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**Gabid leaves for Jeddah**  
The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Dr Hamid Al-Gabid, left Dhaka yesterday for Jeddah ending his three-day visit to Bangladesh. reports BSS.

**Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan**, and the Director General of the IIT, Dr Abdul Mattin Patwari, bade him farewell at the Zia International Airport.

**Trawler salvaged: 8 bodies found**  
BARISAL, Sept 22: Eight bodies were recovered from the trawler 'ML Ma-Babar Doa' which was salvaged by a BIWTA team here early this morning, police said. The ill-fated trawler sank into the river Sandhya near the Jhalakathi steamer ghat on Monday night due to overloading. The victims were identified as Salam, 25, Delwar, 22, Babul, 25, Farooq, 30, Shahid, 25, Haroon, 25, Hayder, 30, and Badal, 25, reports BSS.

**Telelink restored**  
The telelink between Panchagarh and rest of the country, which snapped Thursday morning, was restored at 5:30 yesterday evening. The telecommunication was disrupted following damage to the T&T's radio system of Panchagarh station due to heavy rain and thundershower in the area, reports UNB.

**Jamuna erosion hits 300 people**  
From Our Correspondent  
SIRAJGANJ, Sept 22: More than 300 people in village Subtagachha under Kazi-pur thana of the district were rendered homeless due to erosion by the river Jamuna within 12 hours today. A vast tract of crop land and some 50 tin-shed and thatched houses were engulfed by the river.

## Sept 28 grand rally: AL meet today

# Opposition preparing for show of strength

By Staff Correspondent

The mainstream opposition is preparing for an 'all-out' agitation for election under a caretaker administration, according to sources.

Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami will stage a "big show-down" in the capital on September 28 when "tougher" programmes will be announced, sources in the parties told *The Daily Star* yesterday.

Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina will discuss preparatory measures for the grand rally today with the district unit leaders.

Political sources said the opposition seems bent on accepting nothing short of an election under a government headed by the Chief Justice as proposed by Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina while there has been no "new offer" from the ruling BNP to resolve the stand-off.

Ruling party sources however, said it is examining ways of forming an interim government as per constitutional provisions in line with the Prime Minister's offer to resign 30 days ahead of the polls.

The three parties are preparing to mobilise several lakh people each from Dhaka and its adjoining districts in their separate grand rallies in the city.

Awami League will hold its rally at the Manik Mia Avenue. See Page 8 Col 4

## Accord to ban export of toxic waste

GENEVA, Sept 22: Some 100 nations today agreed to ban the export of toxic waste from industrialised to developing nations by January 1, 1998, reports AFP.

The agreement, announced by delegates, followed a week of divisive talks.

Delegates of several developing nations, including India, Brazil, Malaysia and several Eastern European states, were opposed to the deadline, along with a number of industrialised countries, including the United States, Australia and South Korea.

## France set to conduct a more powerful N-test

PARIS, Sept 22: France will conduct a second, more powerful nuclear test in the South Pacific sometime within the next 10 days, a French official said today.

Jacques Baumel, vice president of the parliamentary defense committee, told AFP that the second test "should take place in eight to 10 days, maybe less."

This test should be 'more powerful' than the first conducted on September 5 and is designed to test submarine launched nuclear warheads, Baumel said.

Meanwhile, the World Court refused today to even consider banning French nuclear testing in the South Pacific, despite New Zealand's claims that the blasts risk radioactive catastrophe.

In its ruling, the UN court declined to reopen a 1973 case in which New Zealand sought a ban on French nuclear testing in the atmosphere. The court dropped that case in 1974 when France announced it would switch to underground testing.

In today's rejection, the court said the 1973 case could not be reopened because atmospheric testing was not the issue now.

The court also refused to order a provisional ban on testing sought by New Zealand.

In Vienna, a resolution urging a halt to nuclear testing split delegates as an international nuclear conference was closing today.

Formal consideration was delayed in a fervent search for wording that would allow its adoption by consensus rather than a potentially divisive roll-call vote.

Resolutions adopted at the annual conference of the 122-nation International Atomic Energy Agency are

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SAVE DHAKA, CLEAN DHAKA CAMPAIGN: Girl Scouts sweeping a section of the Petlakhan-Lal area with the old part of the city on the first day of the campaign yesterday.

## PLO-Israel self-rule accord today

TABA (Egypt), Sept 22: Israeli-PLO talks for an agreement to extend autonomy across the West Bank broke off for the Jewish sabbath today and were to resume the next day with the aim of finalising a deal, reports AFP.

After hopes were dashed of the deal being initialled, PLO leader Yasser Arafat told journalists that an illness to the chief Palestinian negotiator Ahmad Korei, or Abu Alaa, had upset plans to wrap up an accord.

"We were planning to finish yesterday but what happened to Abu Alaa delayed us the whole night."

"We had negotiations with very good will, insisting on arriving to an agreement," Arafat said in English. "We will continue our coordination and cooperation to finish it tomorrow."

Peres added: "We worked hard to settle all the problems."

"We have agreed practically on all issues but there are still some problems to settle. Tomorrow after 'sabbath' we will meet and try to solve their remaining issues in several hours."

The PLO leader left Taba for Cairo to meet President Hosni Mubarak on the "obstacles which prevented conclusion of an accord," the official Egyptian news agency Mena reported.

Another report says: The number of Israelis who expect progress to be made towards peace with the Arabs has dropped to 45 per cent compared with 64 per cent a year ago.

A poll published Friday found 45 per cent thought there would be progress, 33 per cent thought nothing would change and 20 per cent that the situation would worsen. Two per cent gave no opinion.

## Alleged mugger beaten to death at Monipuripara

By Staff Correspondent

An alleged mugger was beaten to death at Monipuripara area in the city late Thursday night.

Police said that the victim identified as Jashim, 22, son of Farhaduddin of Pallabi, was assaulted seriously when he along with three other accomplices tried to snatch cash and valuables from an auto-rickshaw driver at about

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## One shot dead at Mirpur

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was shot dead at Mirpur and three others were killed in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

Noor Hossain, 22, son of Afzal Hossain of Shah Ali Bagh, was murdered at Ahmednagar under Mirpur thana. Noor Hossain was owner of a small tea stall.

A group of about five unidentified persons attacked Noor Hossain when he went to a shop close to his stall at about 1pm, police said. The gang shot him in

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## Impact of relocation, liberalisation

# Business at Khatunganj dull

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: Business activities slumped at Khatunganj, once a prominent business-hub of the port city, with the relocation of most of the trading houses, banks and other offices to the Agrabad commercial area in recent months.

Business leaders attributed such a relocation of businesses to the improved amenities available in Agrabad and also to the recent changes in the business trends due to market liberalisation policies.

A big percentage of the trading business was earlier controlled from Khatunganj. President of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Sarwar Jamal Nizam, noted that Khatunganj's fall also coincided with the decline in trading through the licence and permit system after market reforms were initiated.

"In the past there were business in trading licences and permits. Some people from Khatunganj used to buy these licences and permits, paying big premiums," he said.

"The selling and reselling of licences and permits were carried out at Khatunganj through brokers, by the local traders and the people against whom it was issued by the government," he added.

But business of licences and permits at Khatunganj has almost ended now. The indentors and brokers no more concentrate at Khatunganj. Nizam noted, "Now everything is free and with the development of road and telecommunication people can run their business from anywhere."

Use of fax and telex have become common and people can communicate even staying inside their houses, while exporters, importers and suppliers can easily contact their suppliers, manufacturers or other concerned parties abroad. "As a result, they don't need to concentrate at Khatunganj as they did earlier," the chamber president explained.

"Moreover, the stockist-business earlier transacted at Khatunganj shifted to other

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## Scouts, youths show the way

By Staff Correspondent

Scouts and organisations under the Youth Directorate along with the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) garbage collectors made an impressive start of the 'Save Dhaka Clean Dhaka' campaign yesterday.

Organised by Bangladesh Scouts, BUET, DCC, Youth Ministry and The Daily Star, hundreds of Scouts, Cubs, including air, sea railway and girl Scouts, and several youth organisations started the campaign at 9 am yesterday. According to the organisers, on the first day parts of 56 of the 90 wards in the city were covered by the cleaning campaign.

The Dhaka City Corporation. See Page 8 Col 6

## No consensus yet on greenfield public cos

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir

The expert committee of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), charged with reviewing the guidelines for raising capital by greenfield public companies, is yet to reach any consensus, competent sources said.

"The debate is centering mainly on the criteria of determining whether the greenfield companies have the capacity in floating of their share and at what stage they are to be allowed to raise capital and how they are to be monitored," said a source close to the committee.

Following the resentment from the general share investors about the initial public offering and issuing shares at a premium by the greenfield companies, the advisory committee of the SEC, headed by the finance minister, formed an expert committee to review its June 13 guidelines.

Formed on July 17 the expert committee, comprising sponsors, chamber leaders, academicians, share market operations, auditor and member of the SEC, was assigned to scrutinise the existing guidelines and make suggestions within this month.

According to the June guidelines of the SEC, a greenfield public company means a public company whose project has not gone

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## Maradona to stage comeback

SEOUL, Sept 22: Argentine football star, Diego Maradona, said here today that he was returning to the professional game refreshed after serving a 15-month ban imposed after failing drug tests, reports AFP.

"I feel great to return to the ground and I am very happy to have a comeback match in South Korea," Maradona, 35, said at a press conference.

The match between his team, Boca Juniors of Argentina, and South Korea's national team here on September 30 will be Maradona's first public performance after he was freed from the ban imposed on him for using stimulants at the 1994 World Cup finals.

He said he had kept training during the ban and that he was physically well prepared for the match.

"They expelled me from the World Cup but could not take the ball from me," he said, adding he wanted to remain as a football player "as long as possible."

"I think I have a better chance now than (in) the past to remain as an active player for long because currently, there are more players relying on power and speed than those who resort to technique (like me)," he said.

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Argentine football star Diego Maradona bursts into laughter in South Korea yesterday as Lee Bok-Hyung, an executive member of a lobbying body for South Korea's bid to host the 2002 World Cup, cracks a joke while explaining Korea's preparation for the World Cup. — AFP/UNB photo

## White Paper on Dinajpur incident demanded

Women leaders from more than 16 women's organisations at an emergency meeting here yesterday protested the recent rape and murder of Yasmin in Dinajpur, reports UNB.

The meeting also protested the increasing violence against women in the country and called for building up a social movement against all sorts of violence on women and children.

Presided over by President of National Association for Resource Improvement (NARI) Hasna Moudud, the

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## Nari Samaj's torch procession today

By Staff Correspondent

The Samilita Nari Samaj, a combine of various women's organisation, will bring out a torch procession in the city this evening to mark one month of Yasmin's rape and murder by policemen in Dinajpur.

The procession will begin at 6:30 pm from the corner of the Shahbagh Avenue in the city.

Women from all walks of life have been requested by the organisers to participate in the procession.

Yasmin, a teen-age girl, was raped and killed in Dinajpur on August 24.

## Worker killed Transport strike in 18 inter-dist routes

JESSORE, Sept 22: An indefinite transport strike was enforced in 18 inter-district routes, including Dhaka-Jessore route, following the killing of a transport worker here today, reports UNB.

Munir, 35, a member of Bangladesh Paribahan Sangstha, was stabbed to death allegedly by supporters of rival Motor Workers Association at Kajura bus stand in the town at about 9 am, witnesses said.

The killing followed a

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## No commissioner at Ctg Customs for 9 months

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: The Chittagong Customs House has been going without a commissioner for the last nine months.

A decision was taken by the higher authorities much earlier for posting one commissioner but it is being delayed for unknown reasons, sources at the Customs House said.

An additional commissioner has been working as acting commissioner since former commissioner Major

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The auction will be held on 9-10-95 in the conference room, 3rd floor of the Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka at 10-00 AM.

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