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Sangsad session Nov 5

By Staff Correspondent
The Jatiya Sangsad will be in session at 4:00 p.m. on November 5, according to a presidential announcement yesterday.
This will be the 11th session of the Seventh Parliament.
The last session, a brief one, was called mainly to meet the constitutional obligation that parliament must meet in sixty days from the prorogation of the previous one. The JS went into session on September 7 and was prorogued the following day.
The length of the ensuing session as well as the agenda is yet to be decided.
However, issues like post-flood rehabilitation programmes and allegations of government repression on the political opponents are likely to dominate the session.

Corruption cases against ex-Air Chief Altaf Chy

Four corruption cases were filed yesterday against the former Air Force Chief, Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, reports UNB.
Bureau of Anti-Corruption's inspectors Akhtaruzzaman and S M M Akter Hamid Chowdhury filed the cases with the Cantonment Thana.
The former Air Force Chief was accused of sustaining a loss of more than Tk 31 lakh to the state when he was in office during 1994-95 by abusing power and achieving political ambition, using helicopter for personal purpose, purchase of dish antenna, TV etc with public money and distributing those among the people, police said.

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Killing of 4 national leaders in jail CID submits charge sheet against 23

By Staff Correspondent
Twenty-three persons including the then president Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, have been chargesheeted by the CID in the Jail Killing Case.
Four national leaders — Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, Mansur Ali and A H M Kamruzzaman — were killed inside Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.
The CID yesterday submitted a 20-page charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.
The case was lodged by the then DIG prison Abdul Awal on November 4, 1975. The case was revived by the CID in August 1996, following Awami League's return to power after 23 years.
Of the chargesheeted accused, seven have been detained at Dhaka Central Jail, two are dead and the rest 14 — all military personnel — have been absconding.
The 21 chargesheeted accused sent up for trial are: 1) K M Obaidur Rahman, 2) Shah



Nazrul Islam Tajuddin Mansur Ali Kamruzzaman

Moazzem Hossain, 3) Taheruddin Thakur, 4) Nurul Islam Manjur, 5) Lt Col (dismissed) Khandakar Abdur Rashid, 6) Maj (ret'd) Bazul Huda, 7) Lt Col (ret'd) S H M B Noor Chowdhury, 8) Lt Col (relieved) Sharful Huq Dalim, 9) Lt Col (ret'd) Aziz Pasha, 10) Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farukur Rahman, 11) Lt Col (relieved) Sultan Shahrier Rashid Khan, 12) Lt Col (relieved) A M Rashed Chowdhury, 13) Maj (relieved) S K M Mahiuddin Ahmed, 14) Risaldar (ret'd) Moslemuddin, 15) Maj (relieved) Ahmed Hashem Hossain, 17) Maj Khairuzzaman, 18) Captain (relieved) Kismat Hashem, 19) Captain (ret'd) Najmul Hossain Ansar, 20) Dafadar Marafat Ali Shah and 21) LD Abul Hashem Mridha.

Day-long hartal Sunday as venue for hunger strike 'not granted'

By Staff Correspondent
The BNP and its allies have called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the capital on Sunday as the authorities denied them permission to stage a mass hunger strike at the Paltan Maidan on the day.
The BNP-led seven-party alliance announced on October 10 the nine-hour fasting to protest "corruption and fascism" of the Awami League government while an application seeking permission for the venue of the programme was submitted to the National Sports Council (NSC) the following day.
The decision for the hartal came from a hurriedly-called meeting of the alliance yesterday afternoon soon after the NSC communicated to BNP the denial of permission to organise the programme at the Paltan Maidan on "security reasons" ahead of the Willis International Cup cricket tournament beginning on October 24.
BNP chief and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia chaired the seven-party meeting held at her Minto Road official residence. Secretary general of the party, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan later briefed newsmen on the outcome of the meeting.
The NSC letter sent to the BNP office said that the permission for the mass hunger strike could not be given for security reasons.
BNP called the hartal demanding withdrawal of cases See Page 12 Col 6

Taka devalued by 140 paisas

By Special Correspondent
Bangladesh Bank has again devalued the taka, roughly three per cent this time, making a US dollar costlier by Tk 1.40.
The central bank said yesterday the new buying and selling rates between the BB and the authorised banks would now be Tk 48.35 and Tk 48.65.
The new buying-selling middle rate, effective from Sunday, will be Tk 48.50 from Tk 47.10, the central bank said in an announcement yesterday.
The taka continues to remain "one of the most stable currencies in the region" and the adjustment was necessary to "spur growth of exports while retaining its competitive edge," the announcement said, explaining the reasons behind the massive devaluation of 2.97 percent, the third during the year and the second since July.
Reacting to the devaluation, Hossain Zillur Rahman, an economist at Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), said it would make imports expensive.
He, however, agreed that it would ease the exports to some extent.
"But it was not clear why the See Page 12 Col 7

\$130m ADB aid to help flood rehabilitation

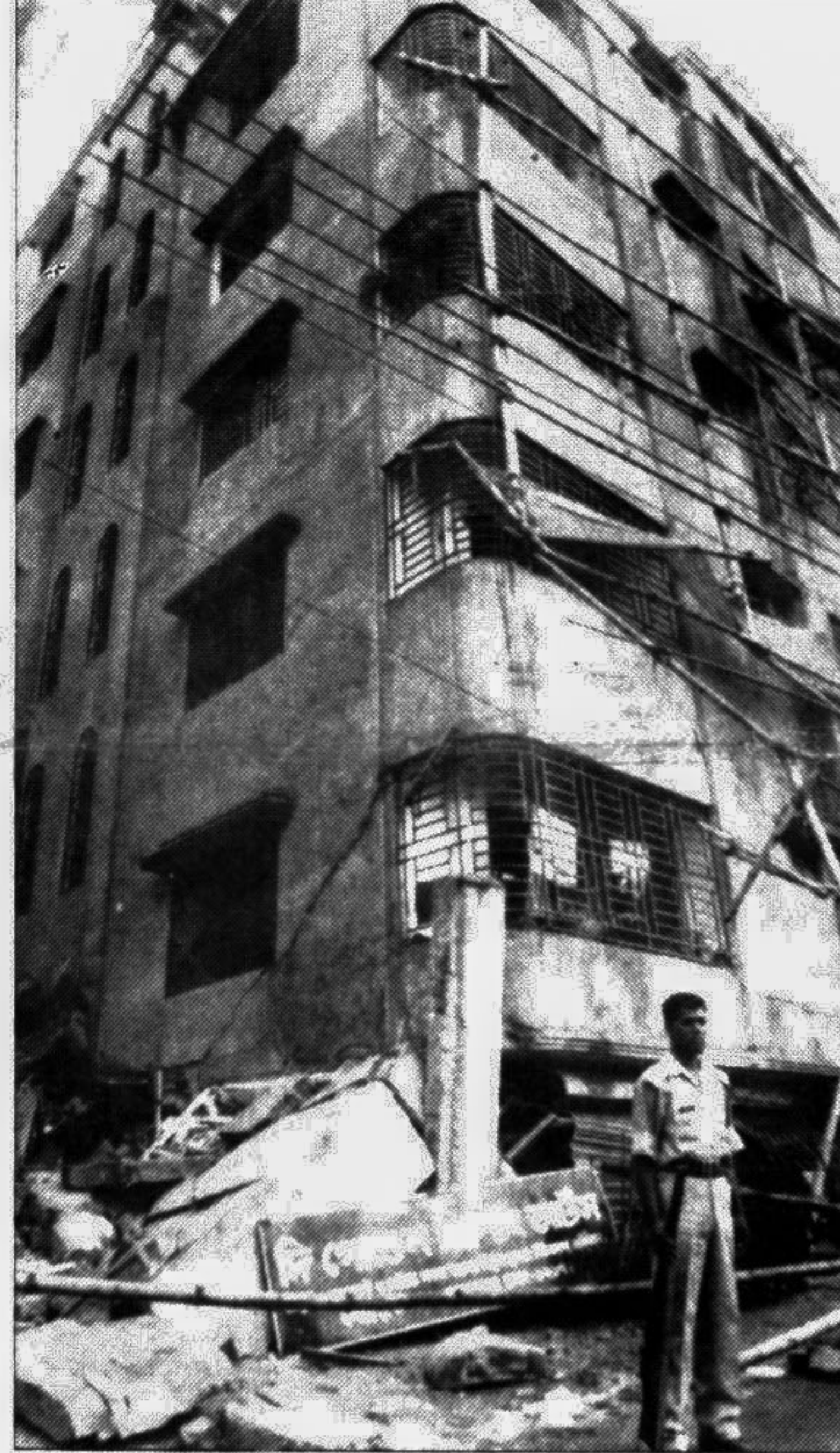
The visiting Asian Development Bank (ADB) Vice President Myoung-ho Shin said yesterday ADB would provide Bangladesh with US\$130 million emergency loan package for rehabilitation of its flood ravaged infrastructure, reports BSS.
This emergency loan is being given to Bangladesh following the recommendation by an ADB mission after its two-week quick preliminary assessment of flooding, Shin told newsmen.
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ALCWC meets today

Star Report
Ruling Awami League would take stock of the latest political development in the country and chalk out its programmes at a high-level party meeting this afternoon, said AL sources.
Prime Minister and AL supremo Sheikh Hasina is scheduled to chair the meeting of the 67-strong AL Central Working Committee (ALCWC), to be held at her official residence, Ganobhaban, at 4:30 pm.
According to party sources, today's meeting would have de- See Page 12 Col 1

Depression weakens

The depression over the West Central Bay crossed the coast near Muslipattam at 6 am yesterday, reports UNB.
It is likely to move West-Northwestward further inland and weaken gradually.
Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla maritime ports have been advised to lower signals, a special weather bulletin of the Met office said.



The ground floor of the six-storey building at North Shahjahanpur in the city sank into the ground in the early hours of yesterday. —Star photo

Dhaka-Ctg road link snapped

By Staff Correspondent
Road communication between Dhaka and Chittagong was snapped on the highway near Bhaerchar, Gazaria, at 9:00 pm last night.
Sources said, cracks developed on a 15-feet stretch of the highway leading to a bridge, some 40 kilometres off Dhaka, and the landslide caused apparently due to fallout of long-standing flood that receded only recently.
Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju told The Daily Star over telephone that repairing of the damage was going on in full swing and the highway would be in shape again by 10 this morning.
The place of damage is located between the Meghna and Daudkandi bridges. Officials and engineers of Roads and Highways Division rushed to the spot to arrange an early repair.

Mumin new VP FBCCI voters ignore consensus formula

By M Shamsur Rahman
M A Mumin of Sylhet chamber was elected FBCCI vice-president yesterday beating his rival from Chittagong by a big margin in an election in which voters virtually rejected attempts to select office-bearers by consensus.
As many as six executive committee members won from outside the "consensus panel" for the 15 posts reserved for the Chamber Group.
Till the filing of this report at 1:00 am today, counting of votes from the Association Group which will elect the president, was yet to begin.
Abdul Awal Mintoof of Bangladesh Textiles Mills Association and M A Rofiq Chowdhury of Bangladesh Vegetable Oil Refiners and Vanaspati Manufacturers Association are in the battle for the top slot.
Mumin, the consensus man, bagged 173 votes while Kamaluddin Ahmed of Chittagong Chamber got 94 votes even after his withdrawal from race as a result of an agreement reached by top chamber leaders of the country on September 29. His name appeared on the ballot paper because he could not formally withdraw after the last date, September 23.
Voters turned up in unexpected numbers yesterday belying calculations that consensus for half the 32 FBCCI executive seats would limit polling to the presidency and 15 members See Page 12 Col 4

BATEXPO '98 begins tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh Textile Exposition '98 (BATEXPO) will begin tomorrow at the city's Sonargaon Hotel premises.
Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the three-day fair, the biggest of its kind and the ninth in the country.
The fair is likely to draw new buyers from the US, EU, Canada and Scandinavian and CIS countries, BGMEA said.
Some 200 foreign buyers, their local representatives and prospective investors may attend the annual fair. The garment manufacturers will display local fabrics, accessories, fashion wear to woo spot orders.
Seventy-nine stalls will be set up at the fair, 15 of those displaying foreign textile products and their machinery.
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 দেশের আর্থনৈতিক কর্মকাণ্ডে আপনার অবদান রাখুন।

আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর বিচার জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ১৫ই নভেম্বর পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত

করদাতাদের সুবিধার্থে ১৯৯৮-৯৯ কর বৎসরের জন্য সাধারণ ও বিনিয়োগ উভয় প্রকার আয়কর বিচার জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ১৫ই নভেম্বর '৯৮ পর্যন্ত বাড়ানো হয়েছে।

বিলম্বিত করদাতা ছাড়াও যাদের মোট আয় ১৯৯৮-৯৯ কর বৎসরে ৬০,০০০/- টাকার বেশি হয়েছে, তাদেরকে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর বিচার জমা দিতে হবে এবং বিচারের ভিত্তিতে কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে।

ম্যেট্রোপলিটন সিটি এলাকা ও জেলা সদরের পৌর এলাকায় অবস্থিত ১৬০০ বর্গফুটের অধিক আয়তনের (plinth area) প্রকার অধিক তলা বিশিষ্ট পাকা বাড়ি বা গাছির যে কোন একটি বা উভয়ই কারো মালিকানায় থাকলে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ আয় বৎসরে তার আয় যাই থাকুক না কেন, তার জন্য নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর বিচার দাখিল বাধ্যতামূলক।

নির্ধারিত সময়সীমার মধ্যে আয়কর বিচার দাখিল কর্তৃক সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বাড়িকে খেলাপি করদাতা হিসাবে অভিহিত করে জরিমানা করা যেতে পারে।

১৯৯৭-৯৮ কর বৎসরের জন্য সাধারণ ও বিনিয়োগ উভয় প্রকার সম্পদ কর বিচার জমা দেয়ার শেষ তারিখ ১৫ই নভেম্বর, ১৯৯৮ইং পর্যন্ত বাড়ানো হয়েছে।

বিলম্বিত সম্পদ করদাতা ছাড়াও যাদের নীট সম্পদের মূল্য ১৯৯৭-৯৮ কর বৎসরে ২৫ (পঁচিশ) লক্ষ টাকার বেশি, তাদেরকে নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে সম্পদ কর বিচার জমা দিতে হবে এবং বিচারের ভিত্তিতে সম্পদ কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে।

সরকারী আশা করছেন, বিচার দাখিল করতে হবে এবং করদাতাগণ নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে আয়কর ও সম্পদ কর বিচার দাখিল করবেন।

কিছু নির্ধারিত তথ্যের জন্য ১৩০, নিউ বেইলী রোডের কর পরামর্শ কেন্দ্র, ফোন: ৪৪১৭৩৩ অথবা সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কর কমিশনার বা সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ কর সার্কেলে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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Shell, Cairn, Unocal agree to join hands

Star Report.
Three foreign oil companies—Shell Oil, Cairn PLC and Unocal—have reached an understanding to cooperate with each other in exploring and developing gasfields in different blocks in Bangladesh and exporting gas to neighbouring countries, sources said.
Although European companies Shell and Cairn were competing with American company Unocal on Block 10, top executives of the three companies met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Tuesday and informed her about their cooperation plan.
The companies now expect that the government would now take a decision on Block 10.
The government may award the block to Shell-Cairn and sign some unsolicited agreements with Unocal over development of Shahbazpur gasfield located in the same block, paving the way for setting up an inter-regional pipeline up to the border and a number of power plants.
After the second round bids for oil and gas development was floated, the government offered Block 10 to Shell-Cairn late last year along with Block 5. But later, it had talks with Unocal over the same block. Finally, when the government announced bid results two months ago, it put block 10 out of the bid and awarded Block 5 to Shell-Cairn and Block 7 to Unocal.
Cairn is already working in blocks 15 and 16 covering Chittagong, some parts of Chit- See Page 12 Col 1

9 killed in Rajbari road accident

At least 14 people, including three members of a family were killed and 15 others injured in separate road accidents in Rajbari, Comilla and Chittagong yesterday, reports UNB.
In Rajbari, at least nine people, including three members of a family, were killed when a truck rammied a tempo at Alladipur Bazar in sadar thana of Rajbari district yesterday.
Six of the victims were identified as Shahera Khatun, 30, her son Arif, 12, and her brother Shahid, 26. Wahed Biswas, 56, Ram Chandra, 30, and tempo driver Nannu, 25.
The accident took place when the Rajbari-bound truck hit the tempo coming from opposite direction at about 4:30 pm.
Police seized the truck, but the driver fled the scene. A case was filed.
In Comilla, at least four people were killed and 13 others injured in four separate road accidents at Chandina and Laksham thanas of the district.
Police said, a truck driver was killed on the spot when his vehicle fell into a roadside ditch at Gomta under Chandina thana in the early hours of yesterday.
An unidentified passenger See Page 12 Col 3

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