of their families.

the old until the day of his

death. It is said that the way in

reflects the level to which its

society was evolved. Therefore,

whatever be our past good

record of care and service for

the elderly, their neglect wher-

ever it takes place nowadays

represents a blot on our social

loneliness for, in many cases,

the set-up in which elderly peo-

ple living with their families

give and receive emotional and

eroded. The family's role in en-

suring the care and well-being

of the elderly is important.

However, urbanisation, indus-

trialisation and modernisation

have contributed to the break-

up of the extended family sys-

smaller and women participate

increasingly in the workforce,

the public life through unleash-

ing terrorism in a planned way.

As a result, peaceful life of the

and security. If it cannot be en-

sured, the administration and

the law enforcers will have to

party. Whenever they get the

scope, they shelter of a party.'

she said adding that the nation

must be rescued from the

that even if a minister of her

cabinet tried to influence the

administration for releasing

anybody arrested, he or she

former government's tenure.

each ruling party MP appointed

five police sub-inspectors

through abuse of power, thus

watched constantly," she said

and warned: "If it is proved that

they are involved in any activi-

ties harmful to public security,

stern action will be taken

dent at Bogra in which six peo-

ple, including a policeman,

were killed, Hasina said neces-

sary actions have been taken

against the police personnel re-

added, the people who fired gun-

shots at the police will also be

traced out, for which an inquiry

tion with the countrywide po-

lice drive for recovery of illegal

arms, the Prime Minister said

both number of recovered arms

those arrested for illegal pos-

session of arms were insignifi-

ministration to take immedi-

ate steps for intensifying the

drive for arresting the terrorists

and seize the unauthorised

ticular quarter, trying to create

trouble in the country, is un-

leashing terrorism in the edu-

cational institutions, espe-

the Shahjalal University,

Hasina said the terrorists be-

came active there following

peaceful election to the Univer-

leges and universities of the

country, those running the ad-

ministration were closing their

institutions and resigning from

ment and the people are both

aware that they did not resign

or close the institutions even

after major incidents in the

M Azizul Haq, Divisional

Commissioner of Sylhet

Inspector General of Police

But, she said, the govern-

their posts on minor pretexts.

She said that in certain col-

sity's central students union.

Referring to the violence at

cially in the medical colleges.

Hasina alleged that the par-

She directed the police ad-

committee has been formed.

On the other hand, she

Expressing her dissatisfac-

sponsible for firing.

Referring to the recent inci-

"Their activities are being

politicising the police force.

She alleged that during the

The Prime Minister warned

"Terrorists do not have any

She said people want peace

people is being hampered.

bear the responsibility.

clutches of the terrorists.

would not be spared.

against them.

cant.

Law & order in Sylhet

The bane of old age is mainly

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina visiting the Specialised

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## DOWN TO EARTH

## Old Age Phenomenon In City Life

By ASM Nurunnabi

the support traditionally pro-The late 20th century has vided to the elderly is being lost. brought to many the ultimate Sons and daughters of many gift: The luxury of ageing. By the blessings of modern medicine families in the city, leaving their old parents behind, go and by virtue of comparatively abroad for studies or employimproved living conditions, old ment. Their long sojourn age is not considered a fixed abroad creates a situation in stage in terms of years, but, many homes, particularly of since old age is an inevitability. the affluent, where only the old various problems crop up in parents continue to live in this course of living of the elderly in country. In the west, the instituthe midst of the young members tion of old age homes has developed where old persons repair In some respects, the probwhen the adult sons and daughlems of the elderly urbanites ters, on account of their family are somewhat different from ethos, leave home and the parthose in rural areas. In modern ents are too old to look after times, an urban family, by and themselves in their own homes. large, tends to be more individ-In our country, such institution ualistic with comparatively old age home is vet to take less feeling of attachment for definite shape. Old age is as the elderly in its midst. This much a personal problem as a presents a contrast with the social one. Since we have no so past social ethos under which cial security system, as in the caring for the elderly was alwest, life in old age here is subways the tradition and it was ject to uncertainties both in expected of the young to care for

economic and health terms.

Since the family is considwhich a nation treats its elderly ered the basic building bloc of society, care may be taken to preserve and strengthen the traditional family system so that families may be encouraged to take care of their olds. Since the elderly prefer to live with their children, every encouragement needs be given to the families who take on the responsibility of looking after their old parents. Such incentives may be in the form of subsidised public housing or conmaterial support, has gradually cessions in the matter of taxation and other facilities. Every encouragement also needs be given to keep elderly people physically and mentally fit for as long as possible so that they can maintain their normal daily activities and living artem. As families become rangements.

> In old age, the need for medical attention is perhaps greater

Habibur Rahman and DIG Syl-

dressed the meeting, attended

by high officials of the division

local elite, among other issues,

demanded shifting of the Tea

Board office to Sylhet division

and to establish a Haor Un-

The Prime Minister assured

She said the inactive Haor

Hasina said the government

that everything would be done

for the overall development of

the newly created Sylhet divi-

Unnayan Board, set up earlier,

will be re-activated. A teachers'

training college will also be es-

would soon take steps for the

development of roads in the

divisional city and to complete

the under-construction Sylhet-

Tamabil-Jafflong road as

running of the new division, of-

fice of the divisional commis-

sioner and other offices will be

After completion of the run-

way extension work of the Os-

mani Airport, the expatriate

citizens of the greater Sylhet

district will be able to come

here directly from foreign coun-

She added that for smooth

tablished here, she added.

During the discussion, the

het Abdur Rahim also ad

and local elite.

nayan Board.

scheduled.

constructed soon.

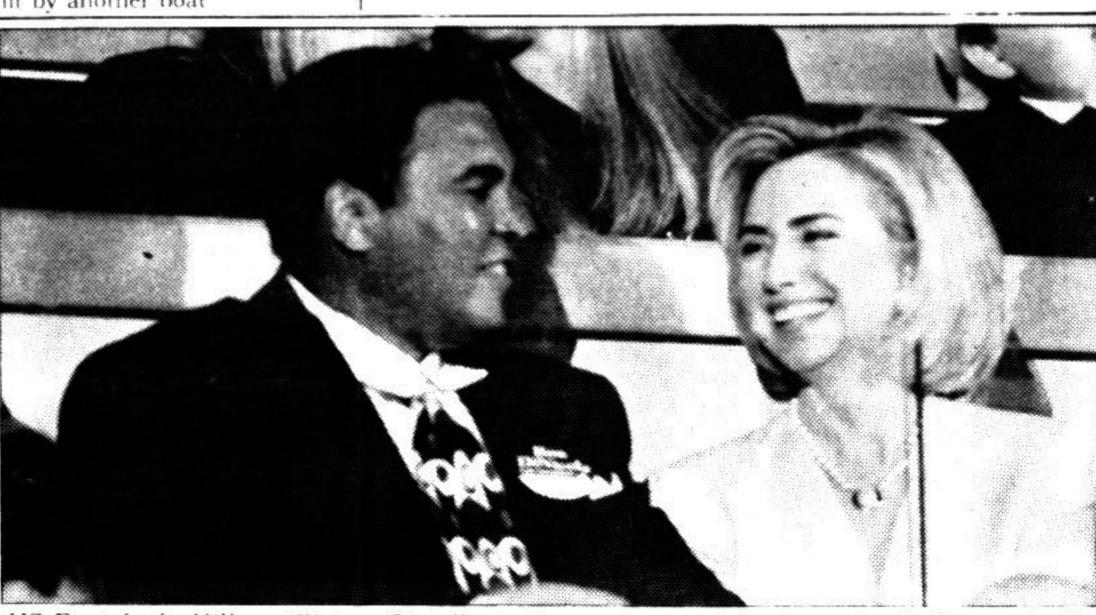
tries, Hasina said.

than ever in Dhaka, the need is sought to be met through a gov ernment project to be executed for the body named Prabin Hi taisi Sangha situated at Agar gaon. The project seeks to expand the present Association building to a total of 32580 So ft. in three stories and procure medical equipment, furniture and other auxiliary materials The project aims at construct tion of additional physical facilities for prayer, reading, relaxation, swimming training for the aged. I short, the project aims at development of human resources by providing services to the elderly people. With its present limitations of resources and programmes, the existing centre already extends benefits to approximately 20,000 elderly people every year by way of geriatric medical care and treatment, counseling, recreational and other welfare services. The centre already runs a full fledged medical clinic where treatment is available for old people at concessional

In the context of intergener ation warfare, the ideal situation may be as follows. First most older people have children who provide a window on the next generation or two. Secondly, many younger people have surviving parents, who they would rather see adequately supported through per sonal and public means. Third younger people know full well that they themselves will get older, and tactfully assume that the next generation, collectively, will look after them in turn. By paying up today, they are accumulating a credit which they expect society to repay when they themselves get old In short, they are investing in their own tomorrows.

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 30: Four traders were reportedly missing after an engine boat capsized in Jamuna on Wednesday night. reports UNB.

Witnesses said the boat, car



has laid emphasis on tapping

natural resources and for that

it is trying to attract foreign in

have already started its search

for gas as per contract with

Petro Bangla. The new con-

tracts will be signed with few

more companies soon, she said,

adding the government is also

encouraging private investment

Due to lack of a farsighted

plan, inadequate supply of gas

has threatened the power gen-

eration at Raozan Power Plant.

the Prime Minister said adding

called upon authorities con-

cerned to put all their efforts in

discovering new oil and gas

fields to meet the demand for

"Our industrialisation is

Three foreign companies

vestment in this sector.

in the sector.

US First Lady Hillary Clinton (L) talks to former heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali at the 1996 Democratic National Convention during the acceptance speech by President Bill Clinton at the United Centre in Chicago on Thursday. — AFP/UNB photo

### She said the government-

approved Shahjibazar Gas Turbine Power Plant project and the work of the 90megawatt combined cycle power plant would start soon.

Earlier, the Prime Minister. who flew into here from the capital in the morning, offered fateha at the mazars of Hazrat Shahjalal (R) and Hazrat Shah Paran (R).

#### Eden clash

From Page 1

supers and ransacking some 40

A number of Chhatra Dal activists and general students were injured during the attack and of them the condition of one Munna was critical, Helen

In a statement, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP and GS Khairul Kabir Khokon blamed Chhatra League for the terrorist acts on the college campus.

Meanwhile, the JCD leaders at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday evening held Chhatra League

responsible for the incident. Among others, acting president of JCD Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu. DU unit president Mosharraf Hossain, Helen Jerin Khan, Saimon Begum and

Fahmida Hossain Jubilee were present. Principal of the college Hamida Banu was not available to make any comment on the trouble.

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4 traders missing that deficit in power generation is also being witnessed in counin boat capsize try's other power plants being hampered for lack of proper search and extraction of natural resources," she said and

rving goods and seven traders. sank in the river when it was hit by another boat

#### What parties say about Bogra incidents namely Munir.

what made the situation so bad.

I can just say we are now pass-

ing our days in captivity being

guarded by BDR forces brought

izul Haq College said that the

August 22 incident took place at

a high-tension period when ri-

val student organizations in the

college were in a "face-to-face

position" following the inci-

Zakir Hasan Saran, a third

year student of chemistry at the

college, denied the accusation

by certain quarters that stu-

dents and arms, "Police did ex-

Ali Azgar Hena, formerly a

top student leader of the town

and presently organising secre-

tary of Bogra district BNP,

opined that police administra-

the flare up of violence.

tion totally failed to contain

Deputy Commissioner of Bo-

gra Shafiul Karim told The

Daily Star that his administra-

tion left no stone unturned

since August 22 to cool the situ-

ation. In this purpose it con-

vened a number of peace meet-

When this correspondent

and a staff photographer

reached the Sathmatha point at

Bogra, at dawn on August 25,

black smokes were billowing

from burning tyres on the

street, 50 to 100 yards apart.

There was an erric silence and

ers of all political parties in-

cluding the BNP attended a six-

hour meeting with the DC at the

latter's office. But the 'accord'

reached at the meeting proved

The night before, local lead-

it was literally a 'ghost town.'

dents at the Dhaka University.

Some general students of Az-

in from Naogaon.

cesses," he said.

ings, he added.

leading the current campaign to keep pressure on the administration to realise their demands. Representatives of transport workers from all the northern districts joined the Combined Movement Council (CMC), a joint forum of Bogra Motor Workers' Union and Bogra Mini-bus Owners' Association (BMOA) on Wednesday last to launch a greater movement

Talking to this correspondent during his recent stay in Bogra, leaders of the transport owners and workers claimed that death of a student of Azizul Haq Government University College under the wheels of a bus was merely an accident.

in the transport sector.

Students leaders, however, had claimed that the student was pushed out of the bus by the helper. He fell and died under the wheels of the bus, they claimed.

Abdul Hamid Bitul, organising secretary of the BMWU, said in a frank mood, "members of my union support the politics of a certain party but, to be honest I simply can't deny that the August 22 incident is now being ingered just to reap political

dividend out of it."

Bashiruddin Ahmed, second officer of Bogra Kotwali Thana, while talking to this correspondent just two hours prior to his suspension on August 25, had claimed that police detected political motives behind the incidents that caused deterioration of the situation. He declined to elaborate. After the Officer-in-Charge, Faruq Ahmed, was hit by bullet and hospitalised, the second officer took over. But, during her visit to Bogra Police Line the Prime Minister announced suspension of both Faruq and Bashir along with another sub-inspector,

to be of no consequence in the This correspondent also following morning when the DC talked to the Assistant Superinannounced the resolution at tendent of Police (Circle-B) of Sathmatha and BNP and JCD leaders denied to withdraw the Bogra at his office on August 25. He said, "you see for yourself

agitation programmes. Bogra District Awami League president Momtazuddin and general secretary Ferdous Zaman Mukul, a former MP, claimed that a political party was lingering of the issue-to mould public opinion against

the new government. President of Bogra district BNP Advocate Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star that there was no scope for giving a political colour' to the incidents and argued that the movement was being steered by people under the banner of the All-Party Students Unity, in which the ruling party student

front was also a party. Leaders of Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) said they found no reason to continue the agitation programme after the actions and fulfilment of demands by the Prime Minister. They also didn't like to see the APSU

split. A move from certain quarters to form a separate platform styled Chhatra Sangram Parishad excluding the BNPbacked student from JCD was nipped in the bud as the BCL did not like the JCD to 'go alone' with the agitation programmes, fearing that it would damage the image of the new govern-

ment more. Advocate Aftabuddin, president of District Bar Association, said that though they launched a court-boycott programme after police attacked a peaceful procession of lawyers, the programme was withdrawn later after giving a "second thought" on its political repercussion.



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### Emission of carbon dioxide by Bangladesh lowest in world

Bangladesh emitted 13 million tonnes of carbon dioxide in 1990 base year against its absorbing capacity of over 25 million tonnes in the forests and wetlands, according to scienlific studies conducted here, reports BSS

The main source of emission carbon dioxide in Bangladesh is combustion of primary fossil fuels like coal. gas and petroleum, the study

The Department of Environment (DOE) under the Ministry of Forest and Environment conducted the study on climate change under the United States Country Studies Programme Director General of the En-

vironment Department M Wa

hed told this agency yesterday that Bangladesh is in a safer position in emitting carbon dioxide for its low consumption of energy and high absorbing capacity of the sinks Wahed said emission of car bon dioxide by Bangladesh is

countries like India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka Carbon dioxide is an atmospheric trace gas, emitted by

PID photo

With the objective to extract

oil, the BAPEX has started the

drilling of No 4 well of

Kailashtila gas field, one of the

biggest in the country. If it suc-

ceeds, some 550 barrels of oil

can be tapped primarily from

found in this well, 30 million

cubic feet of gas can be extracted

fro... t everyday. Besides gas,

approximately 300 barrels of

Natural Gas Liquid (NGL) will

of a 5.000 metric ton NGL pro-

cessing plant, now in progress

at Golapganj, is likely to be

another plant is in progress for

bottling of LPG, to be produced

from the NGL plant, she added.

dressed by Energy and Mineral

Resources Minister Lt Gen (retd)

Noor Uddin Khan, Nurul Islam

Nahid MP and Petro Bangla

Chairman Mosharraf Hossain

completed by June 1997.

Hasina said the construction

The construction work of

The function was also ad-

Even if no oil reserve is

this well everyday.

also be available

one of the lowest in the world

and on per capita basis it is less

than half even from the SAARC

human activities, referred as greenhouse gas, which makes a major contribution in global warming leading to climate change and sea level rise.

Wahed said further studies were needed to update the emission inventory and at the same time efforts should be taken to reduce emission of greenhouse gases and increase of sinks by planting trees and raising more

The study also found that Bangladesh emitted 1 25 million tonnes of methane in 1990. the second major greenhouse gas emitted from Bangladesh mainly from flooded rice fields. livestock and biomass burning.

Methane emission from flooded rice fields was 4.6 lakh tonnes, from anaerobic fermen tation of livestock and manure management 5.2 lakh tonnes. from biomass burning 1 9 lakh tonnes and from energy production (natural gas) 0.79 lakh

The study further revealed that amount of methane emit ted from the flooded rice fields would be lower than the claims based on international literature. It said the emission varies with soil type temperature. water management, cultivar type, timing, application

method, the type and amount of fertilizer applied and other scientific parameters and on the basis of these parameters in Bangladesh, methane emission range has been scaled down by the scientists, the report said.

Scientists worldwide predicted change of earth's climate in the next century causing sea level rise and increasing tropical rainfall, floods, storms, droughts, cyclones, flash floods, salinity and erosion which would effect seriously the low-lying developing countries like Bangladesh.

The climate change and sea level rise is the result of global warming caused by increase of concentrations of the greenhouse gases in the atmosphere emitted mainly by the developed countries. The West emits 80 per cent of the gases with only 20 per cent of world population.

As a signatory to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Bangladesh has an obligation to conduct climate change country study. The United States initiated its Climate Change Country Studies Programme in 1992 to help developing countries to fulfil their obligations.

#### PM opens BFUJ India softens stand confce today Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina will inaugurate as the chief guest, the special delegate conference of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) at 10 am at the Jatiya Press Club today, reports BSS. State Minister for Informa

tion Prof Abu Sayeed will be the special guest at the conference. Delegates from eight registered journalist unions affiliated with the BFUJ in Dhaka Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore Bogra, Dinajpur, Rajshahi and

Mymensingh are attending the conference. The special delegate confer-

ence will press the demands for wage board award for newspapers and news agencies, implementation of 30 per cent DA housing project and welfare fund for journalists, a national policy for the newspaper industry and press freedom to institutionalise democracy.

#### Transport strike

From Page 1 tra Dal (JCD) at a press conference at Bogra Press Club yester day accused the district administration of not fulfilling the students' demands. The demands include arrest of police officers 'responsible' for the killings in Bogra, withdrawal of cases against students and

sation to victims' families. They held the government responsible for police 'access' in Bogra and denied the allegation that JCD was making the issue

raising the amount of compen-

a political one. The All-Party Students Unity (APSU) will hold another press conference today.

#### JS session

From Page 1

sion Bill, 1996, and another legislation seeking establishment of export processing zone in the private sector, highly placed sources in the Law Ministry told The Daily Star yesterday. The Law Reforms Commission Bill was introduced in the

House earlier. The other bill, approved by the council of ministers on Thursday would be moved in

the House today, the sources

#### Khaleda

From Page 1 tagong and hatching conspiracy to hand over the Chittagong

Port to others. The former prime minister said her government, during its five-year rule, had implemented massive development programmes throughout the country and spent Tk 120 crore for the development of Mirersarai

Begum Zia said the then opposition criticised her government on the issue of realising due share of the Ganges water: "We never compromised with India to sign any accord at the cost of the country's interest," she said.

only.

The former Prime Minister renewed her party's warning to the government for not giving transit facilities to India to realise the share of Ganges water. The election rallies at Mir-

ersarai were addressed, among others, by Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury MP, BNP candidate for Chittagong—1 constituency MA Jinnah. Party leaders Abdullah Al

Noman, Nazibul Bashar Maizbhandari, Mosharraf Hossain, Begum Shamsunnahar Khawaja Ahsanuallah, Ehsanul Kabir and Kamruzzaman Ratan accompanied the

BNP chairperson. Begum Zia is expected to return to the capital after addressing some more public meetings at different places of the constituency tomorrow.

# on CTBT

NEW DELHI, Aug 30: India offered a nuclear olive branch here today when its foreign minister said the country could drop its opposition to a global test ban treaty if a controversial clause forcing it to sign was dropped, reports AFP.

Foreign Minister Inder Ku-

mar Gujral also appeared to soften his position further by saving India was not demanding specific dates for the elimination of world nuclear arsenals, just a commitment to discuss the matter. Gujral told a press confer-

ence here the country vetoed a draft treaty at a UN conference on disarmament in Geneva earlier this month because of the entry into force (EIF) clause.

"India went into those negotiations to block it because 14 EIF was introduced," he said.

The EIF, drawn up on June 28 after two-and-a-half years of talks, stated that the treaty could not enter into force without India signing, effectively leaving the moral responsibility with New Delhi if the treaty collapsed.

Arundhati Ghose, India's representative in Geneva, had also argued New Delhi opposed the project because it did not set out a timetable for scrapping the arsenals of Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

But Gujral, asked if India would be demanding a specific deadline for the elimination of nuclear weapons when the matter would come up before the UN General Assembly in New York on September 9, he said: "No-a commitment to discuss a deadline."

When pressed to say whether India would, therefore, sign even if there were no specific

#### Money market

From Page 1

creased asset outflow that resulted at the end of the last government's tenure following sustained pressures from the government "Importers are yet to become

active," said a private sector corresponding banker, "The government is embarking on import programmes for some essential commodities, which, think, is making the private importers of essential items hold back for sometime."

timeframe, he said: "It could be negotiated

He argued India's stand was based on the original test ban treaty mandate, which stated it should "contribute effectively to the issue of nuclear disarmament.

The treaty survived the Geneva debacle - where a consensus decision was needed because Australia announced it would try to bypass the Indian veto by proposing a resolution in favour of the CTBT at the UN General Assembly, which operates by majority decision.

Gujral concluded on Friday with a further placatory message, saying India had no intentions at present to build nuclear weapons.

#### Flood

From Page 1 took serious turn vesterday as Padma and Mahananda rivers swelled further. Most of the pourashava ar-

eas have gone under flood water. Road link between Chapainawabganj and Shibganj have been snapped as flood water is flowing over the highway at five points

#### Mine blast

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Police said. Abdul Gafur (30) of village Bamhati under the thana was killed in a mine explosion. Police, BDR and people of Naikhangchhari told this correspondent that the Nasaka had set thousands of land mines along the border with Bangladesh The Nasaka forces on Tues-

day intruded into Bangladeshi territory and picked up nine persons from Bamhatichhara village of Naikhangchhari thana without any apparent reason. The Nasaka is yet to release these people.

On the next day, Nasaka forces again entered Bangladesh territory and killed two wood cutters in Bamhatichhara village, police said.

UNB adds: According to police, the abducted persons are Saleh Ahmed, Mohammad Nodi, Abdul Jabber, Amir Hossain , Ashraf Mia, Amir Hamza , Kala Mia, Mohammad Alam and Mohammad Hanif. All of them hailed from Moulvikata village of the frontier thana.

### PM's visit to China

From Page 1 pay courtesy calls on her. The Bangladesh leader is likely to urge the Chinese leaders and the business community to make use of the investment opportunities in Bangladesh. She would also make a request for a Chinese missions to visit Dhaka to ex-

plore the market for purchase of more Bangladeshi products. A number of agreements including one on avoidance of double taxation and another on investment protection are due

to be signed during the visit Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will also hold official talks with his Chinese counterpart Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen. Similarly, Foreign Secretary Farooq Sobhan will hold extensive discussions with his

counterpart Tang Jiaxuan. The Bangladesh leaders will emphasise at the meetings expansion of trade and investment cooperation. They would also stress the need for reducing the yawning trade imbalance between the two countries, which is against Bangladesh.

gesture of friendship would import more commodities from Bangladesh to help improve its adverse trade balance. The Bangladesh side will make a request for relocating Chinese sunset textile mills in Export Processing Zones or

ports were over 500 million dol-

lars last year. Dhaka shall

stress diversifying its exports

which comprise mainly jute.

jute goods, leather and tea, tor-

toise and frozen foods were

reached in 1995 that China as a

An understanding was

added the list recently.

special economic zones. Such relocation could help the growth of textile industry in Bangladesh and benefit the garments sector in both the countries, officials said.

The date for holding the next

China Joint Economic Commission (JEC) is likely to be fixed during the visit. The last meeting of the JEC, which was the eighth, was held in Dhaka in May, 1995. The Prime Minister is due to leave China for Hong Kong on

meeting of the Bangladesh-

September 16 where she is expected to address an investors meeting and start for Dhaka the same day.

#### Dhaka exported goods and commodities worth 42 million US dollars while Beijing's ex-