

## NCCHT meets today to review draft accord

By Special Correspondent

The National Committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts (NCCHT) is meeting in Dhaka today to take stock of the negotiations so far with the Parbatyia Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) on a proposed accord to end decades of insurgency in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

Highly placed sources said that the NCCHT will review the draft of the agreement to remove some 'thorny issues' that so far delayed the progress of the negotiations.

The draft, with amendments to the one agreed earlier by PCJSS supreme Jyotindriyo Bodhipriyo Lama alias Shantu Lama during the last meeting between the NCCHT and the PCJSS, is expected to be sent to the PCJSS high command by October 31. The last meeting ended in Dhaka on September 17.

The NCCHT yesterday sent a See Page 12 Col 3

## Nov 7 incident

### Ex-armyman held on charge of killing 4 TV officials

Police yesterday arrested a retired armyman on charge of killing four officials of Bangladesh Television amidst an upheaval in the capital in 1975, reports UNB.

Retired Honorary Lieutenant Altaf Hossain, now security officer of Philips, was arrested after about 24 years of the incident from Philips factory at Mohakhali in the evening.

Police sources said Programme Director Munirul Alam, Chief Accounts Officer Akmal Khan, Administrative Officer AM Siddique and Assistant Photographer Feroz Qaiyum were killed by an army contingent on duty at BTV on November 7, 1975.

The army contingent of Engineering Corps first confined Munirul Alam, Akmal Khan and AM Siddique to a room at See Page 12 Col 3

## One shot dead in city slum

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was shot dead in a slum in Kauran Bazar area of the city yesterday afternoon.

The victim was identified as Sabar Ali, 28, a resident of Shyamoli. He worked as a butcher in a shop in Kauran Bazar area.

Sabar sustained wounds in his chest and head when two gunmen fired on him in the slum behind Sonargaon Hotel at about 4 pm. He died soon after he was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Sources said the killing was a sequel to conflict over gaining control of the slum.

The body was sent to morgue for autopsy. A case has been lodged. However, none was arrested till last night.

## The Daily Star

on the Internet

http://www.dailystarnews.com

## Inside Today

### Article

President's speech at FEMA workshop

How about Introduction of Public Financing for Parliamentary Elections?

Column: Crosscurrents by CAF Dowlah

Page 4

## International

BJP wins crucial vote of confidence in UP

Page 5

## Business

Licences expected by next month: Three EPZs see Tk 2000 cr in investment

DSE index continues to decline

Pages 6,7

## Supplement

One and a half page supplement on 'National Day of Holy See'

Pages 8&9

# AL, BNP meet today to prepare 'grounds for formal talks'

By Nazmul Ashraf and Reaz Ahmad

Key leaders of the Awami League and the BNP are likely to meet at an 'undisclosed' venue sometime today, in an apparent bid to create 'grounds for a formal dialogue'.

Today's 'informal' meeting was termed crucial by sources in fixing a time-table for talks to end the long-drawn political standoff ahead of the Jatiya Sangsad winter session starting November 2.

Leaders of both parties were found evasive yesterday to an unprecedented extent.

Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim will represent the AL at 'pre-dialogue' meeting with BNP, whose members had walked out of the House August 30, the opening day of the previous session, and had not since gone back.

The decision to talk face-to-face followed Nasim's phone call two days ago (Sunday) to the two BNP leaders who came out with a positive response yesterday.

Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and the Opposition Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain have been named to represent BNP at the meeting.

The two belligerent groups are likely to discuss their proposed strength on the JS standing committees, which has been at the core of the dispute.

The BNP, according to some party sources, is unlikely to withdraw its key charge against the AL that its party leaders and workers have been victims of the ruling party wrath.

See Page 12 Col 3

Leaders of both parties became incommunicado yesterday, after BNP's displeasure that Nasim had disclosed to press his plans for such a move.

The two belligerent groups are likely to discuss their proposed strength on the JS standing committees, which has been at the core of the dispute.

The BNP, according to some party sources, is unlikely to withdraw its key charge against the AL that its party leaders and workers have been victims of the ruling party wrath.

See Page 12 Col 3



Voter ID cards not distributed as yet.

— Star photo

# Voters' ID card project remains suspended

By Morshed Ali Khan

The Voters Identity (ID) Card project now remains suspended for an indefinite period three years after it was initiated to enable the Election Commission (EC) to conduct elections as per requirement of the Electoral Rolls Ordinance 1982 as amended in 1994.

The Tk 180 crore ID Card project, with roughly 20 per cent implemented at an expenditure of about Tk 97 crore in three years, remains suspended as the government thinks that "massive irregularities" took place in the process and those must be investigated.

After a series of problems and repeated extension of time, the project faced its first major hurdle when it was placed before the Planning Commission for further extension of its time limit up to June, 1997.

Originally, the project was scheduled to be completed by December, 1995. On December 13, the ECNEC extended the time limit up to June 30, 1996, with a revised budget of Tk 180 crore instead of the original Tk 300 crore.

According to documents obtained, with the latest EC request for extension of the project period up to June 30, 1997, the Planning Commission observed that it was a sensitive matter and it should "have a political decision by the present government". It also said that the project "had some basic implementation problems," therefore, the time limit should not be extended.

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

On September 5 last year, ECNEC conditionally extended the project period till December 31, suspending all activities under the project. The project was restricted only to revising the project paper and include a See Page 12 Col 1

## PM for formation of local coordination bodies to solve city problems

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday suggested formation of local coordination committees headed by MPs and comprising ward commissioners, elderly people and others in the community for solving problems of the localities, reports UNB.

Problems like traffic jam, terrorism and of cleanliness can be solved locally through sincere work of such coordination bodies, she said addressing a meeting of the city ward commissioners and MPs at the International Conference Centre in the afternoon.

Hasina told them that the government had taken steps for solving all the problems of the capital city.

For removing traffic jam steps have been taken to construct roads, flyovers and ring-roads, said the Prime Minister.

"But all these involve huge money and we See Page 12 Col 1

## BNP men asked to prepare for all-out agitation

By Staff Correspondent

BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, MP, has asked the party workers to prepare for an all-out agitation against "government tyranny" saying, "the more there will be repression, the more intensified will be the agitation".

Addressing a meeting of city BNP leaders at the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Mannan Bhuiyan alleged that the government after "losing ground," has now opted for political persecution to cling to power.

"In its 16 months in power, the Awami League government failed to do anything good to the people. It acted as a stooge and tried to contain public agitation against its misdeeds," he said.

The BNP leader also accused the ruling party of making the Jatiya Sangsad inoperative by obstructing the Opposition from speaking in the House and violating parliamentary rules. See Page 12 Col 6

## BNP demonstration in cities, dist hqs today

By Staff Correspondent

BNP will organise street demonstrations at the metropolitan cities and the district towns today to press home its various demands.

With today's programme, the 17-day countryside demonstration programme of the BNP will come to an end. The programmes were announced after the party enforced a rail-road barricade across the country on October 5.

The demands include cessation of the conspiracy of the CHT, making the Jatiya Sangsad effective and centre of all national activities, fixation of jute price at Tk 500 per maund, withdrawal of political cases against the BNP leaders See Page 12 Col 2



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad receiving Chinese Vice Prime Minister Wu Bangguo at Zia International Airport yesterday.

— PID photo

## Accord for Tk 105.2cr loan signed Dhaka, Beijing to boost economic cooperation

Bangladesh and China have decided to bolster bilateral ties through expansion of trade and economic cooperation as well as consolidation of mutual understanding in other fields, reports UNB.

The decision came from formal talks between visiting Chinese Vice Premier Wu Bangguo and Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the state guest house Meghna yesterday afternoon.

The talks were held in a friendly and cordial atmosphere. Samad Azad said while briefing newsmen on the outcome of the talks that lasted 90 minutes.

The Chinese Vice-Premier led his country's 14-member delegation at the talks. He was assisted by Chinese Communication Minister Huan Zhendong, Vice Minister of State See Page 12 Col 1

Planning Commission Ye Qing and other members of his entourage.

The Foreign Minister, who headed a 13-member home team at the meeting, was aided by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman, Secretary (Economic Affairs) at the foreign office M Aminul Islam and Director General (Pacific) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ATM Nazrul Islam.

The talks were followed by signing of two agreements providing Bangladesh with an interest subsidised preferential loan of Yuan 200 million, equivalent to 24.15 million US dollars (Tk 105.20 crore) and commodity grant of Yuan 2 million (Tk 1.05 crore).

Chinese Assistant Minister See Page 12 Col 1

## SEC to tighten supervision of brokers' activities

By M Shamsur Rahman

The capital market watchdog, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), has decided to tighten monitoring and supervision of brokers' activities to bring transparency in the stock market.

The SEC yesterday wrote to both Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), saying its inspectors would scrutinise the books of the brokerage firms. SEC sources said.

The notice was issued from the office of Emdadul Haq, member in charge of the Supervision and Monitoring wing of the SEC.

Khairul Anam, Corporate Accountant of the SEC, will lead the inspection team and the two recently-appointed members of the SEC surveillance team will assist him.

The team will visit the brokerage firms of DSE and CSE and inspect their books of accounts and ensure that they are conducting business in accordance with the norms and regulations of the SEC.

"It's a routine work of SEC which is well in practice in other countries. However, this is the first time we are taking such a move in the country," a member of SEC said.

"We will ensure that the members are doing business legally, and action will follow See Page 12 Col 3

## PW-26 tells court Maj Rashid took away huge ammunition

Major Khandakar Abdur Rashid took away huge ammunition from Artillery store some six hours before the assassination of President Sheikh Mujib on August 15, 1975, reports UNB.

This was stated yesterday by the 26th prosecution witness in Bangabandhu murder case Naik Gunner (ret'd) Jamrul Islam who was in charge of the store during the August carnage.

He made his deposition at the special elash of Court of Dhaka District and Sessions Judge Kazi Golam Rasul at Nazimuddin Road.

After taking the bullets and shells without leaving any document, Jamrul said, Major Rashid, the Commanding Officer of 2 Field Artillery, asked him to stay at unit line on that night as he might need more ammunition.

Jamrul was later cross-examined by state defence for absconding Rashid, advocate Gazi Zillur Rahman, and principal accused Farooq's lawyer advocate Khan Aifur Rahman.

Earlier, prosecution lawyer advocate Ramjan Ali Khan introduced Jamrul Islam to the court after cross-examination of PW-25 Naik (ret'd) M Yasin was completed.

The witness, who was in 2 Field Artillery in 1975, also identified Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooq Rahman and a Battery Commander of his regiment.

See Page 12 Col 7

## JCD-BCL clash in Bogra: One stabbed

See Page 12 Col 3

## AL-BNP clash in Sirajganj: 30 injured

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 21: Thirty people, including four policemen, were injured in a clash between BNP and Awami League supporters at Shahjadpur Government College today, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted at about 4:45 pm during a protest meeting organised by local BNP on the college campus.

The warring groups exploded crackers and pelted bricks at each other during the hour-long clash. Police lobbed 10 rounds of tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

Of the injured, six BNP activists were admitted to Shahjadpur Thana Health Complex See Page 12 Col 3

## 12 Bangladeshis hurt in BSF attack in Naogaon

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Oct 21: Twelve Bangladeshis were injured, three with bullet in an attack by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) personnel at Talukpur village in Dhamoirhat union under Naogaon district yesterday, BDR sources said today.

The bullet-hit persons have been admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. They are local Union Parishad member Nurul Islam, 43, Jalaluddin, 60, and Atoar Rahman, 17.

According to the sources, BSF personnel had beat Nurul Islam on Oct 17. Some people went to the border area to mitigate the matter. But BSF personnel of Shantapur border out-post in West Dinajpur of India attacked them with firearms and bayonets.

Other injured persons include Sultan, 25, Ahmed, 26, Haider, 30, Latif, 30 and Abdul Hakim, 32. They were admitted to Dhamoirhat thana health See Page 12 Col 6

## PM leaves for Edinburgh tonight

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leaves Dhaka tonight for Edinburgh to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, reports UNB.

The four-day conference of the heads of government of 54 Commonwealth countries begins Friday in Edinburgh to focus on winds of democracy sweeping the world.

Queen Elizabeth, as head of the Commonwealth, will inaugurate the conference of the loose confederation of the former British colonies.

The main themes of the CHOGM are good governance and human rights as well as trade, development and investment.

Hasina will be accompanied by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman and Director General (IO) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Muhammad Ziauddin.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad will join the Bangladesh delegation in Edinburgh on Saturday.

## 3 Biman flights to carry deportees from Jeddah

The BG-012 aircraft of Bangladesh Biman will operate two flights on New York-Dhaka route via Jeddah on October 22 and 28, reports UNB.

The two flights will carry about 350 Bangladeshi deportees in addition to its regular passengers from Jeddah to Dhaka.

Besides, a DC-10 aircraft, now in Italy, will also carry Bangladeshi deportees from Jeddah to Dhaka, official sources said last night.

The arrangements have been made in the wake of shortage of aircraft.



**Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha**

RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka

## General Notice

It is notified for information of all concerned that, according to clause 3(1) of EBBC Act 1952 (subsequent amendment 1987) it is essential to obtain prior permission of Authorised Officer, Dhaka for all types of construction work (pucca, semi-pucca, tinshed or tiled covered) in Dhaka Master Plan area. But it is observed that many an unapproved construction or construction contravening the approved drawing is coming up in areas under Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha jurisdiction in violation of the said clause of BC Act.

Therefore the owners/tenants/occupants of unapproved constructions or constructions contravening the approved drawing are instructed to demolish/remove the unapproved construction/portion contravening the approved drawing at own cost within 30th November. On failing, RAJUK will take legal steps, by authority conferred in the relevant clause of BC Act, to demolish/remove the unapproved constructions/constructions contravening the approved drawing. All costs of such demolition will be realised from the owners or occupants of the constructions.

**Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha Dhaka**

DPP-23327-15/10 G-2503