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## Hasina at reception in Edinburgh

## Govt making efforts for economic emancipation

EDINBURGH, Oct 27: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today said her government had been making relentless efforts for economic emancipation of the people through massive poverty alleviation programmes for establishing people's 'right to food, reports BSS.

Speaking at a civic reception accorded to her by the Scotland Awami League at the Meadow Bank Stadium here, she said the government have been pursuing a comprehensive economic reform programmes in the light of the new world economic order.

Chaired by Scotland Awami League president Shahidul Alam Chowdhury, the reception was also addressed by Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad, State Minister for Foreign Atfairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, State Minister for Health Prof Amanullah, Dr Mohammad Selim MP, David Martin, Vice President of European Parliament, Malcolm Chisholm, MP.

Minister for Local Government, Housing and Transport of Scotland government, Golam Anis Chowdhury, general secretary, Scotland Awami League, Shahnoor Chowdhury, organising secretary and Shahadat Hossain vice president.

put forward a lucrative incentive package for the foreign investors to encourage them for investing in Bangladesh." She said the package included foreign ownership without limit, legal protection to investors against nationalisation, generous tax-holidays and unrestricted repatriation of capital and profits with capital gains.

She told the audience that a British company — Cairn Energy — has discovered substantial offshore and onshore gas reserves in Bangladesh. "This has generated a tremendous amount of interest in oil and gas exploration in our country," she added.

proval by the appropriate au-

thorities of the government who

were properly conversant with

the petitioners' previous service

tioners previous service posi-

tions was made," he submitted.

pension order has been issued

without giving any opportunity

to the petitioners to defend

themselves which is violative of

the principle of natural justice".

20 fertiliser,

jute godowns

gutted

From Our Correspondent

tilizer and jute godowns were

gutted in a fire at Nagarbari

burning cigarettes thrown by

some unidentified persons in a

jute godown and quickly spread

lapara and Sirajganj rushed to

the spot and brought the blaze

under control after a ten-hour

13 get life term

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Sukkur, a leader of the out-

lawed Sarbahara Party (Kamrul

Group) and his accomplices at-

tacked a mosque at Bihanga at

Kashipur on the outskirts of

Barisal town on August 28,

1993. They opened fire on

musallis praying in the

mosque, killing one Sayeed, 20,

on the spot. The judge after ex-

amining 20 witnesses pro-

nounced the judgement in a

crowded court. Three persons

ment in recent years, the IRBD

said. The increase in the GDP

growth rate to well over five per

cent in both 1995-96 and 1996-

97 could be attributed entirely

to very high agricultural growth

which more than compensated

for a sharp decline in the

growth of manufacturing pro-

higher GDP growth rate, manu-

facturing activities will have to

be vigorously reactivated, since

agricultural production is not

likely to continue to have

In spite of the robust GDP

above-trend rates of growth,

growth performance, the

strains in macroeconomic bal-

ances emerging since 1994-95

have not entirely disappeared

by the end of the first quarter of

fiscal 1997-98, the IRBD said.

The external current account

deficit had been reduced from

an unsustainable level of over

five per cent of GDP in 1995-96

to less than three per cent in

ternal deficit had been made

possible mainly because of a

sharp decline in the growth of

import demand, which in turn

appeared to have resulted from

a subdued level of manufactur-

The widespread disruptions

ing and investment activities.

The contraction of the ex-

Prof Mahmud said.

1996-97.

"Even to maintain this

were acquitted of charges.

Firefighters from Pabna, Ul-

to other godowns in the area.

The fire originated from

PABNA, Oct 27: Twenty fer-

He further argued, "the sus-

ppression of the peti-

## Showcause on govt

The division bench of the HC comprising Justice A M Mohamudur Rahman and Justice Abu Sayeed Ahmed upon separate writ prtitions al ordered the government to show cause as to why the provisions of the Surplus Government Servants Absorption Ordinance should

The court further directed the respondents to provide all the records relating to the suspended officers to the court.

sisted by Advocate Obaidur Rahman Mostafa moved the petitions, while Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud

reau of Anti-Corruption, Md Shahiduzzaman, Sirazul Haque, Abul Kashem Fakir, Abu Yusuf Mian, Samsul Alam, Wakilur Rahman and Mozammel Hossain were suspended from their office by an order dated October 7 issued by the Principal Secretary of the Prime Minister's Secretariat.

submitted that the petitioners

From Page 1 parliament.

Nizami said: It's an attempt to pull out army and evict set-

# IJO review body

tee meeting on the international agreement on jute and yesterday, reports UNB.

Sheikh Hasina said "we have

positions.

not be declared ultra vires.

Barrister Amir-ul Islam as-

Bhuiyan opposed those. Deputy Directors of the Bu-

Barrister Amir-ul Islam

obtained their service upon ap-

#### CHI

terms and conditions in the

tiers from the hill tracts to appease the Santibahini men and their masters outside the country. "People will never accept it," he warned.

### meet ends The two-day review commit-

jute products concluded at the IJO headquarters in the city CPD economic review

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expanded into other industrial

activities, the medium-term

outlook for the balance of pay-

ments on this count may

worsen rather than improve.

On the other hand, the an-

nual gross aid disbursement of

about 1.5 billion dollars in

1996-97 represents only a

marginal improvement over

that in 1995-96 and was lower

than the level in the preceding

in aid disbursement in 1995-96

cannot perhaps be attributed

entirely to the political unrest

of that year. Rather, stricter aid

conditionalities can also con-

stagnating around a trend rate

of about four per cent annually

for the last 15 years or so, has

shown some signs of improve-

JSD

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the basis of spirit of the freedom

struggle and in light of its orig-

The meeting decided that on

The growth of GDP, after

tribute to the trend.

This implies that the decline

Prof Mahmud observed.

# for keeping

Four persons were sentenced to 14 years of rigorous imprisonment by Mohammad Rafiquddin judge of the Special Tribunal No 27 yesterday for possessing unauthorised firear-

were recovered from the Latif Hall of Tejgaon Polytechnic Institute by Police on May 6, 1994 and one Mohammad Atiqur Rahman alias Atiqul Islam was arrested in this connection. Acting on his confession, po-

lice later recovered a point 303 rifle, one seven mm rifle, one shot gun with sawn-off barrel and some ammunition from a store room of the hall and three others, Mohammad Mizanur Rahman, Alauddin and Miza nur Rahman.

Advocate Mohammad Wadud conducted the case on behalf of the state and Advocate AGA Malek Choudhury represented the accused.

### One killed, 2 hurt as bus hits tempo in city

By Staff Correspondent A teenaged boy was killed and two others injured when a minibus hit a tempo at Jatrabari crossing in the city yesterday morning.

Police said the dead, identified as Faruq Hossain, 15, sustained fatal injuries and died on the spot. The injured persons - Jahangir and Malek - were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

a Narayanganj-bound passenger bus hit the tempo from behind at about 7 am. Faruq and the injured were the passengers of the tempo.

Demra police arrested the minibus driver, Harun-ur-Rashid, and seized the vehicle. A case was lodged with Demra thana in this regard.

## Mongla Port stevedores From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Oct 27: The Chairman of Mongla Port Authority served a notice upon the Mongla **Bandar Stevedores Association** to showcause why actions will members for refraining from gang booking thereby stopping loading and unloading operations since Sunday evening.

The showcause notice by the MPA Chairman angered the stevedores who have decided not to sit with the administration and the Port Authority for ending the stalemate.

The stevedores are refraining from gang booking to protest what they called the unlawful demands of dock workers and thin go-slow tac-

The Deputy Commissioner Bagerhat had earlier called a meeting of the stevedors, the Port Authority at 3 pm today.

#### Govt invites Shell

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the current block bidding negotiation process when she visited the Cairn Head Office in Edinburgh on October 24.

The Prime Minister was told that Shell believed that the Shell-Cairn bid was originally ranked first by the bidding evaluation committee in at least four of the six blocks they had applied for.

said that the "one block-one company" formula which was adopted to maximised participation in hydrocarbon exploration.

But Cairn-Shell representatives said, "Too many groupings will lead to fragmentation of effort by failing to create projects large enough to justify the necessary long term commitment."

grouping would leave the country and government badly exposed," and added, "the interests of Bangladesh would be best served by between two and four

They urged the government to take a "strong position" about selecting the "committed" oil and gas companies which "really have the potential to make things happen and will pay much greater attention to the social aspects of their involvement in Bangladesh."

## Dhaka WASA MD sees massive water pollution

Dhaka WASA's chief executive Dr K Azharul Haq yesterday cautioned that the problem of getting pollution-free water was looming large, signalling a crisis ahead, reports UNB.

If proper action is not taken now, the problem will go beyond control, said the managing director of Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority in a workshop that discussed the growing problem of environment pollution in the capital.

Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Dhaka WASA jointly organised the workshop at the DCCI auditorium to wrap up a training course on Cleaner Production Programme for tanneries held earlier. Dr Haq sounded the note of

warning after DCCI president

ASM Quasem acknowledged that wastes of various industries were heavily polluting the surface-water resources around the capital city. There were different types of industries causing the water

pollution, the DCCI chief ob-

served and identified the tan-

neries as the main source of wa-

ter pollution in the city. But again, said Quasem, the tannery sector is one of the country's major foreign exchange earners. He suggested that the problem could be tackled through a cleaner production programme in the tannery

units.

Quasem said as the groundwater table was falling, in the

near future it would be necessary to use both surface and ground water. "So it is necessary to protect both surface and ground water sources from industrial pollution.

The chamber leader pointed out that a cleaner production programme, in fact, would lead to improved productivity through cost-cutting.

While reterring to massive pollution of water resources, the WASA managing director said in such a situation, the city would not get clean water, either from underground or from the surface. And river Buriganga would

have only contaminated water, Dr Haq said and called for a joint action by the industrialists, Dhaka WASA and other quarters concerned to have pollution-free water supply for the In his key-note speech, M Thiruchelvam, a World Bank

consultant on environmental engineering, said the cleaner production-programme concept is a new one and Bangladesh is not much behind others to go for such a scheme. The most important part of

it is reducing the waste at the source, and for that what is necessary is a basic change in the behavioural pattern of the entrepreneurs, he pointed out.

Thiruchelvam gave a stepby-step analysis of the methodology for achieving a cleaner production programme.

# Geneva meet on LDCs

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Ahmed is leading the Bangladesh team and performing the role of spokesman for the 48-member LDCs group. Being held at the headquar-

ters of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, the meeting has been organised by WTO in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the International Trade Centre (ITC). The meeting is being at-

tended by International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the G-8 countries, EU OECD, the WTO's 130 member countries and trade ministers of the LDCs. Tofael Ahmed, apart from

suing the goal of improved market access for LDC products with representatives of the developed and developing countries attending the meeting. The opening session was chaired by the Netherlands Minister for Development Co-

coordinating the LDCs, is pur-

operation Jan Pronk and addressed by the WTO Secretary General Renato Ruggiero, UNC-**TAD Secretary General Rubens** Ricupers and ITC Executive Di-

## 4 DIGs of police promoted

Four DIGs of police were promoted to the posts of Additional Inspectors General yesterday, officials said, reports

The government approved the promotion of Mohammad Salam, AYBI Siddiqui, AFM Mahmud Al Farid and Md Nurul Huda.

However, all the four Deputy Inspectors General (DIGs) were holding the current charge of Additional IGPs in different

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from his duty post in front of

Tejgaon Airport. "We were also

seen from them, but none came

from there to ask as to why we

pline had been there in his 2

Field Artillery since 11 pm on

August 14 when they went to

"Distribution of ammunition

without any document among

the troops indicated a break-

sel, Havilder (retd) Sajedul Haq

also said he saw artiflery guns

(cannons), tanks and army ve-

hicles passing the area where he

was posted. But he didn't see any

of PW-30 ASP Abdur Rahman

by the defence lawyers was

completed when the court of

Dhaka District and Sessions

Judge Kazi Golam Rasul sat at

its special ejlash at Nazimud-

before the court by Special PP

Ramjan Ali Khan. Among the

other prosecution lawyers pre-

sent were Chief Special PP Ser-

ajul Haq. Mosharraf Hossain

Kajal, Sahara Khatun, Kamrul

Islam and M Towhidul Islam

The court resumes at 9:30 am

Making his deposition, the

29-year-old PW-31 Mostafizur

The PWs were introduced

din Road in the morning.

tomorrow (Tuesday).

Earlier, cross-examination

civilian or civil person.

Replying to a defence coun-

down in discipline."

New Airport for a night parade.

The witness said no disci-

were there in armed position."

rector Denis Belisle.

All the speakers expressed their solidarity to foster a coherent and integrated approach to assisting LDCs in enhancing their trading opportunities.

Tofael requested the countries to explain in details and concrete manner about the items for duty-free access so that the LDCs could easily avail the opportunities for their export development and technical improvement.

In the twin process of global isation and liberalisation, the Bangladesh minister said, the LDCs are ready to face the challenges. "But we need full preferential treatment," he added.

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President Samson H Chowdhury is attending the meeting as a member of Bangladesh delegation while businessman Abdul Awal Mintoo is attending at the invitation of WTO.

#### 3 Kashmiri rebels arrested in Delhi NEW DELHI, Oct 27: The In-

dian police on Monday arrested three suspected Kashmiri rebels and seized explosives in the national capital but came under attack for failing to halt a wave of bombings in the city, reports

Officials said the three Muslim separatists were caught and 1.3 kilograms (2.86 pounds) of high explosives seized in New Assistant Police Commis-

sioner L N Rao said they belonged to the previously unknown Tahariq-ul-Mujahideen Muslim separatist group in Kashmir, alleging that their mission was to stage bomb attacks here. Rao, however, ruled out the

involvement of the three rebels in the two blasts which killed a woman and injured 30 others.

Bangabandhu Murder Case

Mostafiz who was only seven

Rahman and I were informed

and saw the body of my father

during the janaza at Rajarbagh

"Later the body was taken to

police line.

### AL workers complain about power failures

ALMAS GEN. STORE

Dhanmondi Road No. 5

By Staff Correspondent Awami League workers complained about frequent power failures in the country and demanded an immediate redress to the problem when Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Nooruddin Khan visited the party's central office to attend meet-the party workers' programme last night.

The minister admitted loadshedding problem and told the party workers that allout efforts were being made to improve the power supply situation in the country.

Nooruddin Khan lauded the role of a local MP in disconnecting many illegal electric connections in the city's Mirpur area and urged others to come up with similar initiatives.

Minister of State for Relief and Disaster Management Talukder Abdul Khaleq also took part in yesterday's 'meetthe party worker programme City AL leader Akhtarul Alam conducted the programme.

#### Launch dacoity in Barisal

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Oct 27: A gang of armed dacoits swooped on a passenger launch last evening in Kalabadar river near Sreepur Bandar under Mehendigan thana of the district.

According to police and witnesses, the Barisal-bound passenger launch ML Shahabazpur from Bhola came under attack by the dacoits at about 5:30 pm after it left the Sreepur station. They attacked the crews.

launch and beat them mercilessly, leaving 18 injured. They took away gold ornaments, cash money and other valuables worth about Tk 18 lakh. The dacoits after nearly an hour operation decamped at

sareng and passengers of the

boarded on a trawler and went towards Bhola, the witnesses The launch reached Barisal

Laraienchar from where they

#### Edward College teachers start boycotting classes

at about 9 pm.

From Our Correspondent PABNA. Oct 27: Teachers of the Edward College today began boycotting classes for an indefinite period protesting assault on a teacher by some students on Sunday, college sources said

Mohidul Islam, a lecturer of Chemistry Department was beaten up by some students when he prevented Polash, an honours examinee, from adopting unfairmeans in the examination. The teachers at a meeting to-

day with Principal ASM Anisur Rahman in the chair decided to continue boycott of classes if the examinees responsible for manhandling the teacher were not arrested.

## Khaleda warns govt ment's image, then why the au-

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contacts with other opposition forces, Begum Zia said all patriotic citizens must unite which, she said, was destroying

ing parliament session since the opening day of the last session on August 30. The next is due to begin on November 2.

The former prime minister warned police not to serve parcountry ... on return to power Advising the policemen to perof the people, she also assured

The BNP leader also accused the ruling party of engaging its armed terrorists' to foil her party's democratic agitation and using police as a political force', purposes.

Quoting a government an-

## 'Winding up cell' for trust

The newspapers and magazines are Dainik Bangla, the Bangladesh Times, weekly Bichitra and fortnightly Ananda Bichitra.

yesterday said the Finance Ministry also directed formation of audit teams which will determine payoff for the journalists, officials, press workers

formed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh. Financial claims and other facilities of all concerned will be paid off on the basis of report by the audit teams after verifying those under present rules

The announcement said the cell would collect and present to the teams the documents, service records, salary and other payment claims of the working journalists, officials, press workers and all departmental employees of the dailies and

#### Afghanistan

in five years for Afghanistan. Under the Communist regime. the country was known as the Republic of Afghanistan. After the communist government fell to the Afghan Mujahedin in 1992, they changed the name to the Islamic State of Afghanistan.

two thirds of the country, but

United Nations is now occupied by a representative of the administration ousted from Kabul 13 months ago.

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the meeting.

celled the registration of the bus

taken against the driver concerned for violation of the or-

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the country in a planned way.

The opposition leader repeated the allegation that her party was not allowed to speak in the Jatiya Sangsad. "We are willing to return to Parliament. But what's the use of sitting there unless we're allowed to speak on issues of public inter-

nouncement that there is no restriction on street processions. Begum Zia asked, if it is so then why BNP processions are attacked by police. "If we accept that the announcement was de-

# papers set up

The government has set up a 'Winding Up Cell' to complete the process of privatisation of

An official announcement

and employees of the trust under the voluntary-retirement The audit teams will be

and regulations.

magazines.

The Taleban control some

Foreign Minister Abdus

## Govt warning

and impounded its fitness certificate.

reckless driving and faulty vehicle are the main reasons behind road mishaps in the country," said the announcement. The government asked the

hicle will be seized as government property if any driver is found guilty of any road accident" Legal action will also be

der.

thorities are not taking action

against the persons responsi-

ily on the AL government for its

planned agreement on the Chit-

tagong Hill Tracts (CHT) saying the CHT would be handed over

to India through it. She termed

it a "conspiracy" on CHT, and

called upon all 'nationalist, pa-

triotic and Islamic forces to re-

President Mirza Abbas, the

function was also addressed by

Mannan Bhuiyan MP, Standing

Committee members M Saifur

Rahman MP, Abdus Salam

Talukdar, Dr Khandakar

Mosharraf Hossain MP,

Chowdhury Tanvir Ahmed Sid-

diqi, central leaders Selima

Rahman, Haris Choudhury, Fa-

zlur Rahman Patal MP and

Juba Dal leaders including

Goyeshwar Roy and Barqatul-

Anisuzzaman made

**BSS** Chief Editor

Editor of the Daily Khabar has

been appointed the Managing

Director and Chief Editor of

M Anisuzzaman, Advisory

BNP Secretary General Abdul

Chaired by the Juba Dal

sist the move.

lah Bhulu.

Begum Zia came down heav-

LU & JO

Guishan-II

Referring to her on-going parties and various social against the AL government

BNP abstained from attend-

tisan interests by assaulting her party activists on the streets and asked those who are being forced to do so, to defy such 'illegal' orders. "You'll have to stay and serve in this we'll take care of you", she said. form duties neutrally as servant of compensation for any loss caused to them because of their fair performance.

signed to improve the govern-

the trust papers run by the Times-Bangla Trust, reports

From Page 1 It was the third name change

they have been formally recognised by only three outside nations — Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates as the legitimate rulers of Afghanistan. Afghanistan's seat in the

## Hasina-Gujral

countries should maintain regular contact between them.

Samad Azad. State Minister for Foreign Affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Principal Secretary to the PM Dr S A Samad and Foreign Secretary Mostafizur Rahman were present during

## From Page 1

"Carrying excess passengers,

transport owners and drivers to refrain from carrying excess passengers and goods. "The ve-

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, attended

new pay scale.

#### in the power supply was one ap-Rahman told the court that he. night parade. CO Major Rashid, that Bangabandhu had been parent factor adversely affectstrong independent groupings hailing from village Jhumur of Major Muhiuddin, Major Jobaing manufacturing production killed and Khandaker Mushof energy companies receiving Burichang thana in Comilla yer Siddiqui, Captain Mostafa taque became President," said in 1996-97, but whether there the larger allocation of the bid district, now resides at Block G. and Lt Hasan were also present. were other deep-seated reasons the witness. round blocks." Avenue 2 of Mirpur. "We in a road march reached for the decline in industrial The retired havilder said: They further noted that "My father M Siddiqur Then we realised how officers New Airport for the night pagrowth need to be investigated. there were several companies in Rahman was an ASI of Special rade at about 10 pm." Sajedul Prof Mahmud maintained. bluffed the troops out into the bidding who were not very Branch of police and on duty at said, adding that Lt Hasan acbacking the killing of Bangaserious about hydrocarbon ex-Dhanmondi 32 residence of the companied them. bandhu in the name of night then President Bangabandhu ploration. **Editor**: Mahfuz Anam He said Havilder Major Sheikh Mujibur Rahman," he

Bahar.

The witness said a section of wayward army officers attacked and killed Bangabandhu, his family members and kins. "And they also shot dead my father at that house," in an emotion-chocked voice said

years old at that time and later lost his mother on September 10, 1992. He said: "My mother, younger brother Mahfuzur

our Mirpur house under the supervision of police and buried at Martyred Intellectuals Graveyard at Mirpur Section 1, he said. During his cross-examination by advocate Abdur Razzaq

Khan, Mostafiz told the court that he didn't file any case as the environment was not favourable and he was a minor. "I don't know if there was any investigation into the

death of my father," he replied

to another question.

The PW-32, Havilder (retd) A K M Sajedul Haq, was a sepoy of Headquarters Battery of 2 Field Artillery during the assassination of Bangabandhu. Beginning his deposition the

witness told the court that Ma-

jor Khandaker Abdur Rashid

was Commanding Officer of the

regiment. There were four batteries in Artillery and Major Muhiuddin was Commander of Papa Battery while Captain Mostafa of Headquarters Battery. The witness said they fell in

the evening on August 14 for a

Major Jobayer Siddiqui, Captain Mostafa, Captain Jahangir and Lt Hasan there. "At that time I also witnessed Major Dalim who was known to me earlier. He used to come to

Mozaffar again called for a fall-

in at about 3 to 3:30 am August

15. The PW saw Major Rashid.

The PW said Havilder Major Mozaffar divided them in three to four groups and boarded them on trucks at the order of CO Major Rashid.

"Before that, armoury NCO

Naik Shamsul Islam gave us

ammunition," the then Ar-

tillery sepoy said, adding he

Commanding Officer Major

Khandaker Abdur Rashid," he

said.

was carrying an SLR and took 10 bullets. He said their truck started before the ajan of Fazr prayer and Lt Hasan asked three to four of them to get down in front of Tejgaon Airport.

Hasan posted us there on duty asking not to allow movement of any civil transport or person on road," the witness recalled and said later Hasan left the After some time, he said, they heard Fazr ajan and firing

shortly afterwards from south-

westerly direction. "But I could

not guess from where and why

the firing was going on."

"After we had got down, Lt

He said: "At about 6 to 6:30 am we came to know from the army personnel going to cantonment that our people had killed President Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "We were withdrawn in the afternoon, and after returning

to unit, I came to know that Ma-

jor Dalim announced on radio

parade. "Later, I also came to know

that Major Farooq, Major Rashid, Major Dalim, Major Noor, Major Aziz Pasha, Capt Bazlul Huda, Major Muhiuddin (Artillery) and Major Rashed Chowdhury had committed the killings," he told the court concluding his deposition.

#### Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS), reports BSS. According to an official handout the government appointed him on a one year con-

AL-BNP clash in

Sirajganj: 25 injured SIRAJGANJ, Oct 27: Twentyfive people were injured today, 10 with bullet, in a clash between Awami League and BNP activists at a college in Kazipur

Local sources said the

fighting was sequel to Sunday's

clash between Bangladesh

Chhatra League and Jatty-

thana, reports UNB.

atabadi Chhatra Dal supporters over vote-counting of the election to Tenglahata R I M Degree College students union, which also left 40 people wounded. The feuding groups traded

nearly 20 gunshots and ex-

ploded crude bombs during two-hour clash from 8 am to 10 Police lobbed teargas shells and bought the situation under control

Eight houses of the supporters of both the sides were dam-Of the injured, local BNP leaders Rafiq, Baten and Zahurul, VP candidate from BCL Abu Taher and AL's Abul Hossain

and Abdus Sattar were admitted to different hospitals and clinics in the town. CHOGM ends

From Page 1 tion of women in public life. Heads of the government expressed their belief that an International Criminal Court (ICC) would be an important development in the international promotion of the rule of law.

They in the communique ex-

pressed support for the efforts

of the UN Preparatory Commit-

tee to negotiate a statute for ICC

and encouraged participation

in those negotiations and in the

Plenipotentiary Conference next year by as many Commonwealth countries as possi-The heads of government accepted with great pleasure the offer of the government of

South Africa to host their next

meeting in 1999 and the offer of

#### Govt employees From Page 1

Australia to be host in 2001.

part of their campaign to press the demand for upward revision of the new pay scale and change in office hours. Their rivals want a 10 per

cent rise in pay but opposes his

leadership of the Samity, he

The two groups had been at

loggerheads for a longtime and clashed occasionally in the recent past. Their rivalry led police to keep the office of Sachibalaya Karmachhari Sanjukta Parishad locked. Supporters of Zafar Ahmed, who were attacked by their rivals, later regrouped and tried

to stage demonstrations out-

them into a corner of the 20-

storied building. They were,

side. But riot police pushed

however, allowed to hold a rally. Haibur Rahman, Zafar Ahmed and Araj Ali, among others, addressed the rally and reiterated their demand for upward revision of the pay scale. Later in the afternoon, they

had a meeting with the officials

of Prime Minister's Office. They

were urged to postpone their ag-

itation programme till the re-

turn of Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina from UK on October 31.

Zafar Ahmed told The Daily Star last night They will discuss the issue at today's meeting at the Secretariat at 10 am, he said Rallies were also held at

by employees from the ERD. Planning Commission and Election Commission. They also demanded revision of the

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#### inal announcement of 1972 the factions would unite for sociopolitical and economic development of the Bengalee nation and for implementing its non-

communal democratic and socialist ideology. The meeting, presided over by JSD Secretary General and Shipping Minister ASM Abdur Rob, was attended, among others, by Nure Alam Jiku, Syed

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