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Fact Finding Committee report

Over 20 JU students raped, 300 sexually harassed

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 to reply by 3:00 pm tomorrow. They have also been asked to appear before the Syndicate on that day.

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'.

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The list of seven persons accused of rape on the university campus. "On completion of his 100th rape, he even celebrated the occasion offering sweets and throwing a cocktail party," the report noted.

Govt hospitals lack 'safe' waste disposal method

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 them."

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 waste in the country either in the public or in the private sector."

According to experts, there are many alternatives to waste incineration which are much more economical and non-polluting to environment. Various technologies have been developed to sterilise and reduce the volume of medical waste with-

Fire in leaked gas pipeline in Bashabo

A roadside gas pipeline of Titas Gas Company in the city's Bashabo area caught fire yesterday due to a leak. 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.



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

Young woman abducted, raped in city

A young woman, abducted on September 15 by a gang and held hostage for five days, was raped at a house at Baidyapara under Lalbagh thana in the city. The victim, a resident of Lalbagh area filed a case under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act, 1995 with Lalbagh thana yesterday, police said.

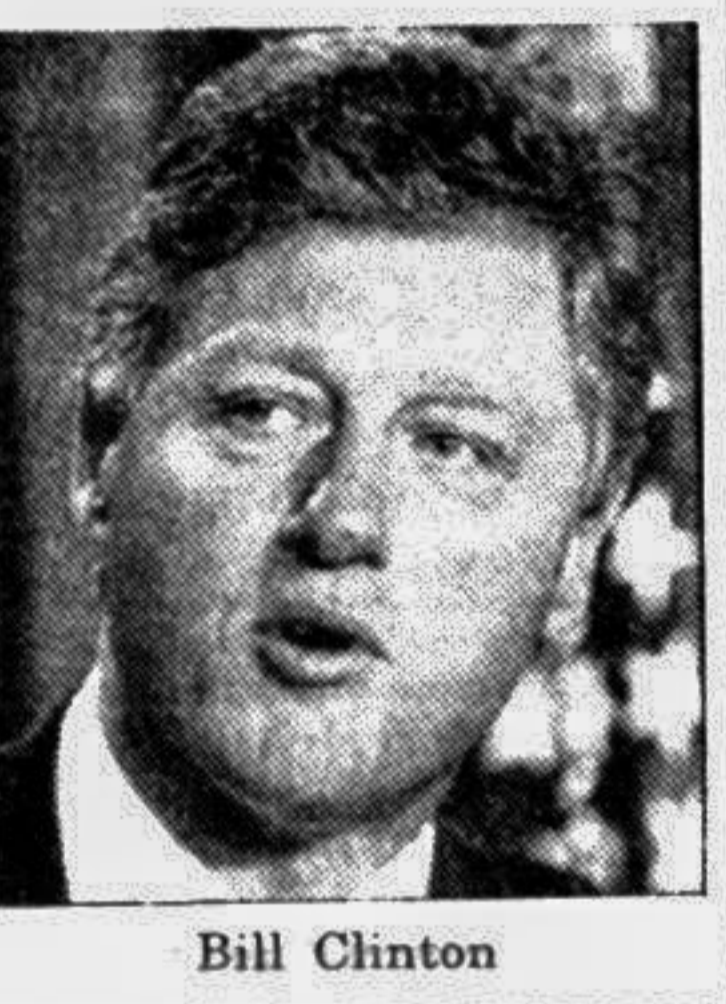
Turag flows below red mark: 28 more die of diarrhoea

The Turag fell below the danger level yesterday, report agencies. 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.

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.

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.



Bill Clinton

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 recovered 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.

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.

and the foreign donor agencies and countries. She alleged that relief goods are being sold in the open market as during the famine in 1974 when relief goods of Bangladesh were sold in India.

Wanted criminal held at Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: Police 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.

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Euro set to emerge as symbol of European economic integration

A new currency will emerge in the global market from the first of January next year and it could change the economic dimensions of international trading. Known as 'Euro,' it will be the new unit of accounting, transaction and trading among 11 countries of the European Union.

Neither travellers nor traders, and no banker will ever see those notes which will become collector's items at best. In fact, the 15-nation European Union, which is the single-largest trading bloc, is going to make its economic vitality and vibrancy felt through launching of a single currency.

Sweden and Greece — are in the process of deciding whether or when to join the new monetary regime. "It was unthinkable even a 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 currency 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 Council of Europe, while briefing a group of journalists on a EU activists' familiarisation trip recently.

When the exchange rates of the participating countries will be locked and the Euro will become 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 transition 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 none will be obliged to do so. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB) in Frankfurt would have to complete the massive task of printing some 16 billion bank notes and 60 billion coins denominated in Euros. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has said it will make all its trade invoices See Page 12 Col 7

Nagorik Durjog Mokabila Udyog formed

By Staff Correspondent A group of eminent citizens have formed an organisation called Nagorik Durjog Mokabila Udyog with the objective of meeting the challenge of post-flood recovery and rehabilitation. 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."

Rajuk Commercial Plot Auction Notice This is for information of all intending persons that most suitable (1) Commercial Plot No. 12 in Sector No. 3 of Uttara Model Town, Dhaka measuring more or less 10- katha (2) Commercial Plot No. 5A having road facilities on two side in Sector No. 3 of Uttara Model Town, Dhaka (3) Commercial Plot No. 8 of Kabi Faruk Sarani in Nikunja measuring more or less 10-katha and (4) Plot No. 37 of Dhaka Mymensingh Road in Nikunja Com Area, measuring more or less 10-katha. P/of N-5 Commercial Area Plot No. 5 of Motijheel Extension Commercial Area, Dhaka measuring more or less 10-katha will be allotted for 99 years lease on open auction.