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'Architectural heritage needs recognition'

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday emphasised the need for recognising and institutionalising the architectural heritage of the country which can uphold the identity of the

The seminar on "Architecture: Intentions and Meanings. organised jointly by Chetana Architecture Bangladesh Project and The Daily Star, highlighted that Bangladesh has its own pattern of architecture developed by its people to suit the geographic setting, economic need, social structure and culture which should be given due attention by institutional ar-

chitectural studies They felt that the time-tested architecture could also suit the fast changes in the urban and

rural areas of the country. The first such seminar, held at the Goethe Institut, also brought together seven leading architects of the country. They were: Bashirul Haq, Raziul Ahsan, Uttam Kumar Saha, Nahas Khalil, Saif Ul Haque. Mubashar Hussain and Rabiul

Hossain was moderated by Govt may buy 6 vessels for Coast Guard

Star Report

The government is likely to buy six Coast Guard vessels of three different categories with over Tk 100 crore, according to

official sources. International tender for this may be floated by the end of this

year, the sources said At present two small ships borrowed from the navy have been deployed by the Coast Guard authorities for vigilance in the inshore areas, they

pointed out. To strengthen the vigilance by the Coast Guard, the government has planned to buy two harbour boats, two inshore boats and two offshore patrol

vessels, the sources said. Harbour patrol vessels are used for movement of the Coast Guard personnel within the harbour area, inshore vessels for their movement in sea waters close to the shore and off shore patrol vessels are used in the outer sea, the sources said.

A technical team headed by a Coast Guard official along with officials from other departments concerned were now working on the details and specifications regarding the

vessels, officials said. The Director General of Coast Guard and two other officials are scheduled to visit India shortly to have a first hand knowledge about the Coast Guard facilities in that country.

100 magistrates From Page 1 arms and take appropriate

measures for protection of voters and polling centres from the attack of toll collectors and hoodlums. He said law will be equally applicable to all and urged local administration and members of law enforcing agency to remain full neutral and conduct the polls keeping themselves above all influence. The meeting was attended.

among others, by Election Commissioners Abidur Rahman and Mushtaque Ahmad Chowdhury, Home Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat, EC Secretariat Secretary M Faizur Razzak, IGP M Azizul Haq. Additional Secretary A F M Imam Hossain. Sylhet Divisional Commissioner M Habibur Rahman, DDG of Ansars and VDP Brig Enayet Hossain. Director of Bangladesh Rifles Colonel Kamal. DIG of Sylhet Range Abdur Rahim Khan and DC and SP of Habiganj district.

Meanwhile, EC officials said Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena will return home before the byelection. He is scheduled to return from USA on October 6.

DU VC From Page 1

lor of the DU from acting VC Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed at the Vice Chancellor's office at 10 am today.

Earlier, a three-member VC

panel was elected at a special session of the DU Senate on August 25. The pro-Awami League Blue panel candidates swept the VC panel election. Prof Azad Chowdhury secured 60 votes, the highest out

of 83 votes cast. Prof AT M Zahurul Haq and Prof Shahadat Ali were the two other members of the panel. Earlier, former vice chancel lor Prof Dr Emazuddin Ahmed

resigned on August 24. Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed was made the acting VC following his resignation. Prof Chowdhury yesterday said one of his foremost tasks would be to eliminate terrorism from the campus. "I will try to

strengthen the university proctorial rule besides instructing the law enforcing agencies to arrest the terrorists irrespective of their party affiliations. he said. Talking to BSS, Chowdhury

said he would spare no efforts to reflect the hopes and expectations of the nation, teachers and the students. He said the Prime Minister had requested him to transform the Dhaka University into a centre of excellence by ensuring congenial atmosphere for education and rising above all party and group interests.

He said on his request Awami League president Sheikh Hasina had relieved him of the membership of the Advisory Council of the party following his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University.

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7 killed, 53 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

hitting a tree.

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Kotwali police.

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Hospital

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seven lakh.

The passengers of the coach

said, the drivers failure to con-

trol the vehicle after avoiding a

head-on collision with a police

van coming from opposite di-

the Jessore General Hospital.

Thirteen of them were released

All 33 injured were taken to

A case has been filed with

UNB adds: Two people were

killed and 10 others injured

when a microbus collided with

a minibus on the Mymensingh-

Police said, a Mymensingh-

bound microbus collided with a

Muktagachha-bound minibus

near Satrasia bazar at about

An unidentified youth aged

about 25 died on the spot while

juries after admission to the

Mymensingh Medical College

Ekabbar, 50, Tara Mia, 55,

Babul, 25, Ferdousi, 26, and Ja-

hanara, 28 - are under treat-

ment at the same hospital while

four others were admitted to

Muktagachha Thana Health

Mafizuddin, 30, Sadeq Ali, 60,

and Barun Chandra, 40

They are Abdul Ali. 25

A case was filed with Mukta-

Another report from Habi-

ganj adds: Two people, includ-

ing a police officer, were killed

and 10 others injured in sepa-

rate traffic mishaps in Mad-

of the district vesterday.

habpur and Baniachang thanas

Rahman, 50, died on the spot

and five policemen were

wounded when a tempo over-

turned on Dhaka-Sylhet high-

way near Andiura High School

in Madhabpur thana early at

lage home in Patuakhali while

the injured were rushed to

Madhabpur thana health com-

The body was sent to his vil-

In another incident, a minor

boy, Shaju, was killed and five

people were wounded when a

Habiganj-bound bus skidded off

the road and fell into a ditch at

Bhatipara village on Habiganj-

Baniachang road in Bani-

Nat'l boat museum

to be set up

to set up a 'national boat muse-

um' to preserve several models

of this mode of transport being

used since the ancient period in

An inter-ministerial meet-

the riverine Bangladesh, re-

ing chaired by State Minister

for Youth and Sports and Cul-

tural Affairs Obaidul Kader

took the decision and asked the

officials concerned to prepare a

The meeting was informed

project proposal in this regard.

that 169 types of boats are

iound in different parts of the

country while the estimated

number of the boats is about

The government has decided

Police said ASI Matiur

Six of the injured — Ripon, 9.

another succumbed to his in-

Tangail road yesterday.

rection led to this accident

Seven people were killed and 53 others injured in road accidents in Jessore. Mymensingh

and Habigani yesterday. Our Jessore correspondent says: Three unidentified per sons were killed and 33 others injured, 20 of them seriously. when a night coach of Shaukhin Paribahan bound for Khulna from Dhaka met with an accident near Churamon Kati on the Jessore-Jhenaidah road at 3 am.

According to police, the accident occurred when the coach fell into a road side ditch after

Flow of ODA

From Page veloping countries with well developed soft and hard over heads have enjoyed easy access

to private capital flow. In the conference, the Commonwealth ministers welcomed the rapid expansion in private capital inflows, but also expressed concern over the sharp and continuing decline in ODA that could jeopardize

poverty-reduction efforts. They recognised that aid makes a very substantial contribution to development and welcomed the goals set out in the Strategies Vision for Development Cooperation for the 21st Century adopted by OECD's Development Assistance Committee (DAC) in May 1996.

BAC can summon

From Page 1 sides affecting its credibility. Earlier approval from the Prime Minister's Secretariat was a pre-condition for any BAC investigation in to alleged corruption by VIPs, which the Awami League government has waived for smooth functioning of the BAC, officials pointed out adding that there were still 'some hindrances' which need to be removed to ensure trans-

parency in the functioning of the agency. One such hurdle was created through a circular issued in November, 1994, officials of BAC said. Through this, BAC had been advised not to summon high officials of the district administrations at its of-

"The circular issued by the then Director General of the PM's Secretariat contradicted the mandate of BAC," claimed an official Calling high officials to its

fices for any inquiry.

offices creates an embarrassing situation between the officials of BAC and other organisations, the circular said.

So, investigation officers had been advised to go to high officials for any inquiry and recording of statement. Officials categorised in the circular included DC, SP, civil surgeon, executive engineer, ADM, district agriculture officer and principal of government college, BAC sources said.

This category also included officials of the rank or deputy secretary and above in the secretariat, directorates and departments: they added.

Govt implementing programmes for welfare of

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said her government would try to create suitable condition for flourishing the talents of children so that they can grow up as future

can't do everything in this regard, she said and urged all concerned to contribute according to their ability to the welfare of

children opening ceremony of a week long programme organised to celebrate "Child Rights Week and World Child Day '96". The function at the Osmani Memorial Hall was organised by the

dren Affairs. The Prime Minister said. Despite resources constraints we have started implementing specific programmes for the welfare of the children as per commitment of Awami League election manifesto and in the light of UN Charter on Child

SAARC document. 'We shall always remain active to ensure a developed atmosphere for the children and imparting them education," she

idded. Turning to the children, the Prime Minister said they must know the heroic history of the Liberation War, great language movement, 6-point movement of 1966, mass-upsurge of 1969

and other movements. The Prime Minister later handed over awards to the children who won prizes in international painting exhibitions in

Japan and India. Sykh Seraj no longer in TV's

By Staff Correspondent Sykh Seraj, compere of the popular television programme

according to sources concerned. Sykh had been presenting the popular programme since 1982. His programmes on agriculture and other related fields has greatly contributed to the development of homestead farming.' Introduction of Kazi Guava, modern poultry farming and pisciculture, bio-gas plants and popularisation of tree plantation are among many things he promoted through the pro-

prestigious Ekushev Padak for his programme.

It was learnt that on August 28. Sykh Seraj was verbally told by a BTV official that he was no longer required for the programme. Sykh's last pro-gramme was telecast on August 31. Sykh had been presenting the programme on a contract basis with the BTV.

manager of Bangladesh Televi-

A college girl was abducted

ily sources said, reports UNB. Fatema Al Rahman alias Lipi, 17, a higher secondary

student of Lalmatia College was picked up from near Pallabi bus stand while returning home noon.

youths, led by one Abul Fazal, took away her in a minibus. A case was filed.

From Page 1 Myzari belonging to the Biplobi

Communist Party were killed on the spot. Police recovered the bodies

case has been registered with Kushtia police. Police arrested injured Takkel Ali, son of Abu Taleb from a sugarcane field. Police

also recovered one rifle from the field. After the incident, many villagers are leaving their homes in fear and taking shelter else-

Journalist dies From Page 1

seven times and at one stage of talking with them, Chanchal reportedly looked very nervous and suffered the heart attack. Mrinal Chakrawarti, special

correspondent of the daily, filed a case with Motifheel police in this connection.

Anam, editor of The Daily Star participated in the discussion. Architects and students of the Architecture Department of PM to inaugurate BUET also attended. The speakers observed that

By Staff Correspondent and open areas with a lot of trees. Some architects are try-A two-day conference of ing to blend Bangladeshi archi-Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) tecture with western styles and will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on October 5 at the Dhaka Sheraton.

DRU confce Oct 5

But architects of this country always face contradiction at all levels of developing a design - from training level to technology - because of direct and indirect influence of British. Mughal and other alien rulers.

noted Bashirul Haq. Because of the contradictions, there is no oneness of architecture in the cities," ob-

Chetana's Kazi Khaled Arafat

while Muzharul Islam, Sham-

sul Wares, Ferdaus Azim, Par-

ween Hassan and Mahfuz

the Bangladeshi architecture

mainly concentrate on roofs

pattern, they observed.

served Nahas Khalil. There should be a systematic study of the traditional architecture which will help us in applying the Bangladeshi type architecture anew both in rural and urban areas," said Kazi

Khaled Ashraf The discussion was followed by a documentary titled. 'Louis Khan: Silence and Light" the

doven of architecture. Khaleda

From Page 1 She also alleged that the Awami League came to power through a controversial election on June 12. "It is now closing medical colleges one after another with an ulterior motive

to spoil the life of meritorious students. "Terrorism by the ruling party supporters in medical colleges will force the meritorious students to go a neighbouring country for studies," Begum Zia said. She urged the doctors community to remain vigilant against terrorist activities in educational institutions. The BNP chairperson also alleged that the government was harassing BNP leaders and work-

ers. lodging 'false cases' against them. The BNP chairperson also gave a detailed description of development works and measures taken in the health sector

during the BNP rule. While exchanging views with the leader of the opposition, the DAB president alleged that the present government was transferring doctors in a "repressive" way and politicising the health

He also criticised the government's plan to raise a spe-ctal police force named the Rapid Action Force while there were already police, ansar, BDR and army.

workers clash

The conference will be par ticipated by Dhaka-based reporters of newspapers and news agencies and will include a business session and a workshop on Reporting-Ethics and

Practices. The DRU will also announce the name of two award winners for best reporting during the period August '95 to August '96. Reporters have been asked to send their entries for the competition to the DRU by September 29. The awards will carry prizes of Taka 15,000 and Tk 10.000 respectively. The selection will be done by a jury com-

prising five leading editors. 8 looted rifles

recovered From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 29: Police today recovered 8 rifles which were looted by some miscreants from a police camp at Noapara village under Raozan

thana on September 5. police The rifles were recovered from a pond during a pre-dawn raid at Gujra village under the

same thana. One ansar was killed and another injured when the miscreants had attacked the police camp and looted 9 rifles. One rifle is still missing, police

Timber worth Tk 3 lakh seized in Rangamati

From Our Correspondent RANGAMATI. Sept 29: For

est officials seized a truck load of 300 cubic feet of timber worth about Tk 3 lakh during a raid at Kalabagan in Sadar thana this evening, officials said. The forest officials con-

ducted the surprise drive after a tip off and sieged the truckloaded with timber allegedly extracted from the government reserved forests. The timber was being taken to Chittagong from Rangamatt.

Students, transport

Dhaka: 815306-9, 819625-9, 889993 Ctg.: 501082, 503578, Khuina: 20304, Bogra: 6215

in Tangail From Our Correspondent TANGAIL, Sept 29: Traffic movement on 13 routes, including the Dhaka-Tangail highway, remained suspended from 2 pm today after a clash between the students of the Mirjapur College and transport workers. At least 5 persons were

injured, witnesses said. The clash started at about 1.30 pm when a bus driver was beaten up by 3 students of Mirjapur College. After this incident, the transport workers re-

portedly detained the three stu-As soon as the news of the incident reached the college, hundreds of students came out of the college campus with sticks in their hands and damaged four vehicles. The angry students also ransacked the transport office damaging the TV set and furniture. Police

later brought the situation under control. 285 more vehicles

seized in city By Staff Correspondent

Police seized 286 different types of vehicles and arrested four persons during a special drive in the city yesterday. The vehicles were seized for

not having valid documents. During the one and half-anhour drive from 3:45 pm. police seized 250 autorickshaws. 30 motor bikes, four private cars. two micro buses and one mishuk, police said.

Young man From Page 1

One of the injured identified

as Borhan was under treatment at the DMCH with bullet injuries till last night, DMCH sources added. The sources quoting local people said a gang of about 15

armed men stormed into the Alam Market area in Jurain at about 7 pm and started indiscriminate firing. A stray bullet hit Kalam who was sitting in front of a tea stall The reason behind the attack by the gang could not be known

immediately. However, local people said, the gang members, mostly locals, were involved in extortion and other terrorist activities

Troops capture LTTE stronghold of Kilinochchi

COLOMBO, Sept 29: Government troops smashed through stiff rebel resistance today and captured the Tamil Guerilla stronghold of Kilinochchi town, capping an eight-day siege which cost nearly 900 lives, a military official said, reports AP. Government troops were in-

side Kilinochchi town. 280 kilometers (170 miles) north of the capital, Colombo, and were clearing land mines and booby traps, according to the defence ministry's spokesman, Brig

Sanath Munasinghe. We are in the process of clearing and consolidating in Kilinochchi," Munasinghe told

the AP. Two flanks of government troops had entered the town from the southwest and the north, after blocking a rebel retreat into nearby jungles. Casualty figures weren't immedi-

ately available. Munasinghe It was the worst fighting in

the Indian Ocean island in the

last two months.

CU Syndicate From Page 1

rival student organisations

held at the residence of the CU

Vice Chancellor Friday night. The tripartite meeting was organised by the university authorities in a bid to end the ongoing stalemate at the CU following the September 17 clash between the rival student bodies on the campus.

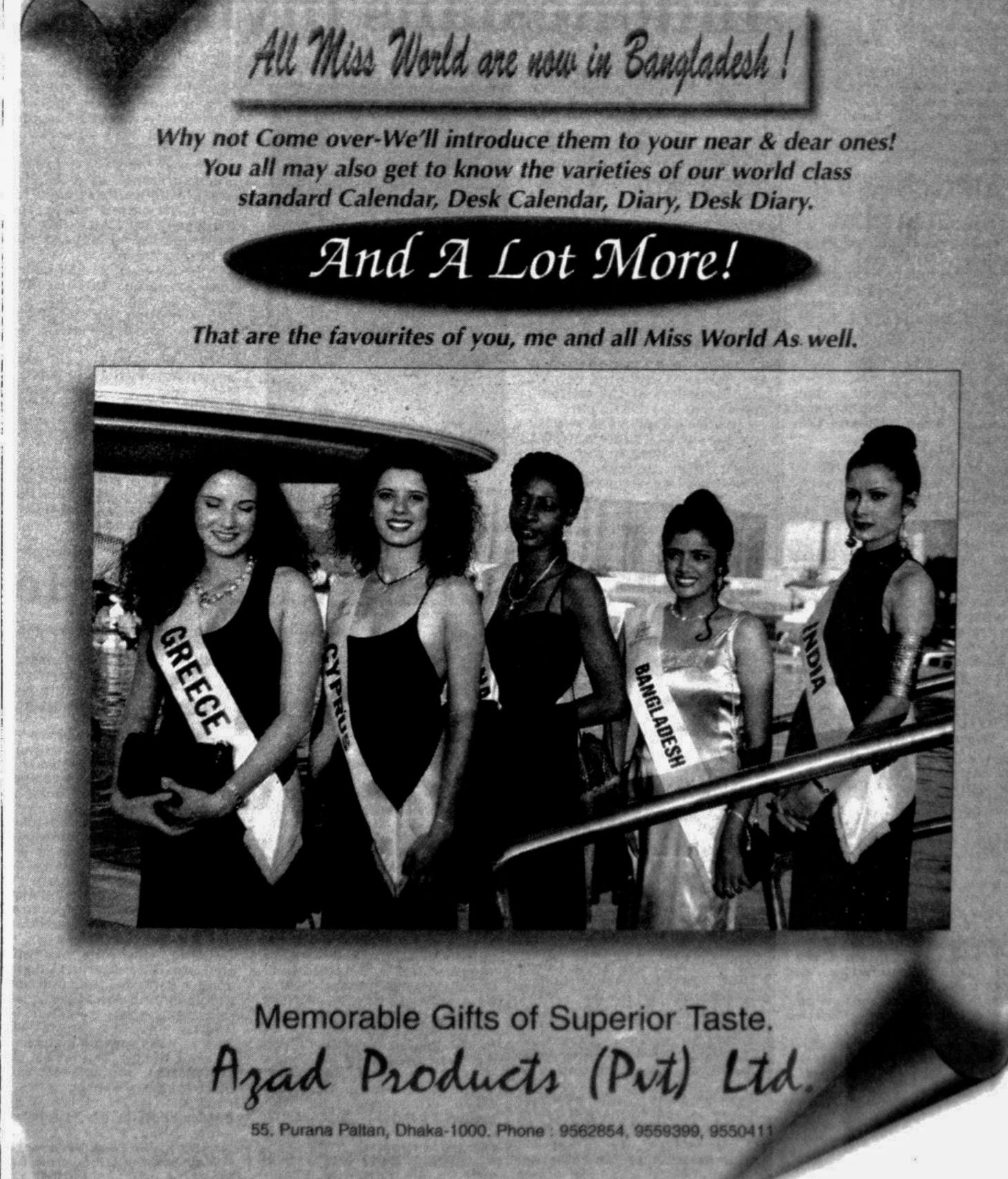
Classes at CU remained suspended since September 18 as BCL activists laid a siege at the entrance of the campus while Shibir activists took control of the halls.

DMC classes From Page 1

DMCH sources said the college was opened on September 10, but the classes remained suspended. They said the authorities

concerned had made arrangement to verify the identify cards of the resident students. Meanwhile, BCL and JCD

leaders reached an understanding to maintain peace on the



THE TIME IS NOW!

Israel reopens tunnel ernment into implementing the From Page timetable for applying autonself-rule agreements.

omy agreements" signed by Israel's previous Labour govern-"There is no point in meeting just to meet," he said.

But the right-wing Israeli leadership remained defiant. "The tunnel is open, will stay open, will always be open. Netanyahu said late Saturday. accusing Arafat of manipulating the tunnel issue to foment

7-member

rioting and pressure his gov-

From Page 1 one objective of the overall development of the country. "Also, we stick to our pledge for fulfilling the hopes and as-

pirations of the people for

which they fought and achieved

independence," she said. Sheikh Hasina said the people had elected the members of parliament to think about their problems and work selflessly for the improvement of the lot of the common people.

Hasina said entire working

process should be changed and

modern technology, including

industry computers, should be

introduced. The parliament library should be enriched and turned into a modern reference She extended thanks to the UNDP and other donors for what they have done and hoped that they would continue to support the Parliament Secre-

tariat in implementing its

modernisation plan.

This tunnel lies at least 250 meters from the nearest mosque ... to say it threatens

holy sites is an utter fabrication," he said. The scene was further troubled today when Netanyahu's main spokesman said that in light of Palestinian police attacks on Israeli soldiers, Israel

will demand new changes to its long delayed plan to withdraw from the West Bank city of Hebron, the main outstanding Israeli commitment under the 1995 Oslo Peace Accord. "It is obvious that the government is going to demand significant modifications" to signed agreements on the army

David Bar-Ilan said on Israel Earlier, the UN Security Council had passed a resolution late Saturday that indirectly called on Israel to close the tunnel. The vote was 14-0, with

redeployment from Hebron,

the United States abstaining. The 500-meter-long (550yard-long) passage runs along the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound and the Western Wall, sacred sites for Islam and Judaism.

Palestinians complain the tunnel undermines their control over the Muslim holy shrines in the city and challenges their claims to east Jerusalem as a future capital. Israel says the tunnel is 250 meters from the nearest mosque. It has always insisted it will never share power with the Palestinians in Jerusalem.

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children: PM

leaders, report agencies. -But the government alone

She was speaking at the

Ministry of Women and Chil-

Rights, Beijing Declaration and

Mati-O-Manush

Mati-O-Manush has been re-

moved from the programme.

gramme. His audience included the city dwellers as well as illiterate farmers of the country Sykh got national and international awards including the

When contacted, general

sion, commenting on Sykh's removal said, "none in the world is indispensable." "We are trying to present the programme in a new format. We want specialists in the field. Agriculture scientists have been complaining about the programme and therefore we have taken this decision to remove him." he said.

College girl abducted in city

by some youths at Pallabi in the city yesterday, police and fam-

from her college in the after-Her mother Hajera Begum told police that a group of five

Kushtia gunfight

which were sent to the Kushtia General Hospital for autopsy. A