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## BNP road march tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia leads a one-day "mini road march" from Dhaka to Aricha tomorrow as part of the ongoing anti-government campaign.

This is the fourth road march of its kind aimed at mobilising public support against the government's decision to "provide corridor facility to India on the pretext of transhipment" and bringing an end to the "misrule" of ruling Awami League.

The former prime minister who is also the leader of the opposition will start the march from Amin Bazar under Savar thana at 10am after addressing a public meeting there.

She is scheduled to address public gatherings also at Savar Bazar at 11:30am, Bolhata under Dharmasi thana at 12:30pm, Nayadangi under Shaturia thana at 1:30pm, Manikganj bus stand at 2:30pm, Baniajuri under Ghorai thana at 3:40pm and Aricha Ghat under Shibnab thana at 4:40pm.

## Saifur protests Lockwood's remark

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Standing Committee member and former Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman has protested the remark by UNDP's Resident Representative David Lockwood at the Asian Parliamentarians' Conference for Peace and Cooperation.

In a statement yesterday, he said Lockwood's remark on UNDP and opposition's absence in the conference is "unexpected, unwanted and devoid of diplomatic norms."

"His unfortunate comment has damaged the image of UNDP in Bangladesh. Being a resident representative of UN's front organisation, he has no right to undermine political and politicians," Saifur Rahman said.

The BNP leader said there may be differences between the government and opposition on political matters, and they themselves might resolve the problems.

"We cannot accept any comment under any circumstances by a foreign official, who is holding the position of an international organisation, that is dishonouring to Bangladesh's politicians and parliament members and may damage the image of Bangladesh abroad," the former Finance Minister added.

## Hyundai office attacked, looted at Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 3: Several thousand people attacked and looted the office of Hyundai Engineering here this afternoon soon after it was formally handed over to Bangladesh Water Development Board in an official ceremony.

The Korean builders had constructed Tk 320 crore Bangabandhu Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (BJMB) embankment.

However, the reason of the sudden swoop on the office could not be known immediately. The executive engineer of Sirajganj BWDB, Mohammad Ali, took charge of the office.

The mob clashed with the police and Ansar personnel stationed at the office at Raniganj, Kordaspur, in the town.

They ransacked the office and looted furniture and other valuables of the Korean com-

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## Prayer Timings

September 4

Azan	Jamaat
4:20	4:25
John	1:15
Asr	4:45 5:00
Maghrib	6:25 6:30
Esha	8:00 8:30

Source: Islamic Foundation

## Four-day confce concludes today

# Asian lawmakers set to endorse peace forum

By Staff Correspondent

The proposal for formation of the Association of Asian Parliamentarians for Peace (AAP) is likely to be endorsed today, the concluding day of the Asian Parliamentarians' Conference for Peace and Cooperation.

On the third day yesterday, parliamentarians from 26 countries presented papers on the state of peace and other themes of the conference and strongly supported the proposed AAP.

Speaker of Bangladesh parliament and Chairperson of the conference Humayun Rasheed Chowdhury presided over yesterday's working session in the morning. The session was attended by the heads of delegations from 31 countries.

Malaysian Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir bin Haji Ismail also chaired the session for some time.

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The working group on human rights recommended formulation of a Charter of Human Rights for Asian Nations. A committee would be formed with members from the proposed AAP to formulate the charter which will be circulated among the Asian countries for endorsement by governments of those countries.

The group felt that Bangladesh could initiate the formulation of the proposed charter.

It suggested adequate measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women, children and other disadvantaged sections of the society and ratification of the International Criminal Court by the governments concerned.

The second working group recommended establishment of a regional early-warning system for effective detection, prevention, resolution and trans-

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## Garments export to US

# 126 cases of visa forgery detected

By Rafiq Hasan

A total of 126 garments factories have been found involved in forging visa documents for exporting apparels to the US so far this year, commerce ministry sources said.

The factories exported about 24 lakh pieces of apparels forging visa documents. More than 50 thousand dozen trousers and shorts were exported under category 347/348 by forging visa documents because of high demand for these items this year.

Investigation is going on and the number of "fraudulent" factories may rise, the sources said.

The forgeries were detected by comparing the original export visas issued by the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) with documents collected from US

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Customs, which were submitted to the US ports during entry of consignments, EPB officials said.

More cases of forgery may be detected when more documents will be available from the US Customs, they said.

They however said forgeries may have been done from outside the country by exporting garments to the US by using Bangladeshi name tags.

About 77 per cent of the export quota under category 347/348 was utilised till the last week of last month. A temporary embargo on export of apparels under this category is likely to be imposed when the quota will be exhausted this month, according to sources in

The rival camp leaders

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## Babu runs dist AL body without party approval

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Sept 3: Akhtarruzzaman Chowdhury Babu has been running a committee of Chittagong South District Unit of Awami League for a long time without approval of the party high command, insiders said.

Babu claimed himself to be the president of that committee while his close associate Moslem Uddin was made general secretary.

Babu declared the committee by holding a conference of the unit at J M Sen Hall in the city on December 21, 1996.

The rival leaders of the South unit protested formation of the committee and complained against Babu. But the central committee did not take any action against him.

The high command, however, did not approve the committee against the backdrop of serious protest from the rival camp.

In the past, international angling tournaments were held in the lake, attracting participants from several SAARC countries.

"Instead of encouraging the sport, Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has whimsically sealed off one of the last remaining resorts for the anglers," said an association member and a retired civil servant requesting anonymity.

He alleged that the decision was taken as DCC officials were not aware of the fact that angling is an increasingly popular sport around the world. "DCC should immediately consult experts and set an environment friendly guideline for the anglers," he said.

Azizul Islam Mukul of the association said that from 1964 to 1980, the lake water was pollution-free. "During those years, angling was a regular sport in the lake and its water

officially seek apology some day. But still it would take time. Did not Japan take a lot of time to do so?"

On Pakistan's reluctance to take back the stranded Pakistanis from Bangladesh, he said that it was not big deal. "The Biharis are still here, as none of the parties concerned has not been taking the issue seriously."

He was reminded that Pakistan is committed to taking them back under the Simla Pact and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif had made a categorical announcement in Dhaka that they would be repatriated to Pakistan.

He said: The problem is that they (stranded Pakistanis) want to return to a particular region in Bangladesh in 1971.

Asked whether he thinks Pakistan should apologise to Bangladesh for the crime against humanity, as Japan sought unqualified apology to Korea for similar crimes during the Second World War, Soomro said, "May be Pakistan would

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