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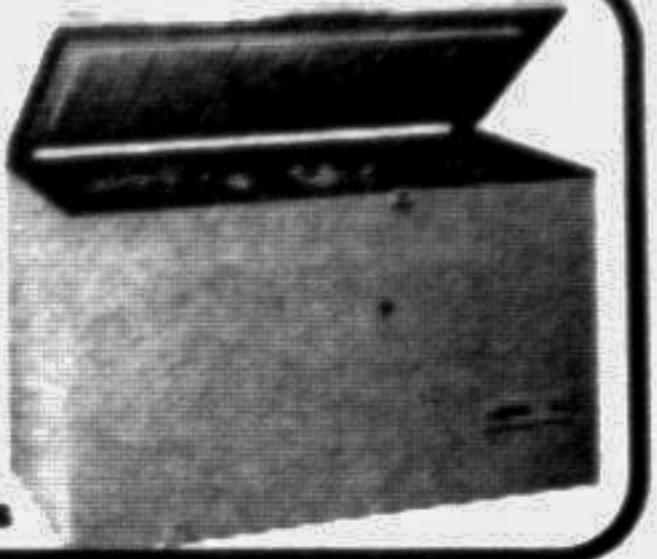


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### Cricket fever grips DU campus

By Mahbub Zaman  
The ongoing Wills International Cup cricket tournament has changed the scenario on the Dhaka University campus.  
The campus takes a barren look as students rush to the dormitories or homes while the lucky ones to the stadium well before it is 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the time matches start.  
And popular places like TSC Island, mall area are no longer favourite sites for the students and visitors.  
DUS, the well-known snacks shop at the TSC island, has installed a TV in front of the Shoparjita Swadhinata to lure customers in an otherwise dull business. A good number of cricket fans thronged there yesterday evening to enjoy cricket.  
TV rooms of the halls are packed with the cricket-crazy students. The unfortunate ones have to watch TV on their feet as hall authorities are yet to have enough seats for them.  
Students who are forced to stay in the classrooms, or examination halls or in the library carry radio sets to keep themselves in touch with the latest at the stadium.



Jubilant Lankan cricketers celebrate the fall of a New Zealand wicket yesterday. — Star photo

### Contraband seized in Ctg

CHITTAGONG, Oct 26: Police in separate drives seized a huge quantity of contraband and counterfeit notes from the district today, reports BSS.  
Seven hundred and forty mini-cartons of contraband cigarettes worth over Taka five lakh were recovered and one person was arrested in this connection, police said.  
Meanwhile Rangunia police arrested three persons with six fake notes of 500 taka from Lichubagan bus stand.  
CID police, Chittagong zone, acting on a tip-off recovered some 1,000 liters of country-made liquor.

### Biman flight

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Kong, he said. "We were told that two pilots were approached by the Biman but they declined to take off saying they were not scheduled for the flight."  
Biman rescheduled the flight for 9 am today but failed to arrange hotel accommodation for the passengers until 8 pm.  
Passengers were assured that they would be provided with accommodation. But it was being delayed as the hotels in the city were booked to meet extra rush for the ICC cricket tournament, he said.  
A Biman official attributed the delay to technical reasons due to the typhoon alert.  
He said the passengers were being taken care of by relevant sections of the Biman.

### DV 2000

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dren than to spend more than Tk 50 for a visa which is absolutely uncertain."  
"I am content with my humble living on rice and dal. I can talk here loudly but in America, I feel I will become a slave."

### Saeed Anwar

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fly to Dhaka early tomorrow.  
Australia will arrive Dhaka tomorrow morning to take part in the tournament, according to UNB.  
The 16-member Pakistan team, led by left-handed batsman Aamir Sohail, and rest of the Australian squad, led by Stephen Waugh will come in the same flight.  
Australia will take on India on Wednesday while Pakistan meet the West Indies Thursday in the quarter-finals.  
With the arrival of the two teams tomorrow, all the nine Test playing teams will be in Dhaka.  
Of the 19-member Australian squad, six have already reached here. Michael Bevan and Brad Young reached in the capital Sunday noon while Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian, Damien Martyn and Andrew Symonds arrived this noon.  
**PAKISTAN TEAM:** Aamir Sohail (captain), Shahid Afridi, Ijaz Ahmed, Salim Malik, Yousef Yohanna, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhtar, Azhar Mahmood, Aaqib Javed, Saqlain Mushtaq and Arshad Khan.  
Officials: Javed Miandad (coach), Azhar Zaidi (manager).  
**AUSTRALIAN TEAM:** Stephen Waugh (captain), Mark Waugh, Michael Bevan, Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian, Damien Martyn, Damien Fleming, Michael Kasprovic, Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Gavin Robertson, Andrew Simon and Brad Young.  
Officials: Steve Bernard (manager), Geoff Marsh (coach), Errol Alcott (physio), David Mission (fitness adviser) and Mike Walsh (scorer).

### A view from the gully

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I cannot remember the result but I remember Anura Tennekoon, Roy Dias and Co were in that team. They came back again in 1978 and played a number of matches at Dhaka and other towns. Some of them have played regular club cricket here and have many friends in this country.  
Marvan Atapattu and the little 'dynamo' Arinda de Silva fell to brilliant bowling and fielding. For quite some time after that it was only natural to expect that New Zealand will cover up their shortcomings of the afternoon.  
With a quartet of spinners at his command that represented all forms of the art of slow bowling, the Lankans totally confused the Kiwis about their method of tackling the spinners. The confusion was further confounded by a turning wicket — the third one to be used yesterday. The Kiwis were clearly out of sorts in the heat as Arjuna played a masterly stroke by inviting them to bat. Only Parore made best use of a reprieve as he sweated through a half century that put some sanity in their innings.  
The wicket was not as friendly as the other two on which the first two matches were played. At the pavilion end the ball kept low which made strokeplay difficult and Fleming, Harris and Vettori were all victims of low bounce.  
Ranatunga's fighting innings under such trying conditions should long be remembered and I think this was one of the best innings of his illustrious career. After all, it takes many talents to make world champions.  
For once everybody knew who would be the player of the match.

### Sri Lanka beat NZ

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In his uncharacteristic innings which saw no ambitious shots, Kaluwitharana scored 48 runs off 75 balls, which included only five boundaries. It was very unfortunate for the Lankan opener to miss his ninth ODI fifty for only two runs.  
After Kaluwitharana's departure with Sri Lanka firmly placed on 132 for 18, Ranatunga added another 14 runs with Mahanama for the fifth wicket before the latter was brilliantly taken by Allott at deep square leg off a Paul Wiseman delivery.  
But that did not have any impact on the Sri Lankan World Cup winning captain, who then teamed up with Upul Chandana to take Sri Lanka home without any further damage.  
In his 116-ball undefeated stay at the crease, Ranatunga, who was later adjudged player-of-the-match, hammered eight boundaries. The veteran left-hander reached his 47th ODI fifty off 65 balls inclusive of six fours. He is now exactly 40 runs shy from the elite 7000 club having played his 245th ODI match yesterday.  
Chandana remained not out on a run-a-ball 22 with the help of four boundaries.  
Earlier, put into bat, the Kiwis were bundled out for 188 in 49.5 overs in the face of some controlled spin bowling from the Lankans.  
Off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan led the four-man spin attack finishing with three for 31 from his tight 10-over spell. Kumara Dharmasena, left arm spinner Jayasuriya, Chaminda Vaas and Nuwan Zoysa captured one wicket apiece.  
For the New Zealanders, middle-order Adam Parore was the most successful batsman scoring a back-to-back fifty.  
Parore, who scored 52 against Zimbabwe in the opening match two days before, scored 54 runs off 87 balls while two other middle-orders, Craig McMillan (26) and skipper Stephen Fleming (25), were also notable run-getters.  
After the match, the confi-

### AL leader shot dead in Jhenidah

From Our Correspondent  
JHENIDAH, Oct 26: A district Awami League leader was shot dead at Harinakunda thana here last night, police said.  
A group of unidentified armed men fired at Golam Sarwar, a district AL member, when he was talking with his party activists at a local bazar at about 8:30 pm.  
He was rushed to the Harinakunda Thana Health Complex where doctors declared him dead.  
Police arrested five BNP activists in this connection.

### Tazin Enterprise staff stabbed, robbed of Tk 16000

By Staff Correspondent  
Armed muggers stabbed an employee of Tazin Enterprise in the city's Bangshal area and snatched Tk 16,000 from him from near the Shiksha Bhaban in the city yesterday.  
Abul Quasem, 35, said he was carrying the money on his way to the Nawabpur branch of Agrani Bank to pay the telephone bill.  
He was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital at about 12:30 pm, hospital sources said.

### 50 injured as villagers clash in Sylhet

SYLHET, Oct 26: At least 50 people, including some women, were injured in a clash over a land dispute between two rival groups in village Kubajpur in Jagannathpur thana here yesterday, reports APB.  
Of the injured, some 28 people were admitted to Jagannathpur Thana Health Complex.  
Police and witnesses said the clash erupted at about 2 pm on Sunday when an armed group led by Haji Rais Ullah attacked the home of one Tara Mia to evict him from his homestead property.  
More than 40 rounds of bullet were fired and several hand bombs exploded during the clash that continued for three hours.  
The attackers allegedly set on fire the homes of Tara Mia, a fisherman and two of his neighbours — Samsu Mia and Lalfar Mia.

### Port terminal

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Committee, filed a case with the third sub-judge against Secretary, Shipping Ministry, Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong, on behalf of the government. Chairman, Chittagong Port Authority, and Chittagong Development Authority on September 9.  
The plaintiff, in his prayer, stated that the defendants, in a group, hatched a conspiracy to destroy the Chittagong port by planning to construct a private port terminal.

### 5 hurt in clash over tempo stand

By Staff Correspondent  
Five persons were injured, one of them critically, when two rival groups clashed over control of the tempo stand at Mirpur Section 10, according to police and hospital sources.  
At least 50 home-made bombs were exploded during the clash which started at around 1:30 pm and continued for about half an hour, witnesses said.  
Police brought the situation under control and picked up two persons from the spot.  
Of the injured, tempo drivers Shahin, Shipon and Swadhin were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.  
Two others were given first aid.  
Critically injured Shipon was kept at the Intensive Care Unit of the hospital. His eyes were damaged and face was totally burnt, DMCH sources said.  
A case in this regard was filed by a representative of the Auto-tempo Sramik Union, Mirpur police said.

### Doctor arrested on rape charges

By Staff Correspondent  
A former army doctor was arrested for alleged rape of a middle-aged woman and her young daughter, according to Ramna police.  
The mother registered a case in this connection yesterday, police said.  
The doctor, Capt (ret) Dr Abul Bashir, raped the lady and her daughter several times last month when they visited him at his chamber at Madhubag, the FIR said.  
Asked why the FIR was lodged after one month, police said the case was filed when an attempt for reconciliation between the two sides had failed.  
The case was lodged under Women and Children Repression Prevention Act of 1995, police said.

### Business leaders decry flood surcharges

Country's business leaders viewed the industry production would be costlier as a result of the post-flood rehabilitation surcharges imposed last week, reports APB.  
Their reaction on the supplementary fiscal measures came from a meeting with Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday along with suggestions for making industrial output competitive.  
New FBCCI president Abdul Awal Minton led the business team in his first meeting with the government's economic pointsman who was aided by Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed and senior bureaucrats.  
The government imposed surcharge ranging from 2 to 15 per cent on several services and import items to mobilise some Tk 300 crore in additional revenue for financing post-flood rehabilitation programme.  
While observing that the surcharges would make domestic production costly, the business leaders were unanimous that cost of production should be cut down to remain competitive in world market.  
Held at the Finance Minister's secretariat office, the meeting also elaborately discussed various means to make the domestic manufacturing sectors competitive through cost-cutting.  
Various aspects of official assistance and support for the industrial units affected by the recent devastating floods were also discussed at length in the meeting.  
The business leaders pointed out the problems related to banking service and ports. They also raised other business-related issues and asked for their early solution.  
The finance minister assured the business leaders of extending assistance in solving the problems.  
He also asked the finance secretary to give duty to the general manager-level officers or above of nationalised commercial banks to ensure that no complexities arise in extending assistance to the flood-affected industrial units.

### Y'slav troops returning to barracks in Kosovo

PRISTINA (Yugoslavia), Oct 26: Yugoslav army units were withdrawing to their barracks in Kosovo today, Serb sources here said, reports agencies.  
An AFP reporter saw a convoy of about 40 vehicles heading along the road from the central town of Komorane towards the provincial capital Pristina late this morning.  
The convoy consisted of trucks with soldiers, half a dozen tanks and many armoured vehicles armed with 12.7 mm heavy machine guns.  
A weekend visit by NATO military chiefs to Belgrade produced 'quite positive' results, alliance diplomats said today on the eve of the deadline for the Yugoslav authorities to comply with a UN resolution on Kosovo.  
The sources said that NATO's supreme commander in Europe, US General Wesley Clark, had obtained 'serious commitments' from Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic that there would be a further withdrawal of forces from Kosovo by tomorrow evening.  
The positive report reduces the likelihood that NATO will decide to order airstrikes to force Milosevic to fully comply with the international community's demands, observers said.  
As the deadline approached, the government's Serb Media Center said three military units were returning to their barracks today in the towns of Urosevac, Pristina and Kosovska Mitrovica.  
Later, a convoy of more than two dozen green Yugoslav tanks, other armoured vehicles and trucks was seen rolling through the Komorane checkpoint toward Pristina.  
Serb police removed the road signs ordering vehicles to halt at the Komorane checkpoint, 20 kilometres east of Pristina, but the policemen manning the small house at the intersection remained on duty.  
It was not clear if the checkpoint was being fully dismantled, or if police would continue to monitor traffic at the intersection.  
NATO has demanded that forces in Kosovo be withdrawn or returned to barracks so that tens of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees who fled the fighting can return to their homes safely.  
The government has repeatedly claimed it is complying with the orders. Ethnic Albanian refugees, however, claim Serb-led forces withdraw when diplomatic monitors appear and then return after they leave to harass civilians.

### Chouddagram

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At one stage of the clash Shahabuddin was shot and he died on the way to hospital.  
Angry Shibir activists brought out a procession in the thana headquarters carrying the body and put up barricades on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway for about an hour to protest the killing.  
BCL leaders condemned the attack by Shibir workers and claimed that 12 of their activists were injured in the clash.

### Two muggers

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The muggers stopped them and snatched the money when they were returning home in a rickshaw at about 2:30 pm, police said.  
As the victims started screaming, local people chased the muggers and police on duty near by arrested two of them and recovered the money.  
Of the muggers, one, however, managed to flee, police said. The arrested will be produced before the court today.

### Cabinet

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ests of the hill people," said a source in the Parbatya Chattagram Jano Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) led by Shantu Larma.  
"Besides, the law remains inconsistent with the CHT treaty and two other identical laws on Khagrachari and Bandarban district councils as well until the amendment is adopted by parliament."  
However, the amendment would be placed before the members of parliament for consideration during the ensuing session of Jatiya Sangsad, government sources said. The JS session is scheduled to start November 5. Meanwhile, the Cabinet has approved in principle a World Bank proposal for "a new type of loan" called "Adaptable Programme Lending" for the energy sector reforms, Cabinet sources said.  
According to a minister, "The energy ministry would start negotiation with the WB in a couple of months and settle the issue before the end of the present financial year."

### Blocks 19, 20

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proposed different profit-sharing structures for different parts of a block which the government negotiators turned down.  
These issues are now being discussed.  
"If the talks with Maersk are positive, the government might award it a block," said one source.

### Effective LG system to remove problems of professionals: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has taken steps to decentralise the administration and strengthen the local government bodies which will help solving the problems of all professionals, reports UNB.  
"With decentralisation of the administration and strengthening of the local government bodies, the economic activities at the grassroots level will boost up," she said addressing the leaders of Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination Council.  
A delegation of the Council, led by its President Engineer Mohammad Nurul Huda, met the Prime Minister at her office and apprised the PM some of their demands.  
The demands included parity in job and salary structure, promotion and selection grade, and removal of anomalies among different cadres.

They highly praised the government's efforts in tackling the devastating flood and running the relief and rehabilitation activities in a proper way.  
The Prime Minister said the problems of the professionals will also be solved with the installation of an effective local government system through Upazila and Zila parishad elections.  
She said the present government has laid utmost importance on agriculture and also mentioned the government's plan to reach the health-care services to the door steps of the people by establishing health sub-centres at the union levels.  
Referring to the participation of all section of people in the flood relief activities, Hasina called upon the doctors, engineers, agriculturists and all other professionals to join hands in the post flood rehabilitation and reconstruction works to recoup the huge losses caused by flood.  
She asked the officials to implement the post flood programmes and development works in shortest possible time for the greater interest of the nation.  
Secretary General of Prokrichi-BCS Coordination Council Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Agriculturist Abdul Mannan and Engineer A N H Akhtar Hossain also spoke on the occasion.  
Agriculturist M Enamul Haq, Engineer Ruhul Matin, Dr Rashid E Mahbub, Chowdhury Khalequzzaman, Prof Kafil Uddin, Agriculturist Nazrul Islam, Dr M Sharfuddin Ahmed, Dr Baduzzaman Bhuiyan, Monirul Islam, Mangal Chandra Das, Alauddin Chowdhury and Khabiruzzaman, among others, were present.

### 50000 likely to be infected with HIV in Calcutta by 2000

CALCUTTA, Oct 26: The number of HIV-infected people in Calcutta will near a staggering 50,000 before the end of this millennium, according to a study by scientists at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) here, reports PTI.  
The study, which forecasts that over 49,000 people in the metropolis will have contacted the deadly AIDS-causing virus by 1999, has set the medical and health think-tank of the state ticking to find ways to check the rate.  
The projection, published in the Indian journal of Medical Research has been compiled from published HIV infection data in government reports, survey reports of the school of tropical medicine and related figures from concerned NGOs working in the field.  
Indo-Bangla border confce begins

### Indo-Bangla border confce begins

Bangladesh Rifles and Indian BSF opened a three-day border conference in the city yesterday, reports UNB.  
Contentious issues of push-in and cross-border smuggling of arms and drugs were discussed in the conference.  
The top officials of BDR and BSF also discussed trafficking of women and children, border demarcation, exchange of enclaves, Tin Bigha corridor, repair and maintenance of border pillars and other issues relating to the common borders between the two neighbours.  
The meeting being held at the BDR headquarters agreed to cooperate with each other in adopting effective measures to prevent smuggling and other border related offences.  
Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Major General Azizur Rahman led the Bangladesh side while Director General of BSF E N Rammoan led the 11-member Indian side at the talks.

### Proposed CDS

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chaired by the finance secretary was likely to discuss the issue today. This should also act as a pressure on the brokers and dealers to go corporate.  
The central depository, as envisaged, will eliminate the necessity of maintaining a full-fledged share division by the listed companies. It would also ensure safekeeping of valuable share certificates.  
The bourses will send all transaction data to CDS, which will record the transfers, and the shares will automatically change accounts. The shareholders will not have to go to the companies to transfer their shares.  
"Establishment of a central depository will pave the way for scripless trading. It will reduce expenses and risks as there will not be any physical transfer of shares," another SEC official said. "Most important, it will eliminate fake scrips."  
The CDS would also help eliminate the kerf market with wider investor participation from different parts of the country, the official said.

### Petrobangla

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sides, the existing PSCs must be evaluated and we must see how Bangladesh is benefited from those. Unless we do that, we should not sign new PSCs," said an expert.  
A Petrobangla official noted, "Block offers under the second round bidding can't be totally closed. It is very difficult considering the pressure from the donor countries and big powers. These companies have their own plans and they'd continue pressuring the government to award them the blocks."  
"We've started a process to stop it because the diplomatic pressure. Our suggestions have reached the government's top level and all the decisions about the blocks are coming from there. It now seems that the government is going to give away all the blocks, which is very unfortunate."

### The queen has lost her crown

ZAGREB, Oct 26: She has the title, but not the crown.  
Two weeks after a Muslim was proclaimed Miss Croatia, the jury reversed itself and crowned runnerup, Ivana Petkovic, reports AP.  
In a somber atmosphere, broadcast live on national television late Sunday, 12 members of the jury chose Petkovic, while five voted for Lejla Šehović, 22.  
The new winner said she was "as excited as during the first voting" and that she entered the new round of voting "with pure motives."  
Šehović left in tears, after she was not allowed to give a statement.  
"I wanted to say that this was a set-up, that the new voting is a farce," the newspaper Vecernji List quoted her as saying.  
This year's beauty contest, popular among Croats, turned into a national scandal, when organizers stripped Šehović of her title, citing voting irregularities.  
But in the country where many people do not consider Muslims "real" Croats, the contest became a political issue, with Croatian media and some human rights groups saying Šehović was ousted just because she's a Muslim.  
Croatia, which has a small Muslim minority, supported Croats in neighbouring Bosnia during their 1993-4 conflict with Muslims there and relations between the two remain tense. About 80 per cent of Croatia's 4.7 million people are Roman Catholics.  
After the first contest, media reported that organisers were unhappy with a Muslim representing Croatia at the Miss World contest.

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Zvonimir Ciac, head of the Croatian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights, comforts Lejla Šehović, a 22-year-old Muslim, after a rerun of the Miss Croatia contest in Zagreb Sunday. Šehović, who won the Miss Croatia beauty contest on October 11, and then was stripped of it amid allegations of religious prejudice, lost her crown for good last night when the same jury awarded the crown to former runner-up Ivana Petkovic. — AP/UNB photo

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