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## White House hosts signing Thursday

# Accord on expanding Palestinian self-rule

TABA (Egypt), Sept 24: Israel and the PLO agreed today to extend autonomy to Palestinians in the West Bank and end 28 years of Israeli occupation in major Arab cities, reports AP.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who only hours earlier had stormed out of talks, appeared at a ceremony next to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at this Red Sea resort. Agreement was reached just before the Jewish New Year holiday.

The 460-page agreement grew out of 80 hours of talks over eight days. It lays down security measures designed to prevent conflict between the 140,000 Jewish settlers and the one million Arabs in the West Bank.

Israeli troops will begin pulling out in two weeks.

The agreement was initiated by top negotiators Uri Savir, the head of Israel's foreign ministry, and Ahmed Qureia, Palestinian Economics Minister. A formal signing ceremony will be held Thursday in Washington.

"We will work so that this new year will be a real year of peace," said Arafat. "This agreement will open the door for a better future... to create a new Middle East of security and peace."

He vowed the 'era of sadness and occupation will end.'

Peres praised Arafat for his 'great perseverance' and said the agreement was an 'extended hand to our neighbours.'

"It is history in the real meaning of the word. It is a tremendous attempt to bring people that were born in the same cradle, who were fighting on the same fronts, to agree on a new future," Peres said.

A summary of the interim accord said autonomy "will

## Opposition's countrywide demonstration today

**By Staff Correspondent**

The major opposition parties will stage countrywide demonstrations for two days starting from today. This will be followed by separate grand rallies at Dhaka on September 28, as scheduled earlier.

An Awami League procession will be led today by its chief Sheikh Hasina from the Dhupkhola field at Gandaria at 4 pm. Jatiya Party will also bring out processions from every ward today and Jamaat-e-Islami will also bring out separate processions in the city.

The opposition parties earlier resigned en masse from Parliament last year. Later, they entered into a

## Govt-Opposition gap 'being narrowed'

**By Staff Correspondent**

The gap between the ruling party and the Opposition on resolving the present political stand-off through dialogue is, "being narrowed," a top BNP leader disclosed yesterday.

BNP chairperson Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, at a meeting with her senior party colleagues last night, stressed the urgency of holding talks with the Opposition, according to a source who attended the meeting.

The meeting, held at the Tejgaon office of the PM, discussed the latest political developments and the possible party stand in this context.

The Prime Minister's earlier offer to resign 30 days ahead of the next general

## Transport strike called to foil grand rally, says Hasina

Awami League president Sheikh Hasina yesterday accused the ruling party of 'intentionally calling a transport strike' after the announcement of her party's grand rally, reports UNB.

"The government will have to bear all the consequences," she said, referring to the strike called by a section of transport owners on September 28, the day of the planned Opposition show-down in the capital.

Addressing presidents and general secretaries of the different front organisations of the Awami League at its central office, Hasina called for making an all-out success of the grand rally at any cost.

She said the government is trying to obstruct the



Mohammedans' Nigerian recruit Bode Baba (white shirt) shoots the ball home past a crowded Abahani defence during their crucial Lifebuoy Premier football league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani Krira Chakra won the match 2-1. (Details on page 10). — Star photo by AKM Mohsin

## NEWS BRIEFS

**Three kidnapped in Jhenidah**

JHENIDAH, Sept 24: Two activists of the JSD (Enu) — Babul Joarder and Shariful Islam — were abducted from Khalkula under Shalakkupa thana last night. Another activist, Monirul Islam of the Biploboli Communist party, was also kidnapped from Malipara at midnight. Police said, the rivalry between the two parties was probably the cause of the kidnappings.

**Tribal gallery at Sonargaon**

SONARGAON, Sept 24: A Tribal Gallery has been set up at the Museum of Bangladesh Folk Art and Crafts Foundation at Sonargaon aiming at highlighting the traditional tribal culture to local and foreign tourists. State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahan Ara Begum formally inaugurated the newly built gallery here today, reports UNB.

**Call for hartal in Jhenidah today**

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Sept 24: The Krishok Sangram Samity-backed student organisation, Jatiya Chhatra Dal, has called a half-day hartal here from 6 am to noon tomorrow in protest against acts of terrorism in the district. At least five activists of the Jatiya Chhatra Dal were allegedly stabbed by the supporters of a rival organisation in Saldakupa and Jhenidah thana last week.

**Permission cancelled**

The government has cancelled its earlier permission, as published in the newspapers through advertisement, for sending hotel workers and construction labourers to Singapore through Supreme Recruiting Agency, said an official announcement yesterday, reports UNB.

**3 electrocuted in Habiganj**

HABIGANJ, Sept 24: Three people were electrocuted as they tried to steal live electric wire at Katakhal village in Sadar thana early today, reports UNB.

Police said Aslam 32, Abdus Saheed, 34, of Noorpur village and Abdul Quadir, 32 of Kandigaon village were electrocuted as they cut the live wire of Rural Electrification Board.

## 10000 Rohingyas to get clearance in Nov

Yangon has assured Dhaka that it would give clearance another 10,000 refugees before the second week of November to expedite the ongoing repatriation of the Rohingyas Muslims to their homes in Arakan province of Myanmar, reports UNB.

The assurance came during the 19th senior officials level meeting between Bangladesh and Myanmar in Dhaka yesterday.

Senior officials of the two countries are scheduled to meet in Yangon sometime in November to resume talks on the Rohingya repatriation issue.

The last such meeting was held in the Myanmar capital in June.

Of some 2.57 lakh

## "Terming BNP govt illegal is itself illegal"

**By Staff Correspondent**

The treasury bench members in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday criticised Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina's statement terming the BNP government 'illegal' and urging the foreign countries not to sign any accord with it.

"Such statements do not suit a political leader of her stature... The very act of branding this Parliament illegal is itself illegal," said Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury. "This Parliament rejects such irresponsible statement", he said.

Hasina had told the overseas correspondents here on

## All parties should work for reforms, says mission chief

# 'WB can't respect Hasina's call'

**By Staff Correspondent**

The World Bank (WB) resident representative in Dhaka yesterday reiterated the need for commitment from all political parties towards the ongoing reform process for a sound economy.

"The reform programme is quite stagnated, noted the WB mission chief, Pierre Landell-Mills, regarding the Jute Sector Adjustment Credit (JSAC) programme at a press briefing on the occasion of release of the Bank's annual report for 1995. "It would be sad if the country suffers due to this."

He, however, was confident of the political decisions regarding reform as, he said, none was opposed to its necessity.

He also ruled out the possibility of the Bank's conceding to any political pressure in its process of development efforts when his attention was drawn to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina's recent call to foreign countries Saturday not to sign any agreements with the BNP government.

"We will not respect Hasina's request simply because of political impasse," the mission chief said and added, "We have to work in the interest of the country."

"We are involved in development which is long term, but politics is short term. We will continue to work on that

## Digging of mass grave in Bosnia begins

# Experts examining bodies

ZAGREB, Sept 24: Bosnian government soldiers have started digging skulls out of muddy woodland which they say contains a mass grave of civilians slaughtered by Bosnian Serbs, report Reuter, AP.

Bosnian Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said 540 Muslims and Bosnian Croats "ethnically cleansed" three years ago were buried in the grave near Kljuc in north-western Bosnia.

Traces of acid have been found here, soldier Ejjudin Alibovic told reporters. "They poured acid on the bodies to dissolve the bones."

The reports coincided with word of the latest expulsion by Bosnian Serbs, nearly 500 Muslims were driven from a Serb-held town under government attack. Ethnic expulsions have picked up across Bosnia as a peace deal that would separate ethnic groups grows more likely.

Violence against civilians has been one of the hallmarks of four years of war in the Balkans, but tales of horror have grown more intense as sharp battlefield shifts have seen Muslims, Croats and Serbs alike fleeing for



Denis, a seven-year old Bosnian-Muslim boy, sits next to his grand father Sali in the makeshift refugee camp in Zenica, central Bosnia, Saturday. — AFP/UNB photo

## 30 hurt as JCD, Shibir activists clash at RU

**From RU Correspondent**

RAJSHAHI, Sept 24: At least 30 persons were injured in a clash between rival student groups on the Rajshahi University campus late night tonight.

According to witnesses, the clash began when a group of Chhatra Shibir activists attacked JCD activists in a residential hall at around 11:45 pm.

Seven of the injured were admitted to the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

Police rushed to the campus and brought the situation under control. No arrests were made.

**SSF (Amend) Bill '95 passed**

The Special Security Force (SSF) will provide physical security to the President and the Prime Minister wherever they may be and also to the visiting VIPs from foreign countries, according to an amendment bill passed by the Jatiya Sangsad unanimously last night, reports BSS.

Piloted by Commerce and Information Minister, Shamsul Islam on behalf of LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Taluk-

## 14 more killed in Karachi violence

KARACHI, Sept 24: At least 14 people including two alleged activists of Karachi's powerful political group, the Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM), were shot dead today, senior police officials said, reports AFP.

The activists, identified as Saeed alias Negro and Asif Zaidi, were killed in a gun-battle with police in the western district of Orangi, officials said.

Two civilians were killed by snipers in Orangi and another three were shot dead in sniper firing in the central district area of buffer zone.

The industrial area of Korangi and the outlying Mohcho area, police said.

Asif Zaidi, police said, was involved in more than 40 attacks in Karachi, including an attack in Orangi last month which left 12 dead.

"Zaidi's catch is a big one," said a police official.

Other officials said Saeed was involved in 17 cases of murder and arson. Both activists, police said, were in their twenties.

They said they found two sub-machine guns on the two MQM activists.

**BIWTC to launch two renovated vessels**

**By Reaz Ahmed**

The BIWTC will press into service two of its renovated vessels MV Masud and MV Lepcha in its Dhaka-Khulna route on October 4 and in November respectively.

The two paddle steamers will join the three — MV Ghazi, MV Modhumati and MV Turn — now under BIWTC's Rocket Service in the route.

The 850-seater MV Masud and 601-seater MV

## One stabbed to death at Lalbagh

**By DMCH Correspondent**

A footpath vendor of New Market area, Delwar Hossain (23), was stabbed to death by some unidentified persons at Lalbagh Saturday night, police said yesterday.

Police recovered the body of Delwar later in the night from near the West End High School.

Elder brother of Delwar, who filed a case with the Lalbagh thana alleged that the murder was sequel to an earlier enmity. None was arrested in this connection till last night.

Delwar, son of Khadem Ali Sardar of Shariatpur, used to reside in Kamrangirchar area

## 3 of a family stabbed in city

**By Staff Correspondent**

A young man stabbed three members of a family after entering their house at Salmullah Road at Mohammadpur in the city yesterday morning.

Police later arrested the young man, Razul Huq from Mohammadpur area in the afternoon.

The injured were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

It was alleged that Razul entered the house at about 11 am and stabbed a young girl. Her brother and sister, who tried to resist the attack, were also stabbed by the angry young man.

A distant relative of the family, Razul was reportedly in love with the girl he attacked. Further details were not known immediately.

**JCD factions clash at JU: One shot**

**By JU Correspondent**

A student of Jahangirnagar University received bullet injuries in a clash between the two factions of the Jatiyat-abadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the campus early yesterday.

Arif, a JCD activist and a third year student of statistics was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Another JCD leader of the