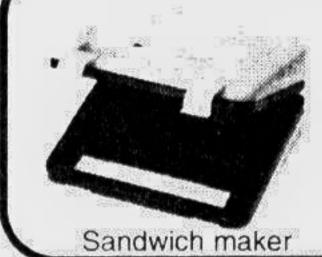
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assistance to repair the roads

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The assurance came when

the team called on Communi-

cations Minister Anwar Hos-

Rubel murder

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asking the officials concerned

to produce the two policemen

before the commission imme-

earlier letter to the DB to place

them before the commission,

the DB had replied that the two

policemen were not on duty

members of AC Akram Hus-

sain's team, are among the DB

policemen who are suspected of

torturing Rubel. The two have

been missing since the murder

of the young man, according to

Commissioner of the DB told

The Daily Star yesterday that

the two policemen were absent

Rubel, a resident of Shid-

from duty since the incident.

Bazlul Karim, Deputy

police sources.

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Bangabandhu Murder Case

Punishment to killers must to keep fabric of the society intact: SPP

Bangabandhu is necessary to keep the fabric of the society intact, Special Public Prosecutor Advocate Serajul Huq submitted in the court yesterday, reports UNB.

ety alive, we will also have to keep laws alive...Indemnity Ordinance was made due to guilty consciousness of the killers. This law (indemnity) was made to blanket every-

ment if it is said that they August 15, that is not excusable under penal code and Criminal

Concluding his argument on the ninth day. Serajul Huq re-ferred to a recorded video, projected earlier in the court, and said, in an interview given to a foreign television both Col Rashid and Col Farooq confessed their involvement in the killing of Bangabandhu.
"I have killed Mujib. Dare to

put me on trial," said Huq quoted Farooq as saying in his interview with Anthony Mas-

Referring to role of the then Army Chief Maj Gen Shafiul-lah, an witness in the case, the prosecutor said Shafiullah did not go for any counter action thinking of bloodshed and civil

"Highest law is the welfare of the people," Huq said justifying Shafiullah's decision of not going for any action after the killing of Bangabandhu.

The primary consideration of Gen Shafiullah was the safety of the people. Huq said

adding "so he did not take any wrong decision."

Referring to Gen Shafiullah's deposition, the lawyer said coming out of the confinement from Bangabhaban on August 18, 1975, Shafiullah immediately called for a conference of the senior officers.

The conference, Huq said, termed the August 15 killing as an isolated incident and the whole army was not involved and decided to bring the killers to book after bringing them back under the chain of com-

Shafiullah also called a conference of the formation commanders, the lawyer said.

"He is neither a saint nor a sinner, just a common human being." Huq said referring to Shafiullah's role. "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future."

Shafiullah became puzzled after he was asked to go to radio station by Maj Dalim at gun-See page 11

Pakistan claims headway in talks with India

and Indian officials have made progress in discussions on the nuclear stand-off between the two countries, Pakistani Foreign Minister Sartaj Aziz said

Movement summit here.

tries are also due to meet in New York next month, Aziz said. "Our position on the subject is that we do not want to engage

underlying issue should be re-

being interrogated by Special Branch police officials at ZIA till writing of this report late last night.

two MPs as saying that they were deported as they did not have visas to enter the Untied Kingdom. They had left Dhaka on Sunday for Ireland and landed at the Heathrow Airport

in a Kazakhstan Airlines flight.

in a Biman flight at about 6 pm

vesterday. Further details could not be known immediately. SB officials said they were unable to

The Immigration Depart-

Reached by telephone, Bangladesh High Commissioner in London Mahmud Ali told The Daily Star last night that he had no information about the deportation. He said that if any such incident had occured, particularly involving MPs, he was supposed to be in-

Senior officials of the foreign ministry, when contacted, also could not confirm the inci-

questions. yesterday, reports Reuters. There has been progress on

> logue process. External Affairs Secretary K Raghunath met his Pakistani counterpart Shamshad Ahmed on the sidelines of the NAM meeting. Additional Secretary in External Affairs Ministry.

"Once again I am not at liberty to divulge any details about the discussions," he said.

BCL, Shibir clash at CU: 3 hurt

CHITTAGONG, Sept 1: At

jured during a clash between activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) on Chittagong University campus to-

aged a bus in front of Mozam-

mel auditorium at the univer-The clash ensued when

Shibir brought out a procession on the campus on the sixth day of their siege programme to press home their five-point de-

No roll back of reforms, Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Sept 1: Russian President Boris Yeltsin told his visiting US counterpart Bill Clinton today that there would be no roll back of reform in Russia despite a grave economic crisis, chief Kremlin spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said, reports AFP.

Earlier Clinton arrived early today in Moscow for a

India and Pakistan disarmament. It is being discussed right now. Aziz said ahead of a plenary meeting of foreign ministers before the Non-Aligned The leaders of the two coun-

in a nuclear arms race and the

2 MPs deported

From Page 1 All the 12 deportees were

The SB officials quoted the

The 10 other Bangladesh nationals were deported for allegedly carrying false travel documents, the SB officials

The deportees landed at ZIA

provide any other details till interrogaiton was over.

ment officials, when contacted, said the SB was vet to submit a report on the incident.

Assault on female teacher

BCL expels five JU unit leaders

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday expelled five leaders of its Jahangirnagar University (JU) unit for assaulting a teacher of the university on August 23.

The JU BCL general secre-tary Jasimuddin Manik, BCL leaders Hamidul Haq. Mahmudul Alam Babu, Hasibur Rahman Barkat and Meer Mehedi Hasan Titu were expelled from the organisation for being "charged with assaulting a respected teacher. Rehnuma Ahmed," a BCL press release said yesterday.

The decision to expel was taken at a BCL central executive committee meeting yesterday. the release said.

Meanwhile, the JU Disciplinary Committee also met yesterday to finalise its recommendations regarding action against the BCL leaders accused of assaulting the teacher. The JU Syndicate will decide on the action tomorrow in light of the recommendations, official sources said. The Disciplinary Committee

meeting was in progress till the filing this report last night.
Meanwhile, the JU General

Students' Unity (GSU) is sched-ule to hold a grand rally on the campus today protesting the re-

Representatives from different socio-cultural and women's organisations including Sam-milito Sangskritik Jote, Nari Progati Sangha, Bishwa Sahittya Kendra, Anto-Bish-wabiddyalaya Sadharan Chha-tra Oikkya, Dhaka University Nari Progati, Ghatak Dalal Nirmool Committee, Democratic Committee Against Fas-cism, Lekhok Shibir and Nagorik Nattya Sampradaya, will attend the rally.

The GSU and Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikkya yesterday brought out separate processions and paraded the campus chanting slogans against the culprits responsible for the rapes of students and assault on the teacher.

No classes were held at the university for the second day yesterday as the teachers are abstaining from taking classes to press the demand for probe into the recent incidents of rape of three students and assault on a teacher on the campus.



Students of Dhaka University brought out a procession on the campus yesterday protesting the rape of three -Star photo students at Jahangirnagar University.

Gold seized at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent Customs officials at Zia International Airport (ZIA) recovered gold bars and chains worth about Tk 25 lakh from two passengers, including a

woman, of a Thai Airways flight yesterday. Airport sources said last night that the Dhaka-bound flight from Bangkok with transit in Singapore landed at ZIA at about 12:30 pm. The customs officials challenged a passenger of the flight while he was cross-

ing the green channel. When the officials asked him if he had any gold with him the passenger denied. Then he was asked to walk through the archway which detected that he had gold with him.

Customs officials later handed him over to Cantonment police and filed a case with the thana in this regard.

Corruption case against Dr Mosharraf Hossain

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption yesterday filed a case

with Ramna thana accusing Dr Mosharraf of signing a MOU with a North Korean company for the Madhyapara Hard Rock Project without any tender and loss to the government.

tor Mazhar Ali Sardar. It was alleged that the former energy minister misused

his official power in signing the MOU with the North Korean company for implementing the country's interest.

NAM: Draft resolution

influence the organisations to address the setting of a new agenda 'focused on the sustained and sustainable development of our countries. Mbeki's speech was adopted

as an official NAM document in advance of a heads of state summit tomorrow. The panel claimed that de-

ating unfettered markets. The international agenda is dominated by the concern of developed countries to gain greater freedom for foreign investors, and for capital flows and the export of their goods

and services. The G8 grouping of industrialised countries and the institutions over which they exercised almost exclusive influence had a virtual monopoly over determining policies that affected the entire globe, the panel said.

Mbeki, who has long espoused the idea of an 'African renaissance' told ministers that it would not be realistic for the 'slave to ask the slave-master to provide the strategy and tactics for a successful uprising of the

We, who are hungry and treated as minors in a world of adults (must) take upon ourselves the task of defining the new world order of prosperity and development for all and equality among the nations of

Meanwhile, nuclear rivals India and Pakistan, among several nations wrangling over a common NAM disarmament policy, were approaching a compromise, senior officials

We expect some kind of a negotiated solution a little later on,' India's Deputy Foreign Minister Vasundhara Raja told

One stabbed to death in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 1: A young man was stabbed to death by a gang of dacoits at Pahartoli here last night, police said.

Shahidul Islam Shipon, 20, was stabbed at around 10 pm last night when he attempted to resist the looting of a shop owned by his family, police

Severe famine stalks country, says Khaleda

Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia today said a severe famine is stalking the

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia offering munazat at the mazar of former president

and founder of BNP Ziaur Rahman on the occasion of the party's 20th founding

in power and the famine is haunting the nation," said the BNP Chairperson.

affected people. mazar of late president Ziaur

Begum Zia said, "The country is now facing food crisis. The prolonged floods have washed away everything. If the government failed to take adequate steps immediately, the

"Many people are dying for want of food. But the government has failed to reach relief to the distressed people," Begum Zia alleged.

forming an all-party relief committee for ensuring distri-

Mouradhitpur and Narisha Paschim Char while distributing relief goods among the flood After offering munajat at the

Rahman on the occasion of the BNP's 20th founding anniversary at 10.30 am, Begum Zia boarded a launch from Pagla at 11.45 am for a day-long relief

Joypara.

She said the ruling party has ignored her demand of

bution of relief to the distressed people. "They refused the proposal so that they can misappropriate the relief materials," she added. She renewed her demand to open gruel kitchen, interest-

cost to the farmers, and easy loans to traders to run their She called upon the people for post-flood movement to dislodge the government for ensuring the security of the people

free loan, agri-inputs free of

Barrister Nazmul Huda MP said the Prime Minister met the autocratic Ershad in Saudi

He alleged that by signing the Ganges water sharing treaty with India, the government failed to bring the just share of water during the dry season but it brought flood waters in the

Asma's life in danger

still live with her kidney. A patient with 80 per cent damaged kidney can lead a normal life depending on the health status. They removed her kidney saying it was a diseased one which is yet to be determined," a kidney expert said.

kidney disease (tumour) why then she was not referred to the kidney department earlier? Asma had such a large tumour on her kidney and yet they failed to understand that it was a concern of nephrologists."

Asma, wife or a carpenter, now survives on costly dialysis treatment at DMCH. "It's the only way she can be

kept alive unless generous help come for poor Asma for expensive kidney transplantation," said Dr Md Firoz Khan, a nephrologist of DMCH kidney department.

not be possible to continue due to financial hardship. I have to spend Tk 650 every week for dialyser and other accessories for treatment of my wife. How can I afford it and for how long?" said Kamal Hussain.

ment of Prof M Khatun at Gynae Ward 18. She is taken to the kidney department every time

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and ensure food, health and sanitation after the flood water recedes.

ministries for formulating cohabilitation programmes.

tion to make up the loss caused by the flood. She suggested for cultivation of vegetables on lands belong-

The Prime Minister also asked the concerned authorities to ensure smooth unloading of

foodgrains at the ports. Group Feeding (VGF) pro-

be intensified to save the people. A coordinated rehabilitation programme will be started immediately after the recession of flood water, she said.

About the damage caused to the communication sector, the Prime Minister said steps would be taken to repair the damaged roads, bridges and culverts to restore normal communications.

she needs dialysis. When contacted. Director of DMCH Col Badrul Munir said,

"Newspaper reports on 'stealing of kidney is completely baseless. DMCH does not have facilities for kidney transplantation. So the question of kidney being transplantation for money is unfounded." Asked if Asma will be com-

pensated for the mistake, he said. "I have no knowledge about compensation. A committee has been formed to investigate into the incident. We have to wait till the committee submits its report."

Floods

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Relief Ministry control room said flood situation deteriorated in eight districts -Narayanganj, Gopalganj, Noakhali, Brahmanbaria, Bogra, Laxmipur, Narsingdi and Chapainawabganj.

The situation remained static in 12 districts: Gazipur, Dhaka, Munshiganj, Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Faridpur, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Comilla, Habiganj, Rajshahi and Pabna.

Improvement was marked in 10 districts: Jamalpur, Netrokona, Sherpur, Manikganj, Rajbari, Barisal, Chandpur, Kurigram,

The control room said flood related death toll rose to 440 with 17 more deaths reported in 24 hours till 3 pm yesterday.

Health Directorate control room said 6,212 people were afflicted with diarrhoea in 24 hours till 12 noon. Five of them

from diarrhoea since July 15 rose to 94 while the number of those attacked by the disease to 128,193.

Shazneen, a student of class nine at Scholastica School, was found dead in her bedroom at their Gulshan residence on

sion Bench on July 26, according to earlier press reports. Hasan is the mastermind in

the killing, according to CID investigators.

'The World On Time

Punishment to killers of "If we want to keep the soci-

thing," he said. Even for the sake of argu-(killers) have done a big job on

Procedure Code (CrPC), he said "Everybody has the right to live and nobody can take it away...right born with me can't be taken away," he said referring to the dastardly killing of Bangabandhu on August 15,

He said, "I'll not be benefited by sentence, but the society

BB Governor From Page 1

governor. But later, as soon as that three-year moratorium ended in March this year, he had made a fresh request for transfer of shares.

The smear campaign also

propagates that the governor

had favoured Prime Bank in allowing it to offer 60 per cent bonus share. But the fact remains that it was the general decision of the BB to allow banks to issue bonus shares instead of giving

cash dividend so that the capi-

tal adequacy of the banks are

met to some extent and the

profit of the banks does not go

out of the banks. In pursuance of this policy a number of banks including Prime Bank, AB Bank and Al-Arafah Bank were allowed to issue bonus shares. It has been learnt that more banks are awaiting the central bank's permission to issue bonus

share, the BB had, in fact, several times rejected Prime Bank's application to provide both cash dividend and bonus In May 1997, Prime Bank had made a fresh request to allow it to provide 60 per cent bonus share and 30 per cent

cash dividend. But it was re-

jected by the BB and the central

bank showed detailed analysis

In allowing to issue bonus

why this cash dividend should not be allowed. Later, Prime Bank applied for enhancement of its bonus share from 60 per cent to 100

per cent. But the BB also re-

nor had not used his discre-

These show that the gover-

jected this proposal.

tionary power to gain personally from the shares, as the campaign alleges. Allegations have also been raised about the share value of the Bank. But it is known to all

that any share value in 1996

would not be the same in 1997. The motive behind this smear campaign, as it is learnt, is to defame a governor who had waged a war against the big loan defaulters and loan defrauders. He had taken tough decisions on a number of cases in spite of intense political and business community pressure. This he could do because of the unstinted support given to him by

the finance minister and the finance ministry. Financial sector experts now feel that such a campaign should not distract the BB's role in bringing discipline in the banking sector for which the

governor had acted so far.

BNP drive

From Page 1 at the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar mazar of late President Ziaur Rahman, founder of BNP. Besides, the National Flag and party flag were hoisted atop BNP offices across the country.

BNP Chief and Leader of the

Opposition in the Jatiya

Sangsad Begum Khaleda Zia, along with central leaders of the party, visited Zia's mazar and offered fateha there in the morning. Leaders and workers of BNP's front organisations also laid wreaths at the mazar. Later, Begum Zia visited the

flood-hit areas of Hatkhola and Dohar and distributed relief materials among the affected people. In the city, party leaders and workers conducted extensive relief operations in the flood-af-

fected areas. Party units across

the country also took up special

programmes to distribute relief

among the flood affected people.

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solved so that there is no ten-DURBAN, Sept 1: Pakistani sion," he said in response to An earlier PTI report said. foreign secretaries of India and

Pakistan yesterday met for the second time in less than 24 hours in their effort to break the deadlock over the resumption of stalled bilateral dia-

> Dilip Lahiri, said without giving details of the talks.

> From CU Correspondent least three students were in-

At least 12 rounds of gunshots were also fired during the Shibir activists also dam-

sity today.

tells Clinton

two-day summit with Yeltsin. Young man allegedly murdered by father-in-law

By Staff Correspondent A young man was murdered allegedly by his father-in-law and his accomplices in a house at Chalaban under Uttara thana in the city Monday night. Police identified the dead as

Abdul Motaleb Khan, a resident of Sahinbagh under Tejgaon thana area. However, after preliminary investigation police suspected that Kashem was electrocuted inside the bathroom of the

Abul Kashem Khan, 27, son of

Hospital sources said that the throat of Kashem was swollen. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy. Uttara police so far arrested four FIR-named persons — the victim's father-in-law Atiar

Rahman, his wife Nazma,

Kashem's wife Aivee and Aivee's

cousin Suruj. The FIR was filed

by the victim's father with Uttara thana. A senior police official concerned said last night that the

inmates of the house rescued Kashem in a critical condition from inside the bathroom after breaking open the door at about 8:30 pm Monday. Uttara police, however, said they were waiting for the post-mortem report.

buy a piece of land and a motor vehicle for his daughter and son-in-law. But he was neither returning the money nor allowing Kashem to take his wife to his

father's residence.

According to the FIR, Atiar

took about Tk seven lakh from

Kashem saying that he would

Following this. Kashem went to Atiar's house where he had an altercation with his father-in-law on Monday. At one stage, the accused four strangulated Kashem to death, it was alleged in the FIR. Then they informed the victim's family over telephone

that Kashem had been suffering

from stomach ache and he was

rushed to the Holly Family Red

Crescent Hospital where the at-

tending doctors declared him

dead, according to the FIR.

Police yesterday produced the arrested four before the CMM's Court and prayed for a 7day remand for each of them. The court granted a two-day remand for Atiar and Suruj while Aivee and her mother were sent to Dhaka Central Jail.

against former Energy Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain on charges of incurring a loss of Tk 687.44 crore to the national exchequer, reports The Bureau filed the case

thus making huge financial The case was filed by Inspec-

project through suppliers credit without any tender ignoring the

the world."

From Page 1 the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. He said such a review should

velopment issues had been sidelined in the interests of cre-

deshwari area in the city, was picked up by the DB police from in front of his house on July 23, taken to the DB custody and tortured to death.

Abul Mansur

From Page 1 was editor of several leading newspapers. He was also one of the archi tects of the Awami League. He drafted the historic 21-point programme of the Jukta Front. In his political career, he was closely associated with Sher-e-

He was a close friend of rebel poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and became one of the most powerful satirist in Bengali language. His political biography 'Amar Dekha Rajnitir Panchash Bachor' (Fifty years of politics

as I saw it) remains one of the

most authentic reflection of the

socio-political events of the pe-

4:15 pm tomorrow at the Na-

sent the key-note speech at the

Prof Rafiqul Islam will pre-

and Maulana Bhasani.

His other literary works also became famous. The discussion under the aegis of 'Abul Mansur Ahmed Smriti Sangsad' will be held at

tional Museum Auditorium.

discussion, to be chaired by eminent litterateur Prof Abu Rushd. Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqi Prof Mustafa Nurul Islam, Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury and Journalist K G Mostafa will also participate in the discus-

Bid to raise funds From Page 1

Traders, for its failure to repay Tk 13.34 crore in outstanding loans. The Securities and Exchange Commission has also rejected its application to make an initial public offering to raise Tk 15 crore. A National Board of Revenue

sue the company. Mahanagari

inquiry also found that the company submitted two different balance sheets, one showing tax-friendly accounts while the other giving inflated figures to impress the SEC. (Detailed story on Business Page)

DOHAR, Sept 1: Leader of the people will starve to death."

country but government has no preparation to tackle it, reports "During the rule of Awami League in 1974, famine broke out and claimed thousands of lives of people. Again they are

She was briefly speaking at

operation. She distributed saree, lungi, rice, potatoes and dry food among the flood victims in Charbilaspur, Modhurchar and

and prosperity of the country. Arabia.

rainy season.

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"If Asma was suffering from

"The costly treatment may Bangla, Shaheed Suhrawardy

> Asma's husband. Asma is now under treat-

PM: Floods

ordinated action plan to deal effectively with the post-flood re-Hasina said every inch of. land should be cultivated to increase the agricultural produc-

She asked the concerned

ing to schools, colleges and oth-

She said the Vulnerable gramme of the government will

recorded further fall by 3 cm. Turag at Mirpur also receded by 2 cm. In Meghna basin, Surma and Kushiyara fell significantly.

Gaibandha and Sirajganj.

died With this, the death toll

Shazneen From Page 1

April 23 with more than 20 marks of stab injury. Earlier, Hasan's bail prayer was rejected by the same Divi-