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A traffic jam in Shahbagh area of the city yesterday.

# PM seeks cooperation

From Page 1 prime minister said, adding the people would be able to freely choose and elect their represen-

So there is no reason for creating political instability in the country," she said, noting that this is the time to work unitedly for establishing people's right to food through economic emancipation and mational development.

"I fervently call upon the opposition parties to extend their hands of cooperation in this regard," Hasina said.

Other ministers, entrepreneurs and bureaucrats, who spoke at the Batexpo inaugural session, also echoed Hasina in urging the parties to maintain political stability to sustain the pace of economic growth.

The Prime Minister lauded the readymade garment industry for earning fame and creating worldwide market and announced that her government is ready to consider necessary incentives for the sector.

"Our government would always extend necessary cooperation for exploring markets and increasing investments for the flourishing textile industries. she said, pointing at the glorious tradition of the country's textile sector.

Hasina said the government is pursuing the free market economy and is giving support, incentives and encouragement for the expansion of the private sector and drawing up policies

to attract foreign investment. "We want to create massive employment opportunities through maximum utilisation of our limited resources and increase our export earnings through enhanced investment

and production," she said. "The government would consider your constructive sugges tions for further increasing the growth rate," Hasina told the

**BGMEA** members She also called upon the foreign investors to invest in the garment sector, taking the op-

portunity of export. The Prime Minister re-

### Zillur

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House also accused the police of abusing the SPA to earn money He said the independence of Bangladesh did not come through a constitutional way; "we had to achieve it through a bloody struggle.

Zillur strongly criticised BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia for joining hands with 'Rajakars, Al-Badars and Al-Shams' who had collaborated with the Pakistani occupation forces in killing three million people and handed lakhs of our mothers and sisters over to the Pak-Bahini.

"Now Begum Zia has formed a platform and become the leader of the killers and collaborators in the name of people's solidarity. It's really unfortunate for the nation," he added.

He said the preconditions of human rights are economic development and rule of law. Zillur said the government has formed law reforms commission, passed the gram parishad bill and taken initiative to separate judiciary from the executive.

The Awami League general secretary said the formation of a National Human Rights Commission is in the final

stage. Changes of law are being brought as per recommendations of the law reform commit-Barrister K S Nabi said the human rights is totally a mat-

ter of citizen to citizen issue and government can only help promote it.

He said the violation of human rights cannot be stopped until alleviation of rule of law are contradictions th. society must be removed to halt violation of human rights.

The Attorney General also said that if the law breakers belonging to the ruling party are punished, then the opposition activists will not dare to break laws.

#### quested the garments factory owners to ensure that the women workers get their due wage and called for implementing the measures suggested by a Cabinet Committee to prevent

fire and other accidents. She said the government is actively considering separate areas for garment factories for planned expansion of the sector in Dhaka and other cities. She also said that the proposal for establishing an Apparel Board

The role of banking sector would be further strengthened for expansion of export of readymade garments, she

would be considered.

The BGMEA should have a full-fledged complex for the speedy development of the garments sector, Hasina said and added considering this the government very recently allocated two bighas of land for BGMEA

This plot is a part of 19 bighas of land earmarked for Export Promotion Bureau beside Sonargaon Hotel, she said and hoped that the BGMEA would soon build a magnificent building according to their plan. "I'm confident that after completion of this building, the export market for our garments would be further expanded.

#### One stabbed, robbed in city

Gunnen snatched Tk 60,000 from a man after injuring him on broad day light at Asad Avenue in Mohammadpur of the city yesterday, reports UNB.

Police said the hijackers swooped on Abu M Naser as he reached near a post office in the area after encashing the money from United Commercial Bank Asad Avenue Branch at about 10 am.

The snatchers stabbed in his hand and fled the scene by a scooter. The victim was later given treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A resident of 31/1 Mohammadi Housing Society at Mohammadpur road number 9, Naser works at National Project Support System Limited in Gulshan. He filed a case with Mohammadpur police station in this connection. None was arrested.

#### BCL factions

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halls without any resistance. Supporters of the other faction then went out of the halls. Meanwhile, the activists of

Faridpur-Madaripur group, who control Salimullah, Zahurul Haq. Sir F Rahman and Mohsin halls brought out procession protesting the incident. They were staging demon-

stration in front of the Vice Chancellor's residence till the filing of this report late last night.

#### Jamaat activist

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He was rushed to Islami Bank Hospital and was later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries at about 10:30 am. Father of one son, Kashem

gaon Islamic Library at Tilpapara in the area. The motive behind the murder could not be known imme-

was general secretary of Khil-

diately. Police said Kashem had a clearing and forwarding busi-The body of Kashem was handed over to his relatives af-

ter autopsy at the DMCH morgue. A younger brother of the victim filed a murder case with Shabujbagh thana. None was arrested till last night. Meanwhile, Jamaat activists brought out a procession in the area demanding punishment to

the persons involved in the killing. Jamaat Secretary General Motiur Rahman Nizami in a statement, condemned the killing and demanded stern action against those responsible.

### Holzman calls on President, stresses govt-opposition

-Star photo

During a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban, Ambassador John C Holzman said that these are indispensable for ensuring peaceful atmosphere and devel-

genial atmosphere would surely ensure foreign investment. The US envoy appreciated the President's role in bringing

political parties closer

# held in Mirpur

rested from Shaorapara in Mirpur on Wednesday on charge of demanding toll from a video shop owner, reports UNB.

lease yesterday.

### dead in Fatikchhari

lager was shot dead by some miscreants at Beparipara under Fatikchhari thana last evening, police said.

The miscreants attacked the villager Ali Akbar, 40, while he was returning home from a local bazar at 6 pm, police said. Later police rushed to the spot and recovered the body. Police suspected that Akbar

was killed due to previous en-

# cooperation

Bangladesh requires political stability, continuation of democratic process and meaningful cooperation between the ruling and opposition parties the US Ambassador in Dhaka said yesterday, reports UNB.

Holzman expressed his feel-

ings to the President that conthe government and opposition

He said he has acquainted himself quite well with the land, people and various problems of the country since his arrival in Bangladesh one month ago.

Acting on a tip-off DB police went to the spot and picked up Mizanur Rahman Tuhin Shahidur Rahman Bipu, Kamrul Hasan Maznu, Ziauddin Zia and Fakrul Islam Akkas from in front of Penguin Video Shop at 8 am, said a DMP press re-

# Villager shot

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG. Oct 2: A vil-

A case was filed with Fatikchhari thana but none was arrested so far.

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elections using symbols of big

Talukder told this correspon-

dent that the CBA election is

now suspended under court or-

der. He said trade unions can

operate in an establishment

following the relevant provi-

sions in Industrial Relations

Ordinance, 1969 (IRO).

Talukder, however, declined to

explain on the plea that he was

Register of Trade Unions (RTU),

said in cases of failure of the

unions to abide by the pre-

scribed rules, RTU may seek

permission from the Labour

Court for cancellation of regis-

over 18,000 workers and em-

ployees and its first election in

trade union. The last election

held on August 26, 1993, was

won by the pro-BNP union.

Since then no election was held.

ties explain the CBA status

from different and opposite an-

gles. M A Quaiyum, Secretary

General of the CBA, claimed,

till fresh elections are held

their union is the legitimate

CBA. But he alleged that the au-

thorities were not taking them

into cognizance and always

Ambiguity prevails as par-

1991, won by the left-leaning

The CBA in BTTB represents

tration. He did not explain.

Talukder, who is ex-officio

too busy.

Director of Labour M S

parties in national polls.

# 5 JCD activists

Five JCD activists were ar-

ments, the DSE Council will have 12 elected councillors. with the other places going to the FBCCI chief, the MCCI chief, a joint secretary of the Banking Division, a senior official of Bangladesh Bank, the DCCI chief and the ICB chief.

(CEO) will be appointed to head the administration and management of the bourse.

A gazette notification will formalise the amendments which will be effective from the date of publication.

will protect the interest of the investors, and the conflicts of interest will be reduced," Securities and Exchange Commission member Shahbub Alam

## disparity in upgradation Prime Minister to apprise her

Nurul Huda, Secretary, Insti-

Dhaka sometime in November.

which will be preceded by a del-

egates conference. The Council

leaders will also meet the press

on October 8 at 12 noon at the

yesterday evening was ad-

dressed by Nurul Huda, Dr Ab-

dur Razzak, Secretary General

of the Council, and Dr Shar

fuddin, Treasurer, Bangladesh

Gen Zaman new

DG of Ansar, VDP

By Staff Correspondent

Uz Zaman, PSC has taken over

charge as Director General of

Ansar and VDP on September

advisor at the Bangladesh High

Commission in London prior to

his new appointment, says a

commission in 1968 and re-

ceived degree from Dhaka De-

fence Services Command and

Albright may

visit Bangladesh

in Nov

US Secretary of State Made-

leine Albright is expected to

visit Bangladesh sometime in

November, official sources said

prominently at her parleys

with the Bangladesh leaders in-

clude President Clinton's plan-

ned visit to Dhaka early next

year and matters of bilateral

Madeleine Albright is likely

20 hurt as workers

clash at Prime

Textile Mills

NARAYANGANJ, Oct 2: At

least 20 people were injured as

two rival groups of workers

clashed at Prime Textile Mills

in Fatulla thana over forma-

tion of trade union today, re-

of the mills and its three vehi-

during the four-hour long fight.

cles were also badly damaged

erupted at about 2 pm when

some outsiders, allegedly led by

one Palash, attacked their rival

workers who were opposing

formation of Sramik Union in

hit by bullet during the clash as

the two groups exploded over 60

bombs and traded several shots.

Milon was rushed to Dhaka

lobbed nine tear gas shells to

chairman of Prime Textile

Spinning Mills Ltd and Prime

Composite Mills Ltd M A Awal

alleged that a group of miscre-

ants led by one Palash in collu-

sion with some 'misguided' wor-

kers had tried to create chaos at

ADB loan

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The rest of the project will be

is payable in 40 years, includ-

financed by the Organisation of

Petroleum Exporting Countries

fund for international devel-

opment, as well as contribu-

tions from the governments of

France and Spain and the Ex-

nada, the ADB said.

port Development Corp. of Ca-

ing a 10-year grace period.

these two industries at 2 pm.

disperse the warring groups.

Police charged batons and

Meanwhile, in a statement

Medical College Hospital.

A youngman, Milon, 26, was

The administrative building

Mills sources said the clash

to exchange views with Bang-

ladesh officials on important

The topics that will figure

yesterday, reports UNB.

interest.

global issues.

ports UNB.

the mills.

press release.

Staff College.

Major General A M Mahmud

He was serving as the defense

Maj Gen Zaman obtained his

Medical Association.

Among others, the meeting

By Special Correspondent

Prokrichi-BCS body resents

A meeting of the Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination of their demands and to seek Council, grouping engineers, redressal of them. agriculturists and physicians. yesterday expressed tleep retute of Engineers (IEB), told The sentment at what they said Daily Star last night that the meeting also decided to organmoves to upgrade the BCS (Administration) cadre jobs of ise a grand rally of Prokrichi-TNO and Senior Assistant Sec-BCS Coordination Council in

retaries ignoring other cadres. Chaired by Engineer M A K Azad, Chairman of the Council, the meeting, held at the Institution of Engineers, noted that it would not accept such moves to upgrade the scale of BCS (Admn) cadres from Tk 4.800 to Tk 6.300 unless it covers all BCS cadres.

According to Council sources, the meeting decided to step up their campaign to implement the 17-point programme, removing intra cadre disparity and moves to upgrade the jobs of only one cadre, depriving others.

The meeting discussed the structure of the local government institutions and position of different cadres in it.

The meeting also decided to seek an appointment with the

#### Sectt employees meet today

By Staff Correspondent The Sachibalaya Karmachari Parishad has convened a meeting of the Secretariat em ployees on Tuesday at 10 am to review the Pay Commission Report and other issues

President of the Parishad Zafar Ahmed said yesterday they convened the meting to review the Pay Commission Report, Tiffin Allowance and other demands of the employ-

He said that as elected representatives of the Secretariat employees they would like to meet the Prime Minister to convey their grievances. They are now waiting for the recommendations of the seven-member review committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary as regards the national pay scales.

The recommendations are likely to be finalised tomorrow and placed before the Cabinet on Monday.

#### CU situation tense

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 2: Security has been tightened on the Chittagong University campus with reinforcement of police to avoid any fresh trouble, police

sources said. The campus situation became very tense following the arrest of section officer Zakir Ahmed yesterday in connection with the murder of BCL activist Aminul Hug Bakul.

Zakir was identified as a supporter of Jamaat e-Islami Police said immediately after his arrest, some masked gunmen entered the campus and locked the entrance gate and administrative building.

Later police broke the locks. Meanwhile, Shibir supporters staged a sit-in in front of local press club demanding the formation of judicial probe

#### DSE Council

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According to the amend-

A Chief Executive Officer

"It's a welcome move and it

consult the ruling party-backed

Hamid, president of a rival

trade union, asserted that after

the CBA, it automatically lost

its bargaining rights as per

rules of IRO '69. He, however,

denied the allegation that the

authorities consulted his union

since it is pro-AL, bypassing the

tor-2 of BTTB, who looks after

the developments relating to

trade union and CBA activities,

said that though the term of the

union that won the last CBA

elections had expired, it was

still being recognised as repre-

sentative of BTTB's employees

There is a common allega-

tion that most of the leaders of

the four unions do not attend

their official duties. There are

at least 120 office bearers in the

some extent the allegation. He,

however, said "In developed

countries trade union leaders.

particularly presidents and sec-

retaries of unions draw their

salaries against their duties as

union leaders and office put

them on deputation for playing

their role as union leaders." He

argued that union leaders were

part of an establishment's total

growth and healthy working

One union leader admitted to

and workers.

four unions.

Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Direc-

expiry of the 24-month term of

On the other hand, Abdul

union on various issues.

4 TUs work as pressure groups

environment. He, however, did not want to be identified. Another leader said, "I will not hide the fact that there are work shirkers among us. You can locate them neither at places of work nor at union meetings. This is a reality."

Replying to specific questions, all the union leaders denied in clear terms that they exert under pressure in recruitment and transfer. Refusing to be named, they explained how things happened sometimes. "They (one union) demanded of the authorities to appoint six of their men in a recent recruitment. We (another union) did not mind as long the authorities agreed to appoint a similar number of our men as well," said a leader.

"Is this the way how you compromise on recruitment of quality manpower to union pressures?" Replying to this query, a BTTB official just said 'I don't really understand what is the business of these trade unions. The union leaders failed to

explain why they could take up various problems of the employees with the authorities in a proper manner. General employees, who are not very happy at the role of union leaders, al leged, the leaders pay more attention to "individual and group interests" than the interests of all employees.



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#### DC's probe body

#### Newsmen demand clarification

From Our Correspondent PABNA, Oct 2: None of the five journalists who had been requested to appear before an inquiry committee to investigate the alleged rape of a woman at the district commissioner's (DC) office, showed up today.

The president of the Pabna Press Club, Mirza Shamsul Islam, in a letter to the DC said that the journalists did not appear before the committee because the summon notice did not say anything about the terms of reference of the committee.

He requested the committee to clarify its position upon which the journalists will decide whether they will appear

before the committee. The journalists who were asked to appear before the committee are: Ranesh Maitra of The Daily Star, Nishith Ranjan Shaha Bindu of Bhorer Kagoj. Mirza Azad of Janakantha and Abdul Matin Khan and Rabiul Islam of local Dainik

Meanwhile, the committee has asked a number of lowerlevel employees of Pabna Collectorate to appear before it.

#### Economy on verge of collapse, says Ershad

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Oct 2: Jatiya Party chairman H M Ershad criticised the government for its economic mismanagement and corruption and alleged that the country's economy on the verge of collapse.

Addressing a press conference last night at Raishahi Circuit House, Ershad said that his party was no more with the Awami League government. Ershad criticised the government for not disclosing the

terms and conditions of the draft CHT peace accord and observed that withdrawal of army from the CHT or formation of a Regional Authority would be suicidal.

"If done so, it will further strengthen the Shantibahini demand for autonomy or independence. The government should remember that the CH7 is our own land and our Constitution has not allowed such a

big concession," he said. Commenting on the proposed sub-regional cooperation, Ershad said that the Third World countries could not always do what they wanted. "The sub-regional cooperation may be a result of such pressure, though I think that the group may be formed only if the aims and objectives of SAARC are

not hurt, he added. He, however, warned about the drawbacks of formation of such a group and noted that it may turn out to be like the government's free market economic policy which had become open import economic policy" for the country.

#### BDR detains 39 Bangladeshis while travelling to India illegally

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), detained 39 Bangladeshi nationals, including seven women and one child, while they were travelling to India illegally through Khulna and Benapole borders recently, according to a BDR press release here yesterday, reports BSS.

In another drive on September 28 BDR personnel also seized five kgs of Indian silver worth Taka 50,000 from the possession of two women of village Kakdanga under Sadar thana in Satkhira district.

The arrested persons were handed over to Sharsha thana and Kalaroa thana respectively and the seized silver was deposited with Satkhira customs. the press release added.

## FM addresses UNGA

From Page 1 that continuation of the current financial crisis of the UN has seriously impaired the functioning of the organisation," he

In this regard, he stressed the need for the full and unconditional payment of the outstanding contribution by the member-states. Turning to the question of Security Council expansion and

reform, the minister expressed his logistic support for its reform through enlargement of membership for a more representative character. But in any enlargement exercise, he pointed out, the con-

tents of the smaller ad vulnerable states that have the most vital stakes in an effective and dynamic UN should not be lost sight of. The Bangladesh Foreign Minister has underlined the

need for the follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the global conferences including the Agenda for development that was adopted in June this He said Bangladesh believes that without full involvement

of the civil society this process will remain incomplete. In this regard, the Foreign Minister also supported the Secretary-General's proposal for a people's millennium assembly in the year.

Samad Azad said access to world markets, greater inflow of foreign private investment, transfer of technology and managerial know-how and larger

### BNP protests

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ment said power disruption at the party office at Nayapaltan took place as soon as Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia reached there to attend a joining programme of newcomers Later, the programme was

shifted to 29 Minto Road. As Be-

gum Zia went there to attend the

programme, the power supply to the residence was interrupted although the power supply in all the nearby houses remained uninterrupted, he alleged. He said the BNP men found the local complaint centre of power supply authorities closed at that time. The power supply.

#### however, resumed shortly before the conclusion of the party programme. Khaleda

From Page 1 workers of Jatiya Party Tangail district unit and its front organisations, led by its president Brigadier (Retd) Fazlur Rahman, formally joined BNP expressing their allegiance to the leadership of Begum Zia and ideals and programmes of her

party. Among the freshers, there are 54 members of district JP committee and members of the local bar association.

Earlier, another group of 500 leaders and activists of Jamaat and JP of Demra and Mirpur thanas also joined BNP in presence of Begum Zia. "The government, in fact, has handed over the borders to

others, so that they can push

their commodities into our

country without any resistance," said the BNP chief. Begum Zia said she came to know from press reports that trucks and lorries with smuggled goods are coming up to capital Dhaka from another country without any hindrance.

As a result, she said, domes-

tic products are losing competition with the contraband and local industries facing closure. Subsequently, the country is being deprived of revenue earning. Due to tremendous fall of revenue income, she alleged, the government has taken all the money from banks causing

unprecedented liquidity crisis. Begum Zia said businessmen, industrialists and other traders were not getting loans from banks and that resulted in lack of investment and stagnation in the economy.

external assistance would play a vital role in ensuring economic development of least developed countries.

Referring to the role of the UN in seeking peaceful and equitable resolutions of the problems of West Asia, particularly Palestine, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afganistan and Great Lakes region, he hoped that the peace process in Middle East in particular Palestine will move forward towards realisation of the Palestine for an independent homeland with Jerusalem

as its capital. Samad Azad said memberstates should put their collective endeavour to strengthen the United Nations so that it could address the problems of the post-Cold War World.

#### Nepal's coalition government faces no-trust motion

KATMANDU, Oct 2: Nepal's rickety coalition government Thursday faced a no-trust motion brought in parliament by the main opposition party, but rebels from the prime minister's own party may go against him in the vote later this week, reports AP.

Introducing the motion against Prime Minister Lokendra Bahadur Chand, Nepali Congress Party leader Girija Prasad Koirala said the administration was incompetent and had no direction. Chand's 6-month-old coali-

house. Communist partners hold 89 and the opposition has But there were fears that some lawmakers from Chand's

tion consists of his National

Democratic Party, which has 20

seats in the 205-member lower

party might vote against him on Saturday. One rebel group openly challenged Chand after a meeting in Katmandu on Thursday. "After extensive discussions over the impending vote of no-trust, the meeting has decided that the present power equation should be changed," said Pashupati Rana, a spokesman for the rebel

### Intellectuals

From Page 1 versity Haji Muhammad Muhsin Hall to collect particulars about Ashrafuzzaman, one of the said abductors of intellec-

Syeda Mortaza, the wife of martyr Dr Mortaza, mentioned the name of Ashrafuzzaman as abductor of his husband. She also said Ashrafuzzaman resided at Muhsin Hall at that time.

However, CID investigation

Rahman told UNB that they were yet to ascertain whether name of the abductor was actually Ashrafuzzaman. "He might also be Ashraful Islam or Haq," he said, adding that they would collect particu-

officer ASP Munshi Atique

Muhsin Hall but also of other dormitories of that time. Atiqur Rahman said they already had talked to Syeda Murtaza and would talk again with her for further details of the

lars of all Ashrafs, not only of

The CID team yesterday also went to Bangla Academy to talk to its Director General, Dr Anwar Hossain, on the killing of the intellectuals. Anwar Hossain, who was a resident of Muhsin Hall and student of History, witnessed

mentioned Ashrafuzzaman

#### teacher martyr Giasuddin Ahmed.

while the killers picked up his

house tutor and department

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land World Cup Cricket tournament. Home Minister Major (Rtd) Rafiqul Islam, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury MP were present at

the function.



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