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The wreckage of Princess Diana's car in the Alma tunnel of Paris. Princess Diana died yesterday a few hours after the crash. — AFP/UNB photo

**Diana killed in car crash**

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France's interior minister, Jean-Pierre Chevènement, said Diana's car was traveling at high speed through the tunnel, and the driver lost control. He didn't specify the speed, but a source close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was well over 100 kilometers per hour. The speed limit was 50 kph.  
The source added that the two were not believed to be wearing seatbelts.  
It said the car crashed into a concrete post in the centre divider, then bounced into the right wall. The impact decimated the car, turning it into a heap of crumpled metal and broken glass.  
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**NORTHOLT, (England), Aug 31:** The plane carrying the body of Diana landed at Northolt military airport west of London today from France. The plane took off from Villacoublay military airport southwest of Paris, carrying the coffin draped in the royal standard Prince Charles and her sisters Lady Sarah and Lady Jane accompanied the corpse during the short flight.  
Police also impounded two motorcycles and a scooter.  
Fayed, the 42-year-old son of the billionaire Egyptian owner of London's prestigious Harrod's department store, died immediately. Also killed was the chauffeur — a security agent at the Ritz Hotel, owned by Fayed's father, Mohammed Ali Fayed.  
Al Fausily injured in the crash.  
Like people in England, French people were shocked

**Take fresh vow: Khaleda**

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She called upon all to take a fresh vow to place the nation in a dignified position in the world by felling all conspiracies and propaganda at home and abroad.  
The BNP Chairperson in her 16-page speech narrated the overall socio-political and economic situation of the country as well as the failures of the government in various fields.  
She noted with resentment that despite the bumper crops this season, farmers of the country have become frustrated due to low prices of agricultural products and price hike of fertiliser, diesel, petrol and kerosene.  
Begum Zia also mentioned the widespread smuggling in the name of border trade, imposition of surcharge and duties on various items, narrowing lending facilities from banks and termination of industrial workers and employees.  
Turning to economic situation, she referred to the share market scam, liquidity crisis in banks, downward trend in forex reserve, decrease in export, increase of revenue expenditure and devaluation of taka for 14 times.  
Begum Zia said, "The prices of essentials have shot up, but the income of people has not increased. As a result, dissatisfaction is mounting, gradually. This situation has become a threat to the country's stability and development."  
US Senator from California Adam Sheef and National Professor Syed Ali Ahsan were present at the conference as special guests. Convener of the FOBANA conference Dr Jainal Abedin presided over the plenary session.  
It was addressed, among others, by convener of 1998 FOBANA Conference and President of Bangladesh Society in New York Akhtar Hossain, Mohammad Hossain, Dr Siddiqur Rahman, Dr Fazlul Kabir and FOBANA Conference Secretary Hasan Duke.  
In a condolence message, Begum Zia said Britain has lost a popular and soft-hearted personality at the death of Diana.  
British High Commissioner in Dhaka David Walker and his staff have expressed deep shock at the death of Diana, the princess of Wales.

**One chopped to death in Jhenidah**

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Aug 31: One person was chopped to death by a group of terrorists at Halidhahi Bazar in Jhenidah this afternoon.

**4 workers killed in Ctg landslide**

CHITTAGONG, Aug 31: Four labourers were killed and another was seriously injured in a landslide at Bangla Bazar near Sher Shah Colony in the city this evening, reports UNB.  
The dead were identified as Abdul Kader, 50, Khalilur Rahman, 25, Mohammad Jahangir 22, and Nuruzzaman 28 — all workers of a brickfield.  
Fire service sources said five workers were buried under a big chunk of earth that slumped on them from the hilltop at about 7 pm.  
Soon after the decision, jubilant supporters of Chhatra League, Chhatra Union and Chhatra Front brought out a victory procession.

**Decision to name JU hall after Pritilata**

From JU Correspondent  
The Jahangirnagar University Syndicate has decided to name the fourth female residential hall as Birkannya Pritilata Hall.  
The Syndicate meeting, chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof Amirul Islam Choudhury, decided to christen the hall to honour Pritilata Waddekar, a revolutionary who died fighting the British colonial rulers in 1930 in Chittagong.  
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**Anguish over acquittal of some accused**

By Staff Correspondent  
Sammilita Nari Samaj, a conglomerate of women's organisations, has urged the government to appeal before the higher court against the verdict in Yasmin rape and murder case.  
In a press release yesterday, Nari Samaj expressed its surprise and deep anguish at the acquittal of persons accused of concealing evidences.  
It, however, said the court verdict awarding death sentence to three of the accused was a reflection of peoples' will and demand of women's bodies.

**Bangabandhu**

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"Fact Sheet on the trial of the persons accused of the murder of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and others." It includes several chapters including the legal position of the indemnity Ordinance, nature of the legal system, the chargesheet, final report, legal counsel and other issues.  
Some copies of the book have already been despatched to Bangladesh missions abroad and some others are being dispatched, according to sources. The missions are also being advised to pass on the copies to the host governments.  
The book also includes a list of the 20 accused in the Bangabandhu murder case and mentions the names of the five accused in jail, 14 absconding accused and also the name of Zobaidda Rashid, wife of Lt Col Abdur Rashid, an absconding accused. Zobaidda Rashid was released on bail by the High Court and the government has preferred an appeal.  
The "Fact Sheet" carries the portraits of all the accused except Zobaidda Rashid.  
Meanwhile, Waliur Rahman, Additional Secretary of the Foreign Ministry, has been given the charge of coordinating the information campaign abroad regarding trial of Bangabandhu murder case.

**US Open**

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of the draw and it was her first quarterfinal in Grand Slam event. The scores however do not do justice to the efforts put on by Kruger. Once again it was evident that players losing their composure and choosing wrong shots have none else out to blame themselves. Kruger caused consternation by beating the 14th seed Barbara Paulus of Austria in the first round. Then she accounted for Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia.  
In the third round Kruger defeated Tanasugara of Thailand, the teenager who caused some sensation by defeating much fancied Chanda Rubin of the USA in the opening match at the Ashe Stadium. Williams on the other hand outplayed Anke Huber of Germany, seeded 8, in the 3rd round in straight sets 6-3, 6-4. Williams now awaits the winner of Habsudova-Testud tie being played at the time of filing this report.

**Diana, Grace**

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Just as Diana's death has, Grace's death brought disbelief, an outpouring of emotion, morbid curiosity and conflicting rumors of the exact circumstances.  
Diana died today hours after Mercedes raced into a tunnel under the Place de l'Alma overlooking the Seine across from the Eiffel Tower to outrun a pack of paparazzi. Her companion, Dodi Fayed, was killed instantly.  
Grace, too, died quickly after her mid-morning crash on Sept 14, 1982. She was in the front seat with her daughter, Stephanie, then 17, who suffered neck injuries.  
For years, rumors persisted that the underage Stephanie, and not Grace, who had been behind the wheel.  
The princesses shared more than their striking blond beauty and shy demeanor.  
Neither lived happily ever after and both saw their storybook marriages go sour.  
Diana battled depression and bulimia, while Grace was often portrayed as a heavy drinker who, in her final years, sought comfort in the arms of younger men.  
"Both princesses felt betrayed in their marriages," said Madeleine Fabian, a restaurant owner. "But Diana, at least, looked as though she was starting a new life. For Grace, it was already too late."

**British press**

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takes. Your every intention is misrepresented, every action is criticized," she told the paper last Tuesday.  
"I think it's different in other countries. I am greeted with kindness. I am accepted for what I am, without preconceptions," she said.  
She also said that her sons were the only thing that was keeping her in Britain, where she was continually hounded by the tabloids.

**Construction of Teesta embankment from Dec '97**

LALMONIRHAT, Aug 31: The next secretary-level meeting of the Joint River Commission will be held on October 31 after holding meetings of technical and standing committees, reports UNB.  
It was announced today at the end of 'fruitful' talks between the officials of India and Bangladesh on sharing the water of river Teesta that flows into the country from India.  
The secretary-level JRC meeting between the two countries was held at the Teesta Barrage Rest House 'Abashar' at Doani in Hatibandha thana of the district on Saturday.  
It decided to construct a 1.8 kilometre-long embankment, mostly in Indian territory, from Kaliganj of Bangladesh to Parmekiganj in India.  
The construction work will start in December and will be completed by March 31, the experts said at a press briefing here this morning.  
At the press briefing, head of the Indian delegation and water resources secretary Mata Prasad told reporters that "the meeting was fruitful".  
He said, "The draft Teesta-water sharing agreement cannot be finalised due to lack of sufficient data on the flow."

**Sites for rally**

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Nagar Bhaban. BNP, Jatiya Party Jamaat and Left Front did not, however, attend the meeting.  
The designated sites are: No-7 Outer Stadium, North-eastern side of Osmani Uddyan, Dhakeshwari Mandir Field, Mirpur Section-1 School Field, Agargaon Parade Square, Bashabo Field and Golapbagh Field.  
DCC sources said, that as per the decision, no public meetings could be held on any city road from today and strict legal action would be taken against anyone violating the ban.  
"We will not give permission for holding public meetings even on the road in front of the Jatiya Press Club," said an official.  
The decision was taken in view of public sufferings due to indiscriminate use of public thoroughfares for public meetings," added the official who attended the meeting.  
Political parties attending yesterday's meeting included Awami League, Zaker Party, Jatiya Janata Party, Bangladesh Muslim League and Ganatantri Party.

**Founding day**

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The central command of the party has taken up a 10-day programme, beginning on September 1, with hoisting the national and the party flags at the BNP central office.  
The programmes also include placing wreaths and offering fatiha at the mazar of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, the founding Chairman of BNP, at 9 am.  
The party will hold a discussion meeting at the Engineers' Institution auditorium at 4 pm. The party central office will be illuminated while arches will be erected in the city on the occasion.  
On Tuesday, a cultural programme will be held in front of BNP central office at 5 pm. On Wednesday, a colourful procession will be brought out from the same venue at 4 pm.  
Besides, BNP's front organisations will take up various programmes from September 4-10.  
Party's district, city, thana, poura and town units will also organise similar programmes.

**ALPP meet**

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The opinion that the prices of petroleum could have been increased in phases or after holding discussion or seminar on the matter so that the people could realise the necessity of the price-hike.  
Haji Selim, who is known for his straight-forward opinions, said "the overall situation in the country is not good... people rebuke us on the street." His remarks were learnt to have been endorsed by other MPs.  
In the face of strong criticism by the MPs, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was learnt to have come to the rescue of the Energy Minister.  
The prime minister told her party MPs that nothing could be solved overnight. It takes time to complete various formalities in setting up new power plants and solve the power shortage, she said and reminded that hasty decisions may lead to irregularities or corruption.  
About the price-hike of petroleum, she said the energy sector cannot run for long through subsidy from the government. The phase-wise increase might lead to increased smuggling of petrol.

**Transit**

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Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed and his Nepalese counterpart Surubindra Nath Shukla will be present at the ceremony at this point. The Nepalese minister reached Dhaka last evening.  
Initially, the transit of goods and transportation to and from Nepal would involve multi-modal transportation. This is due to the absence of road and rail link over the Ropsha river and due to lack of good and uninterrupted surface links from Mongla Port to Bangladesh.  
According to sources, it will take some more time before there is a regular flow of goods using the new transit points.  
Nepalese ambassador Lok Bahadur Srestha told The Daily Star that his country will look into the possibility of transferring goods from Mongla Port by waterways upto Baghabari point in Pabna. From there, the goods would be transported by Nepalese trucks through the transit points at Banglabandha-Fulbari.  
The envoy said transportation of goods through Calcutta Port required negotiating a longer stretch of Indian highway by the road transport operators. When Mongla Port is used, although the distance to and from Kathmandu would be same (around 1,150 kilometres), 50 per cent of the surface route would be on Nepalese soil through its East-West highway.  
The ambassador mentioned that the Nepalese trucking industry has developed considerably and it would be benefited further by carrying commodities from the Banglabandha-Fulbari point.

**BNP protest march**

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gans till 7 pm.  
At the rally in front of Jatiya Press Club, the BNP leaders threatened to launch an 'oust-government' movement, if the government fails to meet their 14-point demand immediately.  
The demands include withdrawal of fuel price enhancement, ensuring fair price of jute, paddy and other agricultural products, formation of parliamentary standing committees, implementation of the pay-scale, arrest of the attackers on BNP MPs, release of all arrested BNP men and withdrawal of false cases.  
BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan announced a nationwide "Demonstration Day" on September 15 demanding that the government decision on enhancement of fuel prices be withdrawn.  
Besides, he said, the party will launch a mass contact programme from today to September 14 across the country.  
Bhuiyan said the government had forced his party to come down to the street from parliament. "We have the intention to give the government five years' time, but the ruling party has pushed the country into such a situation that no patriotic party or people can sit idle," he said.  
He said all the programmes so far enforced by the BNP were peaceful, but police resorted to repression, harassment and arrest on the eve of the programmes. Police also resorted to barbaric action during the programmes without any provocation.  
Bhuiyan alleged that police on Saturday night raided the residences of a number of BNP leaders and harassed their family members.

**Nepal's gratitude for allowing transit**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said that regional and sub-regional cooperation could play a vital role in changing the destiny of the peoples of this region, reports BSS.  
The Prime Minister said this when visiting Nepalese Commerce Minister Surubindra Nath Shukla met her at the PM's Sangsad Bhaban office yesterday.  
The Nepalese Minister expressed gratitude for allowing transit facilities to his country.  
Expressing satisfaction for getting the transit facilities during the government of Sheikh Hasina, Shukla said.

**Bill passed**

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ish a statement and interruption by the Treasury Bench MPs." The BNP, which submitted a memorandum to the Speaker yesterday, did not go back to the House. The Jamaat has joined the BNP move yesterday.  
The bill was originally placed in the House on June 12. While placing the bill, Health and Family Welfare Minister Saleuddin Yusuf proposed "rigorous imprisonment upto two years or fine upto Taka one lakh or both" for cheating people through malpractices in the name of medical treatment and for publishing exaggerated advertisements.  
But the Special Parliamentary Committee formed to scrutinise the proposed legislation, headed by ruling party MP Rahmat Ali, recommended that the imprisonment should be extended to three years and the fine should be raised to Tk two lakh.  
The minister accepted the recommendations.  
Two other recommendations of the Special Committee were, however, rejected by the House by voice vote. Suranjit Sengupta and Rafiqul Islam of the ruling Awami League proposed rejection of the recommendations. Sengupta argued that "the Special Committee is entitled to examine the legal points of a proposed legislation, but it is beyond its jurisdiction to incorporate a fresh provision into a proposed law."  
Earlier, the House disposed of two call attention notices on electrification in Mathbaria areas under Perajpur district and construction of a bridge over the Khoal river in Sayestaganj areas. The notices were submitted by Jatiya Party MP Rustam Ali Farazi and Awami League MP Dewan Farid Gazi respectively. The ministers concerned assured the MPs of taking effective steps to resolve the problems as soon as possible.

**Hand Mixer**

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The House sitting was adjourned at 9.12 pm yesterday to resume at 4:00 pm today.

**Yasmin murder case**

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The judge sat in the crowded courtroom at 10:32 am and read out the 120-page judgement of the case tried under the Children and Women Repression Control Act and the 175-page judgement of the case tried under the Penal Code in two hours and after delivering the judgement, he straight entered his chamber.  
In the case under Children and Women Repression Control Act, the Judge in his verdict opined that although there were no eyewitnesses to the offences committed by the three main accused, ASI Motiul Haque, Constable Abdus Sattar and driver Amrit Lal Burman, yet according to the circumstantial evidences they are found guilty and accordingly they are given the capital punishment of death sentence.  
In the case under the Penal Code, the judge said that the charges against the eight accused out of the nine could not be established and they are set at liberty.  
The remaining accused, ASI Motiul Haque, was found guilty of the offence and was awarded rigorous imprisonment for five years.  
From early morning today, large number of people including women started to gather at the court premises. The court room was also packed beyond capacity.  
Leading members of different women's organisation from Dhaka and other areas of the country and members of human rights organisations were present at the court premises.  
Earlier, the judge concluded the hearing of the twin case in the Women and Children Repression Special Court and the District and Sessions Judge Court separately and fixed August 31 for judgement simultaneously.  
The Special Court examined 48 prosecution witnesses while the District Court examined 46 witnesses in the case.  
Public Prosecutor advocate Gazdur Rahman, special PP Azizur Rahman Mostazir and Barrister Amirul Islam conducted the prosecution.  
Advocate Majibar Rahman, Abdus Sattar, Abdul Haq Pramank, Abdul Malek, Khondakar Mahub Hossain, Advocate Taleb Ali, Moazzem Hossain, Rezaul Haq Sarkar Rana, Abdul Gani, Nazmul Islam, Abdur Rashid Chowdhury and Mir Iqbal Hossain defended the accused.  
Though Yasmin was raped and killed in Dinajpur, the case was shifted to Rangpur as the accused feared 'mob justice'.  
The story in brief is that Yasmin (14) was allegedly raped and subsequently murdered by the members of police patrol team at a place about ten miles from Dinajpur town on August 24, 1995.  
The incident sparked off violent agitations taking a toll of seven lives in clashes between police and people. Due to violence law and order broke down. Agitated people burnt police outposts, and offices of some local dailies.  
Under public demand, Criminal Investigation Department (CID) took over the investigation of the case.  
Afzal Hossain, a senior ASP and Mahfuzur Rahman ASP CID separately inquired into the incident and later charge-sheeted the accused.

**Dhaka summit**

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of the three countries will also be held in Dhaka at the time of the summit.  
Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has indicated that he might visit to Bangladesh for two days from November 18, if this was convenient for his Indian and Bangladeshi counterparts, according to sources in the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka.  
Indian Prime Minister IK Gujral's visit to Dhaka could not be confirmed from the Indian High Commission sources yesterday.  
A high official of the Foreign Ministry said, "We are still working on the idea. We will be able to confirm if we get response from Indian and Pakistani leaders."

**Bangla Academy**

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**Notice**  
It is notified for information of the esteemed members of Bangla Academy that, the Annual General Meeting of Bangla Academy will be held on 12 Poush 1404 BS/26 December 1997, Friday.  
The members whose subscription has fallen due are requested to clear their subscription, in accordance with Clause 5(A)&(B) of Membership Rules of the Academy, by 15 Ashwin 1404/30 September 1997, Tuesday.  
Those who have their address changed are requested to intimate, in writing, their changed address.  
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