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A partial view of campaigners in front of the FBCCI Bhaban during FBCCI election yesterday. — Star photo

Ctg gold smuggling case Police now looking for one Abul Kalam

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 17: Police began a hunt to nab the kingpins in the gold smuggling involving the privately owned Bangladeshi ship, QC Teal. Port police said that the names of the kingpins involved in the racket had come to their knowledge after interrogation of already arrested persons including the carrier, Jasim. But port police declined to divulge any further details for the interests of the investigation. QC Containers Ltd introduced early this year two private container ships — QC Teal and QC Pintail — in the feeder service between Chittagong and Singapore. Those two ships are owned by BNP MP Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and businessman Salman F Rahman of Beximco Ltd. Port police said they are now looking for one Abul Kalam who accompanied Jasim, the carrier of smuggled gold after he descended from the ship QC Teal at MBP jetty on Monday last.

Police sources said Kalam managed to escape hurriedly when port security personnel caught the carrier Jasim red-handed with the smuggled gold. Both Jasim and Kalam went to MBP jetty by a motorcycle and entered the ship for bringing the golds, the sources said. Besides, police is also looking for the car and people who waited outside the jetty gate to take delivery of the smuggled gold from the carrier. Port police have already restricted the movement of the crew and are keeping close watch over the ship. Police yesterday arrested four officials of QC Shipping and sent them to jail. They were Swapon Ghose, Moinul Azam, Borhan Uddin and Mir Hossein. The Customs authorities have detained the ship and ordered for making delivery of the goods imported by 160 containers in presence of police after thorough check-up, officials said.

Shahed wants to be computer engr

By Staff Correspondent

Md Shahed Kamal Majumdar of Comilla Cadet College, who secured the first position in the combined merit list of Science group under Comilla board, wants to be a computer engineer. Shahed, son of Abdul Mannan Mozumder said he had studied four to six hours a day regularly. According to him, firm determination and hard work helped him to secure the position in the examination.

Kabir wants to join army

From Our Correspondent

JHENIDAH, Oct 17: Rahat Kabir of Jhenidah Cadet College stood first in the combined merit list of the HSC examination under Jessore board securing 969 marks. Kabir got letters in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Statistics. Son of Sheikh Mohammad Hasanzaman, an instructor at the college of Textile Technology in Dhaka, Rahat used to study four hours a day. He wants to join the army.

Procession at DU

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dent organisations, when it reached Madhu's canteen, witnesses said. Earlier, the students held a rally in front of the 'Aparajeyo Bangla' where they suggested that the temporary ban on student politics could be imposed through a national consensus. The injured students, however, could not be identified. They were taken to the local clinics, campus sources said.

Mother kills baby

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early this morning and sent them to the Narayanji General Hospital morgue. Sonargaon police registered two cases of unnatural death. According to police, Baby Begum had been passing hard days after her rickshawpuller husband abandoned her some six months ago. Since then, she had been living with her mother and working as a maid servant. They were married three years ago.

Monirul wants to become computer engineer

By Staff Correspondent

Mohammad Monirul Haque, who topped the combined merit list of the Science group in the HSC examination under Dhaka Board, wants to be a computer engineer. A student of Mirzapur Cadet College, Monirul said the result was to his expectation. Son of Nurul Haq, the deputy chief in the Ministry of Communications, Monir said he is not interested in politics. He declined to make any comment on the present trend of student politics when asked whether he supported President Shahabuddin's proposal for a moratorium on student politics. Monirul, who scored 957 marks, said he had studied three to four hours a day. But during holidays he had studied for six to eight hours a day with the help of private tutors. He said, he is fond of tennis and spends his leisure time by reading Bengali books.

83 killed

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Government spokesman Oscar Mias, however, said the rush began when fans tried to flow from a drunken brawl that broke out in the general seating bleachers in the south stands. At least 83 people died, most of them apparently by suffocation, said Victor Hugo Perez, the nation's top prosecution. Perez refused to comment on the cause of the disaster, saying the investigation was just beginning. The bodies lay for hours inside the stadium. The dead included victims with their broken limbs grotesquely twisted, a woman in Indian dress and a child with nose bloodied and head cocked. In all, at least 15 children were seen among the dead. Hospitals said about 180 people were treated for broken bones, bruises, and shock. The emergency rooms overflowed with people searching for loved ones. At one, a boy squirmed on a gurney, with what appeared to be footprints smeared across his white shirt. No makeup date was announced for the match.

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Separation of judiciary Final report before November 1 likely

Star Report

The five-member committee on separation of the judiciary from the executive organ of the state has inducted two more members in it, according to official sources. The committee so far held five meetings and is expected to give its final report to the Ministry of Law Justice and Parliamentary Affairs before the Jatiya Sangsad goes into its second session on November 1. A Bill on separation of the judiciary is likely to be tabled in the parliament in its coming session, the sources said. The Bill will seek vesting the control of subordinate judges and magistrates exercising judicial power in the Supreme Court, the sources said. A two-third majority will be needed for the Bill to be passed in the Jatiya Sangsad, the sources added. Another Bill seeking certain amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPc) will

also be required in this regard. This Bill can be passed by a simple majority, according to the sources. During BNP rule, a Bill on separation of the judiciary was submitted by the then Opposition but it was not tabled in the House even after several meetings of the parliamentary committee concerned. The two new members of the committee are Mustafizur Rahman joint secretary of Ministry of Law and Justice and Iktidar Ahmed Director of the Judicial Training Institute. The five member committee was formed on September 9, with secretary Ministry of Law and Justice Aminullah as its Chairman. Other members of the committee are Abul Bashar Bhuiyan joint secretary of the ministry Anwarul Haq deputy secretary, and Nurul Islam Khan an official of the ministry and Kazi Abdul Awal, secretary, Law Commission.

Federal rule in UP extended

NEW DELHI, Oct 17: Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma issued an order today to extend New Delhi's direct rule in the country's most populous state of Uttar Pradesh following inconclusive local polls there, news agencies said. The Press Trust of India said Sharma signed the proclamation just hours before direct rule, imposed in the politically volatile state last year, was due to expire at midnight, reports Reuter.

Services of Eng teachers extended

The government has decided to extend the tenure of service of English teachers as the number of English teachers in the government and non-government educational institutions are less than the required number, an official handout said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The government has also decided to fill up the vacant posts of English teachers and appoint more on contract basis. The decisions were taken as the percentage of success in the board examinations has fallen considerably with the increasing number of failure in English.

7 JCD activists held in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 17: Seven activists of the Sylhet district unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal were arrested here on night. Police said, Shamsuzzaman Zaman, ex-joint convener, district JCD was wanted in a number of criminal cases including murder. Acting on a secret information, a police team raided his house in Shahabadi area of Sylhet town at about 8:30 pm and caught Zaman and six others from there.

Alexander Lebed sacked

MOSCOW, Oct 17: Alexander Lebed warned today that events in breakaway Chechnya would get worse after President Boris Yeltsin sacked him as Russia's Security Chief. Lebed has signed a peace deal with Chechen rebels, reports Reuter.

Correction

In the eighth paragraph of the news item headlined 'Voters ID cards project: Alleged irregularities in spending to be probed' printed in the Thursday's issue of The Daily Star, it was mistakenly reported 'The committee, formed on October 12, will submit an analytical report within 80 days, said EC sources.' It was printed 80 days instead of 30 days due to printing mistake. The error is regretted.

3 held, 2 fake passports seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including a woman were arrested at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday morning. They were on their way to Paris, airport sources said. They were identified as Shahida Akhter, 45, wife of Abul Hossain of Kalabagan, Shamim Ahmed, 17, son of Asruddin of Zokiganj, Sylhet, and Masud Ahmed, 17, son of Hazi Abul Ahad of Daulatpur, Moulvibazar, police said. The woman claimed that the two teenaged boys were her sons but the two were carrying fake passports, police added.

The three were arrested by the Cantonment police under Section 54, police said. They suspected the Shahida identifying the teenagers as her sons arranged visas for them. The woman earlier travelled to London and Paris, police said. However, Shahida who hails from Singair in Manikganj district told police that she came in contact with Masud and Shamim through their parents.

She also claimed that she had attempted to commit suicide, pulling the concealed wires inside the custody cell but he was prevented by the inmates there. Police said Milton, one of the detainees taken to custody the same night, first saw Tuhin's body hanging in the bathroom at around 3:50 am. Milton started screaming and police on duty and the other detainees immediately rushed to the bathroom. They found the body hanging from the pipe by a shoe lace, police added.

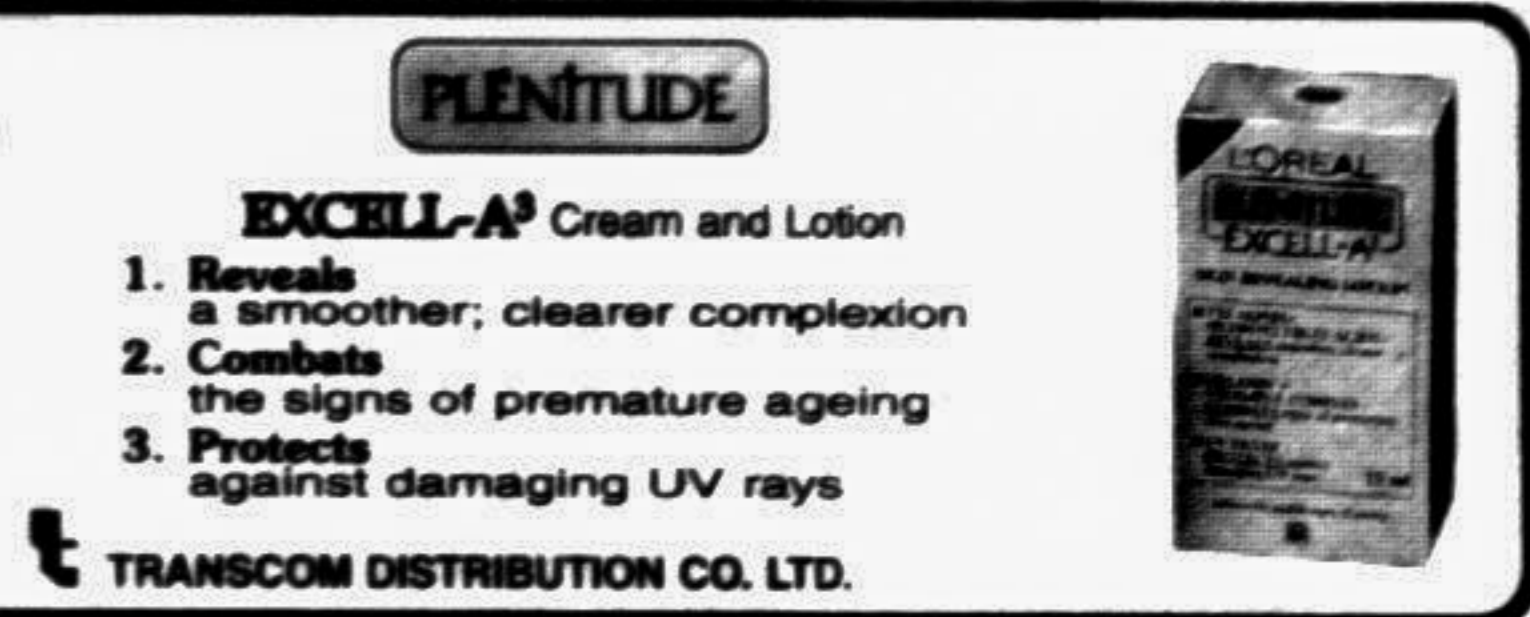
Later, the duty officer and other policemen informed the senior police officials about the incident. Police also informed the magistrate who came to the thana at about 10 am, sources said. Police said that Tuhin managed to collect the lace from a shoe which was kept close to the entrance of the cell. Meanwhile, Tuhin's elder brother Shahin Mahmud, in a General Diary (GD) filed with the Motijheel thana, said that police seriously assaulted Tuhin when they arrested him. Shahin said that his sister had informed police that Tuhin was sick, but the police did not stop assaulting him. In the GD, Shahin also alleged that the police continued to beat up his brother after he was taken to the Motijheel thana. He mentioned in the diary, 'I strongly believe that my brother did not commit suicide. The death was caused due to some other reason.'

Death in custody

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Extortionists attack fruit vendors in city

By DMC Correspondent

A gang of unidentified young men exploded at least 10 cocktails and assaulted some fruit vendors in front of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday. Armed with lethal weapons, they also fired some shots during the attack creating panic in and around the hospital at 5 pm, hospital sources said. The fruit vendors came under attack as they reportedly refused to pay toll to the gang members, local people alleged. Of the injured, Jamal, Alim, Osman and Hashem aged between 25 and 30, were admitted to the DMCH.

HSC results

From Page 1 Board this year 23715 passed of whom 3539 secured First Division, 16075 Second Division and 4101 passed in Third Division.

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Under the Jessore Board 106739 students appeared at the examinations. Of them 20650 passed; 4260 in First Division, 33528 in Second Division and 2862 in Third Division. Md Rahat Kabir of Jhenidah Cadet College topped the combined merit list of Science, Agricultural Science and Home Economics group. Sharif Mohammad Faisal of Barisal Cadet College secured

first position in the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group. Nasrin Akter of Azam Khan Government Commerce College secured the first position in the Commerce group. A total of 36475 students appeared under the newly created Chittagong Board. Of them 12581 passed; 1955 in First Division, 8464 in Second Division and 2162 Third Division. Ragib Hasan of Chittagong College stood topped the combined merit list of Science, Agricultural Science and Home Economics.

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Percentage

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The newly created Chittagong Board was carved out from the Comilla Board. The results of Rajshahi Board will be announced tomorrow. Officials said that the percentage of pass has fallen as all the boards for the first time had conducted examinations with the same set of questions. The students got used to a set pattern of questions which was not followed this time, they added. The examination system adopted this time followed a policy to judge the merit of the students on the basis of their knowledge and not on memorising, the officials added. The percentage of pass in the previous years under three education boards are given below:

Table with 4 columns: Boards, 1995, 1993, 1992. Rows: Comilla, Dhaka, Jessore.

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In the Dhaka board, the Barisal Cadet College captured 13 positions from the combined merit list of three groups while the Jessore Cantonment College captured 12. Jhenidah Cadet College secured eight positions and Azam Khan Government Commerce College in Khulna managed five positions from the combined merit lists of the three groups.

Some stampedes

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Remove illiteracy for development: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the whole nation has to have the light of education to ensure progress and prosperity in national life, reports UNB.

'Our efforts for national progress is being hampered as majority population are illiterate... national advancement will remain a far cry if the cruse of illiteracy cannot be removed,' she said. Addressing an award giving ceremony of the National Primary Education Week '96 at Osmani Memorial Hall in the morning, the prime minister said the more the nation is educated the more it will be advanced. 'Through education we have to turn hands of the people into the hands of workers,' she said mentioning that the country was also lagging far behind in economic sector due to illiteracy.

The Prime Minister hoped that it would be possible to achieve the target in education sector if a social movement can be launched on the basis of national consensus. Education Minister ASHK Sadeq and Primary and Mass Education Secretary Ameer-ul-Mulk also addressed the function.

Later, the prime minister distributed prizes among primary school students for their best performance in recitation, song, speech, acting, painting and dance competition. She also gave away prizes to the best teachers, organisers, education officials and those who encouraged spread of education.

Save Dhaka

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The Mayor and the ward commissioners raised a number of demands including establishment of a full-fledged agriculture university, nationalisation of the Rajshahi Agriculture College, a central mosque, central shaheed minar, agriculture faculty at the Rajshahi University, factory for producing agro-inputs, setting up of an EPZ, and completion of the under construction divisional stadium. Besides, they demanded establishment of a child hospital, a cancer centre and a heart foundation at Rajshahi city, construction of city protection embankment and launching of massive afforestation programme for halting desertification of the northern part of the country. They also underlined the need for implementation of master plan for Rajshahi City Corporation with provisions for supplying pure drinking water, sewerage facilities, more street light and other service-oriented projects. They also demanded official announcement of Rajshahi as 'education city.'

Reciprocating the approaches the Prime Minister said that most of their demands would be fulfilled.

Reported from Chittagong, Khulna, Barisal and Rajshahi said that all preparations have been completed to celebrate the Durga Puja.

Fire at ship

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who rushed to the spot soon after receiving the distress signal from the captain of the ship. The vessel was carrying stationery goods from Japan. The ship was due to anchor at the port tomorrow and load exportable goods for European countries. The Harbour Master said all the victims are foreigners, but their nationalities are yet to be known. The extent of damage could not be determined.

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Draft Indemnity Repeal Bill submitted

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1975 can be repealed by an Act of Parliament passed by a simple majority under Article 80 of the Constitution or by promulgating an ordinance under Article 93.

The Indemnity Ordinance is not part of the Constitution and as per Article 142 of the Constitution, no constitutional amendment is necessary to repeal it, the six-member committee headed by the Law Secretary Aminullah said, in its report, according to official sources. 'For repealing of the Indemnity Ordinance, 1975, the procedure laid down in Article 142 for amendment of the Constitution need not be followed,' the committee observed in its six-page report. The Law Commission is also in 'complete agreement' with the Committee on the legal aspects regarding repeal of Indemnity Ordinance, the sources said. The report of the Committee was sent to the Law Commission on October 15, the sources said adding that the Commission gave its opinion on the report two days later expressing 'complete agreement' with the

findings of the committee. The Law Commission is headed by former Chief Justice SKMA Munim. The State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs said 'No civilised society can stand a law that indemnifies trial of any killer. Subject to the approval of the Cabinet, I will move the Bill in the next session of Parliament,' he said, adding, 'The issue will be discussed in the next cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday.'

He argued against the validity of the Ordinance itself, referring to Article 93 of the Constitution. The State Minister said that Khandaker Moustaque Ahmed who promulgated the Ordinance had actually no Constitutional right to do so. 'According to the then Constitution, when the post of the Vice President of the Republic was supposed to take over as President, in the absence of the Vice-President the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad could take over.' Khandaker Moustaque Ahmed was neither Vice-President, nor Speaker of Parliament. The assumption of Presi-

dent by Moustaque Ahmed, who was a cabinet member, itself was unconstitutional, and promulgation of an Ordinance by an illegal President is bound to be illegal too,' the minister said. Referring to Article 46 of the Constitution that gives Parliament the right to indemnify certain things, the State Minister said that the provision concerned could never be applicable to the present case. 'The Article reads: "... Parliament may by law make provision for indemnifying any person in the service of republic or any other person in respect of any act done by him in connection with the national liberation struggle or the maintenance or restoration of order in any area in Bangladesh or validate any sentence passed, punishment inflicted, forfeiture ordered, or other act done in any such area.'

'The killing of Bangabandhu, his family members and relatives had nothing to do with the essence of the Article, which is clearly a transitional provision. So the ratification of the Indemnity Ordinance by Fifth Parliament under the Article clearly seems to be illegal.'