# What's on today . . . . •

Film show: British Council will screen Shakespeare's Henry V and Anthony and Cheopatra. Venue: British Council auditorium. Time: 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm respectively.

## Weather

# Moderate rain likely

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged during the period, Met Office said.

The country's highest temperature yesterday was recorded 32.6 degree Celsius at Khulna and the lowest 23.5 degrees at Barisal. The sun sets in the capital today at 6.05 pm and rises tomorrow

at 5.44 am Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

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# HERE and THERE

The College of General Practitioners of Bangladesh (BCGP) held the orientation programme of the 9th batch of its FCGP course on Friday, says a press release.

Prof M A Qaderi, Vice-Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University was the chief guest at the programme. Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam, President of BCGP, presided over the programme. BCGP Vice-President Dr N M Abdan, Secretary Dr Md Yunus Bhuiyan, Treasurer Dr M A Mannan, BPMPA's President Dr Md Abdus Shahid, Secretary General Dr Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan, Dr M A Based, Dr Md Kabiruzzaman, Dr Alhaj Md Monirul Alam. Dr Fasiur Rah-

#### Forum to resist attacks on newsmen writers floated

An organisation, Forum to Resist Attack on Newspapers, Journalists and Writers, has been floated to mould public opinion to resist attacks on newspapers, journalists and writers, reports BSS.

Founding editor of the "Alumni News" of English Department of Dhaka University Ali Niamot, and Rotarian AKM Nizamul Islam were made president and secretary general of the 11-member convening committee of the forum.

cially journalists, writers, cal party. teachers and students of from the what they said schools, colleges and university bomb attack, the BNP supporters demonstrated in and around ties have been urged to contact the organisation at 257/7, Elethe party office at 11 am. phant Road, Dhaka-1205, Phone-861846, 508517, Fax- cluding joint secretary of BNP

#### Nasım

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ical parties had hired terrorists and miscreants from different parts of the country for creating anarchy and unrest in the capital during their sit-in programme, but failed to do so thanks to the correct and timely steps by the administra-"The Opposition badly

needed dead body of a police or an innocent person to justify sit-in programme and the next three-day country-wide preplanned hartal," he said, adding that all its evil designs had failed as law-enforcing agencies showed great restraint in the face of provocation.

The minister said terrorists and criminals would be identified and dealt with according to the law.

Terming the opposition's programme as illogical and anti-people, Nasim said the bomb attack on police and innocent people in presence of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia proves that it was aimed at destabilising the country.

#### Obituary Mirza Sirajul



Islam, father of Yeahia Mirza, Public Relations Officer of The City Bank Limited died on September 7 at his 113. New

He left behind his five sons, two daughters, grand children and a host of relations to mourn his death.

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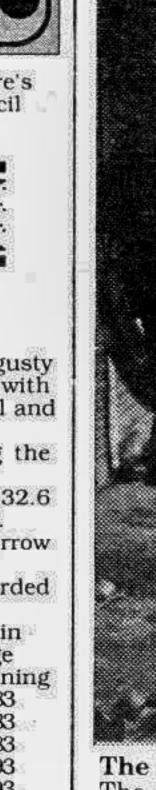
BARISAL, Sept 12: A B M Zahid Hossain Jahangir, a veteran freedom fighter and former president of Barisal town Awami League, died of old age ailment here today. He was 78, reports UNB.

uncle of Awami League Presidium member Amir Hossain Amu. He left behind his wife.

manoy Parishad, Awami League and its front organisations, local press club and journalist of Jahangir.

LGRD and Cooperatives Min-

In a message, Zillur, also the Awami League General Secretary, prayed for salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the bereaved family members.



The leftover evidence The street in front of Baitul Mukarram Mosque lies covered in a sea of shoes and sandals left behind by party leaders and activists as they flee police action in the area. Tokais had a field day later selling these left over pieces, they hiked higher prices for matching pairs and let go of mismatched ones at give-away prizes. - Star photo

## NDC team visits Indian defence installations

NEW DELHI, Sept 12: The 25member delegation from Bangladesh National Defence College (NDC) during its weeklong stay in India visited different defence installations and other institutions of the country, reports BSS.

The team, which reached here on September 4 on its first leg of the multi-country tours, was received by senior officers of the Indian Air Force at the IGI Airport. They left for London on Saturday from Mumbai.

Commandant of the college Major General AM Mansur Ahmed is leading the delegation, which comprises senior officers from Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force, and Civil Service, Foreign Service, Administrative Service, Taxation Service and Military Accounts.

In Delhi, the team laid wreaths at 'Amar Jawan Jyoti'. They called on President K R Narayanan, Foreign Secretary K Raghunath, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sushil Kumar, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AY Tipnis and Deputy Chief of the Army Staff Lieutenant General SK Jetley

The delegation also visited Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). National Defence

College (NDC), India, United Service Institute (USI) and Indian Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA). Indian Chief of Air Staff hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting guests on September 6 while Bangladesh High Commissioner in New Delhi also hosted a dinner on September 7.

The NDC team visited Indian Air Force station at Jodhpur and Headquarters of 12 Corps. It attended a dinner at Bangalore hosted by Air Officer Commanding in Chief of Headquarters Training Command of Indian Air Force which is stationed at the capital of Karnataka state.

The team also visited Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

In Mumbai the team called on Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy (FOCin-C, WNC) Vice Admiral Madhvendra Singh.

It visited INS Mysore of Indian Navy, Mezgaon Docks and Mumbai Stock Exchange. In the evening of September 10 the FOC-in-C, WNC hosted the team



A young man was wounded yesterday when police opened fire on opposition activists near Baitul Mukarram Mosque during the opposition's demonstration programme yesterday. — Star photo

# Final peace deal with Israel in a yr: Erakat

JERICHO, West Bank, Sept 12 A leading Palestinian negotiator said Sunday he was confident that a final peace deal with Israel could be reached within a year and reasserted the Palestinians' right to statehood.

"We have a year now to exert maximum efforts to reach a solution." Saeb Erakat told AFP on the eve of the launch of talks to determine the final status of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "I think it's do-able. If they

(the Israelis) want a historic reconciliation they know the dates," he said.

"We hope we can declare a state with Israel and the international community next to us. This is our right. This is a decision that will be announced by the PCC (Palestinian Central

Council) outside the negotia-"There must be a Palestinian state. There will, there should be, there must be a Palestinian

But Haim Ramon, a minister in the office of Israeli Prime

"If the Israelis want a historic reconciliation they know that east Jerusalem is occupied and they should read very carefully Resolution 194 concerning the refugees," he said.

### Khaleda

From page ping by raising "private forces" she added.

Now coming to power again, Begum Zia said, AL resorted to repression, torture and killing of opposition leaders and activists by forming "party's private force".

bomb exploded near the barbed wire barricade put up by police and close to a policeman standing beside a riot car.

tried to continue her speech but she could not as indiscriminate explosion of bombs and firing of shots started.

The BNP Chief joined the sitin at 10:25 am and sat in on a chair among the party leaders and activists a few yards from the barricade. Her white jeep and a pick up van of SB police were kept close to her.

ernment security personnel and private security men instantly cordoned the Opposition Leader, took her into the jeep and left the spot. A close aide of Begum Zia claimed that tear gas shells hit her car.

29 Minto Road official residence and stayed there up to 6:30pm.

Violence at the sit-in spot and its adjoining areas continued for about two hours.

#### Jamaat, IOJ

eastern side at about 9 am. Chanting anti-government slogans, the PNP activists also hurled brick bats at police, witnesses and police claimed.

Police arrested Nilu and then started firing tear gas shells indiscriminately on Jamaat and IOJ activists.

spot said they fired "six-seven" tear gas shells but witnesses said at least 20 canisters were Thick smoke blanketed the

whole area and people started running for safety. The police action continued for about half an hour.

and fired rubber bullets from rooftops of two buildings nearby Police were deployed on rooftops of most of the buildings on two sides of the road.

Jamaat activists dispersed but regrouped in front of Sung Garden restaurant. Jamaat Ameer Prof. Golam Azam then delivered a short speech from a truck, accusing the Awami League government of conspiring against Islam and madrassah education and warning it of the "consequence of attacking

He declared a 72-hour countrywide hartal from today protesting " police attack on

Addressing the gathering other Jamaat leaders claimed that 20 of their activists and central leaders including Sheikh Ansar Ali, Jashim Uddin Sarkar and Hamidur Rahman Azad were injured, ten of them with rubber bullets. It was also addressed by its Secretary General Moulana Motiur Rahman Nizami and central leaders A TM Azharul Islam and Qamaruzzaman.

Later at a press conference in the evening Jamaat leaders claimed that more than 100 party leaders and workers were injured in the police action and about 50 were arrested. Police even arrested seven injured activists from hospital, they al-

IOJ leaders at a separate rally after the police action claimed that 10 of their activists were injured. The rally was addressed by, among others, Moulana Mohiuddin Khan, Mufti Fazlul Haq Amini, Moslehuddin, A R M Abdul Matin, Abdul Latif Nizami, Emdadul Haq Arihazari.

Speakers at both the rallies vowed to dislodge the Awami League government through a mass-movement and urged the people to observe a three-day countrywide hartal.

of Jamaat and IJO took part in their separate demonstrations, organised as part of the Opposition's sit-in in front of the Secretariat protesting government's decision to provide "corridor to India in then name of transshipment".

# peace force in E Timor ing hundreds dead and a trail of

JAKARTA, Sept 12: Indonesian President B.J. Habibie on Sunday caved in to intense international pressure and agreed to accept an international peacekeeping force to end the carnage in East Timor, reports

The United States and Australia, which are expected to play a prominent role in any peacekeeping plan, welcomed the move and East Timorese independence leader Xanana Gusmao called it "courageous."

"I called the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to inform him about our readiness to accept international peacekeeping forces from friendly nations to restore peace and security in East Timor," Habibie said in En-But in the version delivered

in Indonesian he outlined a continued role for the Indonesian armed forces -- a reference that was omitted in the later English version.

He had decided "to invite an international UN peacekeeping force who will together with the Indonesian armed forces, engage in security cooperation in East Timor to create peace in East Timor, to protect the people who have suffered a catastrophe," he said in Indonesian.

Habibie did not specify who were "friendly nations", if any countries would be excluded from the force, or how the mili tary would cooperate with the foreign troops.

made of a timeframe for their arrival. But he did say it was imperative the chaos in East Timor

Neither was any mention

was brought to an end swiftly. "Too many people have lost their lives since the beginning of the unrest, lost their homes and their security. We cannot wait any longer, we have to stop the suffering immediately," he

Refugees in Dili were jubi-

Journalist Marie Colvin told the Cable News Network (CNN) that refugees were coming up to her and kissing her, praising and thanking the international community for their salvation. US National Security advi-

sor Sandy Berger said he had been heartened to see Indonesian military chief General Wiranto standing side by side with Habibie as he spoke. Army-backed pro-Jakarta

militias have rampaged through East Timor since the territory voted for independence from Indonesia, causing tens of thousands to flee, leavdestruction.

Indonesia accepts int'l

But Habibie defended the role of the defence forces, who have been accused of acting in tandem with pro-Jakarta militias.

He said they had operated in a "very complex situation" in trying to stabilise East Timor before and after the August 30 "Australia stands ready to

assist the UN in whatever way we're asked," Defence Minister John Moore said in Canberra after Habibie's announcement.

Australia has committed 4,500 troops to any peacekeep-ing effort -- the largest force since the Vietnam War -- out of an estimated total of about

#### Neighbours to provide peacekeepers

Led by Australia, Indonesia's neighbours have spearheaded moves to put together a peacekeeping force for strife-torn East Timor, increasingly ner-

vous at the anarchy on their doorstep. Indonesian President B.J. Habibie Sunday finally bowed to international pressure and agreed to an international

peacekeeping force to stop the carnage in the territory. He said he was immediately despatching Foreign Minister Ali Alatas to New York to discuss the details with UN Secre-

tary General Kofi Annan. "I called the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan to inform him about our readiness to accept international peacekeeping forces from friendly nations to restore peace and security in East Timor," Habibie said in En-

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afterwards. Australia, whose northern shores are the closest to East Timor, has offered to lead the force and put up the bulk of the troops needed.

"Australia stands ready to

assist the UN in whatever way we're asked," Defence Minister John Moore said Sunday after the announcement. US hails Jakarta's

### decision

The United States on Sunday hailed Indonesia's decision to allow peacekeepers into East Timor but warned that no conditions should be placed on an

international force.

US National Security advisor Sandy Berger told a hasty press conference that the peacekeepers would "be able to restore order and help realise the results of the referendum in

East Timor." "This is a positive development and hopefully represents a stepping back from the brink on the part of Indonesia from what could be quite a disastrous situation not only for the people of East Timor but for Indonesia and for the region as a whole," he said.

"What is important now is the way and speed with which this is implemented ...

"Obviously time is important and the sooner the better," he

Berger said the United States' hope now is that they (peacekeepers) will deploy in the next several days."

He said President Bill Clinton, in New Zealand for an annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, welcomed Indonesia's decision.

#### Donors

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calm on the political front. The meeting will be held at the National Economic Council (NEC) auditorium at 9:30 am with Finance Minister S A M S Kibria in the chair.

He will brief the donors about the overall economic situation of the country at the inaugural session.

The World Bank (WB) resident mission chief Frederick Temple will mainly discuss issues relating to the development activities of the government, while IMF mission chief Ronald Hicks will submit a report on the government's financial management, currency policy, inflation and balance of payments.

Apart from looking at the reforms, which made little progress, the donors will also discuss the arsenic contamination problem and the HIV situa-

Meanwhile, a donor report ahead of the meeting identified insecurity and extortion among the most serious problems faced by the poor. The development partners of the country in the report said the problems threaten to undermine efforts to promote investment and economic development.

Donors are also likely to criticise the government for its failure to implement public administrative reforms and ask for restoring discipline in the banking sector.

## 60-hr hartal from today

accord, the Cabinet decision on transit and the proposed Public Security Act, resignation of the Home Minister and the Chief Election Commissioner.

The opposition resolution also calls for checking price hike of essentials, ending "repression on the opposition activists", stopping the practice of "bypassing" the parliament while deciding on major national issues and protests government failure to protect the national sovereignty.

BNP vice-chairman and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury and city BNP chief Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, also addressed the press conference held at 29 Minto Road residence of the Leader of the Opposition.

Khoka produced a "primary"

list of some 25 party leaders who were injured in yesterday's attack. They include: Chief Whip of the Opposition Khandakar Delwar Hossain, Khurshid Jahan Haq MP, Amanullah Aman MP, Shahidul Islam MP, AYM Khalilur Rahman MP, Salahuddin Quader Choudhury MP and Fazlul Azim, former mayor Mirza Abbas. PS to the Opposition leader Zakirul Islam, Rabeya Siraj Akhtari Begum, Rabeya Ali and Sadiq Haq.

He said the list of injured would be much longer and claimed many of their activists were still missing. Hundreds of workers were also arrested, he

B Chowdhury and Mannan Bhuiyan strongly condemned the "attack" on the BNP demonstration and blamed the government for it.

#### Barricade

From page 1 na to Meghna Ghat under Gajaria thana and a 12 km jam on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway up to Murapara under Rupganj

Hundreds of passenger buses and trucks loaded with perishable goods were stranded till police police removed the trucks at about 2:30 pm.

The Opposition's five-hour

sit -in demonstration around

the Secretariat ended at 2 pm. The barricades prevented many Opposition activists and supporters from joining the sit-in. Local people alleged that AL leader and Siddhirganj Union Parishad Chairman Noor Hossain and his men were respon-

sible for barricading the high-

way. Hossain, however, could not be contacted for his com-The activists also broke windowpanes of dozens of stranded vehicles and robbed many passengers but police did not come to their help, the vic-

tims alleged. When contacted, SP of Narayanganj Sanaul Haq said "It might have been a normal traffic congestion."

Similar barricades were put up on the highway on June 9 and November 7 last years. There were a BNP 'long march' towards Chittagong on June 9 and a 'grand rally' of the party in the city on November 7.

# Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

cess of democracy" in the coun-"We don't have word to con-

> elty and barbarism," he said. He accused the government of making "direct and indirect attempts" to reintroduce oneparty rule in the country. "All the political parties and the people will reject this government by observing the three-

ister's invitation to the opposition leader to have tea at the Secretariat during yesterday's demonstration, Chowdhury commented, "What a cruelty! We had been offered bullets, bombs and teargas shells," he said, warning that the people would never accept such a behaviour.'

demned police attack on the "devotees inside the Baitul Mukarram Mosque" and showed a piece of bullet collected by his party colleague Tariqul Islam from inside the mosque. "We've also heard that there was bloodshed inside the mosque.

Bhuiyan described how Khaleda Zia and others came under police attack during yes-

"We planned to hold a do so as the police went on firing teargas shells indiscrimi-

"The government has totally destroyed the atmosphere for all democratic means of protest, which has forced us to go for a three-day hartal," he

#### Anti-mosquito pilot project ends in Bandarbans

Mosquito Pilot Project to free Bandarban Pourasabha area from mosquito menace ended here on Thursday, reports BSS.

#### SKS complex opening ceremony postponed

Sena Kalyan Sangstha has postponed the inaugural ceremony of its Commercial Complex in Tongi due to unavoidable circumstances, according to a telephone message received from the Secretary of the Sangstha.

tafizur Rahman was scheduled to inaugurate the complex.

## PM leaves

Rahman to address the UN session in mother tongue. Her visit to the UN headquarters coincides with the 25th anniversary of Bangladesh's membership of the Uni-

The prime minister will lead

a 46-member delegation on the official trip to New York, A 23member business delegation will also accompany her. Hasina will have meetings with UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and UNGA President Dr

ted Nations, the officials said.

Theo-Ben Gurirab, who is also foreign minister of Namibia, on September 16. The same day she will sign the Statute of International Criminal Court and have exclusive meeting with potential investors. Nobel Laureate Jody

ternational Campaign to Ban Landmines, will also meet On September 17, the prime minister will join a commemorative event of ECOSOC of UN marking the silver jubilee celebration of Bangladesh's admission into the United Nations. In the evening, she will attend a reception at the UN on the occa-

Williams, coordinator of the In-

sion of Bangladesh's 25 years in the world body. She will also have a meeting with Bangladeshis living in US

on September 19. On the last day in New York on September 21, Hasina will have talks with French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, Slovak premier Mikulas Dzurina, Pakistan premier Nawaz Sharif and Colombian President An-

dress Pastrana. The prime minister will arrive in Paris on September 22 and meet Jacques Chirac, President of France the day after.

On September 24, she will receive UNESCO's Flix Houphouet Boigny Peace Prize at its headquarters. She earned the peace prize for ending the longrunning tribal insurgency in the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

#### DMP version

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bombings.

parties yesterday observed their secretariat siege/sit-in programme. But the workers of these political parties tried to create anarchy around the Secretariat and other parts of the capital through widespread

The DMP said the opposition activists damaged around 12 vehicles at Jatrabari at around 11:30 am. They set fire to a minibus in front of Banglar Bani office. They also tried to set ablaze the Pakirapool Petrol

Besides, the opposition activists pelted stones, hurled bombs and opened fire in the areas of Raisaheb Bazar, Dainik Bangla Intersection, the park area of the Bangabhaban, Motijheel, Nayapaltan, Mohakhali, Joykali Temple, Kamalapur, New Market, Katabon and Syedabad.

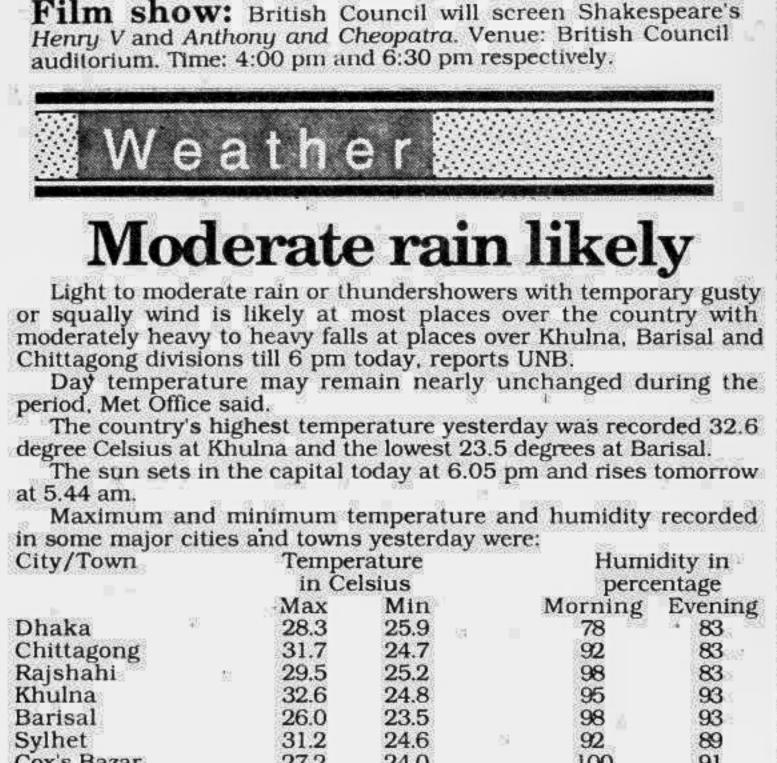
Police had to lob tear gas shells used shot guns and fired rubber bullets to maintain law and order, the statement added.

# was 72, says a press release.

Jahangir is the maternal Sangskritik Sangaton Sa-

union have condoled the death ister Zillur Rahman has expressed his shock at the death

of Jahangir Hossain Zahid.



### man and Dr Fakrul Islam Chowdhury were among others

who spoke at the programme. Bangladesh Jubo Union

Bangladesh Jubo Union (Youth Union) in a meeting has urged the international communities to press Indonesian government to compel stop genocide in East Timor, says a

Held at the temporary office of the organisation the meeting was presided over by Zahid Hossain, a leader of the union also urged the Bangladesh government to severe ties with Habibie government.

6 killed in Assam

bomb blast

GUWAHATI, India, Sept 12:

killed when a bomb went off in their house today in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, police said, reports Reuters. Ctg: 30 hurt

Six members of one family were

sain lost their wrists. Hossain was making bomb at BNP office at Nur Alam Road, police said. BNP however claimed that a bomb was hurled into its office Interested persons, espe- by the activists of rival politi-

Both Badsha and Md Hos-

city unit Abdus Sattar, during the demonstrations. Police also seized a rifle and ten bullets from a place near Kotwali thana during demonstrations this afternoon.

Meanwhile, about 100 vehi-

cles were damaged when some

demonstrators went on ram-

page in front of Chittagong Port

office, port connecting road,

Police arrested 12 people in-

Chotapol, Alankar Crossing, Tinpool Crossing and Oxygen Crossing, witnesses said. Hundreds of cocktails were exploded during the rampage. Tyres were also burnt at differ-

ent city roads disrupting traffic

movement, witnesses and police

when a message reached the

The trouble began after 1 pm

#### port city informing about attack on the sit-in programme near Secretariat in Dhaka.

JP: Ershad

sion to allow transit to India in the name of transshipment". The JP programme was peaceful but several crackers exploded at the end of the sit-in.

JP also announced a 72-hour

countrywide hartal from today. Hurrying from a court hearing in connection with two cases against him, Ershad joined party activists at Kakrail at about 11, two hours behind schedule. He led a small procession towards Paltan but stopped in front of a barbed wire barricade on the road at Bijoy Nagar, put up by law en-

other party leaders and activists staged a sit-in there at a short distance from the place pur residence where Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote activists who were already staging separate

Ershad and his wife

Raushan Erashad along with

forcers.

demonstrations.

about ten minutes.

JP was originally scheduled to stage its sit-in in from the Matshya Bhavan. As his party men did not arrange any microphone. Ershad borrowed a hand-mike from an Islami Oikya Jote activist and

addressed party loyalists for

12:45 pm amid drizzles and

They staged the sit-in till

then wound up more than an hour before schedule. In his address, Ershad termed the government an autocratic one and charged it with jeopardizing the country's independence by signing treaties. He also criticised the government for " politicizing the judiciary and framing repressive

He ended his speech without

declaring his party's next pro-

gramme. Later Kazi Zafar

Ahmed stood up to say that a 72-hour countrywide hartal would be observed as per a decision of the liaison committee of the four-party alliance. Earlier, JP Secretary General Naziur Rahman Manju also spoke state," Erakat said.

Israel and the Palestinians are due on Monday to attend a formal opening ceremony to launch negotiations on permanent status issues, including the final borders of Israel and the Palestinian territories, Jerusalem, water rights, the return of refugees and Jewish set-

Minister Ehud Barak, had previously said that he thought a solution on the two issues of Jerusalem and refugees would not be achievable within a year. "It's not up to Haim Ramon to decide what is do-able and what is not do-able," Erakat coun-

believes in and practises democracy, she said that in the past the nation had witnessed how that party introduced oneparty Baksal system in the name of democracy. Then i banned all political parties, closed down all newspapers and snatched away independence of the judiciary. Moreover, they resorted to killing and kidnap-

At this time, a powerful

Despite the explosion, she

As the trouble started, gov-

Begum Zia then went to her

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A police officer said at the

Police also lobbed tear gas

the Opposition".

Opposition's peaceful rallies".

leged.

Several thousand activists

#### Chowdhury termed the attack "an ominous sign" for the nation and charged the government with "going for the cruel way to suppress the pro-

demn this heinous incident. It can only be compared with the acts of repression during the BKSAL regime. The government has lost the right to stay in power after today's act of cru-

day hartal," Chowdhury hoped. Referring to the prime min-

The BNP leader also con-

terday's demonstration. peaceful demonstration despite all sorts of provocation. And our programme was going on very peacefully. But police fired teargas canisters targeting Khaleda Zia's car, barely one or one and a half minute after she had started speaking. She continued speaking but could not

BANDARBAN, Sept 12: Anti-

Army chief Lt Gen Mus-