Chinese PLA team meets FM

The visiting seven-member Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) delegation called on Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad at the state guest house Padma in the city yester-

day, reports UNB. The Foreign Minister thanked the Chinese government for their assistance and support for the flood victims of Bangladesh.

He said China is a valued partner in the Bangladesh's effort for development.

The four friendship bridges in Bangladesh stand as symbol of Bangladesh-China friend-

ship, the minister mentioned. Samad Azad expressed his hope that this visit would contribute to further strengthening the existing bilateral relation and enhancing the scope for cooperation between the Bangladesh Armed Forces and the Chinese People's Liberation

Lieutenant General Tang Tianbias led the delegation. Other members included Major General Sun Fu, Major General Lie Yahong and Major General Yuan Wei.

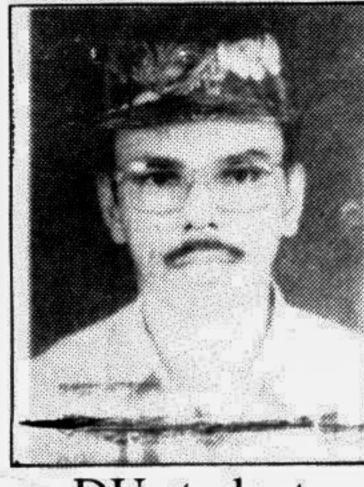
Major General Immamuz-Zaman, Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division, Brigadier Sayed A B M Ashrafuzzaman and ATM Nazrul Islam, Director General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, were present.

Refreshers' course for teachers begins Nov 20

By Staff Correspondent A refreshers' course for higher secondary level teachers will begin in the city on November 20, says a press re-

Training on physics will be held on November 20 and 21 while on chemistry on November 27 and 28. The course has been arranged by a periodical 'Shikshabarta'.

Teachers who are interested to participate in the course have been requested to send their names and particulars by November 10 to the Editor of Shikshabarta, 28/5 BUET quarter, Dhaka-1000, the release added.



DU student missing

By DU Correspondent A student of Dhaka University has been missing since October 13, says a police press re-

Syed Maknoon alias Pushon, 27, a third year student of Physics Department, went out of his residence at Isha Kha Road in the morning on October 13, but did not return till yes-

terday. Maknoon is the son of Dr PIS Mostafizur Rahman, a teacher of the Department of Islamic History and Culture of the DU. A general diary has been lodged with Ramna thana in this connection.

Anybody who knows about his whereabouts has been requested to contact the following addresses: Dr PIS Mustafizur Rahman, Village-Raghunathpur, Dhamuir Hat, Naogaon; or Sector-4, Road No -20 and House No-3, Uttara Model Town, Uttara; or 38/A Isha Kha Road, Dhaka University Residential Area, Ramna. Phone: 9661900-19/4360.

Noorul Quader memorial body formed

The "Muktijoddha Noorul Quader Swaran Committee" has been formed in a meeting held recently at House No 1/B, Road No 84, Gulshan-2 in the city,

says a press release. A cross-section of intellectuals, professionals and industrialist attended the meeting. It was presided over by Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed. National Professor Abdur Razzque was

unanimously made chairman of the committee. The meeting decided to hold a memorial meeting on late M Noorul Quader at the main auditorium of the National Museum at 5:45 pm on November

Poet Shamsur Rahman will preside over the meeting.

ASB to award Dr Akbar Ali Khan

The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh (ASB) has decided to award Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Gold Medal to Dr Akbar Ali Khan for the first time for his book 'Discovery of Bangladesh, reports UNB.

The book, published in 1996, has presented an analysis of rural institutions in Bangladesh and offered new interpretations of the social and political evolution in this region, including

the spread of Islam. The medal was introduced in 1997 by Justice Mohammad Ibrahim Trust Fund and it is administered by the ASB, said a

press release. The trust will award a gold medal once in every two-year for the best publication in any field of humanities and liberal arts within the broad scope of Man and Nature of Asia

Hasina greets Mandela

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has congratulated South African President Nelson Mandela on the victory of South African cricket team at the Wills International Cup tournament, reports UNB.

In a message to Mandela yesterday, she said such sports event like the Wills Cup which Bangladesh was so happy and proud to host would not only help greater interaction among the players but also contribute significantly in strengthening relations between the peoples of the participating countries.

More donations to PM's Relief Fund

More organisations and individuals yesterday donated Tk 34.26 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund reports UNB.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina received the donations and thanked the donors for their kind gesture.

Embassy of Myanmar here donated Tk 4.78 lakh, JOMAC Ltd Tk 1:50 lakh, Saudi Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Ltd 7.5 lakh Bangladeshi community in Oman Tk 3.80 lakh. Bangladeshi community in Italy Tk 1 lakh, Forest and Environment Ministry Tk 11.62 lakh and Bangladeshi community in Nazran province of Saudi Arabia Tk 1.22 lakh to

the fund.

Other donors included: Secondary School Teachers Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Buddhist Women's Association, Buddhist Student Parishad, Latter-Day Charities. Nada Gopal Biswas, BMA Mymensingh district unit, CMMU Diploma Engineers' Association, Habiganj district Lawyers' Association, Chittagong Artistes Welfare Organisation. Government Woman College, Patuakhali, Udichi Shilpi Gosthi, Netrakona, Alhaj Shamsul Alam and Dr M Ramzan Ali.

Watermill Theatre to perform in city Nov 5-7

The British Council in collaboration with Kafco and Shell Companies is hosting a theatre production in Dhaka with Watermill Theatre Company from the UK, says a press release.

The theatre company arrives in the city today and will perform Shakespeare's Henry V at the Osmani Memorial Hall on November 5, 6, and 7. Admit cards are available at the British Council reception (Fuller Road), British Council Teaching Centre (Satmasjid Road), Ideas (Gulshan), and Sagar Publishers (Baily Road). Watermill will also give a

special presentation of music sonnets and extracts from Shakespeare plays for flood re-lief on November 7 at the British Council Auditorium at 11 am. Passes are available at the British Council, main of-

A workshop will be conducted with Bangladesh Centre for Theatre Institute and Watermill on November 6 at the British Council Auditorium.

Committee of Council of Principals formed

By Staff Correspondent A 91-member committee of Bangladesh Council of Principals has been formed with Ali Ahmed, Principal of Ahsanullah College in Khulna, and SM Abu Saeed of Daulatpur College as president and general secretary respectively, says a press

release. The committee was formed at a conference of Principals of non-government colleges and equivalent educational institutions in Khulna and Barisal divisions on October 27. The conference was held at the Zia Hall in Khulna.

Vice Chancellor of Khulna University Prof S M Nazrul Islam inaugurated the conference while Principal Ali Ahmed was in the chair

Mayor of Khulna City Corporation (KCC) Sheikh Tayabur Rahman attended the programme as chief guest while educationist Principal Muhammad Nazimuddin, Principal of Government BL College, Prof Jafar Imam and KCC Chief Engineer Liakat Ali Sharif were present as special guests.

A total of 149 Principals from the two divisions participated in the conference.

Condolence meet on Anisuzzaman

Journalists and other employees of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) at a condolence meeting yesterday paid rich tributes to the memory of M Anisuzzaman, Managing Director and Chief Editor of the national news agency. Anisuzzaman died in the city on Sunday, reports BSS

Presided over by Managing Editor Hasanuzzaman Khan. the meeting held in BSS newsroom was addressed by chief news editor ASM Habibullah, Gias Kamal Choudhury, Mofakkharul Anam. Zaglul Ahmed Chowdhury, Hamiduzzaman Robi, Kazi Moqsudul Hasan, Gaziur Rahman, Azizul Islam Bhuiyan, Swapan Kumar Saha, Nazrul Islam, Shamsul Alam Belal, Amirul Mumenin, Shamsuddin Ahmed, Yusuf Ali Mollah and Afaz Uddin.

The condolence meeting was followed by a milad mahfil and special prayers.

Earlier, a one-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the deceased.

Private sector participation in road management

Creation of road fund, road board suggested

Communications experts and policymakers adopted a plan of action asking for laws allowing private sector's participation in road management in

the country, reports APB. The plan of action, along with other recommendations, was adopted in a two-day international seminar on private sector participation in road upkeep under a toll-road system, which ended in the city yester-

Sponsored by the government and some donor agencies, the seminar also suggested creating a Road Fund and a Road Board to ensure private participation in policymaking.

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria, who was the chief guest in the concluding session, welcomed private participation in road management, saying it's an excellent idea. "The idea of financing the

maintenance of roads with con-

tribution of users is an interesting one," he said, but warned that the initiative could prove futile due to vested interests. The Ministry of Communications, FBCCI, World Bank, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the Department

Joint Secretary of the Com-

for International Development

(DFID) of Britain organised the

munications Ministry Karar Mahmudul Hasan presented the plan of action after two days of deliberation by experts from

home and abroad. As per the plan, which seeks necessary laws within a year, the Communications Ministry would form a task force this month to carry out a comprehensive study with outlines for private participation in management and maintenance of

roads. The task force would be given its terms of reference by December while funding for the study would be made available by March next year.

The report and proposals should be submitted to the government by April 30, 1999 for their approval in two months thereafter. The government would in-

corporate new legislation to the proposals and submit it before the parliament by July 15. Examining other countries'

experiences, the seminar strongly suggested that Bangladesh should have a Road Fund for sustainable management and maintenance of roads and highways. The sources of the fund

would be fuel levy and toll, the recommendations said. Besides, it suggested the creation of a Road Board with majority members from the

private sector. The proposed 11member Board would have six members from the private sector while the rest from the government.

The private members would represent FBCCI, transport owners, transport workers, Institute of Engineers, road users and road-construction industry. The public sector officials would come from the ministries of Communications, Finance and LGRD, Roads and Highways Department and Planning Commission.

While giving support to the initiative, the finance minister hinted that his ministry would clear the proposals only after reviewing those from both legal and operational points of view.

He said the Finance Ministry would need "sufficient time" for the review and evaluation of the proposals by the task force. He also called for taking the local conditions into account while formulating the proposals.

FBCCI President Abdul Awa Mintoo, speaking in the concluding session, hoped that the government should allow the private sector in road maintenance as soon as possible to ensure better roads.

Establishment Secretary Shah Mohammad Farid presided over the session.



A function to distribute prizes among the brilliant students of SSC examinations, 1998 and Junior Scholarship Examination of Velayet Hossain Bahumukhi Uchcha Bidyalay was held recently at its premises. From left are vice-president of the managing committee of the school Dr Anwar Hossein, Prof Anisur Rahman, Prof Rahman Sobhan, president of the managing committee M Delwar Hossain, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui and Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury.

Critics reiterate call for Yeltsin's resignation

MOSCOW, Nov 2: While Boris sure. The president had been sort, his critics launched a new round of attacks against the president Monday and again called for his resignation, reports AP.

"The president is not governing. He is not responding to the citizens. He has degraded and is drinking so much that he is unable to fulfill his duties," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov was quoted as saying by the Interfax news agency.

"We insist on an immediate medical checkup of the President and I'm sure the doctor's conclusion will be that which is already known to the whole nation," he added.

Yeltsin's spokesman Dmitry Yakushkin lashed back at Zyuganov for "insulting the head of state instead of (having) a civilized dialogue"

"The opposition mustn't forget that it owes its very existence to the democratic reforms carried out by Boris Yeltsin," Yakushkin said, according to the Interfax

Yeltsin began a two-week stay in southern resort of Sochi on Friday, where he's recovering from what's been described as fatigue and high blood pres-

Yeltsin rested at a Black Sea re- working only sporadically in hardliners have used Yeltsin's recent weeks due to a variety of ailments

Yeltsin had no meetings planned Monday, but was scheduled to hold talks with Defense Minister Igor Sergeyev on Tuesday, Yakushkin said. There was no word on the agenda

The president's most recent illnesses have renewed concerns about Yeltsin's ability to serve out his term, which runs until the middle of the year 2000. The president insists he has no serious health problems.

A nationwide poll showed that only 3 per cent of Russians had confidence in Yeltsin, while 89 per cent either lacked confidence in the president, or were undecided.

No margin of error was given, but the results were in line with other recent surveys, which also have put Yeltsin's approval rating in the low single digits.

NTV television, which cited the poll Sunday evening, said it was carried out by the independent Public Opinion Foundation. A total of 1,500 people were surveyed.

Communists and other illness to intensify their calls for his ouster. An impeachment motion against the president is working its way through parliament, but is given little chance of success.

Yeltsin has handed over some day-to-day duties to Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, the president's staff has said in recent days.

Yeltsin's Deputy Chief of Staff Oleg Sysuyev gave several interviews on the subject last week, but said some of his remarks were misinterpreted.

Britain's Financial Times quoted Sysuyev as saying that Yeltsin would formally announce the transfer of some of his powers in a speech to the parliament next year. Sysuyev, speaking on NTV on Sunday evening, said that was inaccu-

He said Yeltsin had given Primakov control over economic questions, but claimed Yeltsin's political role will "only be strengthening." Yeltsin will concentrate on setting up guarantees for fair elections and launching a constitutional reform, he said.

Japanese grant Iran concludes to Thalassaemia Society

Japan will provide a grant of over 84 thousand US dollars (about Tk 40.32 lakh) to Thalassaemia Society of Bangladesh under an agreement says AP. signed between them in the city vesterday, said a Japanese embassy press release.

The grant will be utilised by the society for the treatment of the thalassaemia patients who suffer from anaemia as the body cannot produce normal haemoglobin.

According to the World Health Organisation, about seven to eight per cent of population in Bangladesh are likely to be carriers of the disease.

Obituary

Sabiha Khatun, wife of late Al-haj Wahidur Rahman of Muhuri Bari, Feni, died on November 1 due to old age ailments. She was 70, reports BSS. She left behind three sons, a daughter and a host of grand children to mourn her death.

graveyard at Chagalnaiya. Begum Nasera Bibi, wife of late district judge Alhaj Obaidus Sobhan, died in the city Sunday night. She was 90, reports BSS.

She was buried at the family

The deceased is survived by four sons and four daughters. Qulkhwani will be held at her residence 4, Umesh Dutta Road, Bakshibazar on Thursday next after "maghreb" prayers.

war games on Afghan border

TEHRAN, Nov 2: Iran on Monday concluded major military exercises on its border with Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported,

Some 200,000 troops took part in the maneuvers, which began on Saturday.

In the last stage of the manoeuvers, held on Iran's eastern border, fighter bombers and infantry and armoured units attacked mock enemy positions while suspended bridges were installed for the passage of tanks, the agency quoted Maj Gen Ali Shahbazi, commander of the army, as saying.

The goal of the manoeuvers was to make it clear that "any provocative measure ... will be faced with the strong reaction of the Iranian army," Brig Gen Fazlollah Shahin-Rad was quoted as saying. The exercises - called Zol-

faqar-2 after the sword of Imam Ali, the son-in-law of Islam's Prophet Mohammed — took place against a background of tension with Afghanistan. Iranian-Afghan relations deteriorated sharply in

September after the Taliban militia, which controls most of Afghanistan, admitted that its forces had killed eight Iranian diplomats and a journalist in the northern city of Mazar-e-But the situation improved

in early October after the inter-

vention of UN special envoy

Lakhdar Brahimi, who shuttled

between Tehran and Kabul.

Military in crisis

'Russia's nuclear forces declining

MOSCOW, Nov 2: The Russian military is in a major crisis, its nuclear capability has fallen far behind that of the United States and it is nearing the point of no longer being effective, a top lawmaker said Monday, reports AP.

Viktor Ilyukhin, chairman of the security committee of the Duma, the lower chamber of parliament, said the effectiveness of existing Russian nuclear forces was equal to about 40 per cent of current US capability. according to the Interfax news

"It would be true to say that the armed forces are in the deepest thinkable crisis, effectively full-scale disintegration, and unable, as their experts say, to carry out strategic operations," he said.

llyukhin, a member of the Communist Party, made the remarks to a Duma commission drawing up impeachment charges against President Boris Yeltsin. The possible charges include the destruction of the Soviet Union and the subsequent decline of Russian military power.

liyukhin said that by 2007 Russia's stockpile of nuclear warheads will be one-seventh of the US stockpile. He added that Russia now has just 67 strategic bombers, compared to hundreds during the Soviet era. The Russian military is in a

major crisis, unable to pay troops or buy new weapons because of the country's constant economic problems.

Global congress on immunology opens in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Nov 2: The Global Congress on Immunology opened here on Sunday with a call by Indian President Kocheril Raman Narayanan to free mankind from the scourge of diseases, reports Xinhua.

Narayanan urged scientists of all countries in the world to work together and share their knowledge and experience to achieve this goal.

Over 2,600 scientists from 67 countries are attending the week-long conference which is held once every three years.

Narayanan lamented that neither antibiotics nor the new vaccines reach the poorest sections of the society who need them most and asked scientists, industrialists and the governments to "join hands so that fruits of research can be made available to the commonman with minimal delay at affordable cost."

This is the last global conference of immunologists in this century and the millennium and also the first held in a developing country.

The conference is organised by the International Union of Immunological Societies with the Federation of Immunological Societies of Asia and Ocenian and the Indian Immunological Society as sponsors.

The nine earlier meetings had been held in the developed world, the last one at San Francisco of the United States in

Glenn's 3rd day in space

Discovery ejects Spartan into orbit

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov 2: The crew of the space shuttle Discovery on Sunday released a sun-studying satellite on the third day of a mission that has seen Senator John Glenn's return to space after 36 years, reports AFP.

Dubbed Spartan, the satellite is to spend about two days orbiting some 65 kilometres from the shuttle before being relieved and brought back to earth on November 7. The satellite has instru-

ments to measure the heat of the sun's corona and the speed of solar winds, electrically charged particles. The corona and winds affect satellites. weather on earth and telecommunications.

UP member arrested in Jhalakati

JHALAKATI, Nov 2: Police have arrested a union parishad member of charges of irregularities in distribution of food grains under the Vulnerable Group Feeding (VGF) programme, reports APB.

The member, Bachchu Khan of Bhairabpasha Union Parishad under Nalchhiti thana was nabbed from village Shatpakia Saturday following a case filed in this regard against the chairman, three members and a secretary of the UP, and a villager.

Sources said under the programme, food was distributed among 500 destitute families of the union on October 10 against the VGF cards.

JU 7th batch reunion Dec 11

The reunion of the 7th batch of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be held on December 11, reports UNB.

The reunion has earlier been postponed due to flood. An emergency meeting to form a full fledged committee to organise the reunion will be held at Lalbhaban at the eastern gate of Bangabandhu Stadium.

BCL demands trial of killers of four national leaders

By DU Correspondent Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the ruling party, yesterday demanded trial of the killers of four national

The BCL brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus and held a rally in front of the DUCSU building.

Indo-Pak army commanders to meet soon to halt border clash

"We have asked for a meeting

of the local (army) commanders

disputed northern state of

Jammu and Kashmir. India

controls two-thirds of Kashmir

Vajpayee said relations be-

"Now the air has been

tween India and China had also

cleared. We expect that our de-

sire to develop friendly rela-

tions with China will materi-

improved in the recent past.

the firing will stop."

and Pakistan the rest.

BANGALORE, India, Nov 2: Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said on Sunday Islamic group to launch a the army commanders of India kamikaze-style attack on the and neighbouring Pakistan mausoleum of the founder of would meet soon to discuss steps to stop exchange of fire along their border, reports

... and the meeting will be held shortly," Vajpayee told a news conference in the southern Indian city of Bangalore. "We hope week, said Istanbul Gov. Erol Indian and Pakistani troops Cakir regularly exchange fire along the international border in the

But Cakir said the group confessed that they had delayed the plan until November 10 - when the country holds a solemn ceremony to mark Ataturk's death because bad weather prevented them from flying a plane from Bursa, a city south of Is-

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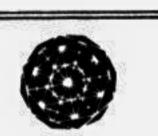
Md Abbas Uddin Deputy Secretary (General) Dhaka WASA

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer

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Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned

Md Syedur Rahman



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General Manager (Commercial) Zia Fertiliser Company Limited

Turkish police foil attack of Islamic group ISTANBUL, Nov 2: Istanbul authorities on Monday claimed police foiled a plan by a radical

secular Turkey during festivities attended by thousands of people, reports AP. Twenty-three alleged members of a Germany-based radical Islamic group were detained Wednesday, a day before the alleged aerial attack was to take place during the country's 75th anniversary celebrations last

Thousands of people, including Turkish leaders and foreign dignitaries, were at the mausoleum on October 29 to pay respects before Mustafa Kemal Ataturk's tomb.



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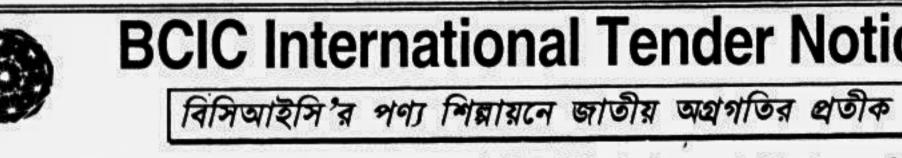
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