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The fate of the newly cre-

ated Trade and Investment

Promotion (TIP) wing in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

has become somewhat uncer-

tain because of a tussle be-

tween the bureaucrats of two

ministries - Commerce and

Foreign Affairs - over the

control of the economic ac-

tivities in the missions

abroad, as evident from rele-

tentions of sources con-

Trade and Investment

Promotion wing in the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

created vide its memo dated

April 29, 1995 has been de-

clared by the Cabinet Division

vide its memo dated August

21 to have been set up in

contravention of government

rules. You are, therefore, re-

quested to make all corre-

spondences henceforth with

Ministry of Commerce only."

read a telex message of the

Commerce Ministry sent to

the economic minister com-

mercial counsellor/first sec-

retary in the country's mis-

WASHINGTON, Sept 14: A

dozen of top immigration ex-

perts and legislators Wed-

nesday discussed at a hearing

of the US Senate Judiciary

Subcommittee on how much

legal immigration should be

Senator Alan K Simpson.

who tabled a Bill debated by

immigrant rights activists as

well as different labour and

business groups, proposed

cutting legal immigration by a

third and eliminating four of

five categories that now give

Speaking at the hearing.

he pointed out that the polis

consistently showed that 70

per cent of the US people

wants fewer immigrants in

priority to relatives of US cit-

izens and legal residents.

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810.37(+0.07%) DSE price index 50.27 billion Market capital Tk Transactions in volume Transactions in value Tk 22.95 million

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NEWS BRIEFS

65 more Rohingyas repatriated

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Sept 14 Sixty-five members of 13 Rohingva refugee families repatriated to Myanmar to day. With this, a total of 1.92,918 Rohingya refugees went back home, while some 57.959 others at seven refugee camps here are waiting for their turns to re-

JCD leader held in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Sept 14: A leader of the Bangladesh Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), as Tinku Das was arrested by Panchlaish thana police today. According to Police, Tinku, office secretary of the JCD, Chittagong city unit, was arrested in connection with two cases filed with Panchlaish thana against him.

Shantibahini frees one banker

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Sept 14 One of the two bankers, abducted Shantibahini men from Bandarban town on June 14, has been released after payment of ransom, local sources and police said. Dibakar Roy Chowdhury, manager of Krishi Bank, Bandarban branch, was freed on September 11. The fate of another employee of the same bank, Masud Aktar could not yet be known, police said. Dibakar is now un der treatment in hospital.

Missing boy found dead in Nganj

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Sept 14: The body of a young man was found in a pond near his house at Shahidnagar here today. Saudagar, 27, son of one Abdul Khaleq had been missing since last Friday. His family sources said, he went out with his friends on that day. His body was found when a neighbour was clearing hyacinth in the pond. Later police came and sent the body for autopsy. Meanwhile. Fatulla police nabbed three youths with three knives in their possession from West Rasulpur late last night. The youths were allegedly preparing to commit a rob-

NATO to stop raid as Serbs agree to pullout

OIC states will supply arms, aid to Bosnia



Busnian Deputy Defence Minister Muhamad Lemes (C) and Chief of Army General Rasim Delic (R) discuss a point during the ministerial-level meeting of the OIC Contact Group in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. - AFP/UNB photo

Bureaucratic tussle renders

fate of TIP uncertain

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir

On receiving the telex

message of August 30, signed

by the joint secretary (admn)

of the Commerce Ministry.

an ambassador sent it to the

foreign secretary saying, "I

feel I should bring it to your

kind attention immediately."

Meanwhile, the Foreign

Ministry has sent a note

along with a position paper

on the TH' wing, incorporat-

25 injured as BNP,

AL activists

clash at Chandpur

least 25 people were injured

in sporadic clashes between

the supporters of Awami

League and BNP in the town

Witnesses said trouble

erupted as the JCD activists

chanted provocative slogans

in front of the Town Hall at

about 8:30 pm, where a

seminar was being held un-

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today reports UNB.

CHANDPUR, Sept 14: At

sions abroad.

ing suggestions made by the

Morshed Committee on reor-

ganisation of the Foreign Mi-

nistry, to the Prime Minister

According to well placed

"The creation of TIP is not

sources, the Prime Minister

is yet to give her decision on

in contravention of the allo-

cation of business as it de-

fines the number one task

given to the Foreign Ministry

as the relations and dealings

with other countries. More-

over, in the changed global

situation, economic diplo-

macy was always underscored

by the Prime Minister and

was further reiterated by the

Morshed Committee," said a

competent source quoting

the note sent to the Prime

hanced role of the Foreign

Ministry in achieving the

economic objectives of the

country through use of dip-

lomacy, the Morshed Co-

mmittee in its report said, "It

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Emphasising the en-

Minister's office.

for her decision.

the issue.

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14: The world's Islamic powers reached agreement today on a plan to provide arms and funds to Bosnian Muslims but gave no details on how weapons would be brought and when supplies would start flowing, reports Reuter.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Badwai said a 14-nation meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) had agreed to set up an 'assistance mobilisation group' to supply military, economic, legal and other aid to Bosnia.

The meeting of foreign and defence ministers. planned for two days, was completed in just four hours.

Their joint declaration also demanded Bosnian Serbs feturn all territories seized from Bosnia and the Sarajevo be maintained as an undivided and single city under

Admission tests in DU to continue

By DU Correspondent

Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed has clarified that admission tests will be held for try. admitting students in different honours and masters classes.

The Vice Chancellor also said that the Education Ministry had not imposed any rules on the university but simply recommended admission on the basis of marks the students obtained in the previous examinations.

Prof Emajuddin gave the clarification at a press briefing yesterday at his residence

BAU closed till Oct 4 as JCD factions clash

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Sept 14: The Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) has been closed till October 4 following yesterday's clashes between two groups of the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). The student were See Page 8 Col 3

The High Court Division

vesterday directed the four

opposition leaders to show

cause within two weeks as to

under what authority of law

they have called the 72-hour

hartal from September 16 to

18 and why it should not be

by Advocate Abu Bakar

Manzur murder case

Revision petition

hearing deferred

By SC Correspondent

tition on the Manzur murder

case will come up in the list

on September 19 for fixing

up date of hearing in the

heard vesterday as the gov-

ernment filed an application

for disposal of the rule issued

on August 30 instead of hear-

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The petition was not

High Court Division.

The criminal revision pe-

Upon a writ petition filed

declared to be illegal.

to dispel the confusion created over the recommendation of the Education Minis-

The VC said Dhaka University is an autonomous institution and there are two distinct bodies in the university to deal with admission matters. No rule can be imposed on the university, he said, adding, "the Academic Council and the General Admission Committee will take decisions regarding the mode of admission in the university."

He, however, said the recommendations made by the Education Ministry may be considered because it is very tough to conduct examinations of such a large number of students from across the country. "The university will change the existing system of admission tests which is causing some serious prob-

lems to the university." The VC pointed out that there are allegations that some coaching centres were involved in the leakage of question papers of admission test under "Kha' unit of the

Writ against 72-hr hartal

Showcause on four

Opposition leaders

By SC Correspondent

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Siddique, the division bench

of the HC, comprising Justice

Mohammad Mozammel Ho-

que and Justice Mohammad

Nurul Islam, also directed

Sheikh Hasina, President of

Awami League, Mizanur

Rahman Chowdhury, Acting

President of Jatiya Party,

Professor Golam Azam, amir

of Jamaat-e-Islami. Nur-e-

Alam Ziku. President of

Jatiya Samajtantrick Dal, and

their respective parties to

show cause as to why they

should not be directed to call

The court, however, did

"The respondents previ-

off forthwith the continuous

not pass any order in regard

to the prayer for injunction

ously called a good number of

hartals to press their illegal

and unconstitutional demand

for holding parliamentary

election under a 'caretaker

government and thereby

created violence, caused

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72-hour hartal.

on the hartal.

72-hr hartal begins tomorrow

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By Staff Correspondent

The country-wide 72-hour hartal, called by the major opposition political parties

begins tomorrow. . The ceaseless three-day shutdown was called demanding the immediate dissolution of Parliament and holding elections under a non-partisan caretaker government.

The mainstream opposition parties — Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami - will enforce the na-

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BNP leaders still hopeful of amicable solution

By Nazmul Ashraf

Despite the agitating Opposition's unwillingness to sit for a dialogue, a section of the ruling BNP leaders is still optimistic about a negotiated settlement of the long-drawn political standoff.

Although most of the ruling party stalwarts stood for a solution to the political crisis within the framework of the Constitution, others favoured fresh talks with the Opposition to overcome the crisis, competent sources in the party said.

Asked on the possible wavout just before he left the Parliament building last night, Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Choudhury only said "political

See Page 8 Col 8 Hasina holds meet

with DCC Mayor,

commissioners Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday held a meeting with the Mayor and pro-Awami League Commissioners of Dhaka City Corporation at the party's Dhanmondi office, reports

UNB. Party's General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Presidium members Abdur Razzak and Tofael Ahmed, Mayor Mohammad Hanif and City General Secretary Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya addressed

the meeting. Prof Abu Sayeed, K M Jahangir, Mukul Bose, Nurul Fazal Bulbul and Abdul Mannan Khan were present.

said a press release.

See Page 8 Col 4 Citizens' rally

By Staff Correspondent

Members of Bangladesh Scouts, different youth organisations, sports clubs, Rotary and Rotaract clubs, social and cultural bodies, journal ists, eminent citizens, college and school students wil stage a citizens rally today in the city to drum up support for the campaign "Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka.

The rally will begin at 9 in the morning from in front of the Jatiya Press Club with a view to creating public awareness and motivating them to participate in the campaign, which the scouts will organise and coordinate in every ward of Dhaka city.

Mayor of Dhaka city Mohammad Hanif, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek mmissioner of Bangladesh neering and Technology (BUET) Prof M Shahjahan and Vice-Chancellor of National University Muhammad Abdul Bari will take part in

today

Hossain, Chief National Co-Scouts Manzur ul Karim Vice-Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engithe rally.

See Page 8 Col 8 Three doctors of

By Staff Correspondent Three doctors of the Islamia Eye Hospital were sued yesterday at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court by the relative of a patient one of whose eye was removed due to the alleged negligence of the hospital authorities.

Hospital.

The petition was moved by Mustafizur Rahman.

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Killing of Mofizul Kashba thana OC suspended

From Our Correspondent BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 14: The Officer-in-Charge of Kashba thana, Jahangir Alam, was suspended last night in connection with the killing of

With this, five policemen have now been suspended for

lage Shashtapur under Kashba thana. was allegedly killed by four policemen near his home on the midnight of August 29

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Bangladesh Scouts,

BUET, Youth Ministry, Dhaka City Corporation and

> The Daily Star will jointly organise a Citizens' Rally on

"Save Dhaka, Clean Dhaka"

at 9 am today, 15 September '95, at the Jatiya Press Club.

The rally will be participated by scouts, youth organisations, sports clubs, Rotary and Rotaract Clubs, social and cultural organisations, journalists, eminent citizens, college and school students. The aim of the rally is to raise public awareness and motivate citizens to participate in the "Save Dhaka, Clean

> Dhaka" campaign which scouts will organise and coordinate in every ward of Dhaka city.

We invite all citizens of Dhaka to join the "Citizens' Rally" today and help make our beloved city a better place to live in.

Let us unitedly raise the slogan:

Dhaka is our city We will take care of it Ourselves



Mohila Awami League brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday in support of 72-hour countrywide shutdown beginning tomorrow. - Star photo

Simpson Bill proposes cut in legal immigrants by a third

From Masud Hasan Khan

Shouldn't the people have the right to say who will join them? he told the Senate

Simpson's Bill aims at cutting back employmentbased immigration to 75,000 a year and limit it to those with advanced degrees and high skill levels.

According to the Bill, unskilled workers, who com pose a third of the 1.20,000 immigrants admitted in 1994 for employment, would be strictly barred.

immigrant rights groups say the Bill proposed by Sen. Simpson cuts even deeper than the one tabled by Rep. Lamar Smith. Chairman of the House of Representative Immigration Subcommittee. Sen Smith's Bill has been

approved by the House Subcommittee in July. The Judiciary Subcommi-

ttee has earlier approved a legislation cracking down on illegal immigration. With the approval of the

Simpson Bill the work on both legal and illegal immigration would be completed this fall Both the proposed Bills are in line with a blueprint

on legal immigration laid out by US Commission on Immigration Reform, Sen. Smith The Commission is a bipartisan body that advises the

gration policy. The Commission's reconimendations on immigra-

Congress in framing immi-

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Islamia Eye Hospital sued

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Belal Ahmed, the brother of Rasheda Begum (50) whose eye was removed due to fungal infection on Saturday last following a faulty cataract operation, filed a case against the three doctors of the Islamia Eye

Garrandra Chandra Biswas on behalf of the plaintiff against Rasheda's consultants Dr Abdul Mannan Talukder and Dr. Majid Khan, both of the Islamia Eye Hospital, and the director of the hospital Dr.

Rasheda Begum of Hajaribagh. Dhaka was operated upon her right eye to

one Mofizul Islam.

the killing. Mofizul Islam, 32, of vil-