#### Manzur murder case Govt withdraws petition on stay of HC order

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court vesterday allowed the government prayer for withdrawal of the petition for stay operation of the High Court order staying the proceedings taken by the Dhaka Sessions Judge on August 16 in the Manzur murder case.

Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf of the Appellate Division, however, ordered the government to pay cost to the opposite-party. former president H M Ershad.

The division bench of the disposal of rule.

On the following day. ment filed the stay petition they filed another petition for

F M Hasan Arif assisted by Assistant Attorney General Sharif Uddin Chaklader moved for the state, while Barrister Maudud Ahmed and Advocate Yousuf Hossain Hu mayun appeared for Ershad.

#### **BUET** student

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directed the Director of Student Welfare and Member-Secretary of Board of Residence and Discipline and the Vice-Chancellor of the BUET to show cause as to why the expulsion order should not be declared to have been issued without any lawful authority, and, as such void and has no legal effect. The Director of Students

Welfare and Member Secretary of the Board of Residence and Discipline on August 16 last expelled M Masum Igbal for one year from the University under allegations of committing un fair means in the examina

It was stated in the writ petition that while the petitioner was inside the toilet certain papers were found on the floor of the toilet which the invigilator thought that the petitioner would see dur ing the examinations on August 8.

But the petitioner completely denied the allegation as false, speculative and absurd, the petition said.

The petitioner was expelled without assigning any reason nor he was given the chance of being heard which deprived him of Natural Justice, the petition argued.

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friends. If there is any

unusual movement of the se-

curity forces across the bor-

der, we shall be informed

within fifteen minutes." "The

same thing applies to them."

the Havildar said pointing his

the villages there are paid in-

formers among the people

who waste no time to alert

us. So, you see, nothing hap-

pens here beyond our knowl-

the border further down, is

the "open route" for smug-

gling nowadays, according to

some bikers on the road.

Even kids know of the route

changes for any reason, say

Bhatkhari village and televi-

sion, VCR and other modern

amenities in every house. "It's

not surprising here. You will

find things here more than

you can imagine," said a local

lage market about five kilo-

metres further down along

the border. Scores of bik-

ers were passing by with

their merchandise. This re-

minds one of the "ants high-

something for a buffer stock.

16 a kg for green chillies on

the other side of the border.

Paddy, now on high demand

was bought for Tk 8 a kg,

onions for Tk 8.20, sugar for

Tk 18, iodised salt for Tk 4 a

kg. Most of the daily neces-

saries are cheaper there.

Thus a handsome return is

way" where every ant carries

Bikers said they paid Tk

On way to Kamalpur, a vil-

There is electricity in

flood.

Bhatkhari, a village along

edge." the soldiers boasts.

"If a stranger arrives in

finger at the BSF post.

#### Five killed, 45 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

At least five persons were killed and 45 others injured in road accidents across the

country yesterday. An unknown male, aged about 25, was killed on the spot and at least 10 people were injured when a Gazipur bound bus from Dhaka skidded off the road at Salna at about 11 am.

Our medical correspondent says: Of the injured. Moniruzzaman, 44. Hazrat Ali. 40. Amjad 22. Wahed. 25. and Shati Ranjan. 30. were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

An auto-rickshaw driver, Abdul Aziz, 40, was killed and four passengers received injuries when a Dhaka-bound bus hit the three-wheeler at near the Savar Radio transmitter at about 11:30 am. according to an agency re-

In another accident near the Savar Dairy Farm, a microbus driver. Joz Miah. 35. and a rickshawpuller were killed and at least 16 passengers injured when two minibuses collided head-on and hit a rickshaw yesterday afternoon.

The injured passengers were admitted to hospitals in

One Rustom, 45, was run over by a Bogra-bound truck near Satbaria in Shahjadpur thana at about 9 am.

Meanwhile, at least 15 people were injured when a Dhaka-bound bus from Bogra fell into a roadside ditch at Gurka under Raigani thana vesterday morning. Of the injured, five persons were admitted to the Raiganj Health Complex.

#### BNP's rejoinder

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Secretary General odos Salam Talukdar has isand a rejoinder to the report published in The Daily Star Tuesday headlined "BNP looking for other options".

The rejoinder issued yes terday said "BNP's views and options have no similarity" with those attributed to an unnamed cabinet minister and standing committee member of the party.

"The report has created confusion among the party leaders and workers and the members of the public," said the rejoinder, signed by BNP Office Secretary Nazrul Islam.

#### RU admission test begins today

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 12: The written test for admission to the first year honours classes of different faculties of 1994-95 session under Rajshahi University will be held from tomorrow.

#### Workers clash

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as they have a dispute over the ownership of the shops around the mills' compound. Of the injured, 15 were sent to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital and

ferent local clinics. During the three-hour fight, the rival groups used lethal weapons and blasted at least 150 homemade bombs.

the rest given first aid at dif-

A group of workers also set fire to the mills' security barracks, union office, labour office, cash section and burnt down necessary papers.

Firefighters rushed to the spot and recovered five rifles and huge ammunition from the security barracks to save them from fire.

Police reinforcements were brought in from Chittagong headquarters to bring the situation under control.

"When we bring things the

BSF says nothing. But if we

want to take something there

it is very difficult," said a

biker who claims to have

been in the "trade" since

1971. At Kamalpur market,

Indian goods are sold in ev-

smugglers? "They are every-

where. Every bike carries

about 40 to 60 kgs. of mer-

chandise. They do the same

as the ants - deposit the

goods to the big lords," said a

here. Anybody can take to the

promising smuggling busi-

ness any time," the barber

VCR, VCP, tape recorders

etc. from Bangladesh are in

high demand across the bor-

der, another local man said.

"Nobody is unemployed

Electronic items, such as

barber at Kamalpur.

But where are the big

ery shop at cheaper prices.

promised after a trip.

Smugglers' paradise

#### Hasina

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tronising terrorists to stick to power. "About 1.000 licensed arms were not being found, which are in the hands of the activists of the ruling BNP and its student

Terrorists are being released from jails and arms handed over to them to manipulate the next elections. she alleged.

Hasina, earlier, broke the hunger strike by offering glass of juice to lvy Rahman. president of the women's front of her party.

#### Landslide kills 80 in Himachal Pradesh

NEW DELHI, Sept 12: Up to 80 labourers were buried alive by a landslide in the north Indian state of Himachal Pradesh today, a spokesman for the state government in New Delhi said.

R S Kaushal told Reuters the labourers were working on a site in Kulu town, a hill station in the mountainous state, when they were engulfed by the landslide.

"Three bodies have been extracted from the debris and 13 injured have been admitted to the local Kulu hospital," Satish Dhar, information office for the Himachal Pradesh government in Delhi said.

He said the landslide took place at around 9.45 am (0515 GMT) near the police quarters in Kulu town as the day's work was beginning on a road building site.

#### ALCWC

From Page 1 on to power.

The non-stop 72-hour hartal has been called to ensure the freedom of voters and to establish people's right to food, said the meeting demanding resignation of the government and fresh elections under a caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice. adopted a resolution

which says hartal is the democratic right of the people. The anti-autocracy movement of '90 was conducted through hartal and

The resolution said statement of the Prime Minister about hartal-siege of the opposition was provocative, for which the country was heading towards anarchy and confrontation.

It termed Prime Minister's comments on hartal as undemocratic. "It is the language of the autocrats.

The ALWC said the Prime Minister would be held responsible for any untoward incident during the planned 72-hour shutdown for her provocative comment.

It also called for observing the hartal and other programmes in a disciplined manner and to make the demonstrations on Septemher 13-14 and torch procession in the capital on September 15 a success.

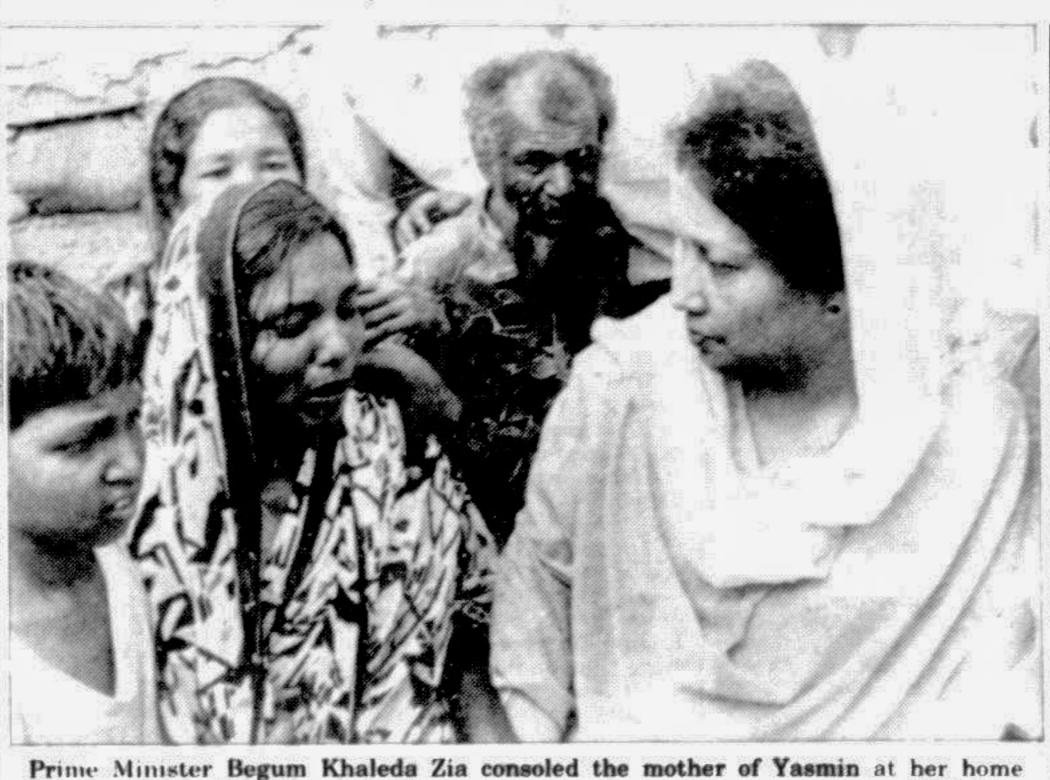
#### One held with 71 Protest march take passports

Police arrested a Bangla-From Page 1 deshi passport holder from demanded removal of the Zia International Airport Home Minister and trial of yesterday for carrying 71 fake the policemen responsible passports on his way to for the rape and murder of Bangkok, said a press re-Yasmin and killing of seven lease, reports UNB. people in the town.

The arrested was identi-The rape and murder of fied as Ali Ullah, son of late Yasmin had sparked violent Amir Hossain of village Dhumass protests in the town reptarakhan under Araihazar sulting in death of seven thana of Narayanganj district. people in clashes with police.

A team of the Special Today's procession was Branch of police, nabbed the led by local leaders of NAP passenger along with those (Mozaffar). The processionpassports from the airport ists marched through differimmediately before his deent streets of the town parture in the afternoon. chanting slogan.

Earlier, during the Prime Minister meeting, a section of the audience ran helter skelter in panic twice. But no apparent reason for panic was seen. However, their was no other untoward incident during the public meeting. Justice Caucus said it wanted



during a visit to Dinajpur yesterday. - PID photo

Mofizul was later declared

The Kasbha thana police

filed an unnatural death case

police in the murder.

denving any complicity of the

Farid Mia, went to the thana

to file a case against the po-

lice but the thana refused to

appealed to the Deputy

Commissioner to look into

the matter. The DC asked the

Magistrate to investigate the

incident. After investigation.

he filed a case against the po-

produced before the Magis-

trate's court which sent them

N'ganj clashes

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injury. Gopal. a resident o

the town is a student of

change gun shots and ex-

ploded at least 45 cocktails

in a clash in Pikepara over

some alleged indecent re-

marks during a marriage

ceremony in a house last

night injuring over 20 per-

sons. The injured persons

included one with bullet in-

jury and 10 with cocktail

splinters. Bullet hit Delwar

Hossain was taken to the

ever, solemnised late into the

persons were injured, one

with bullet and 12 with bomb

splinters when two groups of

alleged illegal phensedyl

vendors clashed in Galachipa

area today over sale of

and gunfire injured about 12

passers-by including Gopal

(20), a Barisal Medical

College student who received

bullet injury in his eye. He

was sent to DMCH in serious

Five-member

Nepali cabinet

KATHMANDU, Sept 12:

Sher Bahadur Deuba, the new

prime minister of Nepal, set

up a five-member cabinet

Tuesday to lead his coalition

government, a place state

minister at a ceremony at the

royal palace and adminis-

tered the oath of office by

King Birendra, the constitu-

to see debt relief for the

poorest countries to free

funds for social welfare, and a

shift of funds from military

the European Union are

leading the pack by refusing

to allow language and analysis

in the platform for action

that links their economic

policies to poverty," said Lisa

McGowan of the

Development GAP, a public

policy group in Washington

The main drafting com-

mittee, which is preparing

the platform for presentation

to the plenary, was to discuss

the poverty section later to-

Negotiators at the confer-

ence said today they settled a

thorny human rights issue

but were still wrestling with

contentious questions such as

lesbian rights and women's

the human rights issue sim-

ply by dropping the word

to be included in the

Western media for portraying

Islam as a religion that en-

courages polygamy and dis-

'universal" from definitions

Egypt today blasted the

They said they resolved

unpaid work.

Platform of Action.

"The United States and

spending to social needs.

Deuba was sworn in prime

ment said, reports AP.

tional monarch.

Random cocktail blasts

phensedyl in the town

condition.

The marriage was, how-

In another incident, 30

DMCH.

night

Two groups of youths ex-

Barisal Medical College.

The four accused were

On September 7, Farid

Later, Mafizur's brother

dead by doctors.

take the case:

lice on Sunday.

## 4 policemen sent to jail on murder charge

From Our Correspondent

BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 12: Four policemen, including a Sub-Inspector, were sent to jail today on a charge of murder in Kashba thana.

SI Sanwar Hossain and constables — Abul Hossain. Abdul Mannan and Mutasin Ali — were also suspended from their posts as First Class Magistrate Motiur Rahman had filed a case against them under Section 302/34.

At 1 pm, August 29, the four policemen had gone to the house of Mofizul Islam. 32, son of late Sved Ali, in village Shastapur, Kasbha, called him out and killed After hearing the screams

of the victim, his family members went out and found Mofizur lying unconscious on the ground in front of the police. The policemen claimed that Mofizur had suddenly become ill. They left the place saying they were calling in a doctor.

#### Chief accountant of BIWTA robbed

By DMCH Correspondent Muggers robbed the Chief

Accountant of the BIWTA of Tk 40 thousand yesterday. A group of about five

persons stabbed Mirza Ershad Ali, 58 at about 3 pm near Banga Bazar and snatched the money from him when he was returning home at Bangshal. The victim was admitted

to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

#### Rivals kill two BCP activists

From Our

Correspondent SATKHIRA, Sept 12: Two

outlawed communist party workers were brutally murdered by their opponents in Tala and Dumuria thanas lastnight.

Akram Hossain, 27 an activist of the outlawed Biplabi Communist Party was killed at Jiala by a group of 12 to 14 armed men of another outlawed organisation — Purba Bangla Communist Party, police said. Another Biplabi Commu-

nist Party member. Majid 45 of Jiala, was shot dead by a different gang of the Purba Bangla Communist Party at Chandpur of Dumuria thana last night. Poor status of SAARC women

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women in those country

where the gap between men

and women's education level

and professional skill re-

Besides, Mrs Bertini said

the programme would devote

more than 50 per cent of its

resources of school food sup-

ply to girls, and the allocation

on women's illiteracy reduc-

tion programme would dou-

Private women's groups

say their main concern is

that governments won't

spend enough to turn ideals

into real programmes to im-

moved toward agreement on

a Platform for Action before

the conference ends Friday

representatives of non-gov-

ernmental groups from

around the world said

Tuesday they feared the doc-

ument would be empty talk

unless accompanied by

tries charged that the plat

form does not provide long

term solutions to poverty and

the gap between rich and

The NGO Economic

Lobbyists for poorer coun-

While working groups

ble its present figure.

prove women's lives.

promises of funding.

poor globally.

mained wide.

#### of the country and the nation.

women repression law.

Calling the Dinajpur incidents "most sorrowful". Begum Zia said the responsithe existing law of the land.

She also said stern mea sures would be taken against those involved in attack and newspaper offices

said that a judicial enquiry committee had already been formed to probe the inci-

Presided over by Mollah Jainal Abedin, the meeting was also addressed by Forest and Environment Minister Akbar Hossain, Education Mi nister Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman and Raushan Elahi, MP.

#### Young man

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Nazrul, son of Abdul Gafur and two of his friends, were returning to his house at 7/ Jigatola Staff quarters from the Abahani playground. The unidentified gang

hurled bombs and fired at him. The blood-stained Nazrul was immediately taken to the Chest Diseases Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 11 pm.

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They alleged that police put up barricades to stop the procession while it was on way to the Prime Minister's office to submit a memoran dum to protest rape and murder of Yasmin and killing of seven others in police firing at Dinajpur.

the leadership of Farida Akhter was allowed to go to the PM's office to submit the memorandum.

criminates against women,

saying it was fanaticism that

was giving the creed a bad

most tolerant and progres-

sive of all religions," Merwait

Tallawy, head of Egypt's del-

egation at the UN confer-

ence, said "Islam accords

women equality, dignity and

in the Koran that allow a man

to marry up to four (women),

but it is not often highlighted

by the Western media that

there are two strict condi-

tions attached," the Egyptian

ambassador to the .UN told

marry more than one if he is

financially "able and capable"

to maintain all the wives and

their dependants and if he

can be 'morally fair' to all the

tion of the Koran's basic

A man is only allowed to

"It is true there are verses

respect.

reporters.

principles.

Defending Islam as "the

#### PM: Dinajpur From Page 1

she also called for taking steps so that the development activities are not ham pered by backlashes to the "tragic and unfortunate inci-Later in the afternoon, ad

dressing a public meeting at Gora Shaheed Maidan in the town, the Prime Minister assured that the culprits would be put to trial under the

The law, which was passed recently in Parliament, provides death penalty as the capital punishment for repression on women and

ble for the killing of three people would be tried under

damage of press club and five The Prime Minister also

#### Nari Samaj

Aziza Idris, Khaleda Khatun

and Rashida Akhter - were injured in police baton charge at Shahabagh at about 11.30 am.

A 10-member group under

# process.

cording to the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Capping the immigration

gramme would allow an annual 150,000 spouses and children of illegal immigrants granted amnesty under the 1986 bill until a backlog is reduced

Eliminate a diversity lottery for immigrants with no close family ties or employer sponsors. An estimated 41,000 people entered in this category last year, INS

immigration to 75,000 a year and tighten requirements for skill and education levels However, the proposed bill does not limit admission

limiting those admissions to 50,000 in his illegal immigration bill, but the subcommittee rejected the limit. The House bill limits refugees to 50,000 a year.

Simpson cuts even deeper than the bill sponsored by Rep. Smith, chairman of the House Immigration Subcounnifice.

Smith's bill, that was ap-

#### Rhe-Midnight-Rife Series of attacks in

Rwanda: 108 killed KIGALI Sept 12: At least 108 people were killed and 16 wounded in three separate attacks this morning in northwest Rwanda, the UN Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNAMIR) radio reported here. Details of the attacks were still scarce but military observers said 24 people died in the first attack, which took place in Kanama in Gisenvi prejecture the radio said, reports AFP.

#### Pak Punjab CM removed

LAHORE. Sept 12: Manzoor Watto, chief minister of the key Pakistani province of Punjab was removed from office today after he failed to turn up for a confidence vote in the provincial assembly. The assembly speaker ruled that since Watto failed to respond to an order from the Pumpib governor to seek a confidence vote he was "no longer the chief minister, reports AFP.

## 48-hr transport strike from Sept 30

A joint action committee of the owners and workers of road transport sector yesterday announced a 48-hour countrywide transport strike beginning September 30 to press for realisation of their 16-point demand, reports

Addressing a press con ference, Muhammad Ashral Khan, joint convenor of the action committee, said the transport sector of the country was on the verge of collapse and the strike was called to save the sector from ruination. He urged the government

to refrain Mirza Abbas from his anarchic activities. He also alleged that Abbas, after being sacked from the samity, had been creating anarchy by obstructing the buses and trucks of his opponents to ply. Ashraf Khan, also the sec-

retary general of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Samity, said

Employment

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tities, namely FWTF and

BOESL, on behalf of the re-

national within the age group

of 20 to 40 years will be eli-

gible to register their names

and would be called by the

BOESL time to time for in-

terviews to get a job in

Malaysia under three broadly

defined categories, said the

sources and added that the

categories are: factory work-

ers, construction labourers

Manpower Ministry said that

though BOESL has sent some

10,000 Bangladeshis for

work in various countries

over the last one decade, it

has no prior experience of

exporting manpower to

Malaysia. where some

1.61,000 Bangladeshi work-

ers went since 1992, through

The year-wise breakups

"This is a challenge for us

the private recruiting agen-

are: 1992 - 10,000. 1993 -

68,000, 1994 - 48,000 and

and we are equipping our

selves to face the challenge.

said a high-raking official in

sources, licenses of some 35

private manpower recruiting

agencies were cancelled this

vear till last month for mal-

practice in the recruitment

According to the official

some 35,000 this year.

the ministry.

Officials in the Labour and

and agricultural labourers.

Every literate Bangladeshi

spective governments.

that government had made Mirza Abbas the President of the Samity by interfering in the elections of the commit-

He further alleged that Mirza Abbas, who was not a transport owner, was using musclemen to collect tolls.

#### 5 Indian ministers resign NEW DELHI, Sept 12: Five

unior ministers have offered to resign ahead of a major cabinet reshuffle this week by Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, sources in the ruling Congress (I) party said today, reports AFP.

ministers of state had tengive the 73-year-old Prime Minister a free hand to reorganize his cabinet before general elections expected later this year or early next

#### decision to raise bank rates

growing criticism over the recent monetary measures to curb credit expansion, has strongly defended its decision arguing that rising infla tion deserved an arrest, reports UNB. Governor Khorshed Alam

vesterday told a gathering of top bankers that steps to check inflation were not unique in case of Bangladesh but a usual practice by central banks all around.

taken by all central banks at the appropriate time to attain various objectives, the most important of which was to contain underlying inflationary pressure," he said. Alam was inaugurating a

morning. He seized the opportunity on the occasion to refute criticism by various trade bodies about the central bank's decision to deflate credit surge in private sector by raising bank rate and interest rates on deposits."

rose to 23.6 per cent in the last fiscal year (1994-95) against a 4.5 per cent in the public sector.

# US immigration bill

of spouses and children of le-

Limit employment-based

of refugees or asylum seek-Simpson earlier proposed

"As one can never be morally fair (to all of them) so say the bill proposed by Sen. let it be one (wife), Tallawy Tallawy said Islam had been misunderstood because of the emergency of religious radicals and their interpreta-

proved in July, would cut le-

gal immigration by a third, build a triple fence along the Mexican border, double the size of the US Border Patrol and create a telephone database to allow employers to ensure they were not hir-

ing illegal immigrants.

Republican lawmakers believe the immigrants are taking jobs and undermining the wages of Americans, and the nation needs a break from record numbers of legal immigrants. Immigrant supporters as

well as business groups, however, disagree with the Republican lawmakers. National Immigration Forum, a immigrant rights

platform. Monday held a conference where speakers argued that the bill would do more to harm the nation than to protect it. The proposed bill would also leave the American busi-

ness at a disadvantage in an increasingly global economy. business groups said. Twenty-four immigrants

rights forums Monday sponsored a full page advertisement in the Washington Post newspaper in which bold headlines said. "America is a Nation of Immigrants. STOP Anti-Immigrant Legislation!

The ad carried an open letter to President Clinton and members of the US Congress which said that even the US citizens were not safe from the anti-immigrant attack.

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# By SC Correspondent

HC comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Hoque and Justice Mohammad Nurul Islam, upon a criminal re vision petition filed by Ershad, directed the government on August 30 last to show cause as to why the proceeding taken by the Dhaka Sessions Judge on August 16 in the Manzur murder case should not be set aside and also ordered stay of the proceeding till

September 1, the govern before the Appellate Division but later on September 4 withdrawal the stay petition. Deputy Attorney General A

> The sources said the five dered their resignations to

# BB defends

Bangladesh Bank, amidst

"Such measures were

training course for bankers on Lending Risk Analysis (LRA) in the Bangladesh Bank conference room yesterday

A worried Governor. pointed out that the growth of credit to the private sector

From Page 1 those categories in 1994, ac-

gal immigrants at 85,000 a A limited-time pro-

Immigrant rights activists