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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina giving away awards of the National Education Week '96 at the Osmany Memorial Hall yesterday.

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Free education for girls up to HSC soon : PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said comprehensive education programmes, including free schooling for girls up to twelve class, would be implemented soon for a quick raise in the nation's literacy rate, reports UNB.

"We'll immediately implement free women education programme up to twelve class," she said, adding there is no alternative to education for socio-cultural advancement, political stability and economic development of the country.

Education is an essential element to free the nation from poverty, she said, adding "we have singled out poverty as the number one problem of the country and education as the means of freeing the nation from poverty."

Addressing the award-giving ceremony of the National Education Week 1996 at the Osmany Memorial Hall in the morning, she said an educated man is an asset for his family and for the nation.

The Prime Minister said her government believes that it

US goes to polls

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Republicans would keep control of Congress.

Making the case for his own re-election, the president cast himself in the role of a unifier.

"We must say 'No' tomorrow to the proposition that we are all a bunch of isolated individuals," Clinton told a charged-up crowd in West Palm Beach, Florida, on Sunday. "We are one nation, one community, going forward into the 21st century."

Without mentioning challenger Dole by name, Clinton became more pointed in his suggestion that a Republican in the White House would be a source of social division.

Dole, meanwhile, continued his own marathon campaigning, spending Sunday in California, before setting out early today for a one-day blitz of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Iowa.

At every stop, Dole stressed the theme that Clinton is incapable of providing the moral and ethical leadership the nation deserves.

Dole suggested at a midnight rally in Sacramento, the California capital, that the

New gas field discovered in B'baria

A new gas field has been discovered in the Shalda river of Kasba thana in Brahmanbaria district, reports UNB.

This will be the 20th natural gas reserve of the country, said an official handout yesterday.

Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration Company Limited (BAPEX) under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources has discovered the gas field without any help from foreign experts.

BAPEX had started digging a 251-metre deep well in the field on July 19 and completed the work on October 18.

BAPEX discovered another commercial gas field at Shabhpur in Bholi district in November last year, the handout added.

Clinton White House will face increasing legal entanglements in a second term that could hurt the country.

Reform Party candidate Ross Perot was a distant third everywhere but pulling enough votes in some states to influence the outcome. He spent the day in his campaign venue of choice — a television studio — working

WASHINGTON, Nov 4: The first results from tomorrow's US elections are expected shortly after polls close at 6 pm EST (2300 GMT) in the states of Kentucky and Indiana. Fuller results will come when another seven eastern states close their polls at 7 pm (midnight GMT).

The first television network projection of the presidential election winner is unlikely to come before 9 pm (0200 GMT) and it could be much later if the race is close, reports Reuter.

On spots to fill 120 minutes of network time he has purchased on elective eve.

The US presidential race is decided by electoral votes, with each state given a certain number of votes based on its population. Winning a state, even by the smallest of margins, entitles a candidate to all of that state's electoral votes. It takes a majority, or 270 of 538 electoral votes, to win the presidency.

Clinton's steps to open KPM urged

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: The Karnaphuli Paper Mills (KPM) All Party Action Committee today submitted a memorandum urging the Prime Minister to take urgent steps to reactivate the mills which stopped operation on Sunday due to disconnection of gas line, reports UNB.

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PM's instruction

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documents, widespread deviation from the set method of evaluation, nepotism and politicisation during the time of the previous government.

These activities, the handout said, had hampered the public interest and helped increase of *mastani* in one hand and on the other public works were of low quality and low standard items had been supplied to government.

Following the instruction of the Prime Minister tender documents of all categories of government and semi-government organisations having estimated cost of Taka ten lakh or over would be available in the concerned organisations as well as divisional commissioner's office.

Necessary steps will be taken in offices concerned to maintain law and order so that all contractors and suppliers can participate safely in the bidding.

If any contractor or supplier was found violating the normal process he would be black listed and would be charged under the criminal code.

College student stabbed to death in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 4: Tension is prevailing on the B L College campus after the brutal killing of Moshifur Rahman, 23, a student of college.

He was beaten to death near the Boyra Government Girls' College on Sunday evening by a group of unidentified young men, police said.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) claiming the deceased as their activist has blamed the JCD for the killing. The JCD has denied the charge.

Hasina also distributed medals and certificates among 126 students of schools and intermediate-level colleges for their performance in song, dance, recitation, speech, qirat and other competitions.

Army man beats up CCC driver

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: Traffic on the city's busy CDA Avenue halted for about an hour today following a dispute between the drivers of an Army vehicle and a City Corporation garbage carrier, reports UNB.

Witnesses said an Army driver beat the driver of a Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) garbage vehicle which hit the Army pickup at the WASA crossing around 2 pm.

The BCL has, however, demanded a holiday in the BL College tomorrow in memory of the deceased.

US fighter fires missile at Iraqi missile system

WASHINGTON, Nov 4: A US F-16 fighter fired a anti-radar missile at an Iraqi mobile surface-to-air missile system today in the second such incident in three days, a Pentagon spokesman said, reports AFP.

The F-16 received indications he was being targeted, said Pentagon spokesman Sam Grizelle. "Acting under the rules of engagement, he fired a missile at it."

The incident occurred at 0900 GMT about 40 kilometers from where a similar incident occurred Saturday.

7 killed

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other victim, aged about 25, could not be identified.

Drivers of the trucks fled immediately. Both the trucks were heading towards Dhaka.

In another incident, twelve policemen were injured when a truck rammed a police petrol van near Mijimiji on the Narayanganj-Demra road.

Of the injured, three were taken to the Pangu Hospital in Dhaka in serious condition, four to the Rajarbagh Police line hospital and two to the Narayanganj hospital. Three others were released after first aid.

Our Correspondent from Tangail says, one person was killed and 16 others injured in a road accident at Korofa Bazar under Tangail thana on the Dhaka-Tangail highway yesterday evening.

Witnesses said, a Tangail-bound minibus of Sajib Paribahan hit some road-side vehicles at 5.30 pm as the driver lost control of the bus.

Abul Kalam, 23, a tempo driver of Nagar Jalpal, died on the spot.

Critically injured Shahidul Islam was sent to Dhaka for treatment while 10 others were admitted to Tangail General Hospital.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent reports: A minor boy aged about five months was killed and three others including his parents were injured when a tempo driver of Nagar Jalpal, died on the spot.

Suranjit referred to the incident, shouts from BNP members obstructed him. Meanwhile, the Treasury Bench members were on their feet, leading the House to a state of near pandemonium.

At this point, the Speaker was heard saying: "I do not hear

Govt procured 10 lakh bales of Jute

By Staff Correspondent

Minister of State for Jute A K Faizul Haq informed the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday that the government procured 10.01 lakh bales (48.30 lakh maunds) of jute between July 1 and October 21 this year.

The average price was Tk 478.20 per maund.

Replies to questions from BNP lawmaker M K Anwar and Awami League deputy Mirza Azam, he said that the total requirement of state-run jute mills for the current fiscal was 18 lakh bales. There was a stock of one lakh bale from last fiscal's carryover, he said.

He told another questioner that there was no scope to raise the procurement price of jute.

Eight of the injured were given first aid at Gauripur Hospital.

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