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Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) at the Jatiya Press Club premises - Star photo yesterday.

PM: Objective criticism demands. Prof Abu Saveed said.

ing the premises of the Jatiya Press Club members belonging to the other faction of the BFUJ chanted slogans in protest call ing the conference illegal because, according to them, the faction which arranged it was not legal.

However, after inaugurating the conference, Sheikh Hasina entered the cafeteria inside the club and exchanged pleasantries with the leaders of the other faction. She enquired about their grievances

A large number of journalists in the city and delegates representating affiliated unions in Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore, Bogra, Mymensingh and Rajshahi attended the con-

At the inaugural session the Prime Minister handed over a cheque for Tk one lakh to Jafar Sadik Subona, eldest son of late illustrious journalist Monajatuddin.

In her 15-minute speech the Prime Minister also recalled with deep gratitude the great role played by renowned journalists like Moulana Akram Khan, Tofazzal Hussain Manik Mia, Abdus Salam, Zahur Hussain Chowdhury, Sirajuddin Hussain, Shahidullah Kaiser and S M Ali.

Terming newspaper as the Fourth State, Sheikh Hasina said people like to see objective projection of the society in the newspapers.

The Prime Minister said, "we have taken steps to reorganize the Fifth Wage Board and are giving special care so that the board places its recommendations within the stipulated period. Soon after the placement, we will announce the Wage Board Award without any de-

For the interim period, she said, a 30 per cent dearness allowance (DA) has been declared and the government is taking

No classes held

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educational institutions in the

brought out a huge procession

on the DU campus yesterday in

support of its strike and held a

Nasir Uddin Pintu, Habi-

bunnabi Sohel, Monwar Hos-

sain Rana, Mosarraf Hossain

and Monir Hossain and other

Teachers' Association (DUTA)

has expressed grave concern

over the deterioration of law

and order due to the stay of out-

In a joint statement yester-

day DUTA president Prof A T M

and order in the residential

Flood

sharp rise in water levels in

Godagari thanas under Ra-

jshahi districts have been

flooded. Cracks have developed

in the town-protection em-

bankment at Rajshahi city

In Nawabganj Pourashava,

five out of nine wards have gone

under flood water and road link

with Rajshahi have already

adds: The situation in six

thanas of the district have

worsened following rise in wa-

ter levels in the Ganges and

three in Bheramara, two each

in Ruirpur and Kumarkhali

thanas have been submerged by

thanas have been marooned.

About 15000 people of these

Eight unions in Daulatpur,

Our Rushtia correspondent

been snapped.

Gorai.

flood water.

Some new areas in Paba and

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Padma and Mohananda.

siders on the DU campus.

UNB adds: Dhaka University

leaders of the organisation.

rally at the Aparajeya Bangla.

The pro-BNP student body

The rally was addressed by

country on August 25.

all newspapers.

money," said Hasina while an nouncing the grant of 20 lakh

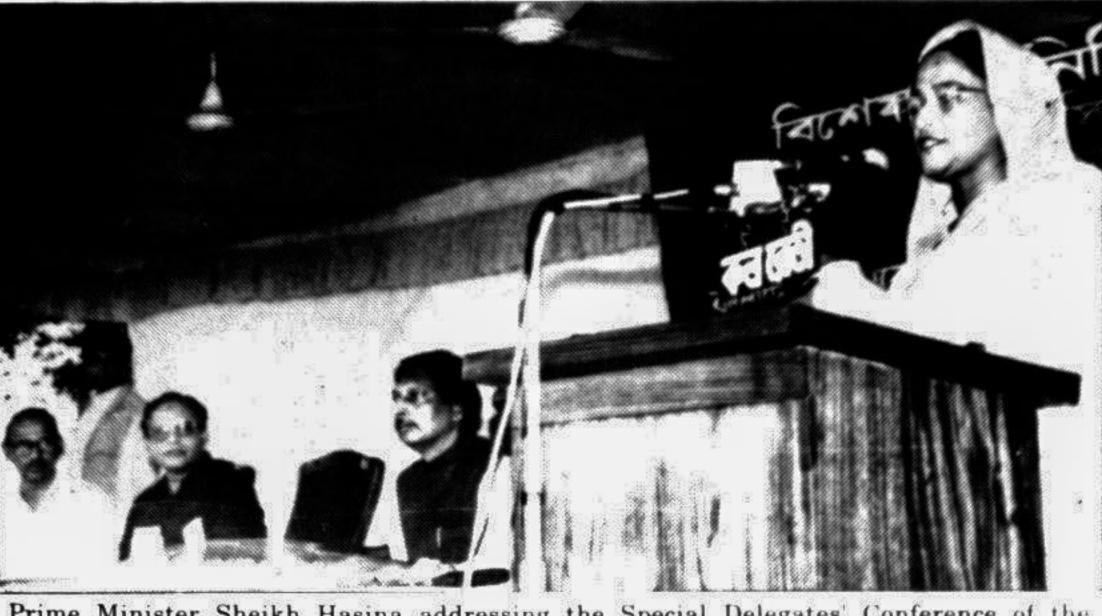
upon an invitation from newsjournalists but couldn't fulfill his desire.

Journalists face repression in collecting news and taking photographs, said Hasina. She cited an example of the incident on June 21, 1992 when a large number of reporters and photojournalists faced police repression at the Jativa Press Club. The then government did not publish the report of the probe body that enquired into that incident and did not try the persons responsible, said the Prime Minister.

"The government has constituted a Law Commission and the Commission will, of course, take steps so that no journalist is victimized," said Sheikh Hasina.

would be laid on development of professional quality in journalism and for that matter the Press Institute would be developed further so that it could play more effective role in training up young journalists. Responding to the various

SIGNED, SEALED & DELIVERED



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the Special Delegates' Conference of the

Border talks between the Bangladesh Rifles and Border Security Force of India will be held today in Khulna. Deputy Director General of BDR

offices.

state minister.

bouquets.

"right now, the Prime Minister

has instructed me to take note

of the problems you talked

about and take steps to solve

the present government be-

lieved in full press freedom as

ensured by Article 39 of the

Constitution and added, "unlike

previous regimes this govern-

ment don't issue midnight press

advises in phone calls to paper

We are well aware of your

problems and are confident

that all problems can be solved

through dialogue and under-

standing. Rivalry and division

can bring no good," said the

ated unions of BFUJ expressed

their gratitude to the Prime

Minister for attending the

function. Two female journal-

ists received the Prime Minister

and the State Minister with

ter to solve various problems

including that of housing, faced

by newsmen. Those who ad-

dressed briefly include. Presi-

dent. Dhaka Union of Journal-

ist, Abul Kalam Azad, Presi-

dent, Chittagong Union of

Journalists. Akhter-un-Nabi

President, Khulna Union of

Journalists. Aiyub Hussain,

President, Jessore Union of

Journalists. Shah Kiron Kumar

Kachi, President, Bogra Union

of Journalists. Md Abdul

Matin, President, Mymensingh

Union of Journalists. Kazi

Yasin and Vice President of Ra-

ishahi Union of Journalists.

Dhaka expressed resentment

that wage board award is not

implemented in most of the

newspapers in districts. As a

remedy, they suggested for giv-

ing a 50 per cent quota of public

advertisements to district level

4 killed, 20 hurt

in road accident

SAVAR, Aug 31: Four people were killed and 20 injured, 10 of

them critically, in a fatal acci-

dent on the Dhaka-Aricha

minibus from Manikgani col-

lided head on with a Savar-

bound microbus of Ganashas-

thya Kendera near Chhalepur

The driver of the microbus.

The deadbodies were sent to

Dipak, 30, and three passengers

of the minibus died on the spot.

One of the three was identified

the Dhaka Medical College

Hospital for autopsy and the

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Powers Act of 1974 to harass

popularity within only two

months, Begum Zia said adding

that the Prime Minister could

not enter into the Bogra town

tacking the female students of

Eden University College on

The government was losing

their political opponents.

bridge at about noon.

as Razzak, 15.

Police said a Dhaka-bound

highway today, reports UNB.

Newsmen from outside

Principal Abdur Razzak.

newspapers.

They urged the prime minis-

Earlier, leaders of the affili

The state minister said that

"I know it very well that journalists are exposed to financial insolvency. They become victim to accidents. their's is a profession full of risks. In many cases, sick newsmen can't even get good treatment because of want of

for journalists' welfare fund. In this regard the Prime Minister recalled that her slain father Bangabandhu had also visited the Jatiya Press Club men 24 years back. Sheikh Hasina said the Father of the Nation allocated the land for the club and he wanted to take some steps for the welfare of

She said that her government would make public the probe report and implement its recommendations.

She said, special emphasis

Army, BDR to be deployed for fair by-polls: CEC

KHULNA, Aug 31. Strong contingents of army police ansar and BDR will be deployed on September 3 to police the parliamentary byelections scheduled for September 5, reports UNB.

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena informed a meeting at the Deputy Commissioner's office here today of the Election Commission decision, aimed at ensuring fool-proof security in the byelections in 15 constituencies.

He said the measure had been taken as the EC took the byelection as a challenge because it is different from the June 12 general election.

The polls is going to be held under a political government while the Election Commission is working independently, the Chief Election Commissioner said elaborating on the differ-

The EC has put a ban on carrying of all kinds of arms in the voting areas from September 3 midnight to Sept 7 midnight

today

Brigadier Muhammad Abdur

Rab will lead a nine-member

Bangladesh delegation at the

talks while IG of North/South

Bengal Frontier of BSF RN

Bhattacharyya, will lead the

Fish Fortnight

begins today

ised by the Ministry of Fish-

eries and Livestock, begins in

mitment to increase production

for achieving self-sufficiency in

been drawn up at national, dis-

trict and thana levels to observe

the fortnight for creating

awareness among the people

about production, preservation

and marketing of fish as well as

overall development of the

sion, President Abdur Rahman

Biswas has called for sincere

support from all cencerned to

strengthen government's efforts

for the development of fish re-

sources to achieve overall eco-

Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina, in her message, said the

present government is pledge-

bound to fully utilise the poten-

In a message on the occa-

Elaborate programmes have

fish, reports UNB.

sector

nomic progress.

the country today with a com-

Fish Fortnight '96, organ

ten member Indian team, re-

ports BSS.

and movement of all kinds of vehicles - motor-cycle, jeep. microbus, car, taxi and autorickshaw — from September 3 midnight to Sept 6 midnight.

Abu Hena urged the political leaders and workers to abide by the election code of conduct for strengthening democratic val-

He stressed the importance of cooperation of different political parties despite the ad ministrative measures in hold-

ing a free and fair election. The CEC hoped that law and order would be maintained in the election areas and directed the officials not to arrest or harass anyone intentionally.

The meeting, presided over by Divisional Commissioner M Shamsul Alam, was also attended by MPs Talukder Abdul Khaleque and Adv Nurul Haq. DIG of Khulna Range Ashraful Huda, DC Iftekhar Ahmed and police commissioners, police supers, election officials and TNOs from Khulna and Bagherhat districts, local elite and journalists.

BDR-BSF talks Hasina meets Kabir, Jahir

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina vesterday met journal ist leaders including Amanullah Kabir, Zahirul Hug and express secretary to the former prime minister Mozammel Huq at the National Press Club, reports BSS

rescued from madman

SAVAR, Aug 31: Six children allegedly kidnapped by a madman, rescued by people, were handed over to local police, re-

some 1,000 people including UP members caught the unidentified madman while he was trying to kidnap the children aged between 5 and 9 years at Gazirchot, near Savar EPZ and Bashundhara project, at about 12:30 this afternoon The angry mob later handed

over the minors to local police. The children were identified

The rescued children said that the madman took them to Savar from near Chhati mosque at Kamrangirchar on the plea of showing them National Mausoleum here.

ports UNB. Police and witnesses said

ganj Court yesterday. The court will give its deci-

sion on Sept 7, according to police sources.

tual Group of Companies.

Tareq, a BBA student of North South University, has been missing since the night of August 14, he, along with Rocky and a girl, reportedly visited the Meghna ferry ghat in the early morning.

to trace the whereabouts or the body of missing Tareq.

pourashava, district and thana committees will observe the day by hoisting national and party flags, holding discussions, processions and rallies, a press release said.

will be hoisted at the central office of the BNP in the morning. Wreaths will be placed at the mazar of founder of the party Ziaur Rahman at 9 am. A photo exhibition will be

inaugurated by BNP Chairper-Academy at 11 am today.

function will also be held at 4

A colourful rally will be held tomorrow at the premises of the party central office.

On September 3 the Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal will hold a discussion at the WAPDA auditorium at 3 pm. Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan the Secretary General of the BNP, will be present as

quested all leaders and workers of the party to make the founding anniversary programmes a success.

DU VC From Page 1

sion. Prof Emajuddin resigned on

UNB adds: Prof Shahid Uddin Ahmed, born in Feni in 1947, obtained B. Com (Honours) and M. Com degree in management from the University of Dhaka in 1967 and 68 respectively.

He completed his PhD from Brunei University of London. The new Vice-Chancellor joined Dhaka University as lecturer of management in 1970.

ties including provost o Suryasen Hall, Chairman of Management Department, and Vice-President of the Dhaka University Teachers' Associa-

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Private EPZ Bill '96 placed in JS

A Bill was placed in Parliament last night seeking establishment of export processing zones (EPZs) in the private sector to encourage export industries, reports UNB.

Introducing the Private Export Processing Zone Bill 1996. Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed said it seeks to allow private investors, both foreign and local, to set up exclusive zones for export indus-

Tofael said a Korean business establishment. Youngon Company, has sought 2100 acres of land to create a special EPZ where Tk 10,000 crore will be invested over the next 10 years, employing some one

Besides, he said, the new government during its two months in office, received investment commitment of 1050 million US dollar from foreign investors that reflects the urgency of the establishment of

Earlier, BNP lawmaker and former Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam opposed the introduction of the Bill, saying they welcome the Bill but it is being introduced in a hurry

CID for taking Rocky on remand again

By Staff Correspondent The second remand prayer made by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for further interrogation of Rocky. the main accused in the case filed by Tareq's father following the disappearance of his son, was heard in the Munshi-

Rakib Mohammad Fakrul

alias Rocky, son of former deputy minister Fakhrul Islam Munshi, is the main accused in the complaint lodged with Gazaria thana by Tareq's father Mohammad Abul Kashem, Chairman of South East Bank and Managing Director of Mu-Moinuddin Kashem alias

The case related to Tareq's missing filed with the Gazaria thana, was transferred to the CID on August 21. Earlier, the CID had taken Rocky on remand for three days on August Police said that they were yet

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The national and party flags

son Begum Khaleda Zia at the Art Gallery of Shilpakala A discussion and cultural

the chief guest. Mannan Bhuiyan has re-

August 24 amidst a deteriorating law and order on the DU campus.

He served in various capaci-

tion.

Prof Ahmed wrote four books on Management and Entrepreneurship, published by Bangla Academy and the Uni versity Grants Commission.

Discussion in Sangsad

AL, BNP blame each other for Eden College incident

Government and Opposition leaders in Parliament yesterday incriminated each other for last week's clashes at the Eden Girls University College which was closed after the violence that left several students injured, reports UNB.

Deputy Leader of the House Zillur Rahman called it a part of the "pre-planned conspiracy" to create unrest in educational institutions, including the Dhaka University, Dhaka and Barisal Medical Colleges,' and Eden Girls University College. to discredit Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government.

"Despite our allout efforts. we could not stop violence on campus due to provocation by a leader of a particular party." Quoting news reports, he said JCD workers first attacked Chhatra League workers at the Eden College

Deputy Leader of the Opposition prof Badruddoza Chowdhury contradicted, saying Chhatra League workers led by a woman MP attacked the JCD workers and ransacked 50 rooms in the college hostel. leaving at least 70 students injured.

Some Chhatra League workers putting on veil entered the college compound and joined the attacks on students, he told the House. Chowdhury said the attack

was pre-planned and demanded that the reported involvement of a woman MP in the incident should be investigated. "It's true that a leader of a particular party instigated terrorism on the campus, but that leader does not belong to the BNP. Initiating the debate, BNP

leader MK Anwar described the Eden College incidern as savage and said this would not bring good for the ruling party.

Awami League Minister Tofael Ahmed also aired concern over the incident in the girls college, saying that they want peace and academic atmosphere in universities and colleges.

Meanwhile, a former BNP minister made a strange observation in parliament yesterday, saying there might be an influence of drugs behind the clashes between two student groups in the Eden Girls University College on Thursday-Friday.

Gujral's visit

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The Foreign Secretary arrived here today to hold preliminary discussion in preparation for Gujral's visit to Bangladesh with Chief Secretary, Anish Mazumder.

Haider refused to comment whether there has been any perceptable change in the attitude of the new Bangladesh government towards India but hoped that the bilateral ties would

The foreign secretary said that he had gone to Dhaka with the message of Prime Minister. H D Devegowda, after Sheikh Hasina Wazed's government came to power "to express our views.

Replying to a question, he said that the Calcutta port's interest would be kept in mind Chairman of the Calcutta Port Trust Dr Bikram Sarkar, was also present during Haider's meeting with the state's chief secretary

Haider was scheduled to meet the Chief Minister, Jvoti Basu, at his residence before leaving for Delhi.

Budget may be passed today not address people from BNP-

From Page of the ruling party MPs sprang on their feet to raise a hue and cry against giving him (BNP MP) the floor.

Akhtaruzzaman's voice almost drowned in the shoutings by the treasury bench members. Some of them told the Chair that they did not want to hear a member who had insulted the Speaker.

Demanding the Chair's protection, the BNP legislator said the ruling party MPs were trying to curb his constitutional right to speak in the House. The Deputy Speaker then

gave floor to Sharif Khasruzzaman, one of the protesting ruling party MPs. Making an observation that Akhtaruzzaman should be expelled from the House, and the Sangsad Bhaban area as well by the Speaker for his alleged misdeeds, Khasruzzaman said, "Due to his indecent behaviour with the Speaker, we, the members of Parliament, have been exposed to a situation where we are compelled to hide our faces from the electorate."

In the evening session, Education Minister A S H K Sadek refused to accept an allegation by a BNP member that government officials, in violation of service rules, had engaged themselves in politics last March by addressing AL-sponsored public rallies from the 'Janatar Mancha.'

BNP lawmaker. The Shahidul Islam, said that the government should take steps so that the public servants cansponsored 'Mancha' in future. "It is necessary for the sake of the nation, for discipline of government officials. Replying to the BNP legisla-

tor, the Education Minister said: "We do not think that the public servants had indulged in politics. As conscious citizens, they rather came forward to save the state machinery from a possible destruction." Claiming that the govern-

ment of Sheikh Hasina did not believe in politicisation of the administration, the minister further said the servants of the republic would not need to involve themselves in politics of any kind. "If that happens, the government will take necessary steps," the minister added.

The House also witnessed an unscheduled debate over the recent clashes between the supporters of Awami Leaguebacked Chhatra League and BNP-backed Chhatra Dal at the Eden Girls' College.

Deputy Leader of Parliament and ruling party general secretary Zillur Rahman, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, and M K Anwar of the BNP took part in the debate. During the debate, the AL and BNP leaders accused each other of patronising terrorism in the educational institutions including the Eden Col-

Speaker Chowdhury adjourned the House at 10:25 pm to resume again at 10:00 this morning.

Parliament tidbits

From Page 1 unanimously. But the Speaker, in a lighter vein said. "I heard a very mild 'No'."

The Treasury bench members said 'Yes,' in a chorus every time the Speaker put to voice-vote the demand for grants by the ministers concerned and a few Opposition MPs said 'No' Leader of the House and

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and several ministers were seen talking with the BNP lawmakers present on the latter's mildly uttering 'No'. The ruling party legislators including some state ministers were heard shouting 'Yes' at the top of their voice. * * *

Of the BNP lawmakers who moved cut motions, former minister M K Anwar was allowed to speak on those for the maximum number of times. Before the cut-motions were guillotined, he insisted on allowing him to speak on some more. A smiling Speaker told him "I heard you speaking throughout the day. Do you like to speak any more?" he added "Applying guillotine is a great pain, not a pleasure."

* * * During the recess for Maghreb prayers, Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowd hury was seen bringing out a polythene bag from her vanity bag. Opening it, the minister took betel leaf nut etc. and was preparing a 'paner khili.' As soon as the Speaker entered the House, the minister hid everything under her desk and stood up along with the others.

Shortly afterwards, she completed the preparation and put the "khili" into her mouth and started chewing it.

Refuting BNP lawmaker M K Anwar's allegation that drugaddiction caused clashes at the Eden Girls University College. Home Minister Rafigul Islam told the House, "So far my knowledge goes, drug-addiction did not cause the clashes." The minister however sought 'such information' from him, if he

Speaking on his cut-motion on the 'Takshal', BNP legislator Abdul Mannan said in a lighter vein "Whenever we speak of Takshal, we remember the Bakshal'

Jt task force

From Page 1 tranche totalling 100 million dollars of the total credit due to the delay in implementing the reform programme.

On the closure of more jute mills, the government is arguing that the world demand for Bangladeshi jute goods has been showing upward trend with increased demand and further closure of public mills at this stage will have adverse effect on the country's economy and share of international jute trade.

But it is now being planned that the ministry of jute would provide names of at least two to three jute mills to the Privatisation Board for advertisement by October 30 this year for privatisation, the sources added.

critically injured 10 were ad-Zahurul Haq and general secremitted to different clinics in The foreign minister mentary Dr A A M S Arefin Siddique Dhaka. tioned that during the severe urged all concerned, including A case was filed with Savar flood in the then East Pakistan the university authorities, to police. in 1970, different countries had Khaleda restore congenial academic atmosphere by establishing law

money was shifted to Pakistan. Azad said during the recent visit of Pakistani foreign secreraised the issue.

Pakistan," he said. Contractor killed

sharp weapons near his residence at about 11 am, said local

College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at around 12:30 pm. DMCH morgue for autopsy. The details about the incident could not be known immediately.

lice, however, said last night that they did not receive any complaint in this regard.

When contacted, Mirpur po-

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Samad Azad seeks Opposition's help to realise assets

from Pakistan Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad yesterday sought the Opposition's cooperation in realising the share of assets from Pakistan and solving the

unsettled issues between the two countries, reports BSS. Responding to a cut motion moved by BNP member Gautam Chakrabarty (Tangail), he said during the last 21 years the nation had expected government initiatives in this regard. The then opposition Awami League, he said, had also wanted to dis-

cuss the issue in the fifth Parliament. donated Taka 200 crore for the flood affected people. But during the independence war that

tary in Dhaka, Bangladesh had "I seek cooperation of the opposition to strengthen our ef-

From Page 1

of one Sheikh Abul Hossain. He sustained fatal injuries when the gang attacked him with

taken to the Dhaka Medical Maijbhandari, Begum Sham-The body was sent to the sunnahar Khawaja Ahsanul-

in the face of public protest. forts in realising all dues from She criticised the ruling party for unleashing terrorism in the medical colleges and at the Dhaka University, and at-

Thursday and Friday. The election rallies were addressed by Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury MP, Golam Akbar Khandaker, BNP candidate for Chittagong-1 M A Jinnah and Ayub was immediately Rehana Akhter Ranu. Party leaders Abdullah Al Noman, Syed Najibul Bashar

> lah, Ehsanul Kabir and Kamruzzaman Ratan accompanied the BNP chairperson. Earlier, in the morning, Begum Zia visited Mirersarai thana health complex to see the BNP workers injured by some terrorists at Banglabazar and

Sufiabazar of Friday.

Nine BNP workers - Mannan, Nursafa, Bahar, Akram, Kabir, Alauddin, Jafrullah, Salman and Rabiul — were attacked while they were returning from Begum Zia's meetings. Begum Zia was expected to return to the capital late in the night, party sources said.

Six children

as Marjina, 5, and Marjina, 8, daughters of agri-labourer Suruj Mia and Kuddus, Swarupa daughter of Shamser Ali, Rozina, 6, daughter of Zulhas and Mahmuda, 7, and Sheuli, 9, daughters of Omar Ali Khan, a carpenter.



Newly appointed UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bangladesh David E Lockwood presenting his credentials to Foreign Minister

Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday. — PID photo

General holiday

in voting areas General holiday have been announced on September 5 at 15 constituencies where by-

election will be held on the day. reports UNB. The closure was announced to facilitate government and non-government officials and employees in casting their

votes, says an official handout. DSE price index

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those of 44 suffered losses while

5 remained unchanged. Expressing happiness over the recent development of the share market. DSE chairman Imtiaz Hossen said that the market reached a "respectable position" which would be more attractive to local and foreign

investors.

Fisheries Ltd.

He said two major factors caused the sudden rise in the price index and market capitalisation. These are, entry of two new companies with high paidup capital and price hike of the shares of Shinepukur Holdings The newly enlisted compa-

nies are Altex Ltd and Dhaka

that although share prices of a

number of companies witnessed

significant rise during the re-

cent period but still there are

Imtiaz Hossen further said

some underpriced companies particularly in textile sector. The capital market in the country would boom further if political stability continues, he said.

New UN resident coordinator presents credentials The newly appointed UN res-

ident coordinator and UNDP

resident representative in

Bangladesh David E Lockwood

presented his credentials to Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at his office yesterday, reports BSS. Receiving the credentials, the foreign minister recalled the very close mutual relationship with the UN system includ-

ing the UNDP with Bangladesh.

that the new UNDP representa-

tive would be able to contribute

The foreign minister hoped

more towards strengthening the relationship between the UN agencies and Bangladesh in fu-Lockwood expressed his happiness on his new assignment and assured the foreign minister of providing all possible assistance of the UN agencies including UNDP in the de-

One killed in Jhalakathi From Staff Correspondent

velopment efforts

Bangladesh in various fields.

BARISAL, Aug 31: One person was killed by a group of people at Beltala village under Kathalia thana of Jhalakathi district this noon as a sequel to a conflict over land ownership. Abdul Hakim Sikder, 52, died on the spot when the group armed with lethal weapons attacked him in his crop land, according to police and witnesses. A case has been filed against 16 people. Police has arrested Nazem Bepari, 60, in this connection.