## What's on today . . . .

Film 'show: Tanvir Mokammel's Chitra Nadir Pare will be screened. Venue: German Cultural Centre. Time: 3.00 pm, 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Get-together: The annual get-together of Mirsarai (Chittagong) Samity will be held. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 3.00 pm.

Seminar: Jatiyatabadi Peshajibi Parishad will hold a seminar on "Proposed Transit Agreement in Perspective of the country's Economy and Security". Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 3.25 pm.

Wushu Competition: Bangladesh-China Cultural, Economic and Mass Communication Centre (BCCEMCC) will hold A Chinese Wushu (martial arts) Competition. Venue: Sultana Kamal Complex Gymnasium, Bangladesh Women Sports Council. Time: 4.00 pm. Meeting: The monthly meeting of Siddheswari High School Old Students' (1967) Cooperative Society Ltd will be held. Venue:

Swamruz Ship Floating Restaurant. Time: The ship will set at 4.30 am from Ashulia, Tongi. Discussion meeting: Janoadhikar will hold a dis-

cussion meeting on "Social insecurity and ways to prevent it". Venue: Seminar room of Central Public Library. Time: 4.30 pm. Milad Mahful: Dhaka Medical College K-29 batch will

hold a milad mahfil in memory of Dr Shameem Ahmed. Venue:

Shamorita Nursing Home, Panthapath. Time: 5.00 pm. Film show: Three French movies Elisa, Coup de foudre and Germinal will be screened. Venue: Alliance Française. Time: 11.00 am, 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm respectively.

Exhibition: A solo painting exhibition of artist A F M Moniruzzaman Shipu will be inaugurated. Venue: Zainul Gallery of Fine Arts Institute. Time: 5:00 pm.

## What's on tomorrow....

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#### Weather

### Thundershower likely

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong and Barisal divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the

country during the period, said the Met Office. Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.6 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest 24.4 degrees at Rangamati.

The sun sets today at 6.01 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.46 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Temperature

892-C	in Celsius		percentage	
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Dhaka	32.3	25.5	98	80
Chittagong	31.5	25.5	78	83
Rajshahi	32.6	25.9	83	87
Khulna	32.8	26.5	86	89
Barisal	32.6	24.5	87	83
Sylhet	32.5	25.8	90	85
Cox's Bazar	31.8	25.5	96	85
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## 3 young men murdered

By Staff Correspondent

Three young men were murdered within a span of nine hours in different parts of the city on Wednesday.

City/Town

The dead were identified as Omar Faroog alias Kamal, 22 son of Abdul Kader, Baten, 24. son of late Ruhul Amin and Babul, 30, son of Noor Mohammed.

The first incident occurred at Rahmanbagh in the city's Shyampur area when a group of unidentified youths stabbed Kamal at about 1:30 pm.

Fatally injured Kamal was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the attending doctor declared

him dead. Brother of the victim, Hanif, lodged a murder case with Shyampur thana.

The second incident took place at Fulbaria Rail colony slum at about 8:30 pm. A gang of miscreants numbering eight entered the residence of Baten and shot him dead on the spot.

Khokon group. Mother of the victim, Munni

were the members of Ruhul and

Humidity in

Begum, lodged a case with Ramna thana in this connection but police could not arrest anyone till filing of this report last night.

In the third incident, Babul a voung factory worker was killed in front of his factory at about 10 pm.

According to police, Babul and his colleague Sahabuddin started an altercation in front of their factory on Monashar Road in Hazaribagh area. At one stage Sahabuddin hit Babul with an iron road.

Fatally injured Babul was rushed to the DMCH where he succumbed to injuries soon after admission. The body was sent to hospital morgue for au-

Wife of the victim, Rani Akther, lodged a murder case with Hazaribagh thana. Police arrested Sahabuddin yesterday.

## WB under fire

Rehman Sobhan said there has not been any positive impact of faster trade liberalisation. Whatever has been said

about successes of ready-made garments (RMG) sector, this has not been because of liberalisation. Rather, the quota policy cess story

ductive, most industries are

global trade regime, he noted.

The WB study only concerned

some industrial sectors showed increase in productivity, the WB study did not reflect its link with industrial growth and investment.

growth had been achieved during the liberalisation period, that had come from the RMG sector. The coveted goal of diversifying industry and exports was not achieved due to liberalisation.

Macro date do not support the WB claims of an increase in industrial investment. Mahmud observed.

Statistics show that except

machinery and capital goods for other industries was on the decline for the last seven to eight years. This, he said, do not support the WB claims.

man, taking part in the discusbe carried out in a prudent and

tries are benefited if import of raw material and intermediate goods is liberalised. If import of finished goods is liberalised fast, local entrepreneurs would not be able to compete with

### Karmi Parishad protests GSS

By Staff Correspondent

It said the government had earlier dissolved the executive committee of GSS and formed a caretaker body following various allegations against FR Mahmud Hasan and the committee. And the committee members filed a writ petition in the High Court against the deci-

day, the Parishad leaders said that as the matter is now in the court, it is not fair to release the employees at this moment.



UNFPA Executive Director Dr Nafis Sadik called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite in New York on Wednesday. -AFP photo

ipal elections, but failed miser-

leader who is a presidium

member of the party said, antic-

ipating possible BNP plans and

Local polls stakes They tried to resist munic-

Another ruling party leader The AL leadership strongly said that they were least bothbelieves that the two elections in question would be enough to ered about the opposition pardiffuse the "opposition moveticipation in the forthcoming ment aimed at ousting the gov-"We will be happy if the opernment by December". position takes part in the polls. "Although we have no reasons Even if they don't, we have to take it seriously, the opposinothing to lose," he said. "They tion believes that its movement are on a sticky ground. If they would reach its climax by the end of November," another AL contest the polls, they have to

> "Even if the opposition movement start getting momentum at that time, we would make sure that the mayoral polls are held in the first week of December - three to four days before the month of Ramadan." he said. "As everybody knows. the month of Ramadan is not a

ruling party's response.

According to a ruling party stalwart, the opposition would 'give another try to create unrest' after the Ramadan. "In that case, we have another card to play. The opposition will be faced with the Upazila polls."

suitable time for political agita-

However, a senior AL leader who heads a parliamentary standing committee maintains that BNP still does not know how to build up an all-pervasive anti-government movement. "But any major elections

without its participation is likely to suffer credibility crisis both at the national and international levels. We would not fail to keep that in mind while working out strategies to counter the opposition movement." Meantime, the main opposi-

tion BNP still seems undecided about its next course of action, relating to the upcoming local government polls.

Officially, the BNP and its allies have announced their decision to boycott any polls under the present Election Commission headed by Mohammad Abu Hena. The party's standing committee at its last meeting on September 9 adopted a resolution demanding resignation of the EC. The 13-point resolution adopted on September 12 by the four-party liaison committee also demanded resignation of

In line with the official announcement, a section of the BNP leadership believes that the opposition agitation has already turned into one-point movement - ousting the government of Sheikh Hasina.

"So, there is no scope for reviewing our original decision to boycott polls under the present EC," said a former minister who is presently a member of the liaison committee. "People would resist any polls boycotted by the opposition parties.

Another section, however, believes that the party made a mistake by boycotting the municipal polls.

"Such local government elections help consolidate power bases at the grass roots level, which in turn help win national level polls," a topranking BNP leader told The Daily Star on condition of anonymity. "The time is therefore still not ripe to make a final decision about participating in the local government elections like those to city corporations and Upazila bodies."

Both sections admitted that the party decision on the upazila and city corporation polls would be very crucial for the future of the opposition. Party chief Begum Khaleda Zia, as usual, will have the final say on the issue.

#### Accused in several murder cases shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

An accused in several murder cases was shot dead by miscreants in front of Suhrawardi College in the old part of city yesterday afternoon.

The dead was identified as Bacchu, 26, son of Abul Hashem, a resident of PC Banerjee Lane.

According to police, Bacchu was main accused in more than three murder cases, including Dana murder in May this year. Hospital sources said that a

gang of miscreants led by one Tepa Babu of Asif group appeared in front of the Suhrawardi College at about 3

## Abul Mansur Ahmad

culture compared to that of West Bengal, their culture was different from the people of West Bengal and the then West Pakistan, they observed.

Pangla Academy organised the discussion on the occasion of his birth centenary at its au-Prof. Anisuzzaman presided

over the discussion. Prof. Rajeeb Humayun presented the keynote paper on Abul Mansur Ahmad and Bangladesher Culture. Among others, Syed Abul Maqsud and Prof. Shaheen Akhter took part in the discussion. Director General of Bangla Academy Dr Syed Anwar Hossain gave the address of welcome. It was demanded at the meeting that an important city road be named after him.

Prof. Anisuzzaman said that Abul Mansur Ahmad always fought for the welfare of the downtrodden. As a politician, he fought for establishing the democratic rights of the people of the then East Pakistan He was the first man who said that the difference in culture did not depend on religion but on the life style of people.

scribe all the aspects of his life. He had a diversified and long career in politics and journalism," he added. As the author of the famous

21-point programme of the United Front in the early fifties, he gave a total plan of economic, cultural and political self-determination for the people of the eastern part of the eastern part of Pakistan.

Abul Mansur Ahmad was a "victim of confusion". Different groups tried to use him and his writings for their varying pury poses. Prof. Humayun in his

keynote paper termed Abul

Mansur Ahmad one of the greatest satirists in Bengali literature. Through his writings he always upheld progressive ideas and highlighted the pligh of the downtrodden, Humayun

Throughout his life, he tried rate cultural identity of the people of East Bengal, Humayun said. He tried to prove that people living here had a distinctive cultural heritage treasured in their language, music and folk-

ruthless attack on obscurantism, backwardness, religious bigotry and use of religion to exploit the poor, the keynote paper said. His satires were primarily

religion and political corruption, Humayun said. Mansur Ahmad was the pioneer

of journalism among the Bengalees. He was a great humanitarian and fought for establishing justice in society. He had his ideas for the de-

velopment and welfare of the people of East Bengal. These were reflected in his works. He used local language

in his literature. This style is being followed by modern writ-"Had the country been led by a person like Abul Mansur Ahmad instead of Khawza Naz-

imuddin, democratic norms in politics would have been estabished in this region much earlier," he said. Abul Mansur struggled for regulatory authority.

Abul Mansur Ahmad through his journalism, literary works and politics tried to give an identity to the culture of the participate in it.

FP programmes praised and Bangladesh Ambassador to the US K M Shehabuddin were very much helpful for the country. She also lauded the initia-

> IPA president calls on Hasina

present during the meeting.

President of International Peace Academy (IPA) Dr David M Malone called on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel suite yesterday.

Briefing the newsmen, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Jawadul Karim noted that the IPA president said the contribution of Bangladesh to peace was very much appreciative. Sheikh Hasina told the IPA

president that domestically and internationally Bangladesh has taken peace and development as the two are integrally linked objectives. She said Bangladesh has no

problem with its neighbours as we settled all our problems with them. In this connection she referred to the signing of the Ganges water sharing treaty with India as well as signing of the peace accord on Chittagong Hill Tracts. "We have successfully brought back all our citizens home who once took refuge to other country," she said.

Referring to the holding of South Asian Peace Keeping Experience by the IPA in Dhaka last February, the Prime Minister said this conference was tive of the IPA for upholding the

cause of peace in the world.

UCBL

From page 12 board of the bank would not be declared dissolved.

Both went to the High Court challenging the central bank notices. The High Court after hearing petition of Zafar stayed the central bank notice and also issued a rule.

had been vacated as the central bank withdrew the notice on Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury.

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tant Judge and got the court order yesterday. Asked, Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury Babu told the Daily

board meeting after talking to the Managing Director. Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury

ment.

## Poisonous preservatives!

food poisoning or other ailment strong enough to destroy normal function of the liver, intestine and other organs of the body," he noted.

NEW YORK, Sept 16: UNFPA

Executive Director Nafis Sadik

today lauded the performance

and achievements of

Bangladesh in various fields of national life, including family

UNFPA chief executive came

when she called on Prime Min-

ister Sheikh Hasina at her hotel

family planning programmes

of Bangladesh and their

achievements, Nafis Sadik said

these will take Bangladesh a

commendable progress in fam-

ily planning, she said, adding

that the government is very

much supportive of the family

The Prime Minister said the

government is conducting

Women Education Programmes

with much emphasis. "We are

giving all sorts of incentives to

Steps have been taken for di-

Principal Secretary to the

women for their development."

rect election of women to the lo-

cal government bodies, she

Prime Minister Dr S A Samad,

Foreign Secretary Shafi Sami,

Bangladesh Permanent Repre-

sentative to the UN Ambassador

Anwarul Karim Chowdhury

planning programmes.

Bangladesh has made a

While appreciating various

The appreciation of the

planning, reports BSS.

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step forward.

When contacted, a leading gastroenterologist said, "Most of the patients I see suffer from common intestinal and abdominal diseases. Some of them also complain of liver mal-

Asked if the diseases have any direct link with adulterated food, he said, "The symptoms I

#### Dhaka-Thimpu

From page 1 already recommended to the Royal Government of Bhutan opening of the Nakuagaon-Dalu (Bhutan) trade route.

A source in the Ministry of Communications in Dhaka however pointed out, "Consent of the Indian authorities is required for pressing into operation any new routes, all of which involve passage through their territory.

Bhutan with a population of around six lakh would also look forward to expanding trade ties by using Chittagong Port, particularly in the context of regional cooperation.

"We shall consider port facilities after the transit route is put into operation", said Penjor Deki, a diplomat in the Bhutanese Embassy in Dhaka.

He ,however added, "It is too early to think about using the port facilities since our main trading partner is India and our traders have always used Calcutta Port. "The important thing now is to identify Bangladesh-Bhutan transit

The volume of trade between Bhutan and Bangladesh was picking up. Last year, Bangladesh exported goods worth nearly 26.1 million Bhutanese Ngulyruns and imported goods worth around 19 million Ngulyruns.

"The amount is very small but there is potential for dramatically increasing the figures,' Deki said.

Bhutan imported from Bangladesh ceramic ware, melamine products, garments, leather goods, cosmetics and some pharmaceutical products. It exported fruits including orange and apple, wood prod-

ucts and marble to Bangladesh.

"We could also export boulders as Bhutan has plenty of those. There is enormous potential of trade between Bhutan and Bangladesh. We have several exportable items of world class including marble, wood, wood pulp products, timber products, ferro-silicon, limestone and coal," said Ambassador Lhatu Wangchuk.

#### Petrobangla

From page 1 Sources said that USTDA stressed on forming an IGRA as toreign oil companies would be gradually involved in the "down stream gas sector, specially in gas pipeline". USTDA said, regarding in-

vestment in pipeline, oil companies are rather confused which is the proper authority to negotiate with, Petrobangla, Gas Transmission Company Ltd or the Energy Ministry. Besides, USTDA believes that without an independent

regulatory authority, there may be frequent disputes between oil companies and the authorities. Most importantly, there must be an independent body to export gas through oil compa-

nies' pipelines, it maintains. On the other hand, Petrobangla and the Energy Ministry argue that Bangladesh lacked expert manpower in the energy sector and a regulatory body formed without experts would not be able to play the desired role.

Petrobangla. Energy Ministry and USTDA also discussed the terms and conditions of future pipeline projects pursued by oil companies and detected many "grey areas". In this regard, USTDA said that all these "grey areas" could be removed if there was an independent gas The Energy Secretary and

the Petrobangla Chairman are now in US to participate in a seminar on Bangladesh's gas

see indicate that adulterated food is one of the major reasons for the diseases."

The most commonly adulcheese, butter and yogurt, flavoured milk and fruit juice, sweets, drinks in powder forms,

chutney, jam, jelly and spices are also adulterated to a great

mentation up to a certain pe-"But the question of health

used either in wrong food item or rarely in excess quantity," he explained. The common preservatives are sodium carbonate, forma-

sium benzoate. turers would use preservatives to protect food from attack of micro-organisms. But if the cay and ultimately turning it

When contacted, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health Dr Kazi Abu Yusuf, said, "The food safety issue has not been discussed in parliament so far I know. But since the issue is not health ministry's direct con-

cern, I would also prefer comments from Local Government and Rural Development Ministry. They are the ones concerned with public health in

There are allegations against BSTI that despite having authority, they are not checking adulteration. When contacted, BSTI Direc-

tor General Abu Taleb said, 'We don't test for adulteration. We conduct tests whether the listed compulsory items stated in the compulsory Certification Marks conform to BSTI standards. But even if we detect adulteration, we cannot seize products or prohibit manufacture of the item. About allegations of manu-

facturers using BSTI's approval to make sub-standard food items and marketing those freely, he said, "Yes, there are dishonest traders who indulge in such practice. To check this, we have inspectors but they are limited number. They can buy products and check if they have valid licence. The role of IPH as a regula-

tory body to monitor adulteration of 107 types of food items for human consumption, as stated in the 'Pure Food Ordinance, 1959', is very disappointing, one source noted.

About punishment of the offenders, a senior health ministry official said "The system is too weak. We have proposed a maximum fine of Tk 50,000 fine for adulteration. Due to weakness in law, adulteration has increased manifold over the years. Unless law is amended, adulteration will

weakness in law. adulteration has increased manifold over the years. Unless lawended adulteration will continue.

## Credibility crisis

cotting parliament. Suranjit Sengupta is one of the senior AL leaders who have predicted that the former General would desert the opposition alliance.

At a public rally in the city on Wednesday, Sengupta said:"Ershad will not be with the current movement and will return to Jatiya Sangsad. The opposition parties have yet to understand this 'player'. He will also participate in the forthcoming Upazila polls."

top ranking BNP leader preferring to remain unnamed said: "Though the BNP formed an alliance with the JP and other parties, we have had the doubt about Ershad from the very beginning of the launching of the alliance. We have been closely watching him since then. We never fully trust Ershad because we know him as a number one

The leader emphatically said Ershad will cease to be a factor in Bangladesh's politics "within a few days" because his Jatiya Party will further be split as it is heading towards a major rift yet again.

"The current movement will not be affected if he or his party again sides with Awami

He said some former JP leaders who are now in BNP brokered a one-to-one meeting between Khaleda Zia and Ershad at the 29 Minto Road official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament a few months back.

But "fortunately" the meeting did not take place after the BNP chief refused to sit with him at the last minute on advise of some senior BNP leaders and the JP chief had to drove back home half way, he added. Talking about ongoing crisis

tary general Nazi Rahman Manjur because "he is trying to shift party's current anti-government stance" He alleged that a vested

He said the role of both the

Asked about Ershad's credibility crisis, the JP leader said the party formed a coalition government with Awami League, then joined the opposition and now it is trying to desert it. "So the question of his credibility may arise."

he also said.

The aggrieved activists in a recent open letter to Ershad also expressed their deep anguish over his "duel policy"

Meanwhile, BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islamic Oikya Jote (IOJ) fear that Ershad may desert them any time after he turned down a request by the alliance partners to let BNP use Paltan Maidan for August 30 simultaneous mass procession.

They believe that Ershad's refusal to allow BNP to use the Paltan Maidan was a major indication that he is going to join hand with the government.

Later, JP's poor showdown during the September 12 sit-in and shifting of venue from Matsya Bhaban to Kakrail all the more added to the apprehen-

## National HR commission

The government has decided to form Bangladesh National Human Rights Commission to protect the rights of the country's citizens, reports BSS.

meeting of the cabinet committee on human rights held yesterday with Education Minister ASH K Sadique in the chair. The meeting decided that the

commission would be formed with one Chairman and four members. The Chairman and the members will be nominated by the President after recommendations of a committee which will consist of the Prime Minister, Speaker, Chief Justice and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, it added

# Sources said the miscreants

faster than other regional coun-But during the closed door discussion, economist Prof

played the lead role in making the country's RMG sector a suc-Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud said although the WB study said liberalisation had made industries more competitive and pro-

still lagging behind in produc-It seemed prudent to go for a slower liberalisation so that local industries could adjust themselves to compete in the

those industries which showed signs of improvement, but did not mention those units which were closed down because of the process. He called for a holistic study of the liberalisation impact to chart future measures. Prof Mahmud said although

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for the RMG sector, import of

fiting them He further said local indus-

a GSS order releasing its six advertisement published in a Parishad.

sion of the government. At a protest meeting yester-

The Karmi Samannaya Parishad will hold an extended meeting at its lqbal Road office today to adopt its future course of action, the press release

DCCI President M H Rahsion, said liberalisation should rational way. This harmed local entrepreneurs more than bene-

# global producers.

GSS Karmi Samannaya Parishad yesterday condemned thousand employees through an national daily on Wednesday, said a press release of the

> ion of the members. Signatories to the statement include Prof. Sadrul Amin,

Prof. Wakil Ahmed, Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, Prof. S M A Faez, Prof. Sirajul Islam, Prof. Yunus Haidar, Prof. Khalilur Rahman, Prof. M A Basharand Prof. Mamtazuddin Ahmad.

cro-credit programmes. The UN officials informed the prime, minister, that, its various agencies have been forced to reduce the volume of assistance as most of the big countries have reduced their subscription, while huge amount of subscription is lying pending as arrears with many countries. The prime minister informed the officials that

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Prime minister

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UN officials that her govern-

ment has taken massive social

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poverty and enhancing living

standard of the poor and rural

masses. She particularly re-

ferred to her government's mi-

The prime minister told the

cial support of UN is reduced.

strength' to resist the polls.

The AL leader does not be-

general elections.

Bangladesh has paid all its subscription up to August 31, 1999. Meanwhile, Sheikh Hasina has called upon all the member states of the United Nations to devote collective efforts to the cause of peace and development.

In a message on the occasion

of the silver jubilee celebrations of Bangladesh's membership to the UN, the prime minister reiterated the country's commitment to global peace and solidarity. "Let the next millennium be free from war, violence, poverty, hunger, drug abuse and terrorism. Let us join hands together and move forward in re-

#### permanent peace and harmony," the prime minister said

moving the existing economic

disparities among the nations

and work towards establishing

in her message Kofi Annan Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi A Annan said the UN is grateful to Bangladesh for its contribution to the world body in many

"The United Nations is grateful for the contribution Bangladesh has made to so many aspects of its work, from peacekeeping to service on the economic and social council and a leading role in the group of least developed countries", he said in a message marking the 25th anniversary of the admission of Bangladesh to the United Nations.

Dissent From page 1 agenda of the Academic Council meeting held on September 12 and many Council members who stays outside the campus could not attend the meeting

due to Opposition programme

a 'supplementary agenda' which

The topic was mentioned in

in the city, they said.

was distributed among the members at the entrance of meeting venue. The Vice-chancellor raised the topic at the end of the meeting when it was discussing

The Vice-chancellor did not

allow the members to discuss

the topic and also did not seek

their opinion. Instead, he ad-

journed the meeting in a hurry.

holding of convocation.

It was also embarrassing for the members present in the meeting it said. The statement said, there are specific rules and procedures to confer such a degree on distinguished personalities. Usually, such decisions are taken through discussion in the Academic Council and taking opin-

Abul Mansur Ahmad was a great thinker and he should be judged taking into consideration the contemporary sociopolitical situation, Anisuzzaman said. "It is very difficult to de-

Prof. Rajeeb Humayun said

to project the need for a sepa-

lore, Humayun said. Through his satires, he made

focused to unmask abusers of Syed Abul Magsud said Abul

ers, Magsud said.

establishing the rights of people of this area, who were suppressed for long. "He was first a Bengalee and then a Muslim, pa represented a real Bengalee Muslim," Syed Magsud ob-Prof. Shaheen Akhter said

people of this land.

utilisation, sponsored by US-Bangladesh Business Council. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister will also ice cream, cake, biscuit and

extent, the tests showed. "It is so dreadful that we are afraid of releasing the outcomes for public knowledge. About half of the samples we tested are found to be highly adulterated, some are also toxic in nature." said a senior chemical exam-

riod of time. hazard arises when harmful cheap quality preservatives are

lin, sodium acetate and potas-

into toxic substances.

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Talking to The Daily Star, a

'tumbler.'

League," he added.

within the JP, a Presidium member said majority of the leaders and activists are annoyed with the role of JP secre-

quarter within the party is trying to make JP dance to Awami League's tune.

chairman and the secretary general are being questioned and criticised by the party's

The rule had later been declared infractuous and the stay

Babu's petition with the

High Court did not come up for hearing and was later with-Meanwhile, Babu had filed the case with the Fourth Assis-

Star that he would convene a

could not be reached for com-

terated food items are chocolates, toffee and 'chanachur', this regard." dairy products including

Vegetable oil, sauce, pickle,

iner at the IPH laboratory. According to an expert on food quality control in a dairy and food product project preservatives are normally added in food items at certain measures for safeguarding food from decomposition and fer-

"Industrial food manufaccommon bacteria, bacteria spores, fungus, mould and other narmful preservatives are added, the food is allowed to de-

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the ruling AL does not believe him. And the opposition parties, particularly BNP is yet to trust him although it formed an alliance in January this year,

many leaders told Ershad that

At a recent JP meeting,

# to be formed

This decision was taken at a