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first for the new government

for South Asia Joseph Wood

presided over the 23rd meeting

of the Bangladesh Aid Group,

attended by the representatives

of bilateral and multilateral

donors to the country, accord-

ing to a message received here

ernment, the Aid Group agreed

to hold its next meeting in

Dhaka in about a year's time.

The Group accepted finance

on the government's evolving

strategy and implementation

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New MPs-elect

take oath today

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury will administer the

oath to the parliament mem-

bers, elected in the September 5 by-elections, today at 12-30 pm

at his office chamber in the

Jatiya Sangsad, said a press

purpose have been sent to the

MPs-elect. Besides, copies of

the invitation letters will be

available at the reception

counter of the Sangsad Bhaban,

have been requested to take identity cards from the respec-

tive returning officers or their

the Sept 5 bypolls. Eight of

them were elected from the rul-

ing Awami League, three from

BNP, three from Jatiya Party

Joint body of

Fifteen MPs were elected in

The newly elected members

the press release added.

respective party leaders.

and one was independent.

The invitation letters for the

release, reports BSS.

At the invitation of the gov-

from Paris.

World Bank Vice-president

headed by Sheikh Hasina.

### TODAY

Today's issue contains an eight-page four-colour Special Supplement on "REAL ESTATE & APARTMENTS"

This comes in addition to our normal 12-page volume.

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### **TOMORROW**

This week the Star Weekend Magazine focuses on the leather industry of the country-its prospects and problems. And besides the regular columns and features, read the serial on Grameen Bank's success story 'Fulzan's First Loan.

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Bank to be set up to expand BSCIC activities, says Tofael

DSE price index falls sharply Pages 6, 7

DSE MARKET

**OSE** price index Market capital Tk 10563.21 cr Transactions in volume Transactions in value Tk 17.20

CSE MARKET CSE price index

Market capital Tk Transactions in volume

ransactions in value Tk

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

### Directive to banks

Any bank official, terminated from his service for misappropriation of money, corruption, fraud-forgery and moral slip, will not be eligible for service in any bank in future. A Bangladesh Bank recent circular advised the banks to follow the directives, reports

#### Osmany Medical College reopens

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET. Sept 11: Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College reopened today.

The college was closed following a clash between the activists of BCL (S-P) and JCD on August 25.

### Cattle-lifter murdered

Suina Mia 30

From Our Correspondent TANGAIL, Sept 11: One person, suspected to be a cattle lifter, was murdered by angry people at village Kendua of Kalihati thana today The victim was identified as

# Shantibahini massacre 28 From Our Correspondent RANGAMATI, Sept 11: Bodies of 28 woodcutters, took with them facilities for autopsy of the bodies but could not perform it as hundreds of Bangalee at Paris meet At Paris meet

The bodies were recovered from the valley of a hill near Churakhali in a joint drive by police and army, the sources said.

The woodcutters were shot dead by Shantibahinimen, violating the on-going truce in the Chittagong

hill districts, the sources said. Twenty of the bodies were identified. The victims were: Abdul Huq (30), Fajlu (23), Najrul (31), Islam (19), Gias Uddin (35), Suraj Mia (28), Alauddin (35), Ahad Ali (39), Umed Ali (45), Osman (39), Abul (28), Mostafa (26), Amir Hossain (25), Khaled (26), Abdul Hamid (41), Rajab Ali (23), Helal (41), Hannam (36), Saifuddin (27), and Selim (23).

Thritythree woodcutters were kidnapped by the Shantibahinimen on gunpoint on Monday last, the sources said adding three were still missing.

Divisional Commissioner of the Chittagong Division Sakhawat Hossain, Deputy Commissioner of Rangamati Hill District Mohammad Shah Alam and Police Super Nurul Anwar and district civil

BHADRA 28 1403 BS. DHAKA THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1996 RABIUS SAANI 28, 1417 HIJRI

The killing has created tension in the entire hill districts and security has been tightened, the sources said.

Motorised boat communication between Rangamati and other hill districts has been disrupted due to the tense situation, boat owners said. They said that they felt insecured to go to Baghaichari, Naniar Chair, Bilaichari, Juraichari and Langadu areas.

In Langadu, Baghaichari and other nearby thana areas, most of the shops were found closed since morning. Shops owned by the tribal people of Rangamati sadar district were also found closed after 12 pm. Police, BDR and Army teams were on petrol. Movement of people were also quite thin.

Traders coming from Langadu and Baghaichari informed The Daily Star Correspondent that there was a dispute among the Shantibahini and the woodcutters over toll collection See Page 12 Col 1

- Star photo

tion parties. But, he added, peo-

ple would not allow any quarter

to create a law and order situa-

Mohammad Nasim said the

tion in the name of movement.

threat was part of a conspiracy

that had also delayed by 10 days

the formal invitation to the AL

to form the government. He al-

leged that to prevent AL from

coming to power. BNP had even

proposed that jailed JP leader

HM Ershad should take over as

honoured Sheikh Hasina and

none can snatch this honour

and deprive her of serving the

totling masses. We can make

some mistakes as well but it's

the people who will give their

verdict in this regard at a regu-

former premier and some of her

cabinet colleagues had indulged

in corrupt practices. "Trial of

those cases will be held" he said.

adding that no threat or ploy

could obstruct the process of

City AL General Secretary

Nasim told the rally that the

lar interval of five years."

The minister said, "Allah

prime minister.

### Four alleged dacoits beaten to

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 11: Four alleged dacoits were beaten to death last night by angry villagers at village Suabil under Fatikchhari thana, police said. Police went to the spot this morning and recovered the bod-

According to police, a group of dacoits stormed a house at village Suabil and looted valu-

Hearing a hue and cry the villagers rushed to the spot and

coits mercilessly that led to their deaths on the spot, police

vere identified as — Elias, son Ali Ahmed of West Mandakini village. Ledon, son of Nazrul Islam of Suabil village in Fatilechhari, and Babul and Babul and Babul of the Chittagong city.

Two other dacoits - Abdul Khaleg and Deedar, both sons of Abul Khair of Mandakini village in Fatikchhari thana were also beaten up by the angry villagers and later handed over to police.

tagong Medical College Hospital in critical condition.

### ACC Trophy

### Bangladesh in semifinals

Sports Reporter

champions in the Pepsi ACC Trophy cricket tournamen when they registered an easy their last Group A encounter in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

scored 224 for seven in 50 overs with opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut hammering highest 67 In reply, Hong Kong were bun dled out for 116 in 40.1 overs.

Bangladesh will take on ei ther Papua New Guinea or Sin gapore in the semifinals tomor row. Bangladesh Betar "Kha and Hong Kong based Star Sports channel will air the match live from Kuala Lumpur. ( See details in page 10)

### lose deposit money in

By Staff Correspondent

Fifty candidates from 10 political parties and 23 independent candidates contested the by-elections in 15 con-

5.000 to the Election Commission (EC) at the time of the filing nomination papers. They are required to secure one eight or 12.5 per cent of the total votes cast, failing which, the deposit money is forfeited. Oth-

### incidents

By DMC Correspondent terday.

of 270. Dolairpar under Demra thana committed suicide by not confirm the incident

#### ast, the meeting said. Finance Minister Shah AMS minister's proposal for an interim briefing in next February donors, also suggested 2 billion dollars in aid to Bangladesh for Kibria led an eight-member Bangladesh delegation in the the current year. two-day meeting at the French The meeting, however, noted capital that began Tuesday, the that this year's commitment is Hasina leaves for

China today

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka this morning for Beijing on a six-day official visit to China at the invitation of Premier Li Peng. report agencies.

Bangladesh got fresh aid

commitments of over 1.9 bil-

lion US dollars for the current

1996-97 fiscal in the Aid Group

meeting that concluded in Paris

yesterday with Dhaka pledging

to accelerate economic reforms.

The committed aid is about

100 million dollar less than the

amount sought by Dhaka. The

government, according to the

memorandum prepared for the meeting, sought 2 billion dol-

lars from the aid consortium.

The World Bank, which coordi-

nates the annual meeting of the

reports UNB.

This will be her first official tour of a foreign country after assumption of office of the Prime Minister last June.

tire gamut of bilateral relations and discuss regional and international issues of common The talks will focus on eco-

nomic, investment, trade and defence matters.

Hasina is expected to request China to import more from Bangladesh to narrow the trade gap and invest in Bangladesh in the new investment climate created after the new government came to power. She will seek increased Chi-

infrastructure building efforts. Officials sources said that the Prime Minister will brief Premier Li Peng of the efforts of her government to resolve Bangladesh's problems with In-

dia, Myanmar and Pakistan.

She will discuss Bangladesh-

seek further intensification of cooperation in defence matters. The Prime Minister's entourage will include Foreign

China defence relations and

"a remarkable outcome in view

of the deteriorating overall aid

climate and Bangladesh's poor

record of aid implementation

commitment levels, as well as a

substantial increase in actual

aid disbursements to approxi-

mately 1.7 billion dollars will

depend on prompt and vigorous

action to translate governmen-

t's laudable policy pronounce-

ments into specific reforms

that are then implemented

more expeditiously than in

past, the meeting said.

Realisation of the estimated

over the past year".

Minister Abdus Samad Azad, Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Chowdbury, MPs. Foreign Secretary, Secretary to the Prime Minister, Defence Secretary, Energy Secretary, Chair-

senior officials, leading industrialists, businessmen and journalists.

on joint venture projects are expected to be signed in Beijing during the visit. The agreements are: Avoidance of double taxation, protec-

tion of investment in each other's country, framework agreement on 100 million Yuan soft loan and an agreement on 30 million Yuan grant. Prime Minister Hasina will

meet Chinese President Jiang Zemin on September 13. She will attend a luncheon

#### water experts to meet by month end By Staff Correspondent

A Joint Committee (JC), to be convened by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will meet with its counterpart body in New Delhi at the end of this month to start work on the details of the proposed water sharing agreement between Bangladesh and India, according to sources concerned.

The Joint Committee on the Bangladesh side is likely to be headed by an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and include on expert from the Water Resources Ministry and another from the Joint Rivers Commission, it might co-opt more members

The Indian committee is also likely to be headed by an Additional Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry and have a similar composition.

Formation of the Joint See Page 12 col 6

### 13 promoted as

Thirteen joint secretaryan official announcement said yesterday, reports UNB.

They have been made Offi cers on Special Duty at the Ministry of Establishment until further order, said the release.

The promotees are Managing Director of Bangladesh Biman Corporation Al Amin Chowd hury, Joint Secretary of the Land Ministry AKM Ruhul Amin, Chairman of BIWTA Azizul Haq, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare M Abdur Rouf, Director of BSCIC Ziauddin Ahmed, Member of the Board of Investment Dr Khanada Mohon Das. Joint Secretary of the Finance Division M Sirajul Islam and Fazlul Kabir, Joint Secretary of the Primary and Mass Education Department AFM Imam Hossain. Additional Director General of Narcotics

### See Page 12 Col 4 JCD faction

enforces hartal in Sylhet From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 11: Commercial establishments and educational institutions here remained closed during a halfday hartal called by a faction of the district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) today.

Police arrested eleven pickets from the Tilagarh and South Surma area of the town during the hartal hours. The Jaman-Moudud faction

of Sylhet JCD called the sixhour hartal from 6 am as part of its week-long agitation programme which began Saturday They are demanding immediate
See Page 12 Col 2

#### government for 'rigging the bygans denouncing threat on the Mofazzal Hussain Chowdhury ife of Hasina elections Maya, MP demanded of the Addressing the protest rally See Page 12 Col 8 See Page 12 Col 8 Fresh areas inundated in Kushtia Diarrhoea spreading in three flood-affected districts

Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya MP addressing a public meeting in front of the Jatiya

Press Club yesterday organised by City Awami League protesting the alleged threat on

Awami League holds protest rally in city

'Foil conspiracy against govt'

By Staff Correspondent

the AL leaders alleged that BNP

leaders at a rally a few days

try have voted a pro-liberation

force to power and will not tol-

erate such threats and foil unit

edly any conspiracy against the

AL would always welcome con

structive criticism from opposi

'AL won't go for

confrontation

with BNP'

By Reaz Ahmad

gearing up its organisational

activities down to the grass-

The ruling Awami League is

According to sources in the

party, the Awami League has

opted not to go for a direct con

frontation with the main oppo-

sition Bangladesh Nationalist

Party which has already taken

to the streets denouncing the

Amir Hussain Amu said that

They said people of the coun-

back had issued the threat

new government

roots level

the life of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by a certain political party.

By Staff Correspondent

The overall flood situation in Rajshahi, , Chapainawab ganj and Kushtia remained static as all the rivers were embankment flowing above danger level at all points yesterday.

River Ganges at Pankha (Shibganj) was still flowing 154 cm above red mark while Mohananda at Chapainawabganj and Padma at Rajshahi were flowing 94 cm and 10 cm above danger level

Awami League leaders have

urged the people to foil any

conspiracy against the new

government and denounced the

threat on the life of party chief

and Prime Minister Sheikh

were addressing a rally in front

of the Jatiya Press Club yester

day. The rally was organised by

the city AL to protest threat on

the life of the Premier, issued

by a rival party and 'conspiracy

Hussain Amu, organising secre-

tary of the party and Post and

Telecommunication Minister

Mohammad Nasım and some

other central leaders of the AL

and its city unit addressed the

rally chaired by Reazuddin

Ahmed, acting President of city

and workers from various parts

traits of Sheikh Hasina and

banners converged at the meet

ing venue from early afternoon

They chanted full-throated slo-

of the metropolis holding por

Hundreds of party leaders

AL presidium member Amir

against the government

The ruling party leaders

Meanwhile, one person died due to diarrhoea and 1400 others were attacked with other waterborne diseases in Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj districts in the last 10 days, according to official sources.

Our Barisal Correspondent also reported spreading of diarrhoeal diseases in the flood-hit Meanwhile fresh areas in

Matas Haripur union of Kushtia sadar thana were inundated due to breach in flood protection Boalia, Shaldah, Char Bha-

banipur and adjacent villages have also been hit and in Khoksa thana crops over 300 acres of land have been dam-Flood affected people alleged

that they were not getting adequate relief Road communications be-

tween Rajshahi and Chapainawabgani headquarters with four thanas of the districts were still snapped for the last several days, official sources Over half a million people of eight thanas in 49 unions in-

cluding two pourashavas of the

two districts have been affected

by flood. At least 23 persons

districts, officials said. The sources added that 170 medical teams are working in the flood-hit areas of the two

died during flood in the two

districts to combat the diseases. Meanwhile, government has sanctioned 460 tonnes of rice and Taka three lakh 41 thousand for distribution among the flood hit people of Chapainawabganj district.

tonnes of rice and Taka 80 thousand for distribution among the affected people of Raishahi Post flood relief operation has also began in 10 thanas of Barisal district and 23.66,005 MTs of wheat have been handed

over to the district administra-

tion for the purpose, official

sources said

The government also pro-

vided 125 tonnes of wheat, 75

## death in Ctg

caught four of them. The villagers beat up the da-

UNB adds: The four dacoits

They were admitted to Chit-

Bangladesh emerged group 108-run win over Hong Kong in

Put into bat, Bangladesh

### 40 candidates Sept 5 bypolls

The deposit money of 40 candidates in the September 5 parliamentary by elections have been forfeited as they failed to secure one-eight of the total votes cast, as required.

stituencies. Each candidate deposited Tk

See Page 12 Col 1

### 4 die in separate

At least two persons al legedly committed suicide and two others died in the city yes-Mala, 20, wife of one Biplop

hanging herself from the beam of the roof of the house, said hospital sources. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. Police, however, could viding all the necessary information and assistance to the See Page 12 Col 7

### In the official talks, Hasina and Li Peng will review the en-Editorial on page 4 man of Board of Investment,

any good: Khaleda

Four agreements and a few Memoranda of Understanding

### in her honour by the President See Page 12 Col 7 Repression can't bring

upon the law-enforcing agen-

terrorist acts. Begum Zia cau-

tioned that killing, torture and

repression could not bring any

men to further strengthen or-

ganisational activities and re-

sist the 'repressive' measures of

hartal which causes sufferings

to the common people," Begum

Zia said, "but we cannot remain

silent when the people are re-

She was addressing a delega-

tion of Feni district committee

of the BNP, led by its convenor

Mosharraf Hossain, which

called on her at her Minto Road

The Feni BNP leaders ap-

prised the Leader of the Opposi

tion of the troubled situation

prevailing in the district and

livists of ruling Awami League

were unleashing terrorism

across the district while the

BNP workers were being ha-

rassed with "false cases"

They alleged that the ac-

sought her help in this regard.

residence in the evening.

We do not want to enforce

She called upon her party-

work impartially.

the ruling party.

pressed.

cies and administration to

Referring to the countrywide

BNP Chairperson Beguin Khaleda Zia yesterday discussed current political situation with the members of her party's Advisory Committee, reports

Party sources said Begum Zia exchanged opinion with the advisors about BNP's strategy to deal with the prevailing situa-

Zahiruddin Khan, Abdur Rab Chowdhury, Rezaul Karim, ASM Hannan Shah, Shamsul Islam Khan, Harun-al-Rashid M Morshed Khan attended the meeting. Another report adds

Khaleda Zia yesterday slated repressive measures and called Farmer chopped to death in Sailakupa

From Our Correspondent JHENIDAH, Sept 11: A farmer was chopped to death at village Panchapakhia in Sailkupa thana this morning. According to police, some villagers asked Syed Ali Khondokar. 45, to come out of his

house at about 3 am for settling a land dispute Then they allegedly killed

### Adverse impact of JMB on char people alleged

By Mizan Ali

Panel

A local NGO working for the World Bank management for people living in the Jamuna Chars has urged the World Bank Inspection Panel to investigate into what it called the 'destructive impact of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge (JMB) on them according to sources concerned. The NGO Janiuna Char Inte-

grated Development Project (JCDP), which claims to represent the char people, formally lodged the complaint recently. terming the victims 'environmental refugees. Secretary of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge Authority (JMBA). Muhit Chowdhury

talking to The Daily Star said that a complaint to the World Bank Inspection Panel has been lodged by one Mujibul Huq "The Panel is now looking into the complaint as per their procedure," Muhit Chowdhury said adding, "the JMBA is prostrongly that these allegations were baseless and were filed by a person who does not belong to the area. This is an attempt to

submission of their reply to the

Muhit however said very

harm a project which enjoys national consensus," he added. When asked a senior official at the World Bank resident mission in Dhaka confirmed it. We have received a request for sending the Inspection Panel there," Arun Banerjee, head of the Energy and Infrastructure

"If the complaint is admitted by the Panel the mega project may face uncertainty. The Panel is an independent body that can suggest suspension of the project but its recommen dations are not binding on the The Inspection Panel was

section told The Daily Star

created on September 22, 1993, by the Board of Executive Direc-See Page 12 Col 7

### Additional Secy level officials have been promoted to Additional Secretary.