Mannan Bhuiyan tells AL

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Army's landing craft tank Jahangir launched

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government will take all possible steps for the development and modernisation of the armed forces in the interest of the people, reports UNB.

"We want the army to work as the symbol of hopes and aspiration of 12 crore people of the country," she said at the launching ceremony of army ship landing craft tank (LCT) Bir Shrestha Jahangir at Postagola in the city.

The nearly 60-metre-long

Brothel

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hous at his home this morning and Kalu died at the hospital in the evening.

Four of the sick, including two sex workers, Shahida and Shanti, were admitted to General Hospital while several oth ers in critical condition sent to Mirzapur Kumudini Hospital and to the capital.

Police said customers and their hired sex partners who took liquor on Sunday and Monday from the brothel-adja cent shop permitted by Customs and Excise Department became sick instantly and some after returning home.

Some of them took treatment from private doctors outside hospital to conceal the matter. A case was filed with Sadar thana.

Among the five dead, police sent bodies of Delkhous and Kalu to morgue and the rest were buried by their relatives.

Holzman presents credentials to President

The newly appointed ambassador of the United States of America, John C Holzman, presented his credentials to President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports UNB.

Welcoming the new ambassador, President said the existing friendly relations between Bangladesh and the USA have steadily developed since 1972.

"Bangladesh has a long history of cooperation, sharing experience and mutual understanding with the USA which was initiated by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," the President said. He also expressed the optimism that the ties between the two countries would be strenthened in future. Holzman said the new chal-

lenge for the two countries is to encourage for further prosper ity through closer ties to the world economy. Earlier, on his arrival at

Bangabhaban, the ambassador was given a guard of honour by the President's Guard Regiment Holzman took salute and reviewed the guard.

Meanwhile, John C Holzman called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the latter's office here yesterday.

will be considered LCT was built to carry arms, ammunition, tank, gun, vehicles and soldiers during wars.

rescue teams during disasters. Bangladesh Army bought the LCT, having the capacity to carry 350 soldiers, from China at a cost of Tk 16 14 crore. Highest speed of the craft is 14 nautical miles per hour.

and food, water, medicine and

The addition of the LCT to the army is one of the forward steps of the government towards modernising the armed forces, she said and thanked the Chinese government for helping to buy the craft and giving training on LCT.

Lauding the role of army at times of need, the Prime Minis ter said, "You performed your duty with utmost sincerity to solve various national problems at the directives of the government.

At the beginning of her speech, the Prime Minister recalled the martyrs of the Liberation War, father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and all Bir Shresthas including Jahangir.

The Prime Minister also reviewed the smartly turned-out parade and took salute at the impressive march past. She unveiled the plaque of LCT Bir Shrestha Jahangir and offered

munajat on the occasion. Chinese Ambassador to Bangladesh Zhung Xujiang and leader of the visiting People's Liberation Army (PLA) delegation Major General Zhou Shaojun were also present on the

Congestion CPA, CFTC representative hold meeting

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 2: Chittagong Feeder Trade Committee (CFTC), a Singapore-based association of feeder vessel operators, has sent its representative to Chittagong to enquire about congestion situation at the port, official sources said.

The CFTC representative held a meeting with the Chittagong port authorities yesterday and visited a private inland container depot (ICD) today.

The representative, Michael Mitchel, is expected to leave the port city tomorrow to submit its report to CFTC.

On receipt of the report about the congestion situation at Chittagong port, the CFTC will decide whether the surcharge

could be withdrawn. During the meeting held at the port office yesterday, the authorities briefed the CFTC representative on the overall improvement in port situation here, port sources said.

The port authorities also apprised the CFTC representative of the short and long term plans undertaken to keep the port free from congestion in future.

Port officials claimed that the congestion had almost eased now as the port was kept open round-the-clock.

was at play on the fatal night.

Le Monde reported that Paul

It said a second police toxi-

41, may have been more drunk

than judicial sources indicated

cology analysis came up with a

level of 1.87 grams of alcohol

per litre of blood - even higher

than the initial 1.75 figure,

which is the equivalent of

drinking nine shots of whiskey

the driver a blood-alcohol level

nearly four times the 0.5 grams

per litre legal limit in France.

If confirmed, that would give

The car's speedometer was

The Times of London on

frozen at 196 kilometers per

hour (121 mph), a police source

Tuesday cited what it called un-

confirmed reports that Paul

had taunted the photographers

by saying "Catch me if you can,"

before speeding away from the

Palace, grappling with how to

handle the vast crowds expected

to compete for a glimpse of the

procession to Diana's funeral

on Saturday, announced that

the nation will observe a min-

ute's silence after the Westmin-

AFP adds: President Bill

Clinton will not attend Prin-

cess Diana's funeral in London,

the White House announced

Monday on the island of

Martha's Vineyard, where Clin-

ster Abbey service.

ton is on vacation.

Meanwhile, Buckingham

in rapid succession.

Diana: 5 photographers

on Monday.

said.

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The step means the photographers will be further investigated. It does not, however mean that they will necessarily be formally charged with any crimes. The five were among seven

photographers appearing today before Judge Herve Stephan who is trying to determine their roles in the crash that killed the princess, her millionaire boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, and their driver

They will be investigated for "involuntary homicide and injuries," as well as for possible charges under France's "Good Samaritan" law, which requires people to come to the aid of accident victims on public

"This is theater justice." said William Bourdon, Arsov's lawyer. He called the photographers scapegoats.'

The French daily Le Figaro reported today that pictures taken by photographers at the crash scene showed the steaming wreckage but 'not a single helper' trying to help the vic-The driver of the armoured

Mercedes, the Ritz Hotel's No. 2 security chief Henri Paul legally drunk at the time of the accident - also was killed.

Reports in today's Le Monde newspaper that Paul may have been even more drunk than reported on Monday appeared to bolster the likelihood that a deadly combination of factors

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Minister tells JS Int'l immigration checkpost at Banglabandha

The government will consider setting up of immigration checkpost at Banglabandha, the newly opened transit point at the northern tip of Bangladesh, for travelling to Nepal and India, reports UNB.

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam said this in parliament yesterday responding to a call attention notice of M Dabirul Islam (AL-Thakurgaon).

Dabirul Islam requested the minister to make arrangements for setting up international immigration checkpost and establish land port at Banglabandha, allowing travel by Bangladeshi people to Nepal. India and Bhutan.

Responding to the request the Home Minister said that the proposal would be considered "favourably" so that Bangladeshi people can use the present transit point to travel to the Himalayan areas.

But, the minister said, he is unable to make any decision right now because the matter is related to counter-arrangement in Indian side of the border.

75 hurt as students, transport workers clash in Faridpur

FARIDPUR, Sept 2: At least 75 people were injured in a clash between students and transport workers at Madhukhali today, reports UNB. Police said the clash erupted

following an altercation between a local bus conductor and some students of Madhukhali Government Ainuddin College over bus fair in the morning. Of the injured, bus driver Biswanath Ghosh and conductor Ratan Kumar Saha were admitted to Faridpur General Hospital in critical condition.

Witnesses said the students also damaged at least 50 local and inter-district buses at Madhukhali bus terminal.

Govt, NGOs to launch literacy campaign from tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent The government along with the non-government organisations will launch tomorrow a literacy campaign with special emphasis on adult literacy.

The campaign is being launched to mark the International Literacy Day on Septem-

Addressing a press conference yesterday at the National Press Club, Rasheda K Chowdhury, director and convenor of the Gano Shahkkharata Ovijan or Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE), said a concerted effort will be made to make the campaign a success Other than NGOs, professional groups, women's and children's organisations, Scout and Girls Guide and cultural bodies will also be involved in the cam-

About 113 NGOs along with the government will run special programmes to make the campaign a success, she said. Workshops, seminars, video documentary and round-table conferences will be organised from tomorrow from union to district levels to mobilise public

"A social mobilisation to raise awareness will be developed," said Chowdhury.

"Although enrollment at primary schools showed a substantial growth the drop out rate at the same time was alarming. We hope to help those who wish to go to school and continue education," said Dr Abdullah Al-Moti Sharafuddin, a noted educationist.

Foreign Ministry

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deputation will create a problem of surplus staff shortly. It will also add to the routine problems in re-positioning existing BCS foreign service personnel. Seventeen assistant secretaries are now on training and they are expected to return to the Ministry after some time. Besides, 20 officers of the 17th BCS, whose results have been announced, are also expected to be given appointments in the

Foreign Ministry by November. Professionals in the Foreign Ministry fear that if officers from other services are continued to be posted, their own chances for promotion and overseas posting on due time may be affected, further eroding their morale and affecting per-

formance. It is learnt that senior officers who have a long stint with the foreign service are not generally satisfied with the performance of officers on deputa-

tion. "This is a professional cadre service requiring specific skills and expertise. The Foreign Ministry is not a training ground Officers of other cadres do have their specific expertise and should stick to their mother ministry," said a very senior official in the ministry.

Quit power to save country from devastation

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday he said. said his party would be compelled to demand mid-term election if deterioration of the country's situation continued for some more days, reports

In view of the overall situation, he said, it will be wise for the Awami League to quit power forthwith to save the country from devastation.

"We will have no option but to raise the demand for midterm election if the ruling party does not change its attitude immediately, Bhuiyan said. Jasas, the cultural wing of

the main opposition party, or-

ganised the discussion in front

of BNP central office in the evening to mark the 19th founding anniversary of BNP. The BNP leader said it would not be wise for anyone to sit idle when the ruling Awami League is 'deliberately destroying democracy, politics, economy,

education, industry, agricul-

ture, business and export. This

suffocating situation can't be allowed any more. "Overall situation is pushing the country towards a disaster due to misrule and wrong policies of the Awami League government. This degradation

Death of Salman CID interrogates 3 more people

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday interrogated three more people about the death of film star Salman Shah, reports UNB. Pacific Telecom Ltd vice

chairman Parvez Alam and manager (engineering) M Hossain were questioned about a phone call Salman received. several hours before his death. They, however, could not tell the CID investigators from

which number the mobile pho-

ne call was made to Salman. The other person was Mostafa Fayezuddin, owner of Chishtia Medical Hall, located at Eskaton

cannot be allowed any more."

The BNP secretary general said in the last 14 months the government had proved a 'flop case." The government has failed to run any affairs of the state smoothly, he alleged.

Mannan Bhuiyan alleged the Awami League which is champion of tall talks, hartal, destruction and conspiracy betrayed the people after assuming power

"It is easy to make the political field hot through tall talks but difficult to run the country by making false commitment and tall talks.

Presided over by Jasas president Rezabuddowllah Chowdhury, the function was also addressed by Abdullah Al Noman Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Amanullah Aman MP, Alamgir Kabir MP, Nazimuddin Alam MP. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anne, Tariqui Islam Boni and Helen Zerin Khan.

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the House," she told editors of national dailies and news agencies while exchanging views with them on the country's prevailing situation.

On the question of Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia's recent visit to Pakistan. the Prime Minister wondered why she (Begum) raised objection over the presence of Bangladesh High Commissioner during her meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister.

Giving reasons for the petroleum price hike, the Prime Minister said the common people would not be affected as the price of diesel was nominally

The raise in fuel price will also help check smuggling of petroleum products to India, she observed

Referring to the jute price situation, the Prime Minister said the government was aware of it and had been taking appropriate measures since June, when the price of jute plummeted due to its bumper produc-

No progress in talks

"We invited them (BNP lawmakers) to come back to the House and raise their issues there.

The ruling party was represented at the meeting by Zillur Rahman. Telecommunications and Housing Minister Mohammad Nasim, Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah. PM's Rarliamentary Affairs Adviser Suranjit Sengupta, Whip Mizanur Rahman Manu and Rahmat

The BNP was represented by Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof A Q M Badruddoza Choudhury, Khandakar Delwar Hossain, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and M Saifur Rahman.

According to sources in both the parties, cases against Opposition legislators, formation of the parliamentary standing committees and the role of the electronic media figured prominently in the talks.

The AL proposed formation of a five-member committee to probe BNP's allegations of false cases against its leaders and workers and alleged attacks on them, particularly the MPs. In the meeting, names of Mohammad Nasim, Rahmat

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the slide in business, if traders

at Chawk Bazar, the heart of the

country's wholesale market.

are right. "My sales declined to

a record low and I am struggling

to pay my staff," Mohamad Abu

Naser at Mirror Shop reflects

the gloom. Much, says Babul,

depends on the rural economy,

the condition of which is also

stable in some cases - rice, for

example, is a key indicator — is

only giving a better inflation

rate for the government to

claim credit for, but business

has been stagnating enough for

the blame to be put squarely on

the country's economic man-

sugar, high-quality rice, veg-

etable oil, onion and garlic

have however gone up over the

Shamsul Alam at Kawran

Bazar. "Customers are saying

they do not have enough

correspondent watched Alam

money, sellers have another

problem. Taslim Ahmed at

Tongi Bazar says sale on credit

has increased nowadays. "Oth-

erwise we would lose cus-

minum manufacturer, says

smuggling makes it all the more

difficult. The government has-

n't done enough, he says. An

FBCCI executive member, Rah-

man is also not happy with the

government role in digging into

the share market scam. "Money

supply would have gone up if it

had been taken care of," he

rants aren't doing any better.

Khandaker Ruhul Amin, presi-

dent of Bangladesh Restaurant

Owners Association, says busi-

ness has gone down by at least

40 per cent over last three

Small hotels and restau-

Obaidur Rahman, an alu-

last few months.

wait for a customer.

tomers," he explains.

money.

says.

months.

Prices of some items such as

Business is dull, sums up

For about an hour, a Star

While customers run short of

That commodity prices are

But still it does not explain

has declined

"very bad".

Ali and Mizanur Rahman Manu were proposed as AL members of the proposed committee. The BNP was asked to name its two nominees On BNP's demand for pro-

portionate representation in the parliamentary bodies, the Treasury bench representatives reportedly offered BNP 105 members in the 35 JS commit-About BNP's demand for neutral role of the Radio and the BTV, the ruling party repre-

sentatives were learnt to have

blamed the BNP for not allowing the TV crew to cover their programmes. Meeting sources said, the ruling party criticised the BNP for its "pre-planned walk-out" from the House on the opening day of the current session on Saturday on issues it did not raise in the Business Advisory

after placing a 14-point demand outside it. In the meeting, the BNP representatives reportedly cold shouldered an AL offer to have a discussion on enhancement of fuel prices on the floor of the House.

Market dull, traders worried

two years. Now it's only worse."

says Amin and adds a two-day

weekend has dug the hole

demand for a reversal to a one-

Khandaker Tea, is angry. "We

have never faced such a bad sit-

uation in the last ten years. If

this continues the businessmen

will be forced to take to the

Owners of commercial vehi-

cles are also complaining. The

president of Bangladesh Bus

Truck Owners Association.

Syed Ziaul Huq. says everything

has slowed down due to "money

crunch in the bank which

eventually reduced money

ering their overdue loans. The

big businesses have been under

fire, but it is also burning

result of the long-drawn politi-

cal turmoil towards the end of

the previous government's

term. He also finds the crisis in

frozen foods and garments

causing a fall in income for

strictly with loss-making state

businesses, he suggests, and ask

place for many of these busi-

nesses. The shopkeepers spoken

to say they never get any credit

from banks or any other finan-

cial institutions for their kind

of business. "There are various

difficulties and interest rates

are high," says a shop-keeper at

Purana Paltan only corrobo-

rates the traders. "There are

hardly any imports. Only ex-

ports are garments. There is no

other business." Volume of im-

port of capital machinery and

raw materials, vital indicators

inflation is much higher than

historic lows, he says.

of economic muscle, is down to

A top financial analyst says

A Janata Bank official at

banks to be lenient in lending,

The government has to deal

Banks are still a distant

many people.

New Market.

"small fries like us", he says.

He blasts banks, busy recov-

Hug believes this is also the

supply in the market".

day weekly holiday.

His association has plans to

At New Market, owner of

"It's been bad for the past

Committee meeting and re-

maining absent from the House

By Staff Correspondent City BNP convenor Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, has protested the selection of seven venues for holding public meetings in the city by Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Moham mad Hanif.

In a statement issued last night, he said that selection of seven out-of-the-way places for meetings reflected the "autocratic and undemocratic" mentality of the Mayor.

He noted that the decision of selecting the meeting venues came at a time when "mass movement is building up against this government's anti-people, undemocratic and anti-national activities.

Sadek Hossain said the decision, taken on the plea of easing traffic jam in the city, is an infringement on basic rights.

10 EC members of BKMEA resign

By Staff Correspondent Ten executive committee members of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) resigned protesting, what they "the arbitrary decision of our president Manzurul Huq regarding the GSP is-

They alleged that the BKMEA president went against an earlier decision adopted at an extraordinary general meet ing of the BGMEA on August 20 At the meeting, the garments and knitwear manufacturers resolved unanimously against the cancellation of the disputed GSP certificates issued by the EPB, they said in a joint statement last night.

The resigning EC members of BKMEA said: "Any unwise cancellation of the certificate under pressure from vested quarters will, in our view, lead to a total ruination of the country's knitwear industry."

The 10 EC members who resigned are: Mukhlesur Rahman second vice president, and executive committee members N A Salam, S K Haider Ali, Abdul Wadud, Atiqui Islam, Shahidul Huq Sikder Litu, Md Quasem, Md Abu Taleb, Mahfuzur Rahman, Dinbandhu Saha and Abu

BNP body

From Page 1 'loopholes' in the proposed law 'as soon as possible', party sources said.

The decision of constituting the committee was made after some BNP legislators pointed out at the party's parliamentary party meeting that the proposed structure and procedure of election to the Gram Parishad would eventually help the ruling party to establish its control over the rural people, sources in the BNP parliamentary party said.

Other members of the committee include Khandaker Mahbubuddin, Mahbubur Rahman, MP, and Abu Hena, MP.

what the government claims

because the consumer price in-

dex does not take into account

one key indicator — house rent

which, according to a study,

has risen by a staggering 46 per

cent in the last three years. A

recent survey says the urban

middle class spends about 60

Sunday afternoon, a Star corre-

spondent saw traffic easier

than ever. The roads were not

packed with rickshaws and mo-

tor vehicles — the usual scene.

"Can you compare what you see

today with those few years

back?" Babul, at his stationery

shop, says in an all-explana-

Sherpur district gives national

colour to the crisis. "Farmers

do not have enough money to

buy industrial products. They

haven't got their prices for jute

or paddy," says Mohammad

Shakil, still buying cosmetics

and other stationery items hop-

He shops at Chawk Bazar

ing to attract his poor cus-

twice a week normally, but now

he comes to Dhaka once a

month. "I used to spend two

lakh taka a month here, now it

has come down to only Tk

the Bangladesh Monohary

Banik Samity, believes a

stronger rural economy can

only help the national eco-

In rural Bangladesh, how-

ever, business follows harvests.

Arrival of aman will change to-

wholesalers at Chawk Bazar

has become difficult. For them,

statistics doesn't matter much.

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On way to Chawk Bazar

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BCL activists at Shahjalal Varsity

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Juice Extractor

SYLHET, Sept 2: The activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) today staged a daylong sit in front of the Administrative Building of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology to press home their demand for immediate withdrawal of 'show cause' notices issued against 11 party activists. They also held a rally with Mokaddas Ali, president of varsity unit in the chair.

The university authorities issued the notices on 11 BCL activists for their involvement in the clashes between the activists of BCL and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in February this

Gram Parishad

liamentary Committee, headed by Rahmat Ali MP of the Awami League, also suggested incorporation of two new sections and a sub-section into the proposed Bill. According to the first new section, every Gram Parishad will be considered as the lowest tier of administrative unit of the state. The second new section says, "The Gram Parishad will have the power to constitute, if necessary, issuebased standing committees and the parishad will decide the number of members on the standing committees."

According to the proposed sub-section, the Gram Parishad will have the jurisdiction, under certain rules, to own and transfer movable and immovable properties.

consistent with the recommendations made by the Local Gov-Prime Minister a few months

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"Mai Mohiuddin found me out of my room, as he came out of his office calling two other persons wearing plain clothes, the PW-11 said. Maj Mohiuddin was then the Squadron Commander of the Bengal Lancer while Maj Farook was then the second in command, he added.

"I also heard Mohiuddin telling Huda, "I will arrange uniforms for you," I also heard Huda calling the other person as Dalim.

to go to the mess and send tea and pakorha at his office and at the parade ground.

Ahmed Sharful Hossain, Ma Nurul Huq. Lt Kismet Hahsem, Risalder Moslemuddin, Risalder Sarwar at the office of Maj Mohiuddin earlier in the night of August 14, 1975. They all went there in a group, he added. Some unknown faces in

plain clothes were also seen

side of that office. at about 10:35 am. The crossexamination by the lawyers

state defence was progressing

US Open

From Page 1 cause of the five setters he had

earlier played.

The whipping two handed backhands which had earned Bruguera a lot of points in previous matches, were one of the reasons for his defeat today as he committed 43 unforced errors in the three-set match, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 at the Arthur Ashe Stadium. This was the second meeting between these two and Rios won on both occasions.

Bruguera was clearly out of sorts today and looked tired. Only in the 8th game of the sion that he meant business but

and Slipper Co. is among those the deadline, Monica Seles, the number 2 seed started against Irina Spirlea at the Ashe Stadium in a quarterfinal match. At this point both had held their serves and it was one game

Strangely. Spirlea had just broken Seles and was leading 2-I on her serve.

S Korean help for Ganga Barrage, re-excavation of Garai sought

Let's make

things better.

PHILIPS

The visiting South Korean Deputy Foreign Minister, Ki Choo Lee called on Water Resources Minister Abdur Razzak at his secretariat office yesterday, reports UNB.

They discussed matters related to mutual interest, water management system of Bangladesh and various aspects of water resources development

Abdur Razzak apprised the

Korean minister of the neces-

sity of construction of Gangabarrage and re-excavation of the Garai river. He also sought financial and technical assistance of Korea in this regard. The Korean minister said that he would inform his government and agencies con-

cerned for necessary coopera-Water Resources Secretary Dr A T M Shamsul Huda and director general (Far East) of the Foreign Ministry were present

during the meeting. Ganges barrage

From Page 1 ing the survey and blueprint of the proposed project. A project paper of the bar-

rage with an estimated cost of

Tk 68.9 crore is under process at the Planning Commission. The survey will start soon after the clearance from the Planning Commission, she told the House. Replying to another question, the Prime Minister said the government will undertake

work for survey and blueprint for the proposed Rupsha bridge during this fiscal year. On completion of the survey and blueprint, construction work for the bridge will begin. The estimated cost of the Rupsha bridge with provisions of road and rail is Tk 946 crore,

Tk 2.5 crore with Japanese assistance will begin shortly. ALPP meet

Hasina said, adding that the

survey with an expenditure of

vestment ASM Firoz, Makbul Hossain: Ali Ashraf and Syedul Hug took part in the discussion. They, meeting sources said, expressed their unhappiness

over the recent economic per-

formance. Finance Minister Kibria. however, rejected newspaper reports, saying that the economy is now on a sound footing. "There is no liquidity crisis in the banks," he was quoted to

have said. The minister told the ALPP meeting that entrepreneurs who are eligible for bank loan were getting funds, but those who failed to get it were engaged in

false campaign. Kibria also said foreign investors are coming here for investment. The reserve money is also satisfactory. The meeting was held at the Sangsad Bha-

The ALPP will meet again at 3 pm today.

Raw materials

for raising exports from these

From Page 1 cooperation would be ensured

He said the government is not taking any unilateral decision about the import and export policy, rather seeking recommendations from the business community. More discussions will be held with the business leaders before finalis-

ing the policy, he added.

five-year policy will be formulated replacing the present twoyear policy to facilitate the business community to take long-term plan for production and exports. The meeting decided to pro-

He said for the first time, a

vide adequate provisions in the export policy so that contribution of export earnings in the GDP could match with the targeted GDP growth of 7 per cent.

The meeting was attended by Commerce Secretary Sayed Alamgir Farooque Chowdhury, NBR Chairman Shah Abdul Hannan, Food Secretary Abdul Hamid Chowdhury, MCCI President Samson H Chowdhury, and representatives from different ministries and private sector organisations.

RMG sector

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rules of Factory Act, and ignorance of workers about discipline and self-protection during accidents.

A working committee headed by Commerce Secretary Alamgir Farrouk Chowdhury was also formed at the meeting to monitor implementation of the long and short-term steps.

The working committee will arrange regular inter-ministerial meeting, review the progress of implementation and report to the ministerial committee, said an official handout.

committee will soon visit some garment units to see the existing facilities in the factories as well as the steps taken to prevent recurrence of fire incidents.

Selection of sites for public meets autocratic: BNP stage sit-in From Staff Correspondent

Transcom Electronics Limited

Official licensee of Philips Electronics N.V.

for lighting products, radio and TV sets

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cle 59 of the Constitution says that all level of local administrations will be run by the elected representatives of the However, the Special Par-

The SPC suggestions were

ernment Commission that suggested a four-tier local government system beginning from the village level. SPC chairman Rahmat Ali MP was also the chairman of the Local Government Commission that had submitted its report to the

Bangabandhu

also said, "At about 12:00 midnight on August 14, 1975, Maj Mohiuddin told me "you may have to go to the night parade."

"Mohiuddin then ordered me

Bashir said, he had seen Mai Syed Farook Rahman, Ma

present at Maj Mohiuddin's office during that time. Bashir said adding that his quarter at the barrack was in the opposite Bashir made his deposition before the court for about two and a half hours, when the court resumed the proceedings

when the hearing was adjourned at about 4:40 pm. During the proceedings yesterday, the lawyers of two of the five accused in custody also placed petitions pleading inadmissibility of the evidence of Bashir on ground that he was an accomplice of the alleged occurrence on his own testimony.

third set did he give the impresit was a little late for that sort of efforts. The match was over in 105 minutes. As I file this report to catch

giving it all a benefit of doubt. "This is not really abnormal." he says. With Ashwin, sale should begin to pick up and re-So, it's not been so slippery for the man dealing in shoes | all. and slippers, but for others life

Members of the ministerial