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## National Film Award

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ernment is committed to extending its support to sound development of the film industry. In this context, she referred to her government's endeavor to establish a 'Film City' at Kabirpur near Dhaka and said this would be developed on private sector investment.

Besides, Hasina said, the present government has also plans to establish a Film Institute to develop expertise and creativity of the film workers. In addition, steps are being taken to modernise and renovate the FDC, she told the function.

She said that the government is also giving financial assistance for making good films.

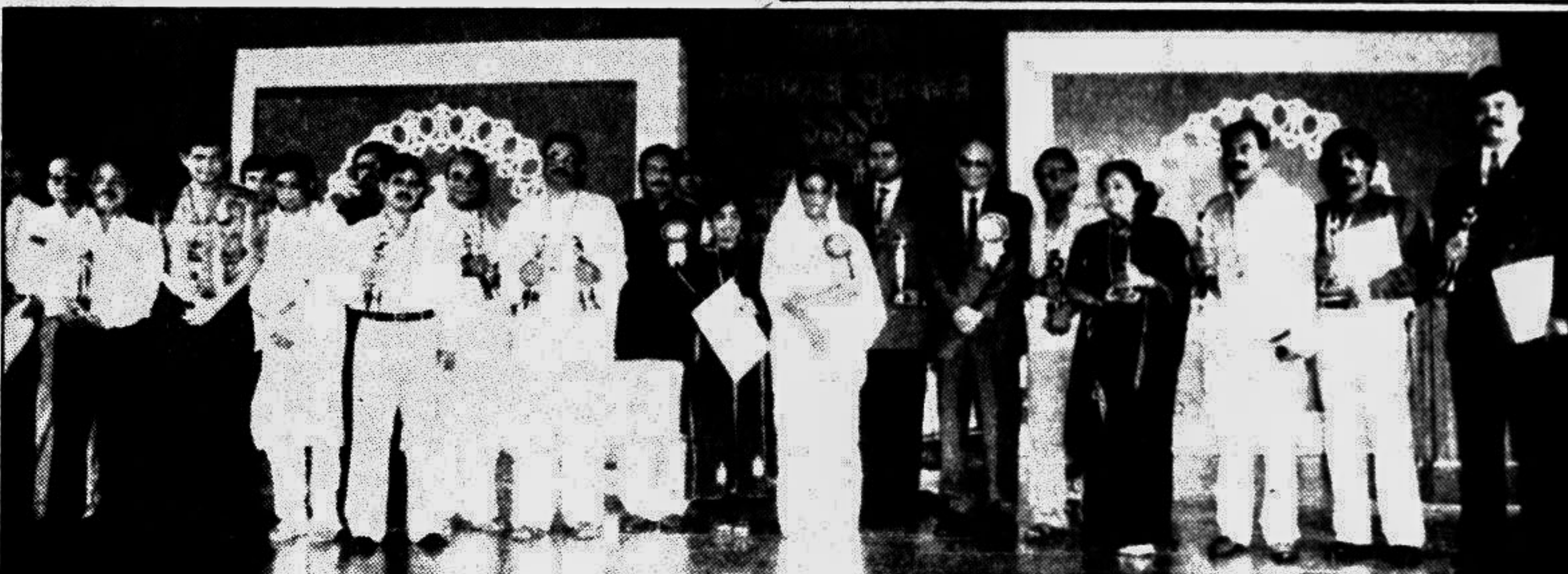
The function was also addressed by State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed and Information Secretary M Akmal Hossain.

Later, the Prime Minister distributed the national film awards. A cultural function was also held on the occasion.

Following is the list of the film award winners:

Best film: Aguner Parashmani (Producer-Humayun Ahmed) and Deshpremik (Producer-Shaikh Mujibur Rahman); best story: Humayun Ahmed (Film-Aguner Parash-

mani); best director: Kazi Hayat (Film-Deshpremik); best actor: Alamgir (Film-Deshpremik); best actress: Bipasha Hayat (Film-Aguner Parashmani); best co-actor: Amal Bosh (Film-Ajker Pratibha); best co-actress: Anwara (Film-Antare Antare); best music director: Satiya Saha (Film-Aguner Parashmani); best cameraman: Kazi Bashir (Film-Ghena) and Hasan Ahmed (Film-Gharer Satru); best film editor: Zinnat Hossain Zinnah (Film-Commander); best dialogue: Humayun Ahmed (Film-Aguner Parashmani); best script writer: Kazi Hayat (Film-Deshpremik); best song writer: Masud Karim (Film-Rhida Theke Rhida); best art director: Abdus Sabur (Film-Ghatak); best sound: Mafizul Haq (Film-Aguner Parashmani); best male singer: Khaled Hasan Mili (Film-Rhida Theke Rhida); best female singer: Runa Laila (Film-Antare Antare); best child artist: Sheela Ahmed (Film-Aguner Parashmani); best make-up man: Harun (Film-Rhida Theke Rhida); special award in child acting: Hosne Ara Putul (Film-Aguner Parashmani); special award: Ashish Kumar Louha (posthumous) and best short film: Thikana (Producer-Rezanur Rahman).



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina with the winners of National Film Award '94 at a function at Osmany Memorial Hall in the city yesterday. — PID photo

## Naga insurgent held in Ctg sent to jail

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 18: The Naga insurgent caught with a sophisticated wireless set from the city yesterday evening by patrol police, was sent to jail after being produced in the court today.

The Naga insurgent, identified as Sahrsnili Nagatu, was taken to the court here at around 2 pm under special security arrangements.

Police officials said during yesterday's interrogation the arrested confessed that he was a member of National Socialist Council for Nagaland (NSCN), which is involved in insurgency in India's north-eastern Nagaland state.

A special team is expected to come from Dhaka soon to conduct a specialised interrogation of the arrested Naga insurgent.

If the team cannot come, the arrested might be sent to Dhaka as per instruction from the higher authorities, police said.

They informed that a move has already been initiated to find out the associates, if any, of the arrested inside the country.

## PM calls on President

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina called on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday afternoon, reports BSS.

She apprised the President of her recent visit to Indonesia and the Philippines. She also apprised him of her visit to Calcutta to attend the funeral ceremony of Mother Teresa.

The Prime Minister also discussed with the President some of the burning issues of the day.

## Boy drowns, 2 commit suicide

By Staff Correspondent

A six-year-old boy drowned and two others including a housewife allegedly committed suicide in the last two days in the city.

Police said Shaon, son of Abul Hossain of Dhalibari under Gulshan thana, drowned in a pond near their house Wednesday night. The body was found floating in the pond at about 5 am yesterday.

In another incident, housewife Minara, 25, allegedly committed suicide by hanging herself from a ceiling beam at their house in North Badda yesterday.

The body of Minara wife of Akter Hossain, was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy. Gulshan police suspected Minara killed herself following a feud with her husband.

Besides, one Jafar, 25, allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan hook at their house in Dholaiapur yesterday morning.

Police said Jafar locked the door of his room from inside following an altercation with his mother. Later he was found hanging.

## BNP stages demonstration in Chittagong

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 18: A garbage carrying truck of Chittagong city corporation was set on fire by a mob in front of BRTC terminal this evening, police and fire brigade sources said.

The truck was damaged by the fire which was later brought under control by fire brigade personnel.

Police said the incident occurred while a procession brought out by the supporters of BNP was passing in front of the terminal.

BNP supporters today staged demonstration in the city protesting the removal of position bridge connecting the road behind Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban and mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman.

## ALCWC meet at Ganabhaban today

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee (ALCWC) will be held at 4 pm today at Ganabhaban with Prime Minister and party chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

AL General Secretary Ziaur Rahman requested all members of the ALCWC, members of the council of ministers and members of the party's advisory council to be present on time, says a press release.

## Bus service to & from Rajshahi still suspended

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 18: Bus service between Rajshahi and the rest of the country remained suspended for the second day today.

Rajshahi District Motor Sramik Union (RDMSU) had called the strike for an indefinite period following a clash between transport workers and Awami League supporters at Puttia on Tuesday.

The Motor Sramik Union today threatened to extend the transport strike all over the northern region of the country if their demand for arrest of attackers was not met by Monday next.

Two separate cases were filed yesterday with Puttia thana from both sides. Police arrested Puttia Thana Motor Sramik Union Vice President Nabiruddin and member Shabiruddin last night.

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## 30 hurt as police, villagers clash over farmland in Lalmonirhat

LALMONIRHAT, Sept 18: At least 30 people were injured, two critically, in a clash between villagers and police over possession of disputed farmland today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said the clash occurred when policemen led by a magistrate were overseeing the possession of 100 acres of farmland by the dairy farm, run by military unit since 1990.

The agitated farmers locked in clash with police and staff of the farm when some tractors started ploughing the cropland owned by them.

## Showcouse

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The Health Secretary, Director of Nursing Service, Director of IPGMR and Bilkis Jahan Chowdhury and Morzina Akhter, President and Secretary of IPGMR Diploma Nurses Association, Shamsunnahar Begum and Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury, President and General Secretary of Central Committee of Diploma Nurses Association, have been made respondents.

## Manzoor murder

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charge in the case was framed earlier in the absence of the lawyers of the accused.

Ershad and four others are accused in the case. Among the accused in the case but Maj Emdad have been granted bail.

The high court in its recent order also directed the trial court to conclude the trial within four months. The court passed the order while hearing the bail petition of Maj Emdad. In the bail petition the lawyers of Maj Emdad prayed that since the trial of the case could not be completed for over two years the accused may be enlarged on bail.

The High Court Division rejected the bail and directed the trial court to conclude the trial within four months. The order was issued in the second week of August.

## Police, BNP men clash

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storey BNP building housing the office at about 4 pm and the party leaders protested this.

Earlier police took position on the road adjacent to the BNP office and got inside it when the workers of the BNP and its front organisations were preparing to hold a protest rally against the removal of the floating bridge.

The bridge was removed late Wednesday night.

Following angry exchanges between the BNP leaders and police on the issue of entry of police personnel into the party offices, activists of the party chased the policemen out of the building. Soon after, clashes erupted in the BNP office area with police firing teargas shells and BNP activists brickbattling police.

Police lobbed teargas shells at the activists inside the BNP office and in the lanes and by-lanes around it. The activists threw bricks and exploded crackers.

Several hundred party leaders and workers were trapped inside the BNP office at the time.

Later clashes spread all over the area from Kakrail to Fakirpool, halting traffic movement on the Inner Circular Road and forcing closure of shops and business establishments. Panic prevailed in the locality.

Earlier, the agitated BNP activists damaged some vehicles plying through the area, witnesses said.

Fitted battles between the police and BNP workers continued for several hours and the situation there remained tense till 8 pm.

BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia reached the party office in the evening when tear gas smoke still clouded the party office and its surrounding areas.

She later addressed a hurriedly-called press conference to condemn the police action. She also announced a three-day demonstration programme from today.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) in a press release said BNP leaders

and workers started preparing for a public rally on the road in front of the party office, without taking permission from the Dhaka City Corporation. They also set up a public address system there.

The leaders turned down the police request not to hold the rally without permission and for the sake of normal movement of vehicular traffic and misbehaved with the policemen on duty, the press release added.

At one stage, it added, BNP activists there started pelting bricks and exploding crackers and petrol bombs, stored in the BNP office. In the incident, a police surgeon and two constables were injured. In such a situation, police was forced to intervene to bring the situation under control.

Police picked up 22 persons from the spot, the DMP said. It urged all concerned to refrain from holding public gatherings on the city streets.

## BNP

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government took recourse to attack on opposition programmes to cover up its failure in running the country.

She also alleged that the ruling party intensified its undemocratic activities and repressive measures as the entire nation got involved with BNP's pro-people programme.

Begum Zia observed that the ruling party had completely failed in every sector in last 15 months and people of all walks of life expressed their 'no-confidence' in it.

Turning to yesterday's police excess she told the newsmen that police lobbed tear gas shells aiming at her car when she neared party office at around 6:45 pm.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury, Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder and Abdullah Al Noman also spoke.

They alleged police misbehaved with top leaders and went up to second floor of the party office. Police also kicked the door of party chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, charged baton and lobbed tear gas shells into the office, they added.

## Noor Jehan

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southern city of Karachi earlier this week, said The Nation, an English-language daily.

Her doctor, Ataur Rehman, told the state-run Pakistan Television Wednesday that Noor Jehan was brought to the hospital in a 'most critical' condition. He said she was improving but was 'not out of danger.' He did not discuss details of her condition.

## Man Singh

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some time.

His funeral was to be held Friday in Kathmandu and tens of thousands of people were expected.

Born in 1915 in Kathmandu, Singh studied in Calcutta and joined the Nepalese resistance to the ruling Rana family after a clash with young members of the Ranas who said he had not right to ride a horse.

Singh played a key role in the overthrow in 1951 of the Rana family, who pursued a policy of close cooperation with the British in India, and had ruled Nepal since 1846.

One of the founders in 1949 of the Nepali Congress, which remains a key force in the Himalayan Kingdom's politics, Singh spent long periods in jail under the Rana rule and again when the monarchy, which took over after 1951, imposed personal rule.

When the parliamentary system was dissolved in December 1960 by King Mahendra, Singh was imprisoned for eight years along with almost all NC leaders.

On his release in 1968, Singh went into exile in India for two years, on his return he was re-arrested and imprisoned until 1977.

Sing also played a significant role in the 50-day people's movement which culminated in February 1990 with the monarchy agreeing to the reinstatement of parliamentary rule after 30 years.

He served as a minister in several governments but never as prime minister.

## Grameen Court

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He said, 'Alternatively, the court may be headed by a retired judge or a specially trained Grameen Court Judge who will be responsible for a circuit of Grameen Court. For this purpose, all the Grameen Courts must be divided into some circuits and a professional judge be placed to preside over the court.'

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## BUET

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the attack on Hilton.

The correspondent was taken to a hospital where his condition was stated to be critical.

Following the incident, a number of students raided the EUCSU VP's room and found two outsiders, one of them a JCD leader of Tejgaon College unit. He said there were others in the room — all outsiders — and the five except him were involved in the incident.

Police later picked up the two found in the VP's room, Jahangir and Khokon, from the campus.

The incident is attributed to a report in the Sangbad from its BUET correspondent on alleged involvement of the VP and GS of EUCSU in extortion of money and tender-related corruption.

The VP and GS, however, denied the allegations.

## Short

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to poverty eradication.

Earlier Kibria sought financial assistance from Britain for the construction of Bhairab bridge and Ganges barrage.

The assistance was sought during a bilateral discussion on economic cooperation between Bangladesh and Britain at the NEC conference room yesterday.

Kibria led the Bangladesh delegation while the British delegation was led by Clare Short.

Clare Short responded with a positive view about the construction of Bhairab bridge and said a proposal regarding the Ganges barrage is under consideration of her government.

Expressing gratitude to the British government for its continued support to development of Bangladesh, Kibria also sought greater British support to various programmes.

The programmes included poverty alleviation, eradication of illiteracy, healthcare, road and railway communications, gas and power, agriculture, fisheries and livestock sectors.

The British secretary of state expressed the hope that long-term collaboration on various programmes with Bangladesh will be continued.

She said the British government would help in bigger strategy of poverty alleviation, healthcare, primary education and other sectors.

The British minister will leave here today for Bangkok enroute to Hong Kong at the end of her visit to Bangladesh.

## Laraki leaves for Jeddah

OIC Secretary General Dr Azeeddine Laraki left here for Jeddah yesterday concluding his three-day visit to Bangladesh.

He described the visit as 'fruitful' while talking to UNB at Zia International Airport prior to his departure for the headquarters of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in the Saudi city.

Laraki said the visit was 'useful from political point of view'.

He also thanked Bangladesh for extending support to the OIC in tackling the problems facing the Muslim Ummah.

## Isa murder

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After a lengthy trial, Fifth Additional Sessions and District Judge Krishna Debnath observed that the accused have been found guilty beyond doubt.

The offenders should have been convicted with capital punishment, the judge noted. But as the four accused are teenagers they have been given life imprisonment, she said.

The four sentenced to life imprisonment are: Zakir Hossain alias Biplob, Mohammad Shafiqul Islam Babu, Zahidul Islam Prince and Habibur Rahman. They have also been fined Tk 5,000 each, in default, they are to suffer two additional years of hard labour.

Amzad Hossain has been sentenced to 10 years RI and pay a fine of Tk 5,000, in default, to suffer one year's RI. Shamsul Karim alias Safed has been sentenced to 10 years' RI and fined Tk 10,000, in default to suffer two years' RI.

Advocate ANM Yusuf and Advocate Shamsuddin Mia appeared for the accused while Assistant Public Prosecutor Faruk Omar appeared for the prosecution.

## CHT talks conclude

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He also urged all to remain alert and not to be confused by any quarter, show restraint and maintain harmony with all. 'Do not show any adverse reaction until the agreement is initiated.'

Larma is planning to meet tribal leaders and elders to explain the details of the draft agreement before leaving for his headquarters, believed to be in Bishnupur, Southern Tripura on Saturday afternoon.

Earlier, before leaving the state guest house Padma for the BAF base Bashur at Teigaon, Larma told reporters that an agreement with the government will be signed 'in due course of time'.

But he declined to elaborate further. The time and the venue of the next meeting, in which the agreement will be signed, will also be announced 'in due

## 4 Khulna Jubo League activists held on charge of terrorism

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Sept 18: The detective branch of police this evening arrested four activists of Jubo League, the youth front of Awami League, from Bangladesh Bank Staff Quarters in the city.

A pistol loaded with six bullets were also recovered from their possession.

The arrested were Rafiqul Islam, Rajiv, Shamim and Mahtabuddin.

Police said they were wanted in connection with terrorism, mugging and extortion in the city.

## Nurses strike

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autonomous body," said Shamsur Nahar, vice president of the BDNA.

Secretary general of BDNA Faisal Ahmed Chowdhury in a statement said, "We now look upon the prime minister to help resolve the crisis. We hope she will intervene."

When contacted, Health Minister Salauddin Yusuf said nurses were attending their duties as usual.

"I have visited a number of hospitals in the city and witnessed that the nurses were on duty as per schedule," he said.

Meanwhile, some of The Daily Star district correspondents reported that the nurses' strike disrupted normal activities at the district hospitals and thana health complexes.

During a visit to several city hospitals, this correspondent found that relatives and doctors were attending the patients. Emergency squads of nurses were, however, working in the hospitals.

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