrations in their office compounds. Similar rallies will also be held in front of the DC and TNO, offices at district and thana headquarters.

Arqam movement, Ashaari

Muhammad appeared on tele-

vision and said he had recanted

beliefs he has peached since

by the sect's members who con-

tinue to live in communes

ties banned the messianic sect

on August 5, branding it a

"deviationist cult". The govern-

ment declared all its activities

illegal and a threat to public

tion-wide crackdown on the

sect, which included the arrests

of its leaders under the coun-

try's stringent internal security

act. The Al Argam movement

in Malaysia and abroad.

boasts some 100,000 followers

comprising security officials.

government administrators and

religious experts has been set

up to prepare the programme

which would encompass all

levels of government adminis-

He said the Muslim sects in

Zainal said a committee

Police then launched a na-

order.

tration.

spread throughout Malaysia.

The confession was rejected

Malaysia's religious authori-

### JCD, Jubo Dal clash again

PABNA, Oct 23: Supporters UNB.

At least three of them had bullet wounds, police said. Seriously wounded Abdul

Jalil. 25. a Juba Dal activist, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital while Juba Dal Chhatra Dal activist Amjad

Raghabpur area in the town was a seguel to vesterday's gunfight which left 25 people injured, six having bullet wounds.

erupted at about 7 pm today when an armed group of JCD attacked the residence of Pilu, a local Juba Dal leader. The other group replied with gun

were equipped with pipeguns and cut-rifles and they exchanged gunfire and exploded four to five crackers during the half-an-hour clash.

and brought the situation under control.

Irantan fuel oil to Iraq. The navy spokesman identifled the vessel boarded on October 22 as the Honduranflagged tanker Al Mahrousa, a Russian-built vessel displacing

about 7,300 tonnes when fully loaded According to the spokes man, the captain said the tanker had been to Iran but

manifest

Abdullah Waterway leading into It also had no documenta tion, no bill of lading and no

the ship had no charts for that

area, only maps for the Khawr

Kuwait radio, in a report monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said several of the crew had indicated it had loaded with diesel fuel in Iraq's port of Basra.

A US government spokesman said the ship would probably be turned over on Sunday to the Kuwaiti government, which would work with the UN sanctions committee to decide what to do with it!

# in Pabna

of the student and the youth wings of the ruling BNP clashed between themselves for the second day today, leaving at least 10 injured, reports

activist Ruhul Amin, 25, and Hossain, 22, were admitted to Today's clash at South

Police said the clash

Both sides, police said,

. Police rushed to the scene

Meanwhile, vice president of local unit of Juba Dal Shibli Sadik at a press conference blamed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal for the attack and demanded punishment of those responsible.

Malaysia were like a cancer and

the only way to curb them was

Zainal said other movements

to carry out a "full treatment."

identified were largely commu-

nal, in which followers took

their daughters out of school

indulged in free sex and propa-

gated teachings contrary to

managed to stop them tem-

porarily. Most of them tended to

return to their teachings once

we stopped talking action. "We

believe that the new programme

will check the activities of these

deviant groups before they have

Zainal said Malaysia's

Islamic authorities will also

send a team to Indonesia in

November to convince religious

groups in the country that Al

Argam's teachings were deviant.

as one of the most influential

religious groups in Indonesia,

Nahdatul Ulama, continued to

shelter fugitive Al Argam

wanted by Malaysian police.

He said this was necessary

a chance to spread," he said.

"Previously our efforts merely

Islam.

UN day From Page 1 Col 2

ration of the UN Staff Asso ciation and the UN bodies in Bangladesh. Information Minister Nazmul Huda will lead the walkathon which will be followed by a blood donation programme.

'Bangladesh 2000', a voluntary organisation, will organise a seminar in cooperation with the United Nations Information Centre. The subject of the seminar will be 'Role of the UN in Poverty Alleviation for the Third World Countries". It will be held at the UNIC premises at 12 noon today.

Education Minister Jamir uddin Sirear will attend the seminar as chief guest while Canadian High Commissioner in Dhaka Jon J Scott will be the special guest. Prof Wakil Ahmed and UNDP's Deputy Resident representative Michael Constable will be the guests of honour. The United Nations System

in Bangladesh and the United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) will jointly organise a commemorative function at Hotel Purbani at 5 pm

Minister for Foreign Affairs Mostafizur Rahman will attend it as chief guest

UNB adds." In a message. President Abdur Rahman Biswas reaffirmed the country's unflinching commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter on the auspicious occasion of the 49th anniversary of its ratification.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in her message said the people and government of Bangladesh join the world community in commemorating the United Nations day and rededicating themselves to the ideals on which the United Nations was founded 49 years ago.

"For many the dream of a peaceful and prosperous world, free from want and oppression, disparity and dismay still remains elusive," she said

But the Prime Minister pointed out that positive gains had been achieved, thanks to untiring efforts made by the United Nations to make the world a better place for mankind. "That role of the UN needs to be strengthened further in the light of new reali ties of our time."

"We live in an age of extraordinary contrasts. Historic accomplishments in the Middle East and South Africa coincide with ongoing tragedies in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Rwanda," she added. "Some countries are emer

ging into freedom and prosperity; others are falling into anarchy and chaos. New technologies have brought the world closer together; yet cultural, religious and ethnic divisions threaten conflict in many areas. We need to seize this historic opportunity to build the structure of peace in these uncertain circumstances.

BSS adds: President of Awami League and Leader of Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina has called upon the United Nations to make efforts for overall development of mankind by eliminating conflicts between different countries and nations.

In a message on the occasion of United Nations Day today, Sheikh Hasina hoped that the world body would play a pioneering role in establishing peace in the world in the context of prevailing situation. "Our hope is to build a peaceful world," she said.

#### JCD-Shibir clash From Page 1 Col 4 which several were hurt.

Later, around 2:15 in the afternoon, the Shibir supporters brought out a procession with the body of Pathan after autopsy. The procession came under attack, reportedly from JCD snipers on the rooftop of Malaysia plans to wipe out the City College. As a result the groups clashed once again outside the campus, leaving many all 'deviant' groups in 5 yrs Police used teargas and re-

sorted to wanton lathicharge to disperse the feuding students.

Simmering passions flared up once again around 3:45 p.m and some Shibir activists attacked the Collectorate building. They ransacked the chambers of two magistrates of the CMM Court and the Nezarat Khana who fled the scene in panic. Several vehtcles parked outside were also damaged. Later, both JCD and the

Shibir, in press statements, blamed each other for the vio-

Meanwhile, the BL and MM City college authorities have closed their institutions until October 27 in apprehension of fresh trouble. Resident students have been asked to vacate their dormitories forthwith.

In another incident, one Liaquat Ali, reportedly a Shibir cadre, was arrested with a sawed-off rifle, a pipegun, a pistol and 14 rounds of ammunition. According to police Liaquat made a confession with Sondanga thana where a case deputy. Halim Abbas, who is has been lodged.

## The Midnight File

#### Israeli cabinet votes for peace treaty

JERUSALEM, Oct 23 The Israeli cabinet today voted unanimously in favour of the peace treaty which is to be signed with Jordan on Wednesday, officials said, Israel will return several hundred square kilometres of land (more than 100 sq miles) to Jordan under the agreement which includes clauses on water sharing, security and economic projects. reports AFP

#### Rockets kill 15 more in Kabul

Burhanuddin Rabbani fired at least 75 rockets into residential areas of the capital Kabul today, killing 15 people and wounding 43, the pro-Rabbani Kabul radio said. The broadcast, monitored in Islamabad, blamed anti-Rabbani militias led by Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and northern warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostum for the barrage. The Opposition forces also attacked the positions of presidential "Islamic forces" in the west and southwest of Kabul this morning, the radio said, reports Reuter.

## Kumaratunga to scrap executive presidency

Minister Chandrika Kumaratunga today vowed to scrap Sri Lanka's controversial executive presidency and revert to a parliamentary system of government within nine months. reports AFP.

Kumaratunga, 49, the People's alliance (PA) party's candidate at the November 9 presidential poll, said the current constitution, modelled partly on the French, US and British systems, was detrimental to the country.

its resolve to take very early action to abolish the presidential system... and it will be completed before the end of July next year." Kumaratunga said in her two-paragraph

#### From Page 1 Col 5

charged with murdering Isha at a flat in the Elyseum government rest house at Hatkhola, namely Amjad Hossain alias Amjad Chowdhury, Zakir Hossain alias Biplob and Shafiqul Islam Babu, are still in police remand at the Detective Branch office at Minto Road.

student of Class Nine of Motifheel Model High School -who was sent to the jail Saturday owned up to being one of the masterminds of the gruesome erime along with Habib, according to police. Habib in his confessional

slaughtering Isha while Biplob pinned Isha down. Later Biplob, just to make sure Isha would die, took the boti and made the incision deeper.

sions today or tomorow.

### Clinton

moves with Israel.

visit Damascus, and later Jerusalem, where he will address the Israeli Knesset (parliament). On Friday he is scheduled to visit US troops in Kuwait, whose deployment in the last few weeks preceded a bullback of Iragi forces threatening the Gulf State. Then he is off to Saudi Arabia for talks with King Fahd before returning home.

#### Hamas

From Page 1 Col 3 "I believe we have passed the stage where we would refuse on principle to talk with such an organisation." Beilin told army radio. "If Hamas wants to calm

things down and negotiate, our role is not to turn it down. This organisation uses terrorism in the most barbaric way possible, but it also includes less extremist people." Another report says, Israeli troops shot dead a Palestinian

who tried to stab a soldier at a checkpoint in the occupied West Bank town to Hebron, military sources and Palestinian witnesses said today. The army imposed a curfew

on the town of 100,000 Arabs and 450 Jews, often a flash-, point of violence.

Military sources said the soldier was slightly injured.

Under the present constitution adopted in 1978, the president is head of state as well as head of government. commander-in-chief of armed forces and is also above the

Kumaratunga, Opposition leader Gamini Dissanyake and four minor candidates who are in the running for the presidency have criticised the wide powers of the highest office.

### Policeman injured · in city blast

By Staff Correspondent A police sergeant and a person, allegedly an extortionist,

were seriously injured in a blast in the city's Nilkhet area vesterday evening. Sergeant M Sanwar Hossain was injured when a cracker in

the hand of Abdul Khaleg the accused extortionist - exploded. Sanwar, while patrolling the area, was chasing a group of extortionists who were exploding crackers around 7:30

in the evening reportedly after

having failed to collect tolls from nearby shops. Both Sanwar and Khaleq were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). A part of the left hand and a side of Sanwar's torso were burned while four fingers of the right hand of Khaleq were blown up in the blast. Khaleq's accomplices fled the

#### scene immediately. PM: Rajshahi

From Page 1 Col 7 sufficient food production in the current year.

The Prime Minister ad-

dressed another meeting at Niamatpur High School ground in Naogaon district. Speaking at the meeting,

implementing programmes to ensure education for every cit-People likes BNP because it fulfils its pledges and does not

in guaranteering people's right to food and clothes, she said. Referring to the construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge, extraction of coal

BNP wants to fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people.

Begum Zia said the government was now carrying on development activities with its

own resources. Begum Zia asked the youths and rural women to take loan

Local leaders at both the meetings put forward various demands, including construction of roads and bridges, nationalisation of educational institutions, financial support for schools and colleges.

would be solved in phases.

### Dhaka College Batch '65-67Alumnai

A Get-together and 1st General Meeting of the former students of Dhaka College Batch '65-67 (Arts, Commerce, Science combined) will be held on October 28 at Dhaka College Auditorium at 9 A. M. Former students are requested to attend alongwith a recent stamp size colour Photograph. For details please contact Talukder phone: 244943(O), 507852(R). Baten phone: 819493, 810614 or Munir phone: 863803, 237823.

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ISLAMABAD, Oct 23: Opponents of Afghan President

COLOMBO, Oct 23: Prime

"The government reiterates

Isha murder

Zahidul Islam Prince — a

statement before the magistrate admitted to fetching the boti from the kitchen and

Police expect the three others to make their confes-

she said the government was From Page 1 Col 5 support King Hussein's peace On Thursday Clinton will believe in the politics based on falsehood. Only BNP succeeded

and hardrock, Begum Zia said

Development of roads and bridges is a precondition for overall development, she said and maintained, the government was constructing roads, bridges and culverts throughout the country so that the rural people could easily go to towns for marketing their farm

products.

and set up cottage industries, poultry and dairy farms for their self-reliance.

The Prime Minister assured them of looking into their demands and said all problems

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