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Two killed in road accident
 SAVAR, Oct 9: Two people were killed when a truck ran off the street near Savar Cantonment on Dhaka-Aricha highway early today. An unidentified man aged about 36 died on the spot while Kadam Ali, 25, helper of the truck, died on way to hospital, reports UNB.

Red carpet welcome to Rafsanjani today

By Diplomatic Correspondent

Red carpet will be rolled out to accord a warm and hearty welcome to Iranian President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani when he arrives in Dhaka at 3 pm today on a four-day state visit to Bangladesh. The president will be accompanied by Madame Rafsanjani.

The distinguished visitors nearly 100-member entourage will include a 35-member official delegation, a number of private investors and a 21-member media team.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in a departure from protocol, will receive the Iranian head of state and Madame Rafsanjani at the Zia International Airport.

Welcome arches have been erected on the main roads in the capital to greet the visitors. National flags of Bangladesh and Iran and bunting inscribed with *khosh amed* have been displayed to greet the visitors.

Shortly after his arrival, the Iranian president will be accorded a ceremonial reception at the Bangabhaban by President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Begum Biswas.

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President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

201 civil servants promoted

By Staff Correspondent

Some 201 government officers of various ranks have been promoted to the ranks of Deputy Secretary, Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary.

According to an official announcement yesterday, the government granted promotion to 92 officers to the rank of Deputy Secretary, 83 officers to Joint Secretary and another 26 officers to Additional Secretary.

The promoted officials were appointed as Officers on Special Duty (OSDs) under the Ministry of Establishment till new postings are made, the announcement said.

The promotees to the post of Additional Secretary are: Kazi MD Abu Bakar Siddique.

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PM allocates Tk 30 crore Fund for gratuity of non-govt teachers

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday announced a bloc allocation of Tk 30 crore for instituting a trust fund to provide gratuity to retiring non-government teachers, reports UNB.

"I am very glad to make the announcement as the teachers of non-government schools, colleges and madrasahs henceforth will get retirement benefit," she told the teachers assembled in the Osmany Memorial Hall yesterday evening on the occasion of the World Teachers' Day, observed for the first time in Bangladesh.

Begum Zia said a trust fund for non-government teachers would be set up soon with the money and the government was formulating necessary law providing for the retirement benefit. The government is also amending the Non-government Teachers-employees Welfare Trust Act.

Meantime, the government has enhanced its grants to 80 per cent for non-government teachers' salaries. It has also made the salary raise effective for more than four and a half thousand new non-government schools in the country.

"My government has also taken steps to provide time-scale to the non-government teachers," she told the gathering.

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Sindh CM's office rocketed

KARACHI, Oct 9: A rocket attack today devastated the Karachi office of the Sindh provincial Chief Minister in a new escalation of the ethnic violence in Pakistan's largest city, officials said, report AFP, AP.

Five rockets were fired from a car at the Sindh provincial government building. At least seven people were injured but Chief Minister Abdullah Shah was not in the building at the time of the attack around midday.

Three offices in the eight-storey building, including that of the chief minister, were hit and badly damaged by the rockets.

Thousands of panicked employees poured out of several government offices in the vicinity after the shoulder-fired rockets slammed into the Secretariat building.

Eyewitnesses said the fifth and seventh stories of the building were on fire.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosions but policemen at the scene blamed members

of the largest faction of a militant opposition group, the Mohajir Qaumi Movement.

Police said one rocket destroyed the office of provincial Health Minister Shamim Ahmed. He wasn't in the building. The first rocket hit the office of Planning Minister Nisar Khoro causing extensive damage. He too was out of the building.

The building, located in the heart of Karachi, is one of the best protected government buildings in the city.

"This building is crowded with police. They are all

around it," said Jameel Yusuf, chairman of the citizens-union committee, established in 1989 to help police curb a runaway crime rate.

"Everyone is going to feel damn insecure now. If you can hit that building you can hit anything," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Eyewitnesses said an unknown number of gunmen fired at the government office building from a narrow street that runs along the rear of the building.

They managed to escape.

CSE goes into operation today

CHITTAGONG, Oct 9: Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), the second bourse of the country, goes into operation tomorrow with listing of 33 issues so far that includes seven mutual funds of state-run ICB, reports UNB.

All the preparatory work have been completed for floor trading in the new stock exchange which was to be formally inaugurated on October 16, but now deferred for an indefinite period.

CSE Chairman Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury will open the floor trading with an opening address at the first floor of Kashfia Plaza in the port city's Agrabad commercial area in the morning tomorrow.

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Manpower export resumes under new policy First batch of Bangladeshi workers off to Malaysia

By Reaz Ahmad

The first batch of 33 Bangladeshi workers has gone to Malaysia under the newly initiated government to government manpower recruitment policy.

Under the new policy that abolished the role of private agencies in exporting manpower from Bangladesh to Malaysia since August 16 this year, only the Foreign Workers' Task Force (FWTF) of Malaysia and the Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited (BOESL) have been empowered by the respective

governments to deal with manpower.

Sources in the BOESL told The Daily Star yesterday that out of one hundred Bangladeshi semi-skilled workers, selected by a Malaysian company, the first batch of 33 people went to Malaysia on October 6 while the second batch of 33 and the third batch of 34 will have for Malaysia on October 26 and November 16 respectively.

These 1000 workers will be employed in a refrigerator plant of Matshuhita Corporation. Representatives the

company selected the workers after interviewing some 500 people on September 3, 4, and 5 in Dhaka.

Under the authorization of FWTF, the Malaysian company requested the BOESL for workers. BOESL then sent interview cards to some 500 workers, who had earlier got their names registered with the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET), said the sources.

The employment cost each worker about Tk 24,000.

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PM urged to resolve crisis

In a new move, a group of eminent citizens yesterday called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to "communicate their sense of urgency" about the need for resolving the current political crisis, reports UNB.

Justice Kemaluddin Hussain, Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Prof Rehman Sobhan, Fakhruddin Ahmed and Faiz Ahmed met with the Prime Minister at her Tejgaon office in the city at about 1:25 pm. The meeting continued for about 90 minutes.

They are also expected to meet Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on October 13 on her return to Dhaka from her current tour of the flood-hit northern district.

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PM's letter ahead of 96-hr hartal likely

By Staff Correspondent

The issue of the letter came up at a meeting between Begum Zia and her party stalwarts including acting Secretary General and Food and Agriculture Minister Abdur Mannan Bhuiyan, Information and Commerce Minister Shamsul Islam and Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Sunday night.

When asked whether the Prime Minister has decided to send a letter to Sheikh Hasina, the Information Minister told The Daily Star, "I shall neither confirm, nor deny."

He, however, told a group of newsmen at his Secretariat office yesterday "Whatever the BNP decided would be session in New York."

Three-hour sit-in on Dhaka-Aricha highway

From Our Correspondent

Arichaghat Relocation Resistance Committee yesterday threatened to disrupt road and river communications for an indefinite period if their demand was not met by Thursday.

The warning came from a three-hour long sit-in on Dhaka-Aricha highway staged by the committee protesting the government decision to relocate the Arichaghat to Baruria, 9 km downstream from the ghat.

A rally was held at 9 am on the road near the Shibalaya government High School. It was addressed, among others, by convener of the Ghat Relocation Resistance Committee and Shibalaya Thana BNP President

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NATO warplanes bomb Serb targets

SARAJEVO, Oct 9: NATO planes today attacked Serb targets in northeastern Bosnia after Serb shelling of government towns claimed dozens of casualties, an alliance spokesman said, reports AP.

Two NATO aircraft dropped laser-guided bombs on

Serb command and controls posts in northeastern Bosnia in the general area of the government-held city of Tuzla, said NATO spokesman Capt. Mark Van Dyke.

The alliance was assessing the damage, he said.

The United Nations had called for NATO presence over the area earlier today after Serbs shelled two government towns.

Van Dyke said the Serb shelling endangered UN personnel.

Serbs shelled two government-held towns in central Bosnia today killing two people hours before a US-sponsored truce was to take effect.

A day earlier, Serb shelling in central Bosnia killed at least 13 people and wounded almost 100.

The Serb attacks and a

general surge in fighting could jeopardize the truce due to take force at one minute after midnight (2301 GMT today), UN spokesmen warned.

"We hope that the parties, especially the Bosnian Serbs, will come to their senses and enable this cease-fire to happen," said UN spokesman Phil Arnold.

Early today, Serb shells slammed into Zivinice, nine miles south of the government stronghold of Tuzla, killing two people and wounding 10.

The shelling Sunday targeted two refugee camps and a town in central Bosnia.

AFP adds: Serb extremists have stepped up their campaign to rid Serb-held northern Bosnia of the estimated 25,000 Muslims still living in the region. UN aid officials said today.

"In the last four to five days, between 3,000 and 4,000 Muslims have been expelled from Sanski Most, Bosanski Novi and Prijedor. These are extremely brutal expulsions with reports of men being separated from women and children," Kris Janowski, a UNHCR spokesman said.

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আলীপুর-২নং সরকারী কয়লা ডিপোতে মজুদকৃত কয়লা সীমিত টেন্ডারের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের জন্য আর্থী ক্রেতাদের নিকট হইতে সীল মোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইবে। উক্ত ডিপোর মজুদ কয়লার পরিমাণসহ বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র তফসিলে উল্লেখিত আছে। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর, নারায়নপুঞ্জ জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়ে এবং সরকার অনুমোদিত নিলামকারী মেসার্স এলগো ট্রেডার্স, ১২, জহুরা মার্কেট, বাংলা মটর, ঢাকা হইতে নগদ ২০০/- টাকা (দুইশত টাকা) (অফেরৎযোগ্য) প্রদান করিয়া আগামী ২১-১০-১৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে দরপত্র তফসিল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।

- ২। দরপত্র তফসিলের সহিত সেল প্রধান, কয়লা পরিদপ্তর (বিলুপ্ত) বিলুপ্তিকরণ সেল এর অনুকূলে প্রস্তাবিত মূল্যের উপর ২-১/২% (আড়াই শতাংশ) হারে আনেষ্ট মনি যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক কর্তৃক ইস্যুকৃত পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
- ৩। আগামী ২১-১০-১৯৫ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ডিপোর কয়লা পরিদপ্তর করা যাইবে।
- ৪। নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর দপ্তর ও নারায়নপুঞ্জ জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়ে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাজে আগামী ২২-১০-১৯৫ইং তারিখ সকাল ১০.০০ ঘটিকা হইতে দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাইবে। উক্ত দিন বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র দাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) টেন্ডার বাজ খোলা হইবে।
- ৫। একজন দরপত্রদাতা ডিপোর সম্পূর্ণ মজুদের জন্য বা সর্বনিম্ন ১,০০০ মেট্রিক টনের জন্য দরপত্র দাখিল করিতে পারিবেন। সম্পূর্ণ মজুদের জন্য সন্তোষজনক দর প্রস্তাব পাওয়া গেলে তাহা গ্রাহ্যনা পাইবে।
- ৬। প্রাপ্ত দরপত্র সম্পর্কে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিদ্ধান্ত অতি জরুরী ভিত্তিতে প্রদান করা হইবে।
- ৭। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Theft of equipment at PG Hospital
No major ENT operations yet as patients suffer

By Morshed Ali Khan

Khorshed Alam, 14 from Begumganj, Noakhali was admitted to the PG hospital's Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) department about a month ago with maxillary growth, a severe complication in his face. He has been waiting for an operation and doctors said that his condition was getting 'improvable' as time was running out.

In the same ward of the hospital, Md Yusuf Ali, 14, is passing his days in mounting agony with a tumour in his mouth. He can hardly breathe. One of his eyes is affected due to the tumour. Doctors on duty said that Yusuf needed immediate surgical intervention.

In the ENT ward of the PG hospital, there are at least a dozen other emergency patients—men, women and children—who are now waiting to be operated upon immediately, according to doctors in the department.

The ENT department now cannot perform any major operations because 40 vital equipment sets required for operations were stolen from the sterilisation section of the hospital on September 20.

An official of the hospital, requesting anonymity, said the theft must have been committed by someone within the hospital as there is enough evidence to suggest it.

"The hospital is trying to get fresh supply of the sets and these may be available within a day or two," said Prof MN Amin, head of the ENT department.

The department has been trying to get the sets ever since those were stolen, but due to administrative complications those could not be had earlier, he added.

Superintendent of the hospital Dr Moqbul Hossain

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