The Midnight Fife

Israel orders 3 Palestinian

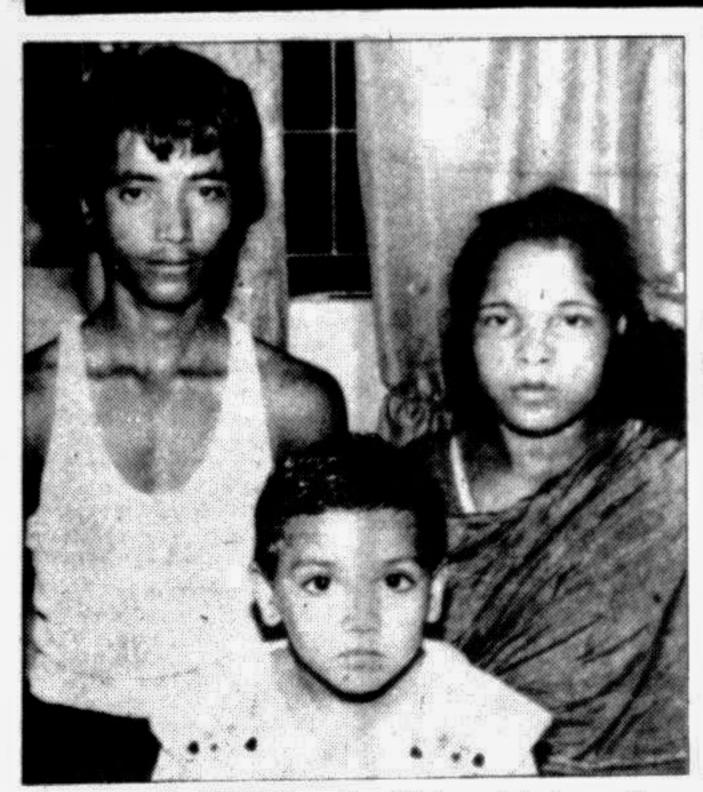
organisations to close

Palestinian organisations in east Jerusalem to close within

four days, officials said. The Palestinian Broadcasting Crop.,

the Palestinian centre of Statistics and the Palestinian

JERUSALEM, Aug 27: Israeli police today ordered three



The rescued girl Hriday, 4, with her abductors who were arrested yesterday during a raid in the city. — Star photo

Beijing conference

tel? How much do I have to pay? Please write down for me the address of my hotel in Chinese were some of the appeals from women arriving from Nigeria, Spain and Britain.

For most women, the biggest problem at the airport was a shortage of baggage carts.

For the organising committee of the People's Decade for Human Rights Education, the problem was customs.

Customs officials spent two hours sifting through the 16 boxes of materials group members had brought for their forum workshop, removed sample leaflets and baulked at a book with a cartoon caricaturing Chinese paramount leader Deng Xiaoping. They looked at it. and looked at it and found a picture of a cartoon of a Chinese dictator, saying 'no human rights here', they were very offended, Executive Director Shulamith

Two garments officials held at DEPZ

SAVAR, Aug 7: Two officials of the Finetree Industries Ltd. have been implicated in the Saturday's abortive bid to snatch, readymade garments from the factory compound in the Export Processing Zone here, reports UNB.

Police said a case was filed in Savar thana today against Assistant Production Manager Anwarul Haq Mridha and Junior Officer Yunus Ali Khan of Finetree Industries on confession by security guards

Aslam and Dulal.

The two guards along with 26 robbers were ar-· rested by police and produced before the Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate court on Saturday. All of them were sent to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Koenig said in an interview. I told them I will not leave until I get my book back. I fore the page out and gave it to them and they let me go with my book, she

'I felt kind of upset because I was coming to country where certain human rights are here, such as food, but others, such as political and civil, are not, Koenig

However, most women were delighted with their reception.

We have no problems coming here from the airport,' said Mary Castor from the Brazilian Confederation of Domestic Workers' Labour Union. 'It is very beautiful and the volunteers are very

Manzur murder

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Dhaka District and Sessions Judge, on appear ance of the accuseds, Ershad, Major (rtd) Kazi Emdadul Haque, Major General (rtd) Abdul Latif and Lt Colonel (rtd) Shamsur Rahman, took cognizance of the offence under Section 302/109/201/34 of the Penal Code on August 16 last

Earlier the case was transferred from Chittagong to Dhaka Sessions Judge by the Ministry of Law by a Notification on August 3.

The Sessions Judge. Dhaka on August 16 last also passed an order saying that not more than five lawyers for Ershad and not more than three for the other accused can be engaged and as a result senior Advocate Khondaker Mahbub Hossain, chief counsel for Ershad. Barrister Maudud Ahmed and others could not enter in the Special Court set in a building in front of Dhaka Central

The Session Judge also rejected the prayer of the defence counsels for certified copies of the statements under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

BNP using EC: Hasina

ters including the Prime Minister, Hasina said it was reported in the newspapers that the BNP did not understand the concept of neutral caretaker government.

"They did understand what was caretaker government when Ershad was in power now they do not understand as they are in power." she said. "But people will now teach them what is a carctaker government." she

She asked whether BNP forgot overnight that they came to power through an election, held under a neutral caretaker government. In fact, she alleged, BNP wanted to snatch people's right to vote to cling to power.

She added that the BNP had taken the tactics to luring away leaders of other parties. "Nobody, but those who are betrayer and did wrong doings left their par-

She asked the people to make the Opposition-sponsored 32-hour country- wide hartal beginning from September 2 a success. "I know that hartal increases miseries of many. But hartal has been called for the welfare of people," she said.

There was no alternative to agitations as the BNP government did not concede to the people's demand and is even unwilling to hold a dialogue. "We have to realise the demand at any cost," she

concluded.

Presided over by city AL president and Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif, the rally was also addressed by party presidium members Abdus Samad Azad, Amir Ho ssain Amu, Tofael Ahmed. Abdur Razzak, Sajeda Chowdhury, General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Suranjit Sengupta, Matia Chowdhury. KM Jahangir and city unit general secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.

Abdus Samad Azad said the BNP was pushing the country towards confrontation. BNP was talking about upholding the Constitution, but they were running the country violating the Constitution, he alleged.

Mohammad Hanif said people could not accept an Election Commission which was formulated with a political motive. He further said the government was giving him cold shoulder as he was elected from AL ticket. The government was insulting the people of Dhaka, he added.

The first ever elected Mayor of Dhaka city, Hanif also regretted that he was not allowed to arrange any civic reception for any state guest, though it was done regularly 'when appointed

mayors were in power. The rally over, a procession was brought out towards the Election Commission Secretariat at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

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Girl rescued

From Page 1 Meanwhile, Sirajul Islam lodged a case with the Sabujbagh thana saying that Moli had often received three suspicious visitors in the house who had identified themselves as her maternal uncles. Sirajul Islam also informed the police about their

The police raided their houses at Abdullahpur early yesterday morning but could only arrest Hasan Mahmud.

whereabouts.

Moli was picked up by police as she was fleeing from the area during the raid.

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by people suspecting them as child-lifters. The phobia about child-

lifters here has not yet ended hough police termed it as

THOMB Meanwhile. Chittagong me-tropolitan police have started an investigation into child-lifting cases.

Police are now preparing a separate list of all general diaries(GD) recorded with thana offices about missing children.

Dinajpur

From Page 1 Bangladesh Rifles to maintain law and order.

There was no official confirmation on the seven deaths, but residents told UNB by telephone that the situation was volatile. "It's total chaos in the town. Curfew has been clamped and BDR and special police forces have

been deployed." said Advocate Mostafizur Rahman. a former Awami League MP. The tension erupted after a teenage girl was found dead on the roadside on August 24 after a police van took her to give a lift from the Dash Mile crossing to Dinajpur town on request from some local peo-

The girl, travelling from Dinaka, had got down at Dash Mile crossing from a Dhaka-Thakurgaon bus at about 3 am and required the lift to reach Dinajpur town.

But her body was later found a few miles from the crossing.

Local people suspected that the girl might have been killed by the patrol police after she raised a hue and cry when they attempted to rape her. Police denied the charge and said the girl had died after she jumped from the

Body to probe death of girl

The government yesterday formed a one-member probe body on the death of a girl on way to Dinajpur town by police vehicle from Dashmail in sadar thana of the district on August 24, reports UNB.

The committee, constituted with Additional District and Sessions Judge Rafiqui Islam, will submit its report to the Home Ministry within 15 days of commencing the investigation, says an official handout.

BGMEA survey

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ber of child workers in the industry would not be more than 10,000, but human right activists put the number between 25,000 and 30,000.

Though BGMEA fixed October 31, 1995, as the deadline for terminating child workers from the factories, the task may be delayed as preparations for the education programme are yet to be started.

According to the MOU. the child workers will not be terminated until the education programme, to be arranged by the signatories of the MOU in consultation with the Primary and Mass Education Department, is ready to absorb them.

"We hope that things will be completed on time. But if the programme is not ready. we'll not terminate them drastically," Redwan Ahmed said. He also said that garment owners have been requested not to retrench any child workers before the sur-

The BGMEA chief said that his organisation has taken steps to apprise the members as well as the workers of the provisions of the MOU, specially its beneficial aspects.

Pilot survey in some factories has earlier been held by the members of BGMEA accompanied by the representatives of UNICEF, ILO and the US Embassy in Dhaka.

Ex-British Speaker due today

Former British Speaker Lord Weatherill arrives in Dhaka today on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Lord Weatherill, also a former MP, has been invited to participate in a seminar o. 'Making Parliament Effective' to be held next Friday at a local hotel.



Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam and Malian Minister for Rural Development and Environment Modido Traore signing two agreements on trade and cultural cooperation at the State Guest House "Korotoa" yesterday while Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and President of Mali Alpha Oumar Korane look on . - PID photo

Konare impressed with democracy in Bangladesh

Malian President Alpha Oumar Konare said he was impressed to have witnessed the democratisation and development process in Bangladesh which will help nim greatly in leading the western African nation for-

ward. reports UNB. He was especially impressed by the rural-based development programmes poverty alleviation, agricultural, educational and other socio-economic uplift programmes of Begum Zia's government which put Bangladesh on the road of advancement and self-reliance.

The words of praise from the President came when Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia made a farewell call on him at Sate Guest House Karotoa yesterday evening.

"I also witnessed the measures taken by you for consolidating democracy and giving it an institutional shape. You are really working hard for establishing democracy," said Konare, adding, "It is not possible to ensure development without democracy."

Referring to his visit to some sites in Bangladesh, the Malian President said he had a very good impression about the activities and performance of the Rice Research Centre, Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development and Mainamati Museum.

Konare, leaves for home today, expressed his firm commitment to continue bilateral cooperation in the field of trade and agriculture and sought Bangladesh's help in development endeav-

ours of Mali. "I am going back home

with a lot of experiences. It will extensively help me integrate these experiences in our development efforts. Konare said, adding that the entire economic programmes of Bangladesh would be helpful for his country.

The Malian President also took keen interest in the activities of the Grameen Bank and said its poverty allevia tion programmes are really novel and adoptable.

Talking to the Malian President Begum Zia said both the countries could ensure overall development through further consolidating democracy in respective countries.

"There is no alternative to democracy in bringing welfare and change in the lot of common people," she said and praised the efforts of the President in establishing democracy in his country.

Handball,

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The hosts were comfortably leading 12-4 at half-time. Rashada Khatun, who missed most of the 32-15 drubbing by India in her team's previous match due to injury, made most of a lowly British defence with eight goals of her own while Erina Nahar chipped in with six conversions.

The win enhances the chances of the local outfit to reach the final.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh boys' team are to play Pakistan in the first semifinal on Tuesday. The other semi-final will be contested by India and Nigeria on the same day.

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representatives of the two countries will be set up to monitor the implementation of the agreements, he said.

Minister-in-Attendance

student politics at Shahjalal Varsity Aug 29

SYLHET, Aug 27: The au thorities of Shahjalal University of Science and Tech nology will hold a "refere ndum at the university or August 29 over whether to continue politics on the campus or not.

tween the activists of the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Islami Chhatra Shibir on June 30. It reope ned on August 1 The authorities had sus

pended all political activities on the campus till October

referendum" has created resentment among the student organisations. The Bangla desh Chhatra League (S-P) the JCD, the Jatiya Chhatra Dal and the Bangladesh Chhatra Union yesterday called upon the students to protest the decision to hold a referendum.

2 agreements

joint committee with

Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar and senior officials of both sides were present at the signing ceremony.

Referendum on

The university was closed

The five-year agreements, however, will come into force after completion of legal procedures like approval of parliaments of both the countries, a Bangladesh official

From Staff Correspondent

Police also picked up sevfollowing armed clashes be

The decision to hold

Kandaker, 25. evening. Witnesses said several ve-

400 city phones out of order

About 400 telephones in Mohammadpur area under 1,200 pairs of underground

T&T Board yesterday said the fault was caused following road digging for Digital Project.

within three days.

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ordered stay of the further proceedings of the case pending in the lower court.

a class-III employee of Suhrawardy Hospital was fired for unauthorised absence and later his department and also the High Court Division affirmed his punishment.

But the then President. Ershad, upon a prayer, reinstituted the service of Sultan and it was alleged in the case that Ershad took pecuniary advantage through misusing his official power.

Mahbub Hossain, the defence counsel argued that as Ershad just gave an official order and Sultan Ahmed Mallik drew money as his salary thus, there was no offence wonder the Anti-Corruption Act.

Health Council were ordered to case their activities by the end of Thursday, a police spokesman told AFP. **Environment pollution**

chemical substances in river Lakkva and other closed wa-

terbodies, they said. Under back-to-back L/C. developed countries are importing finished goods from these dying-printing and other industries but leaving pollution here, causing enormous depletion of open-water fisheries, the officials said.

Elaborating degree of pollution, an environmentalist said effluents of sugar and distillery mills were emitting toxic Hydrogen Sulphaite gas and depleting Oxygen threatening aquatic life of nearby waterbodies.

Toxic wastes and hazardous chemicals like Chromium, Hydrocarbon and other organic substances from tanneries are polluting rivers. underground water as well as surroundings, he said.

From dying-printing industries, coloured toxic effluents are threatening environment as well as aquatic life of different waterbodies, he said adding that pulp-paper, fertilizer and chemical industries are also polluting environment in the same way.

Officials said spinningweaving and jute industries are polluting environment with dust and noise.

One killed, 50 hurt

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She said the 'autocratic' government has resorted to violence and anarchy to cling to power. "It will have to quit in the face of mass movement". She also demanded release of the people picked up by police during the clash. A rally of Tejgaon thana

unit of JCD was on progress in front of the Ananda Cinema hall when the AL procession reached there. According to witnesses, some stones were pelted at the AL processionists. Indiscriminate blasting of

crackers then rocked the Farmgate area creating a panic. The clash spread to nearby Kawranbazar area.

Police. posted Farmgate, resorted to lathicharge, fired tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the warring groups. The warring groups blasted at least 100 crackers and hurled brick-boots at police during the one-hour clash.

eral persons from the spot. Several crackers were also blasted in front of the Titas Gas office after the AL demonstrators left the Sonargaon intersection where Sheikh Hasina had addressed a rally earlier.

Our DMCH Correspondent says, Sheikh Hasina visited the hospital at about 9-25 pm to see the injured persons.

Those admitted to the DMCH were: Sarwar, a third year student of Social Science of Dhaka University. Arabinda, a Chhatra League leader and student of DU. Raju, a student of Islamic History, DU, Bipleb, BCL leader of Jagannath Hall. Arun, 25, Mokhlesur Rahman, 25, Suman, 22, Rashid. Abdur Mohammad Barek, 15, Taibur Rahman, 35, Subrata Das, 23, Nazrul Islam, 20 and Wadud

On hearing the news of killing at Farmgate, workers of Chhatra League staged violent protest at the Teacher-Student Centre (TSC) area in Dhaka University yesterday

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar Exchange have gone temporarily out of service due to fault in cables, reports UNB. A press release of the

The T&T Board has already taken up the restoration work on an emergency basis. It is expected that the telephones will be restored

HC show cause

One Sultan Ahmed Mallik

Advocate Khondaker

hicles including one private car, two trucks, two autorickshaws and some rickshaws were damaged during the protest.

Four rounds of gunshot were fired during the incident and panicky students ran helter-skelter for safety. Police lobbed tear gas

shells to bring the situation

under control. Police have been deployed at the TSC and Jagannath Hall area to avert further untoward inci-Several vehicles were also damaged by a group of youths in and around Gulistan area

yesterday evening. During the

rampage, the driver of a car

bearing No Dhaka Bha 678

was beaten up seriously. Today's programme

To protest yesterday's incident. AL will stage demonstrations in the city today. A countrywide demonstration programme will be announced, said an AL press re-

The namaj-e-janaza of the dead youth will be held today at Baitul Mukarram mosque after 'Asr' prayer and a procession will also be brought out with the body, the AL press release said.

The press release also said, AL leaders Alhaj Makbul Hossain, Habibur Rahman Habib, Dr Badiuzzaman Dablu, Mosharraf Hossain, Abul Kalam, Mohammad Sultan and Mafizur Rahman were also injured during the clash.

World Bank **VP** From Page 1

and MIGA is believed to leave a positive influence on the confidence of prospective

foreign investors. Joseph Wood is due to arrive this afternoon for, what sources indicated, a fresh appraisal of Dhaka's progress in economic reforms. He requires a comprehensive evaluation as the World Bank is set to draw up a new country assistance strategy for Bangladesh.

The World Bank executive is scheduled to drive down to Sylhet, accompanied by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, tomorrow to see the WB-aided general education programme in rural areas of

the district. The two are likely to discuss issues relating to the Bank and Bangladesh during the day-long trip.

NGO team

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Sramik Jote.

of the country. The NGOs, sending representatives to the conference include Mahila Parishad. Women for Women, Ain O Shalish Kendra, Brac. Grameen Bank, Bangladesh Agricultural Workers People's Association. Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies. Women's Development Forum. Nijera Kori. Jatiya Mahila Ainjibi Samity. Ubinig. Lekhika Shangha and Jatiya

We have proposed the Conference to hold four workshop- two on issues concerning women and two on common issues of the South Asian countries," she pointed out.

The Conference brings together NGOs from all corners of the globe and plans to frame a "Platform of Action for Equality" in order to remove gender discriminations prevailing in different countries of the world.

The representatives of Bangladeshi NGOs will stay at the Asia Pacific Friendship Tent" along with delegates from 48 to 50 countries. They will participate in a two-day exhibition on South Asia to promote Bangladeshi culture and to strengthen friendship with other coun-

Anniversary of Nazrul's death observed

Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam on his 19th death anniversary yesterday.

The 19th death anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam was observed in the capital and elsewhere in the country yesterday, reports BSS.

organsiations and educational institutions held discussions on the life and works of the poet and musical functions on the occasion. The programmes also included placing of wreaths at

the mazar of the poet at the

Different socio-cultural

university mosque premises. Dhaka university organised a quran khwani at the university central mosque after Fazr prayers. Teachers, students and

employees of the university led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Emazuddin Ahmed placed wreaths at the mazar early in the morning. The Vice Chancellor also chaired a discussion at the mazar premises.

National dailies carried

special articles and Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh Television also aired specia programmes on the day.

Members of the Surakash' - a cultural organisation - praying at the mazar of National

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina visited the mazar of the poet and placed wreaths there. She also of fered munajat. DUSCU leaders also

The Nazrul Academy held

a discussion at the Engineers

placed wreaths.

Institute in the afternoon. The Bangla Academy held at seminar on "Rural life in Nazrul's poem" at its premises in the morning and a cultural function in the evening.

musical sofree was also held at the Shilpakala Academy on the occasion. The Nazrul Institute ob served the day by holding discussion on the life and works of the National Poet in

A discussion followed by

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Foreign Office spokesman in the city yesterday.

least 28 Bangladeshis died at a detention camp for illegal immigrants there.

in Parliament, Lim Kit Stang The leader visited the detention camp and reported the deaths of 42 illegal immigrants - 28 Bangladeshis, seven Indonesians, five Indi-

ans, a Myanmarese and a

According to Manpower Ministry, there are 2,992 Bangladeshis in nine detention camps in Malaysia, many of them are not interested to return home.

The employers of the evening at its auditorium. added.

Death at camp

- Star photo

Quoting Malaysian newspapers, Associated Press (AP) on Friday dispatched a report from Kuala Lumpur that at

The news reports were based on statement by Malaysian opposition leader

Nepalese.

Bangladeshi detainees in Malaysia have been trying to free them after managing work permits and other legal documents for them, sources