From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Oct 19: Production at the Prime Textile Mills at Nandalalpur in Fatullah resumed today amid tight security.

Authorities closed the mills indefinitely on October 3 following attacks and ransacking of three units of the Prime Group of Industries by a group of local mastans. Attendance of workers was

Meantime, the authorities had sacked 511 of the 2400 workers of the mills reportedly for their involvement in the ransacking.

Myanmar national held on charge of kidnapping girl COX'S BAZAR, Oct 19: Tek-

naf police today rescued a teenaged girl, who was kidnapped and deflowered by miscreants, and arrested a Myanmar national in this connection, reports UNB. A group of miscreants ab-

ducted the girl from Noakhali Para in Teknaf thana on October 14, police said. They arrested Abu Shama, a

Myanmar national, in connec-

tion with the abduction and violation. In another incident, police arrested two people - Ramjan

and Rafiq - on charge of violating a underaged girl.

#### DC, ADC (Gen) of Jessore sued

From Our Correspondent JESSORE, Oct 19: The Deputy Commissioner and Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) have been sued in a local court for refixing retail price of LP Gas Cylinder at a higher level than that fixed by the government recently.

Editor of the Runner a local daily, filed the case in the sadar court of Assistant Judge, on Thursday.

The plaintiff, in his petition, stated that the government raised the retail price of this Gas Cylinder to Tk 220 each from Tk 181

But local dealers began to sell Gas Cylinder at exorbitant rates by creating an artificial crisis in the market. The consumers then sought intervention of the DC into the matter and he directed the ADC (General) to take action.

The ADC refixed the retail price of Gas Cylinder without cap at Tk 300 each and with cap at Tk 316 and this decision was officially communicated to the

#### Strike at CU

From Page 1 However, supporters of BCL held rallies and brought out a procession on the campus while activists of Chhatra Shibir also brought out a silent procession.

campus sources said. A large number of police, mostly in riot gear, were deployed on the campus to maintain tight security.

#### AL invites

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gested that the government 'improve the overall political situation' to pave the way for a dialogue. "I told the minister that discussions must cover all burning political issues and made it clear that such talks can't be confined only to the issues relating to parliament," he

Khandaker Delwar Hossain termed the ruling party's move for dialogue 'an eyewash' as, he said, the offer came at a time when the government's undemocratic behaviour with the Opposition had led to sharp deterioration in overall political

situation. "I told the minister that peacemeal dialogue initiated before JS session can't resolve the crisis... They must be sincere in resolving the deadlock

#### Indo-Bangla

From Page 1 Indian Prime Minister Deve Gowda. It was dormant for several years. Representatives from the Foreign and Home ministries and of the two countries and those from the BDR and BSF participate in the discussions.

Sources said that today's discussions would be a followup of those at the Delhi meet on elimination of insurgencies like those of the ULFA, NSCN and Bodos in the seven northeastern states of India and that of the Shantibahini in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

## Alleged misuse of power

### Pak SC opens enquiry against Newaz Sharif

ISLAMABAD, Oct 19: Pakistan's Supreme Court opened an inquiry against Prime Minister Newaz Sharif yesterday for alleged misuse of powers. court sources said, reports

They said the court called two opposition members of parliament to testify before Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah on Sunday and Monday about their charges that Sharif had pressured banks and about alleged irregularities in a wheat

import contract. The court has also issued a

#### D-8 Working Group meet begins in

city today A two-day meeting of the

Working Group on Rural Development and Microcredit of D-8 begins in the city today, reports LGRD Minister Zillur Rah-

man will inaugurate the meeting at Hotel Sheraton. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury will grace the occasion as special

Senior officials from Bangladesh and seven other D-8 countries will participate in the meeting that will split into four working sessions.

notice to Naserullah Babar, Interior Minister in the previous government, to become a party in the case as he had told it he had additional information about the allegations, the

sources said. Sharif's government denies the charges, which the who members of parliament from former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party have cited as cases of human rights violations.

Senate member Safdar Abbasi alleged that Sharif used his official position to pressurise banks for out-of-court settlement of a charge of default of repayments of huge loans brought against an industrial group owned by Sharif's family.

#### **Pirates**

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the pirates away. They caught three of them - Kalam 25. Siraj, 32, and Jahangir, 25 They were given a good beating and later were handed over to Baufal than police.

Four of the injured fishermen sustained bullet injuries during the attack and were admitted to Barisal Medical College Hospital. A case was filed against 12 pirates with Baufal thana in this connection.

#### Tk 56000 looted from Proshika office

KHULNA, Oct 19: Six young man carrying firearms robbed Tk 56,300 from the office of an NGO - Proshika at Madhugram

under Dumuria thana today. Police said the gang left the place in a microbus, firing some shots in the air and exploding four handbombs. The robbery was committed at about 11-30

#### Khaleda

From Page 1 Minister Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia had convened meet ings of political parties several times, but Awami League did not respond to the invitation.

The human rights activists delegation expressed grave concern over the rising trend of violation of human rights in the

Referring to off-loading of her younger brother from a Biman aircraft yesterday, she said the government had illegally off-loaded Syed Iskander who was going abroad for treatment. "Is there any law in the coun-

try? If there is rule of law, none can dare to do such illegal acts. Is it not violation of fundamental and human rights?" she

The delegation included Akram H Chowdhury, AHM Nouman, Mohammad Kurshid Alam, Mohammad Aminul Islam. Abu Nayeem. Advocate Nazrul Islam and Nikhil Hazra.

BNP leader Barrister Nazmul Huda MP was present on the occasion.

#### Hasina

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not make any hindrance in the process of initiating legal action against women trafficking and child repression.

Presided over by district Awami League president Syed Mohsin Ali, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Foreign Minister Samad Azad Amir Hossain Amu, Dewan Farid Gazi MP. Azizur Rahman Sultan Mansur MP and Abdul Matin.

Referring to local problems. the Prime Minister assured that steps would be taken to set up a college and a hospital.

Responding to the demand for reconstruction of the rail road damaged by the fire at Magurchhara gas field, she asked the authorities concerned to build an alternative railway to connect Sylhet with rest of the country.

#### Bailey bridge

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near the newly constructed bailey bridge over the river

The Prime Minister inaugurated the bridge unveiling the plaque at one end of the bridge. constructed by the Army Engi-

neering Corps.

The 420-foot-long and 10.6foot-wide steel bridge was constructed within three months as the old bridge on river Khowai had been washed away on July 13 by onrush of flood waters.

it is simply his security duty. Farooq was seen standing in the dock while the proceedings resumed after the break and trying to draw attention of Dhaka District and Sessions

Col Farook had

exchange of words

with police official

had an exchange of words with

a police official during the trial

proceedings yesterday as the

latter stood nearby while Fa-

rook was speaking to his

mother during a break, reports

Bangabandhu murder case, Col

Shahriyar, drew attention of

the judge that he was being in-

dicated to the next witness be-

fore beginning the witness be-

case. Lt Col (dismissed) Syed

Farook Rahman asked the po-

lice official to leave the dock

area as his mother came to him

police personnel... why you

also?" Farooq told the police of-

ficial who sharply replied that

"There are so many female

The principal accused in the

gan his deposition.

during the tea break.

Another accused in the

Col Farook from the dock

Judge Kazi Golam Rasul. Recalling facilities given to the accused, the Judge asked them to reach him, if they face any problem, through their

lawyers. "But you should not go for such acts," he said. As Farooq's counsel advocate Khan Saifur Rahman was not present in the courtroom at

that time, advocate Sharfuddin Mukul, lawyer for Thakur, apologised.

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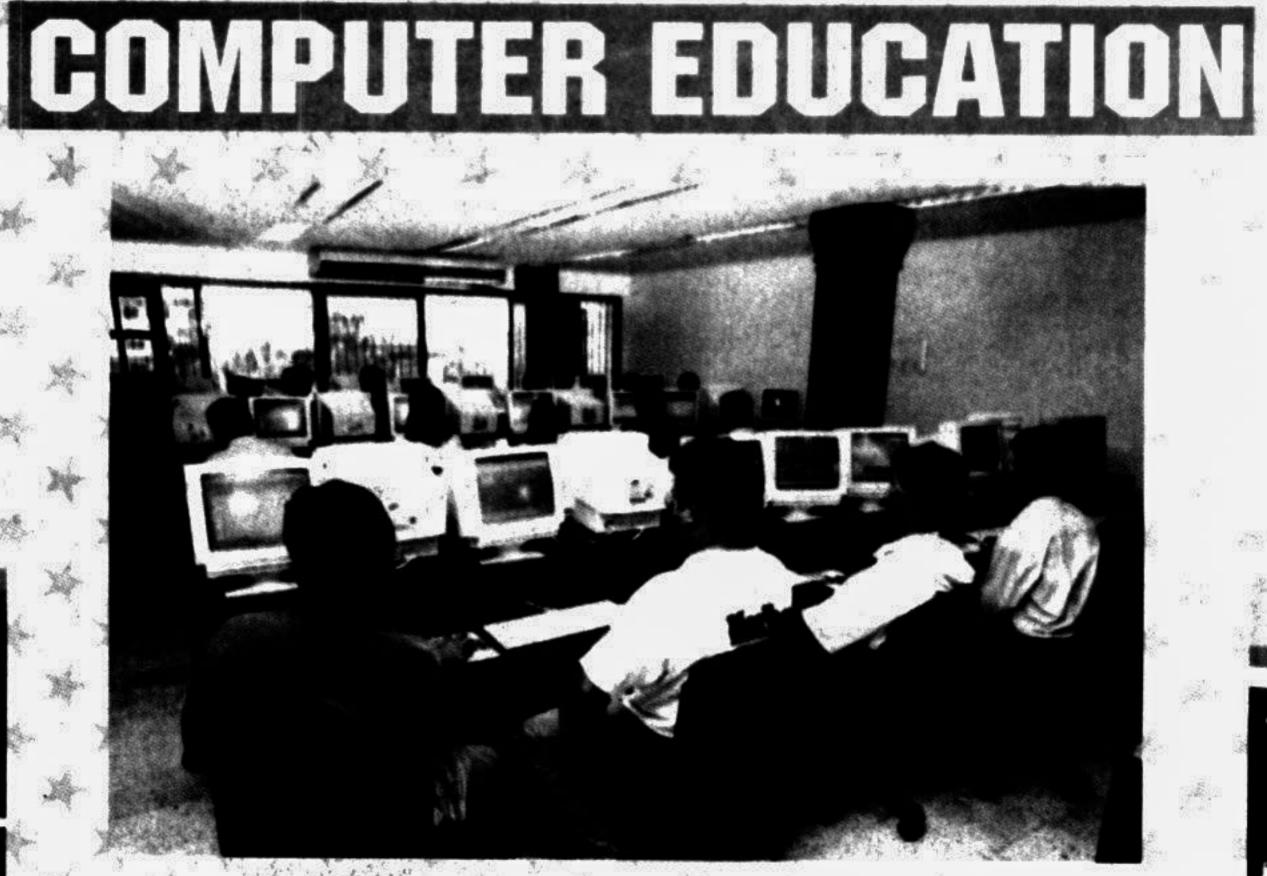
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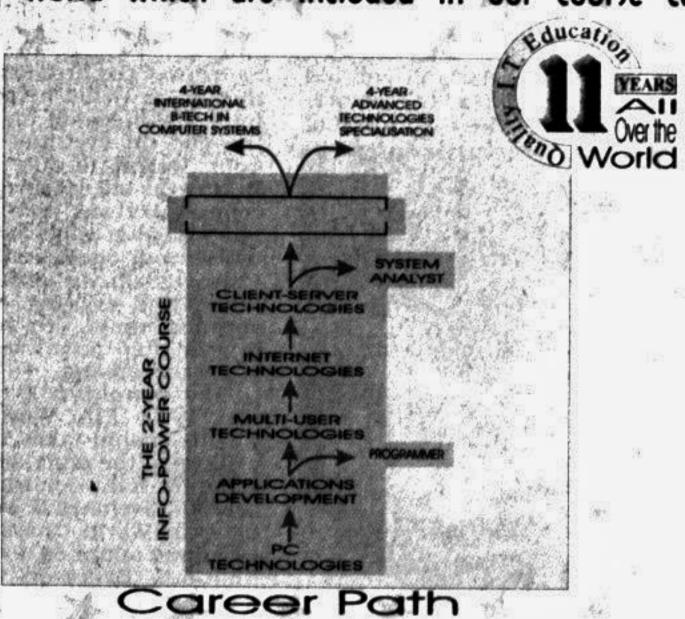
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