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**AL sect members meet today**

A meeting of the secretariat of the Awami League Central Executive Committee will be held today at 10 am at central office, 23 Bangabandhu Avenue. Awami League Acting General Secretary Abdul Jalil has requested all members of the secretariat to attend the meeting reports BSS.

**New telephone exchange in city**

A new digital exchange with 10,000 lines will be installed at Nilkhet today. Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim will open the exchange designed for modern telecoms service. reports UNB.

**College principal's office ransacked**

From Staff Correspondent  
BARISAL, Sept 25: The students of Barisal B M University College ransacked the office of the principal and some other rooms today demanding drinking water, electricity and other facility in the college hostel. The hostel super Yusuf Ali Khan, has resigned following the incident.

**1042 more return home from UAE**

A total of 1,042 deported Bangladeshi workers were flown back home from the Gulf state of United Arab Emirates till 6 pm yesterday. reports UNB.

Immigration officials at the Zia International Airport said the illegal immigrants were carried to Dhaka by seven flights, including two special flights, in a desperate bid to meet the September 30 deadline. Some 30,000 unauthorised Bangladeshi workers will have to be brought back as the UAE government asked all illegal immigrants to quit the Emirates by September 30.

## PM to exercise executive authority of the state

By Nurul Kabir

The cabinet yesterday approved the new Rules of Business in the light of the 12th amendment to the Constitution under which the country had switched over to a Parliamentary system of governance from the Presidential one in 1991. cabinet sources said.

Under the new Rules of Business, the Prime Minister will exercise the executive authority of the state while the ministers will enjoy full authority in running the affairs of their res-

spective ministries. The secretary of a ministry will, however, continue to act as "administrative head" and "principal accounting officer" of the ministry concerned.

The draft was approved at a special meeting of the cabinet with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair yesterday evening. Ministers, State Ministers in-charge of different ministries, cabinet secretary and secretaries concerned were present at the meeting.

The just adopted Rules of Business would come into effect immediately after the President signed it, a cabinet member said, adding that the head of the state was expected to sign the document sometime next week.

Under the 12th amendment to the Constitution, the authority of the President was replaced by the Prime Minister. But the Rules of Business was not changed in the light of the amendment. During the rule of

Bangladesh Nationalist Party headed by Begum Khaleda Zia, a three-member committee headed by the then agriculture minister Majid-ul-Hoque was formed to update the Rules of Business. The committee prepared a report too but it was not implemented.

According to the Rules of Business under Presidential System, the President was the chief executive of the state, he was to distribute ministries among the cabinet members

and the status of the ministers including the Prime Minister was that of advisers to the President and they were accountable to him.

Under the new Rules of Business, the Prime Minister will exercise the executive authority of the state, distribute ministries and the cabinet is collectively responsible to Jatiya Sangsad.

Under the old Rules of Business, the Prime Minister, while taking important decisions like

dissolution of Parliament or promulgation of emergency, could directly advise the President. "But with the adoption of the new Rules of Business, the Prime Minister will have to discuss with cabinet members before giving such advice," State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru told this correspondent last night.

The secretary will now work under the "single authority and See Page 12 Col 3

## Water-sharing Experts leave for Delhi today

By Staff Correspondent  
A three-member Bangladesh delegation leaves Dhaka today for the Indian capital to participate in the first meeting of the Joint Committee (JC) of experts on water-sharing due to be held in Delhi on September 27 and 28.

The delegation, led by Additional Foreign Secretary See Page 12 Col 7

## Indemnity Repeal Ordinance being prepared

By Mizan Ali

The government is preparing the 'Indemnity Repeal Ordinance', according to officials of the Ministry of Law.

The proposed Ordinance is aimed at 'negating the effect' of the Indemnity Ordinance, they noted.

The officials said that they had already started examining the pros and cons of the Indemnity Ordinance to suggest its repeal.

Confirming this, Minister of State for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Abdul Matin Khasru said that his ministry had started examining laws that violated funda-

mental human rights and were opposed to the 'fundamental structure' of the Constitution.

Talking to The Daily Star he said, the Indemnity Ordinance is very much opposed to the fundamental structure of the Constitution that speaks about rule of law and fundamental rights of each and every citizen.

Challenging the authority of Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed to promulgate the Indemnity Ordinance, the state minister said, "Any Ordinance, as per Article 93 (2) of the Constitution, shall have to be placed in the first sitting of the first session

of parliament after the promulgation of the ordinance. Otherwise, it will lapse if not passed within 30 days."

The Indemnity Ordinance was never placed separately before parliament or passed by it, he added.

The ordinances promulgated under martial law regimes were validated by the 5th and 7th amendments, said officials, adding that some of those were subsequently amended and repealed again by a simple majority in parliament.

For the sake of argument, the Indemnity Ordinance can't See Page 12 Col 8

## '75 Jail Killing Case CID seizes file of official documents

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday seized the file of official documents of 'jail killing' from Dhaka Central Jail, reports UNB.

Official sources said an inspector of CID went to the jail in the morning and seized the file from office of the Inspector General (Prisons).

According to Prisoners' Union Ali Khan on September 13 found the lost file containing papers on the November 3, 1975 killing of four detained leaders. Earlier, IG (Prisons) Brig Abul Hossain was sent back to the

army.

The file included statements of the then IG (Prisons) Nuruzzaman and DIG (Prisons) Khandaker Abdul Awal submitted to Home Secretary on November 5 in 1975.

It also includes preliminary reports of bodies of the four national leaders prepared by two magistrates — M Anwar Chowdhury and Khandaker Mizaur Rahman.

The file was lost from the Home Ministry when Dr M A Mattin was Home Minister during See Page 12 Col 4

## BNP gov't never wanted to buy power from India, says Mosharraf

BNP Standing Committee member and former Energy Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, MP termed the government Press Note on power false and aimed at misleading people through misinformation, reports UNB.

In a statement yesterday rebutting the note, Dr Mosharraf said the BNP gov't did not initiate any talks regarding the import of power from India. The Press Note's allegation in this regard is 'totally untrue.'

Even, he said, the BNP did not discuss with any other country the import of power because during the BNP period See Page 12 Col 4

## Capt Moslemuddin 'still untraced'

Star Report  
Retired Captain Moslemuddin, the main accused in the jail killing case of November 3, 1975, was yet to be traced, according to official sources.

Ruling out the contradictory reports printed in the media, officials said the agencies concerned were yet to trace Captain Moslemuddin and added that there is no record of him being hanged in any jail of the country.

The official sources pointed out that following the unsuccessful coup of 1977 in Bogra some army personnel were See Page 12 Col 3

## Army officials had taken statements of IG & DIG (Prisons) in '75

Star Report  
The statements of senior prison officials, who were present during the November 3, 1975 killing in the Dhaka Central Jail, were recorded by some army officials under the instructions of Major General Khaled Mosharraf in 1975, according to sources concerned.

The statements of the then IG Prison Nuruzzaman and DIG (Prisons) Abdul Awal were recorded by army officials in See Page 12 col 6

## BNP probe body says United efforts needed to solve CHT problem

From Our Correspondent  
RANGAMATI, Sept 25: The 10 member committee formed by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) to probe the Chukhali massacre today said the Hill Tracts problem should be solved through the combined efforts of all by sinking political differences.

The solution to the problem must be based on the See Page 12 Col 1

## Samad Azad at NAM FMs meet Implement proposal for duty-free entry of exports from LDCs

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has called for taking urgent measures to implement the recommendations of the mid-term review meeting on the programme of action for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) for the 1990s, reports BSS.

The foreign minister was addressing the 35th NAM foreign ministers' meeting at the UN headquarters in New York yesterday during the 51st session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

According to a message received in Dhaka from New York last night, the Foreign Minister urged for early implementation of the proposal for duty-free

treatment of exports from LDCs.

Azad said serious considerations should also be given for providing important safety-net measures to assist the LDCs to overcome the transitional difficulties.

Referring to the meeting with coincides with the celebration of the 35th founding anniversary of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Azad mentioned the message of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who has reaffirmed Dhaka's continuing commitment to the principles and objectives of the NAM.

Describing Colombian President and current chairman of NAM Ernesto Samper

Pizano's statement as a thought provoking one, Azad said his address gives a new momentum to our efforts in realizing the goals as set out in the call from Colombia.

The foreign minister reiterated Bangladesh's determination for implementing the conclusions and decisions of the Cartagena summit.

He also called for making special efforts to highlight and integrate the social issues with the broader economic agenda and recalled that since the Jakarta summit of NAM social issues have been attracting increasing attention.

Azad expressed satisfaction See Page 12 Col 8

## Afghan govt seeks spl UNSC meet Fall of Kabul imminent

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 25: A top UN official confirmed today that the Afghan Taliban militia had reached Kabul and said they could be on the verge of taking the city, reports Reuter.

"It is possible that Kabul is going to fall," UN Under-Secretary General Murrack Goulding told reporters in New York. Goulding is in touch with UN officials in the Afghan capital.

Goulding, who visited Afghanistan last week, said he hoped the UN Security Council would endorse an appeal for a ceasefire and negotiations in the country when it meets later today.

But he said there had been signs that government troops

were defecting or refusing to fight in the face of the Taliban attacks, both in Kabul and other cities.

"We are getting indications... that Kabul may be on the point of falling," he said.

"If the Taliban think they achieve their objective by military means, it's going to be very difficult to persuade them to get into negotiations," Goulding added.

An Islamabad report adds: The Afghan government today called for a special meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss the Afghan situation as the rebel Taliban militia said it had reached the outskirts of the capital Kabul.

The demand was made in a

statement issued by the Afghan Foreign Ministry in Kabul, which accused neighbouring Pakistan of interference in the country's internal affairs, the official Kabul Radio monitored in Islamabad, said.

AFP says: The chief of the Taliban Islamic militia today announced 'general amnesty' for Afghan administration officials and government troops as fighting reportedly raged in Kabul's suburbs, Taliban sources said.

Mulla Muhammad Umar assured the residents of Kabul that his militia was not motivated by any "ethnic, linguistic, and regional prejudices." He asked those still fighting around Kabul to give up resistance and surrender peacefully



Share traders occupy the road in front of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) for lack of space in the DSE building (Top), causing traffic jam in and around the Motijheel Commercial Area (below). — Star photo

## Tripartite meet to end CU crisis tomorrow

From Staff Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: A tripartite meeting will be held on Friday at 7 pm among the Chittagong University authorities and the two feuding student organisations — Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir — to end the campus crisis.

The meeting will be held at the office of the Vice Chancellor.

Talking to The Daily Star today, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the university prof Dr Abu Yusuf Alam said that the decision to hold the tripartite meeting was taken with the consent of leaders of the two student bodies.

"We were able to convince the leaders of both sides to sit for a dialogue to avoid further crisis," he said.

The Pro-VC said Mayor of Chittagong ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury and the DC and SP would also be present at the meeting. See Page 12 col 5

## One killed, 6 hurt in Bandarban mine explosions

COXS BAZAR, Sept 25: One person was killed and six others, including BDR jawans, were injured in explosion of mines mined by Myanmar border security force at Naikhongchhari in Bandarban hill district, reports UNB.

Police and villagers said Anil Chandra Dev, 22, a laundryman of BDR 12 battalion, died on the spot when a mine went off while he was going to the Lamuchhari BDR outpost from Fultali camp on Tuesday afternoon.

## Dundee Dyeing Probe body on alleged overvaluation

Sonali Bank authorities have sent up a one-man inquiry committee to investigate the reported overvaluation and insufficient equity investment in the Dundee Dyeing textile industry, reports UNB.

The probe body was constituted with a General Manager at a meeting yesterday of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of Sonali Bank.

The committee has been instructed to submit its report within seven days, said a bank release.

Former Prime Minister Begum Zia's eldest son, Tareq Rahman, younger brother Major (Retd) Sayeed Iskandar and another relative, Mohammad Gasuddin Al Mamoon, have See Page 12 Col 1

## Salman's death Medical team waiting for viscera report to give opinion

By Staff Correspondent  
The medical team formed for the second autopsy of the body of the film star Salman Shah was yet to give its opinion as they were waiting for the viscera report, said a senior police official yesterday.

Without giving any opinion, the medical team, which performed the second autopsy in Sylhet on September 15 sent a report to the Detective Branch (DB) of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) yesterday, police said. The DB was investigating the unnatural death case lodged See Page 12, col 5

## News Analysis Habiganj-2 boycott: How wise for BNP?

By Farid Hossain  
Eventhough he did not like the BNP's decision to boycott the Habiganj-2 by-election Zarkaria Chowdhury has finally decided to prove loyal to his party's high command.

In aborting his contest he has gone the party's way. Begum Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist party, the largest opposition group in parliament, will be absent in the Oct 15 competition.

Chowdhury's departure has left the by-election wide open for the governing party, the Awami League and the Jatiya Party, which is a partner in the government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Habiganj-2 comprising Baniachang and Ajmeriganj was part of the 16 vacant seats that were to be filled in by-elections. Polls on Sept 5 have already filled the 15 seats — eight of them captured by the Awami League, three each by the BNP and JP and one by an independent candidate who has now joined the ruling party.

The BNP's boycott of the Habiganj-2 by-election was not totally unexpected. Having accused the ruling party of fraud in the Sept 5 by-elections it has been demanding repolls in at least two seats and that Chief Election Commissioner Mo See Page 12 Col 7

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার  
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড  
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একজন সং মানুষ একজন সং করদাতাও বটে  
আয়কর রিটার্ন জমাদানের তারিখ  
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করদাতাদের সুবিধার্থে আয়কর রিটার্ন জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ১৫ই সেপ্টেম্বর ৯৬ থেকে বাড়িয়ে ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর ৯৬ পর্যন্ত করা হয়েছে।

আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করা প্রত্যেক উপযোগী নাসরিফের জন্য একটি অবশ্য-পালনীয় আইনসূত্র রয়েছে। বাস্তব ইচ্ছা-অনিচ্ছায় উপর এটি নির্ভর করে না। কোন বাস্তব মাসিক আয় আনুমানিক ৫০০০/- টাকা হলে তাকে বাধ্যতামূলকভাবে আয়কর প্রদান করতে হবে। সরকারী কর্মকর্তা/কর্মচারীদের ক্ষেত্রে অন্য কোন নিজস্ব আয় না থাকলেও আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করা বাধ্যতামূলক। এক্ষেত্রে বর্ধিত দায়িত্ব অপর্যায়।

দেশের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ডাকঘরসমূহে আয়কর রিটার্ন ফর্ম পাওয়া যাবে।

বার্ষিক দুই লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত সীমিত আয়ের করদাতাদের ক্ষেত্রে এ বছর স্ব-নির্ধারিত রিটার্ন ফর্ম অত্যন্ত সহজ ও স্বল্প পরিশর করা হয়েছে। হালকা নীল রং এর এক পৃষ্ঠার এ ফর্মটি সহজেই পূরণ করা যায়। অন্যান্য করদাতাদের ক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য রিটার্ন ফর্মটিও বিজ্ঞান সম্মত ও সরলীকৃত করা হয়েছে; তবে এটি হয় পৃষ্ঠা ব্যাধ। এ ক্ষেত্রে পায়ে "স্ব-নির্ধারিত" শব্দটি দিলে সে ক্ষেত্রে স্ব-নির্ধারিত করা যাবে।

রিটার্ন ফর্ম সংগ্রহ বা পূরণে সহায়তার জন্য নিউ বেইলী রোডে বিসিএস কর একাডেমী, ঢাকা (ফোন-৪১৫০৬১) এ কর পরামর্শ কেন্দ্রের সাথে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। কেন্দ্রটি রবি কর্ম দিবসে সকাল ৮টা থেকে রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত আপনাদের সেবায় খোলা থাকবে। এ কেন্দ্রে "করদাতাদের জন্য জাতীয়" নামে একটি বুকলেট পাওয়া যাবে। ঢাকার বাইরের করদাতাদের ক্ষেত্রে পূর্ব সমস্ত প্রস্তুতির জন্য নিউবেইলী রোডে আয়কর অফিসে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

নির্ধারিত সময়সীমার মধ্যে আপনাদের কর পরিশোধ করুন।  
সরকারী কর্মকর্তাদের আপনাদের আয়কর রিটার্ন দাখিল করুন।

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