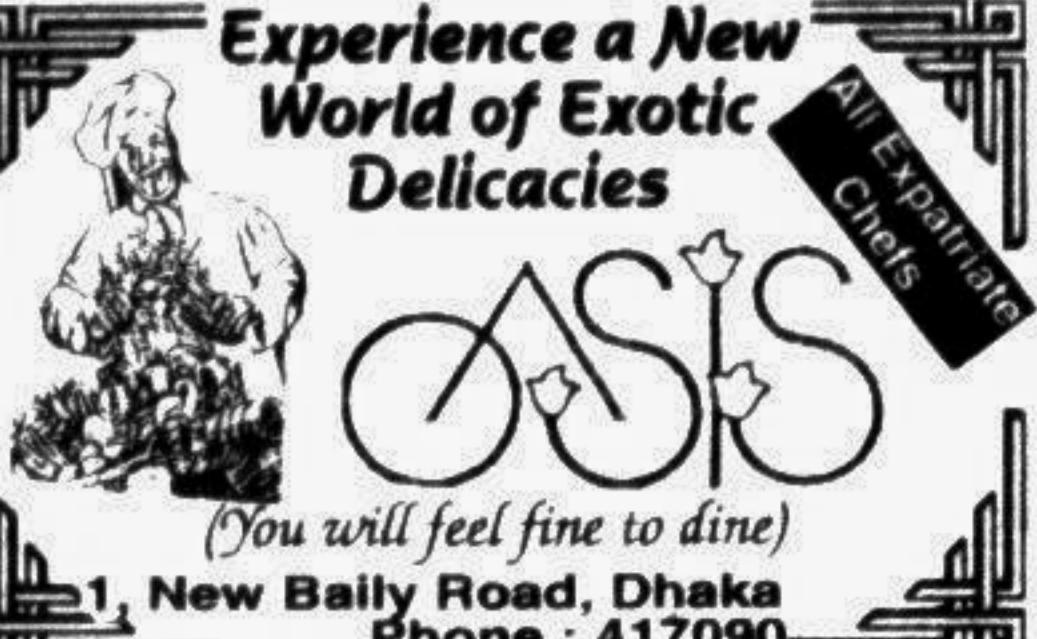


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### OIC summit in Casablanca Dec 16

A three-day summit of the  
Organisation of Islamic  
Conference (OIC) will begin in  
the Moroccan city of Casablanca on  
December 16, diplomatic sources  
said in Dhaka yesterday. It will be the  
seventh summit of the OIC, the last one was  
held in Dakar, the capital of Senegal in 1991, reports UNB.

### AL team meets EC

A delegation of the Awami  
League yesterday met with  
Electoral Commissioner Justice  
Md Abdul Jalil and discussed  
with him matters relating to  
voters' identity cards and  
election rules. Members of the  
delegation were Md Rahmat  
Ali, MP, Mafizur Rahman, A S  
H K Sadik, A K M Fazlul Mia  
and Mahbubur Rahman according  
to a press release of the  
Electoral Commission Secretariat, reports UNB.

### Ninian visits Nat'l Mausoleum

Commonwealth envoy Sir  
Ninian Stephen and Lady Stephen  
yesterday visited the  
National Mausoleum at Savar. They  
placed flowers at the altar of the  
Mausoleum as a mark of respect to the  
martyrs of the Liberation War in the  
morning, reports UNB.

### 1470 Rohingyas go home

From Our Correspondent  
COX'S BAZAR, Nov 2: Some  
1470 Rohingya refugees of 282  
families today repatriated to  
Myanmar from different refu-  
gee camps in Cox's Bazar.

## Opposition gets BNP's interim govt outline

By Nurul Kabir

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has proposed, in black and white, holding of the next general elections under an interim government, headed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, with 'specific scope for accommodating Opposition MPs in the cabinet.

The plan was put forward to Sir Ninian Stephen, the Commonwealth Secretary General's envoy who is here to facilitate a productive dialogue between the country's conflicting political camps. Monday mid-night.

Sir Ninian's aide Christopher Childs handed over the

single-page outline of the government-proposed interim administration to S A M S Kibria, political advisor to the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, Tuesday morning.

Kibria admitted last night the receipt of the written outline of the government proposal and told this correspondent, over telephone, that the Opposition would give its official reaction to the plan 'very soon'.

According to the BNP's formula, the President will invite the incumbent prime minister to form a mini-cabinet for the period between the disso-

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### New WB mission chief says Export performance not satisfactory

By Staff Correspondent

garments including knitwear and jute, which together account for three-quarters of the gross export value.

Compared to some other Asian countries, Bangladesh's export performance has been less than satisfactory, and more importantly, it is highly vulnerable, being dependent

on only two major products," he said.

During the hour-long meeting, Landell-Mills also briefed the reporter about the areas of economic priority for Bangladesh, a study on the labour market situation and about the possibility of resumption of bank loans to the power sector.

On the export front, he said, Bangladesh would have to make a big effort to raise exports, which is crucial for the country's economic growth and employment. He emphasised the need for boosting exports, particularly of non-traditional items, as the present export structure is dominated by two items, readymade

garments including knitwear and jute, which together account for three-quarters of the gross export value.

After the assassination of Bangabandhu on August 15, four of his close associates were imprisoned in the central jail and were killed there.

The Awami League, its front organisations and socio-cul-

### Jail Killing Day today

The Jail Killing Day will be observed today commemorating the death of four national leaders in prison on this day in 1975, reports UNB.

Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Mansur Ali and A H M Quamruzzaman were killed in the Dhaka Central Jail by a group of disgruntled armymen.

They led the 1971 Liberation War as members of the provisional government under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who had been detained by the occupation forces.

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### Scrap Indemnity Ordn : Hasina

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday demanded scrapping of the 'black' Indemnity Ordinance and trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four other leaders of the Awami League, reports UNB.

She called upon the people to observe the 'Jail Killing Day' today and said the nation wanted trial of the killers.

Hasina also urged the people to intensify the agitation to establish the spirit of the Liberation War and people's right to vote and food by realising the demand for a caretaker government.

The governor said it was too early to determine how many people had been killed. People who escaped the inferno said many families were trapped in their homes and that dozens of people were missing, security sources said.

They have confessed to be active members of an organised gang of forgers who have been running this counterfeit business for a long time and making many people penniless, the release said.

The missing included at least 10 men trapped in a mosque during dawn prayers and a maintenance crew working inside the storage complex.

Pierre Landell-Mills  
on only two major products," he said.

Bangladesh's export orientation continues to be rather limited, he added, which is illustrated by the fact that the 1,903 million US dollar exports in 1992 represented only eight per cent of the GDP, compared to nine per cent in India, 17 per cent in Pakistan, 28 per cent in Sri Lanka, 71 per cent in Thailand, 71 per cent in

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## Nov 2 declared Eye, Blood Donation Day

Bangladesh will observe the National Voluntary Blood and Posthumous Eye Donation Day every year on November 2, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia announced this while inaugurating the Voluntary Blood and Posthumous Eye Donation Campaign Week-1994 of Sandhani, an organisation of medical and dental students, at a local hotel yesterday morning.

Begum Zia stressed the need for inspiring the people to participate in voluntary blood donation programmes and urged all concerned to provide service to the humanity.

Blood donation is not harmful for a healthy man, You

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## Special VGF : 10 kgs a month for each family

By Staff Correspondent

The special vulnerable group feeding (VGF) programme for drought-affected people of the northern region began Tuesday with a sanction of 15,000 tonnes of wheat for 7,49,000 families.

According to sources in the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, a destitute woman will get 10kg of wheat a month for her family under this two-month programme.

In each union of the eight drought-affected districts some 1400 women will get the wheat under the special VGF. The local union parishad (LUP) will select the recipients while the Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) will allocate the wheat on monthly basis.

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## Students block highway at Tongi

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Nov 2: Students blocked traffic movement for two hours on Dhaka Mymensingh highway at Tongi this morning protesting the abnormal price hike of newsprint.

During the blockade from 9 am the agitated students damaged at least 15 motor vehicles.

The muggers stabbed Monirul and snatched a bundle of one hundred 500-taka notes from him. Monirul was carrying 50,000 taka with him.

Following the victims' hue and cry a police patrol in the morning brought out a procession which ended near Tongi Bazar. See Page 12 Col 5

## New girls' hostel at DU

BY DU Correspondent

The Vice Chancellor of the Dhaka University inaugurated a new girls' hostel named after Nawab Faizunnesa Chowdhury on the campus yesterday afternoon.

The five-storey building on Fuller Road, built at a cost of 1.58 crore, will accommodate 107 students.

Addressing the inaugural function, Prof Emajuddin Ahmed expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister for allocating the necessary funds for construction of the dormitory.

## Housewife murdered in Patuakhali

From Our Correspondent

PATUAKHALI, Nov 2: A man reportedly killed his wife at Lebukhali Bazar under Dunki Thana of the district early today following her refusal to agree to a divorce.

The victim, Rehana Begum, 30, a mother of two, refused to sign on a blank sheet of paper her husband Ruhul Amin Kanchan, 40, gave her on the night of occurrence.

Sources added that Kanchan was having an extra marital affair with a married woman of Mohibaria.

Kanchan beat up Rehana yesterday evening, local people said, adding that at midnight again he started beating his wife.

At one stage Kanchan forced her to swallow poison, causing her death, sources alleged.

Kanchan took Rehana to the Patuakhali sadar hospital in the morning where the doctors declared her dead.

Meanwhile, Rehana's brother Hossain filed a case with the Dunki police. Kanchan is absconding.

## Storms in Egypt kill 410

for the homeless and army firefighters to try to control the fire.

Witnesses said fires were still burning four hours after the blaze erupted but a statement from the Ministry of Petroleum said later that firemen had controlled the situation.

The governor said it was too early to determine how many people had been killed. People who escaped the inferno said many families were trapped in their homes and that dozens of people were missing, security sources said.

They have confessed to be active members of an organised gang of forgers who have been running this counterfeit business for a long time and making many people penniless, the release said.

The missing included at least 10 men trapped in a mosque during dawn prayers and a maintenance crew working inside the storage complex.

### Forged pay orders, cheque books recovered

A squad of special branch of police in a drive in the capital and adjoining areas Tuesday night recovered large quantities of forged pay orders and cheque books of the Uttara Bank, said a police press release.

The police also recovered blocks and dices for printing forged pay orders and cheques as well as seals of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and deputy commissioner of taxes.

Two persons M Zakaria, 33, and M Munir Hussain, 30, have been arrested in this connection.

On a tip-off police arrested Zakaria, manager of the printing press 'Ahmed Ad and Media Centre' at 15/17 Shantinagar Bazar Road, while printing forged pay orders and cheques. On the basis of his confession the police arrested Munir Hussain from Siddirganj area.

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