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Rape charge 13 JU students asked to reply to showcause

by tomorrow By JU Correspondent The authorities of Jahangirnagar University yesterday served showcause notices on 13 students on charges of rape and asked them reply by 3:00 pm tomorrow. They have

also been asked to appear before the Syndicate on that day. The decision to serve notices was taken at a marathon meeting of the Syndicate which began at 11:30 am Thursday and continued till 12-30 am yester-

"If they fail to reply to the notices within the stipulated time, it will be construed that they do not have anything in their self-defence," said one of the 18 Syndicate members present at the meeting.

"The syndicate will again meet on Sunday and take a decision regarding the alleged rapists on the basis of replies See Page 12 Col 6

#### Fire in leaked gas pipeline in Bashabo

By Staff Correspondent A roadside gas pipeline of

Titas Gas Company in the city's Bashabo area caught fire yesterday due to leaks. Police and Fire Brigade

sources said the fire died down after about half-an-hour when Titas Gas authorities cut off gas supply in the area.

Earlier, ten persons were killed when an explosion of an underground gas pipeline of Titas Gas destroyed a residential building in the city's West Jurain area on September 19.

Officials of Titas Gas when contacted said that yesterday's fire incident occurred due to leak of "an unauthorised extension line". Titas Gas officials had also identified "leak in See Page 12 Col 1.

#### Young woman abducted, raped in city

By Staff Correspondent A young woman, abducted on September 15 by a gang and held hostage for five days, was raped at a house at Baiddyapara under Lalbagh thana in the city.

The victim, a resident of Islambagh area filed a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, 1995 with Lalbagh thana yesterday, police

The gang of four led by one Dulal Mia wielding knives abducted her while she was returning from the Killar More bazar at about 8 pm on Septem-ber 15. They took her to a house at Baiddyapara, tied up her hands and three of them left the

Dulal tortured the victim and raped her several times. She managed to escape from the house on September 20.

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### Fact Finding Committee report

# Over 20 JU students raped, 300 sexually har assed

Star Report

More than 20 students of Jahangirnagar University were raped and over 300 others sexually harassed on the campus by the 'armed cadres of a particular political party'.

This was revealed in the report of the Fact Finding Committee constituted by the JU authorities.

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The committee, formed on August 20 against the backdrop of press reports on incidents of rape at the university and massive protests by students, submitted its report to the Vice Chancellor, Prof Alauddin Ahmed, on September 21.

A copy of the report obtained by The Daily Star yesterday

contained details of the ordeal suffered by the victims, 'negligence' of the University authorities in handling the issue and the 'tyranny' let loose by the armed goons on the campus.

"Some were raped several times, some were gangraped and some were even forced to leave the campus after the incidents," the Committee report said.

"Many of them were even whisked away from in front of their residential halls at gun point and then raped in broad day light," it said. These incidents were hushed up either with threat and coercion or in the name of adverse social repercussion.

Flood victims at a shelter at the city's Armanitola High School returning home yesterday.

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Euro set to emerge as symbol of

European economic integration

By M Anwarul Haq, back from Strasbourg

cently.

"Some of these incidents were even brought to the notice of officials of the university but they did not take any action. reminding the victims about social repercussion," the report

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"Ironically, the campus has become a fertile ground for criminal activities where a section of students under political shelter are found not only involved in rape but also in extortion, bus dacoity, bringing prostitutes at the residential halls, drug abuse and blackmailing." the report noted.

"Jasimuddin Manik, a student of Drama and Dramatics Department was on the top of

the list of seven persons accused of rape on the university cam-

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"On completion of his 100th rape, he even celebrated the occasion offering sweets and throwing a cocktail party," the report noted.

Manik is the former general secretary of the JU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League. He was expelled from the organisation on September one.

The six others accused of rape of the department of Bangla, Hasibur Rahman Barkat of Geology, Mohammad Ali Dalas of History, Nabiu Haq Roni of Government and

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# Govt hospitals lack 'safe' waste disposal method

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By Naimul Haq

Government hospitals in the country do not have proper

waste management system.

A senior Health Ministry official when contacted yesterday, said, "The hospitals do not follow any scientific method of disposing the waste generated in those

Asked why rules were not laid down so far for 'safe' disposal of hospital waste, he replied. "We are seriously considering constituting rules for safe disposal of the hospital waste."

He, however, did not specify when would the rules be formu-

There are more than 75 government hospitals across the country and these are greatly responsible for spread of various deadly communicable diseases due to 'unsafe' method of

waste disposal. In the absence of medical waste treatment facility, the hospital waste is simply left in the open, contributing to spread of typhoid, pneumonia, menin-

gitis and such other diseases

and environmental pollution.

"It is always recommended that pathological waste (body parts) be incinerated to protect public health and for safety. According to the US Centre for Disease Control, two per cent or less of a typical hospital's waste stream must be incinerated for public safety and health concerns," Farzana Anwar, an environmental lawyer based in

the USA, said. In reply to a question she said. "All the hospitals in Bangladesh should opt for services of several common incinerators to burn their infectious

clinical waste."

Dr Reaz Mobarak, head of environmental health division of Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, who recently carried out extensive studies on waste management in government hospitals and private clinics said. There is no proper treatment facility for medical

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the public or in the private sector. Awareness is also lacking among the people as well as professionals and workers concerned" According to experts, there are many alternatives to waste incineration which are much more economical and non-pol-

waste in the country either in

luting to environment. Various technologies have been developed to sterilise and reduce the volume of medical waste with-

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#### Turag flows below red mark: 28 more die of diarrhoea The Turag fell below the

danger level yesterday, report

This has brightened the hope that the low-lying areas on the outskirts of the capital are going to be freed from the longest flood shortly.

"However, it still depends on the drainage system - how fast the stagnant water will be drained out," said an engineer at the Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre (FFWC).

After Buriganga and Shitalakhya, the Turag has fallen be-low the danger level and at Mirpur, the river was flowing 16 cm below the danger level and at Tongi 15 cm below, he said.

With the fall of Turag, all the rivers except the Meghna at Bhairab, are now flowing below the danger mark.

"Meghna is expected to fall 8 cm below the danger level by 6 am Saturday", said the FFWC engineer. It was flowing only 3 cm above the danger level, yesterday morning, he informed. According to the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, 39 out of 52 districts are now flood-free.

Officials at the control room said flood water receded totally from Manikganj and Barisal yesterday, leaving only 13 districts partially under water.

The districts where the situation returned to normalcy are: Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Rangamati, Bandarban, Feni, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Joypurhat, Kuri-gram, Rajshahi, Sirajganj, Pabna, Bagerhat, Bhola, Pirojpur, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Narail, Magura, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Netrokona, Bogra, Ra-jbari, Tangail, Gaibandha, Habiganj, Shariatpur, My-mensingh, Natore, Gazipur, Naogaon, Kishoreganj, Manikganj and Barisal.

The situation is rapidly im-proving in Dhaka. Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Narsingdi, Faridpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Chapainawabganj, Comilla, Brahmanbaria, Chandpur, Noakhali and Laxmipur.

People, who had taken shelter in different centres, are returning home. Some 10,49,525 people were given shelter in 2,716 centres across the coun-

Health Ministry Control See Page 12 Col 8

eration on January 1,1999

when the exchange rates of the

participating countries will be

come the single currency of the monetary union. Euro notes

and coins will enter circulation

at the end of 2001 at the latest.

During the three-year transi-

tion period (1999 to 2001), the

former national currencies will

continue to circulate as sub

units of the Euro. During this

period, economic agents may

use the Euro if they wish, but

Central Bank (ECB) in Frank-

furt would have to complete the

billion coins denominated in

largest oil exporter, has said it

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Saudi Arabia, the world's

Euros.

Meanwhile, the European

none will be obliged to do so.

locked and the Euro will be-

- Star photo

Sweden and Greece — are in the

process of deciding whether or

when to join the new monetary

few years ago that nations that

have once gone to war with one

another and battled in the

money markets would adopt a

common bond of a single cur-

rency burying the acrimony of

the past. The new currency

would be the weapon of a new

battle in the economic front to

meet the challenges ahead",

said Patrick Child, a

spokesman for financial and

monetary matters of the Coun-

cil of Europe, while briefing a

group of journalists on a EU ac-

tivities' familiarisation trip re-

three-phases. In December,

1995, the Madrid Council de-

cided that Economic and Mone-

tary Union (EMU) will begin op-

The transition to 'Euro' has a

"It was unthinkable even a

## Impeachment evidence

## More 60000 pages await release!

WASHINGTON, Sept 25: Torn by partisanship and internal party differences, the US House Judiciary Committee met in closed session today to prepare 60,000 pages of potential impeachment evidence for public release, reports AP. While the committee rushed

to send the material to the government printer Monday, one Democratic lawmaker sought to postpone the deadline and keep the information secret for now. Rep Zoe Lofgren proposed

over Republican opposition that the committee determine before releasing anything else whether President Bill Clinton's conduct constituted a See Page 12 Col 1



Bill Clinton

and the foreign donor agencies

are being sold in the open mar-

ket as during the famine in

1974 when relief goods of

the flood affected people have See Page 12 Col 7

Bangladesh were sold in India.

She alleged that relief goods

The BNP Chairperson said

### Stop extortion by AL activists in the name of relief: Khaleda

Opposition Leader Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday asked the government to stop "extortion" by the ruling party activists from offices and business establishments in the name of relief, reports UNB.

"Not only the poor, all classes of people were more or less affected by the prolonged. devastating flood. People have extended all possible assistance to the flood victims," she said, alleging that the ruling party activists were collecting money forcibly.

The BNP Chairperson was briefly addressing a gathering at Shahjahanpur Railway High School while distributing relief goods among the flood victims in the afternoon.

During the day, she distributed rice, potato, pulses and salt containing in a jute bag to the flood victims at Abuzar Gifari College, Shantibagh High School and College, Motijheel Government Boys High School, Bulbul Lalitakala Academy, Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla High School, T&T College, and Arambagh in Motijheel thana.

Begum Zia blamed the government for its failure to distribute relief properly to the destitutes and also accused the ruling party leaders and workers of plundering and misappropriating relief materials.

She said: "It is not the government relief. The relief goods have been donated by the people

#### Nagorik Durjog Mokabila Udyog formed

By Staff Correspondent A group of eminent citizens have formed an organisation called Nagorik Durjog Mokabila Ydyog with the objective of meeting the challenge of postflood recovery and rehabilita-

A press release issued by the Centre for Policy Dialogue said, "It is in this context that we have convened a citizen's initiative to pool our efforts and ideas to better address the problems we face." The mission of the organi-

sation is to organise the creative energies of the citizens and help them participate in the post-flood rehabilitation and recovery activities, collect evaluate and disseminate information on damages and losses caused by the flood, it

massive task of printing some The organisation would as-16 million bank notes and 60 sist in determining the types of intervention that are required to feed, shelter and generate income earning opportunities for the flood-affected people. will make all its trade invoices

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#### 38 killed in Spanish air crash

MADRID, Sept 25: A Spanish airliner crashed today into a Moroccan hillside, killing all 38 people aboard, reports AP. Rescue workers have recov-

ered 18 bodies so far, the state news agency Efe said, quoting sources in the regional government in Melilla, a tiny Spanish enclave on Morocco's Mediterranean coast. The plane, with 34 passen-

gers and four crew, was headed to Melilla from the southern Spanish port of Malaga when it went down in Moroccan territory about 20 kilometers (12 miles) from Melilla as it approached for landing.

Visibility at Melilla airport was poor. Most of the passengers were

Spanish military personnel See Page 12 Col 2

#### Wanted criminal held at Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: Po-lice today arrested Mamunur Rashid, a wanted criminal and a leader of a faction of pro-government Chhatra League, from a house in the city, reports UNB.

Mamun, who was also on the list of 442 terrorists of Chittagong city sent by the Home Ministry, was wanted for as many as seven cases, including three murder cases.

He was convicted for life imprisonment in a case involving a gunfight between two groups of Chhatra League at Awami See Page 12 Col 8



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