



Heaps of garbage piling up near Baridhara Biswa Road. This picture was taken yesterday.

# No threat to coalition govt's stability: BJP

NEW DELHI, Oct 3: India's coalition government today dismissed fears that it could collapse as it appealed for peace with a warring partner which is threatening to withdraw parliamentary support, reports AFP.

"All the issues can be sorted out through dialogue... there is no threat to the government's stability," said BJP leader, Atal Behari Vajpayee's spokesman, K. L. Sharma, spokesman for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP, Indian People's Party) said.

The Sikh-based Akali Dal, which has eight MPs supporting Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee's coalition, said it would pull out if the government failed to heed its protests over the formation of a new state.

# UN urged to condemn genocide against Tutsis in DRC

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3: Kigali on Friday called on the United Nations to "condemn the genocide" it says took place against Tutsis in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), reports AFP.

# £80,000 collected in Scotland for flood victims

LONDON, Oct 3: The Bangladesh Flood Victims Appeal Fund, Scotland, has so far collected 80,000 pound sterling in donation for the flood victims, reports UNB.

# Lend a helping hand, please



Various organisations carried on with distribution of relief materials across the country to try and mitigate the suffering of the flood affected people.

# 7 sentenced to death for killing 2 Iranians in Pakistan

KARACHI, Oct 3: A special anti-terrorist court on Saturday sentenced seven militant Sunni Muslim activists to death for killing two Iranian engineers in the southern port city of Karachi earlier this year, reports AP.

# Iranian jets enter Afghan air space Taliban decide not to react on religious grounds

KABUL, Oct 3: Taliban authorities decided on religious grounds not to react to last night's "incursion" of Afghan air space by Iranian fighter jets, the militia's foreign ministry said today, reports AFP.

# Angola reaffirms decision to sever contact with UNITA leader

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3: Angola reaffirmed its decision to sever contact with the head of the rebel movement UNITA and urged international recognition for officials who split with him as the valid UNITA representatives, reports AP.

# Hartal observed in two areas of Comilla

COMILLA, Oct 3: A 6-hour hartal was observed in Chhati Patti and Chalkbazar areas of the town today protesting arrest of two gold traders, reports UNB.

# Govt starts disbursement of Tk 3,270cr agri loan

GOPALGANJ, Oct 3: State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque has said the government has started disbursement of Taka 3,270 crore agricultural loan for rehabilitation of the flood affected agricultural sector, reports BSS.

# Pak judge escapes assassination attempt

LAHORE, Oct 3: A Shi'ite Muslim judge escaped an assassination attempt today in eastern Punjab province, reports AP.

# US asks DPRK to curtail missile programme

NEW YORK, Oct 3: The United States warned North Korea in two days of talks that ended Friday that it will face "very negative consequences" unless it broadly curtail its missile programme, a senior US official said, reports AFP.

# Teacher executed in China for raping 12 students

BEIJING, Oct 3: An elementary school teacher in southwestern Sichuan province has been executed for raping at least 12 female students, aged seven to 12, according to a report seen Saturday in Beijing, reports AP.

# 1 killed, 1 commits suicide in Noakhali

NOAKHALI, Oct 3: A young man was beaten to death by a group of people at Char Baishakhli in sadar thana Friday night, reports UNB.

# HERE and THERE

**Lions Club**  
State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday called for setting examples of good social work through commitment, reports APB.

**Schoolboy killed in Chittagong road accident**  
CHITTAGONG, Oct 3: A schoolboy was killed and 10 others were injured in a collision between an autorickshaw and a tempo at Mirerhat in Sitakundu here this morning, reports BSS.

**Bahauddin's death condoled**  
Chief Whip Abul Hasanat Abdullah and State Minister for Textiles A K M Zahangir Hussain yesterday condoled the death of Kazi Bahauddin Ahmed, one of the pioneer sports organisers of the country, reports BSS.

# Clash over land in Demra: 5 injured

At least five persons were injured in a clash between two groups of local people over a piece of land at Kutubkhali under Demra thana in the city yesterday.

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The US delegation in particular voiced deep concern about North Korea's August 31 test of an advanced Taepo-dong 1 missile that overflew Japan and attempted to launch a small satellite into orbit.

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