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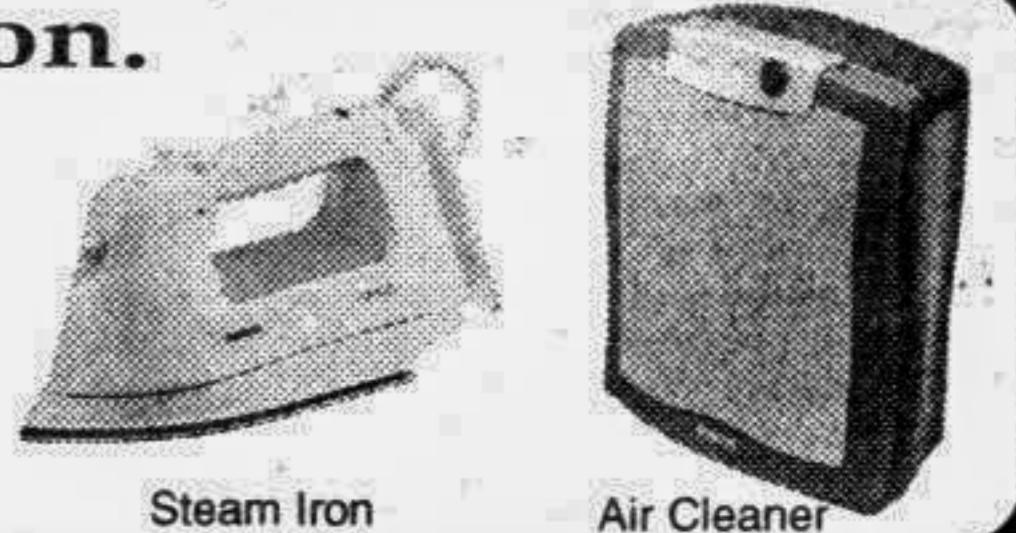
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## Recommendation to upgrade pay scale of 321 posts resented

By Special Correspondent  
The BCS Coordination Committee (26 cadres) yesterday expressed deep resentment against a recommendation made by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the establishment ministry for upgrading the pay scales of 321 posts of the BCS (Adm) cadres and urged the committee to reconsider its decision.

It, however, welcomed another recommendation by the committee to provide selection grade to 50 per cent posts of all cadres through open competition, considering talent and efficiency to fill the positions of deputy secretary and above.

The steering committee of the co-ordination body of the 26 cadres said after a meeting yesterday that if the 321 posts were upgraded for one cadre, without upgrading other equivalent posts of 28 cadres, it could have adverse reaction in the public administration, which, in turn, could have negative impact on the national development.

It pointed out that on December 21, 1997 the establishment ministry had ordered upgrading the posts of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Deputy Commissioner and other equivalent ones. The decision there had triggered off protests and representation from different cadres including the Prokrihi-BCS cadre and BCS Co-ordination committee. The Prime Minister had directed the establishment ministry to suspend the order, and it was then sent for review by the standing committee, it added.

The meeting was chaired by Abul Hashem. Among others, secretary general of the co-ordination committee Choudhury Khalequzzaman, Engineer Nurul Huda, Alaudin Choudhury spoke at the meeting, says a press release.

## Condition of poet Shamsur Rahman deteriorates

Condition of poet Shamsur Rahman, now under treatment at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICD), has deteriorated again, hospital sources said last night, reports BSS.

Meanwhile, the authorities have formed a nine-member medical team for the treatment of the poet.

The sources said the poet has been shifted to Coronary Care Unit (CCU) yesterday as his condition deteriorated. The attending doctors told BSS that the poet is not out of danger.

He was admitted to the NICD after a severe heart attack in the early hours of Sunday. When the doctors on duty at the Emergency Section confirmed that the poet was suffering from Acute Myocardial Infarction, he was immediately shifted to CCU, family sources said.

The doctors have advised the well-wishers not to visit him at the hospital as the poet needs complete rest.

## JU students confine Syndicate members

From JU Correspondent  
SAVAR, Sept 19: A group of agitated students today prevented the Syndicate members from coming out of meeting demanding withdrawal of enhanced admission fees.

About 300 students kept four Syndicate members confined in an office room from 3:30 pm to 10:30 at night.

Classes were not held for the second day today as part of the students' strike protesting decision to increase admission fees.

The JU Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Treasurer, Proctor and other officials were holding a closed door meeting to discuss the situation.

The students however lifted the 'siege' following assurance by the VC that Syndicate decision to enhance fees will remain suspended and the matter will be discussed with students at 11 am today.

## Case against Mirpur OC, 4 others

By Court Correspondent  
A complaint case was filed with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, yesterday accusing five persons including the OC of Mirpur thana on charge of killing one person—Shahjahan—while in custody at the thana.

A police team led by Sub Inspector Matiur Rahman picked up Shahjahan from his residence at Mirpur on September 12 without showing any charge against him and beat him severely.

Fatally injured due to beating, Shahjahan was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition on September 13. He succumbed to his injuries the same day.

The victim's younger brother Abdul Mottaleb filed the complaint case.



Wreckage of the train that crashed in Pakistan Saturday night. At least 23 passenger were killed when the train collided with a runaway engine 30 kilometers off Islamabad.

— AFP photo

## Train hits runaway engine in Pakistan: 23 killed

TAXILA (Pakistan), Sept 19: A passenger train slammed into a runaway engine Saturday night killing 23 people and injuring at least 70 others, said witnesses and railway officials, reports AP.

The Chenab Express passenger train was heading toward the southern Arabian Sea port city of Karachi when it hit a lone engine outside Taxila, some 35 kilometers from the federal capital of Islamabad, they said.

The first railway car of the six-car passenger train was a mangled mass of steel and the second one was badly damaged, they said.

Nearby residents were awakened by the sound of loud crash. They ran from their homes to the crash site, removing the dead and wounded, flagging down cars, trucks and

horse-drawn carts to take the wounded to nearby hospitals.

"I heard a loud crashing noise," said Obaid Ullah, a resident of Taxila. "I ran out of my house...there was smoke. It was dark I couldn't see immediately what had happened."

The train hit the runaway engine at about 11:15 pm local time, railway officials said.

They expected the death toll to rise because many of the wounded were in serious condition.

Mohammed Aurengzeb cradled his wife's head in his hands at the Wah Military Hospital where many of the wounded were taken.

Aurengzeb said his wife, who was unconscious, was in the first railway car that was badly damaged and he was asleep in another car.

"I woke up with the crash and I began to look for my wife," he said. "I didn't know what had happened. I yelled her name."

Rescue workers arrived on the scene with blow torches to try to remove the dead from the twisted wreckage of the first car, four hours after the crash and they still were struggling to free bodies, witnesses said.

An investigation into the crash was being conducted. Railway officials who didn't want to be quoted blamed a complete shut down of the system at the Taxila railway station where the engine accidentally left the station. It rolled down the tracks colliding with the Chenab Express passenger train, they said.

They couldn't explain how the engine was able to leave the Taxila station.

## Functional democracy

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port continued to perform poorly and quality of education and health services was poor, he maintained.

He stressed the need for reducing corruption, checking violence and political unrest and ensuring accountability and transparency. He also emphasised the need for a national consensus for poverty alleviation and reforms.

The British High Commissioner said there were many things including expertise and adequate manpower in Bangladesh for bringing changes.

Prof Wahiduzzaman Mahmud said that "politics of agitation and confrontation" was the most severe bottleneck to Bangladesh's development efforts.

However, with economic liberalisation and increased reliance on private investment and export, the Bangladeshi economy was now more vulnerable to a climate of political uncertainty and unrest. The democratic system must find a mechanism for limiting political conflict, he added.

He said effective institutional arrangements for ensuring accountability and transparency of government's economic management was also lacking. The public accounts committee of the parliament hardly functioned "with any degree of effectiveness," he added.

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