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## Hartal tomorrow

### Rallies, torch processions today

By Staff Correspondent

The BNP-led opposition alliance has called a nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal tomorrow (Sunday) to press home its demands for resignation of the government and early parliamentary elections.

The BNP, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote simultaneously called the hartal on September 22 to further gear up their one-point oust-government movement.

The four parties will hold rallies and bring out torch processions in five divisional districts and thana headquarters today in support of tomorrow's hartal.

Some smaller parties, including Jagra, Democratic League, Progressive Nationalist

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## Observe hartal, oust this govt: Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia has called upon the countrymen to make tomorrow's nationwide dawn-to-dusk hartal a success.

In a statement yesterday, she said the hartal has been called to further expedite the ouster of this "incompetent, corrupt, fascist, autocratic and subservient" government from power to protect the independence and sovereignty of the country.

She said the hartal is also to protest against killing of BDR jawans and people by the BSF, violation of border laws and illegal entrance, looting, occupying of Bangladesh's land by India and government's failure to tackle those, government decision to give corridor to India, introduction of black law in the name of public security, deterioration of law and order, eviction of slum, crisis of water-

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## Sayeed Iskander manhandled by JCD men

FENI, Oct 1: A clash between rival factions of BNP at Parashuram thana headquarters today left 13 injured, reports UNB.

Witnesses said supporters of BNP thana unit president Abu Taleb and its former general secretary Habibur Rahman clashed in the morning over preparations for party chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia's proposed visit to Feni on October 7.

The injured were admitted at Parashuram thana health complex. An embarrassing scene was created on the hospital premises when BNP central leader and Begum Khaleda Zia's brother Major (Retd) Sayeed Iskander went to see local JCD leader Shahjahan in the afternoon.

Angry supporters of Shahjahan manhandled Iskander and did not allow him to enter the hospital. A tense situation was prevailing in the area following the incidents.

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October 2		
Azan	Jamaat	
4:30	5:00	
12:45	1:25	
4:15	4:30	
5:55	6:00	
7:45	8:15	

ACE UP WHOSE SLEEVES? West Indies skipper Brian Lara (2nd From R) playing cards with teammates Shivnarine Chanderpaul (L), Adrian Griffith (2nd From L) and Pedro Collins at the VVIP lounge of the Zia International Airport yesterday (Story on Page 13).

— Star photo by Sk Enamul Haq

## Steps being taken to modernise Ctg port

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Oct 1: Steps are being taken for implementation of four projects involving Tk 1132 crore for modernisation of Chittagong port, sources concerned said.

Approved by the government recently, the projects are likely to be completed by 2004.

The projects aimed at making the port capable of handling the growing import and export cargo are construction of a container terminal at Newmooring involving about Tk 800 crore, procurement of 142 modern equipment including a gantry crane at a cost of over Tk 300 crore, purchase of a high powered tug boat with Tk 22 crore and installation of a 33 KV power sub-station in the port area at a cost of over Tk 10 crore.

Besides, a Tk 60 crore project for expansion of container handling facilities is awaiting

government approval.

The government has ordered the Chittagong Port Authority to finance the projects from its own funds, the sources pointed out.

The projects remained shelved for several years due to bureaucratic tangles, hindering timely development of the over 100-year-old port.

Earlier, the government tried to mobilise funds from donor countries for the projects and this also delayed implementation.

The Newmooring container terminal project was approved by the cabinet purchase committee last week. It was given a go-ahead by the ECNEC in May this year, port official said.

Now steps have been taken to engage consultant for construction of the container terminal.

With the installation of the

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## Awareness only way to check AIDS

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a seminar in the city yesterday called for launching massive campaigns by the government and socio-cultural organisations to create public awareness about the dreaded AIDS.

Creating awareness is the only way to check spread of the incurable disease, they said.

According to official sources, there are about one hundred AIDS patients in Bangladesh now but transmission of HIV is quite alarming particularly among the sex workers and drug addicts.

Almost 90 per cent of all those infected with the deadly virus — Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) — are in developing countries and most of them are not aware of the infection, the speakers said at the seminar on AIDS Prevention: Response by Civil Society.

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Source: Islamic Foundation

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## President observes

# Concessions in CHT accord were given for greater interest

President Shahabuddin has said some concessions had been given in the Chittagong Hill Tracts agreement for greater interest of the country and to establish peace, reports UNB.

Addressing a reception given in honour of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday at Bangabhaban on her winning the Unesco peace award, he spoke of "ample similarity" between the problems in the CHT and the Northern Ireland.

"However, this is likely to be solved through discussions. The British government had to give some concession to reach the agreement."

He added: "For greater interest of the country and to establish peace some concessions

had been given in our CHT agreement too."

President Shahabuddin termed Sheikh Hasina's receiving the Unesco peace award "a glory to the nation."

There would be no fear or confusion in anybody's mind if the Land Commission completes its job in the CHT as soon as possible, he said.

The area of the Chittagong Hill Tracts is 5,500 square mile but its population did not cross 10 lakhs including tribal and non-tribal people. It would be

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing a reception accorded to her by President Shahabuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban yesterday.

— PID photo

## Slum dwellers

### Govt proposal impracticable, says ADAB

By Staff Correspondent

The Association of Development Agencies of Bangladesh (ADAB) has said the government proposal to rehabilitate the city's slum dwellers back in their villages is "impracticable", sources said.

ADAB Director Shamim Huda in a letter to the DG, NGO Affairs Bureau on Thursday said government's "unilateral decision" will affect ongoing NGO project and also future development programmes in slums.

Health, education and income generating projects will be halted and the slum dwellers will be deprived of their basic needs, the letter said.

The letter also expressed doubts whether the slum

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## 2 Indians held with arms in Moulvibazar

From Our Correspondent

MOULVIBAZAR, Oct 1: Two suspected Indian separatists were arrested in Kamalganj thana of the district today.

Kamalganj thana police arrested Alok, 23, and Jony, 43, at around 1 pm while they were going to Rampase village by a rickshaw.

Police also recovered one AK-47 rifle and 60 bullets from their possession.

The arrested told police that they had crossed Kamalganj border under Tripura state and entered Kurma area of Moulvibazar district. However, they did not say when they entered Bangladesh territory.

Police suspect the arrested are activists of an Indian separatist organisation.

Police are interrogating them till filing of this report at 7:30 pm today.

## Young man stabbed to death

By Staff Correspondent

A young man was stabbed to death allegedly by his nephew at Shaheed Mannan Lane in the city's Cantonment area in the early hours of yesterday.

The dead was identified as Zakir Hossain, 25, son of Abdul Bapari, a resident of tin-shed colony at Shaheed Mannan Lane.

Police and hospital sources said Zakir had an altercation with his nephew Mohammad Ali over a land dispute at about 12:30 am.

At one stage, Ali stabbed Zakir in his chest, abdomen and back. Zakir was rushed to Combined Military Hospital (CMH) where he succumbed to injuries at about 2 am yesterday.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was lodged with Cantonment thana, but none was arrested in this connection till filing of this report last night.

## Shell starts drilling Sangu-I

By Staff Correspondent

Shell Bangladesh has started drilling Sangu I off-shore well in the Bay of Bengal on September 30. The drilling is likely to continue till the end of this year, said a Shell press release.

South Sangu I is being drilled under the Block 16 Production Sharing Contract (PSC) with Petrobangla by a joint venture of Shell, Cairn Energy and HBR Energy.

"By drilling South Sangu I, the joint venture partners will

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## A silver & 4 bronzes on the 7th day

From Hasan Masood

KATHMANDU, Oct 1: Bangladesh earned a silver and four bronzes today, the seventh day of the SAF Games being held here.

The silver and two bronzes came from the shooting competition at the Birendra International Sports Complex, whereas the wrestlers bagged the other two bronzes.

ACE shooter Saiful Alam, who earlier won the team silver with Husne Zahan and Badru Islam Alam in the 10m air rifle event on Wednesday, clinched the men's 50m small bore free rifle prone silver in the individual event scoring 677 points.

Sri Lankan Rajasinghe Lakshman bagged the gold with 685 points.

Bangladesh's Kamrul Islam, who had the highest score in the team event and had a chance to win the gold, lost his cool in the individual event and had to re-

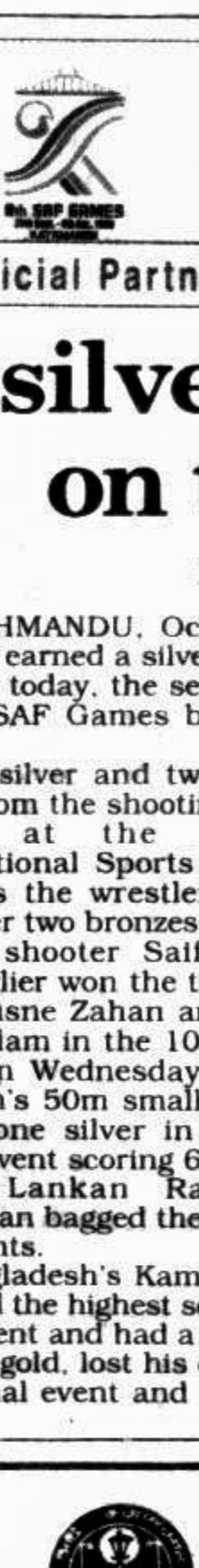
main content with the bronze managing 671 points. In the team event, Bangladesh won the bronze on Thursday.

Bangladesh's other shooting bronze came from the eve's 50m small bore sport rifle three-position competition. The eve's team of Kazi Shahana Parveen, Sabrina Sultana and Lovely Chowdhury, who won Bangladesh's lone gold by toppling the team competition of the 50m small bore sport rifle prone event on Wednesday, won the three position bronze today.

The Bangladesh girls scored 1625 points. The Indians grabbed the gold with 1710 points while the silver went to the Sri Lankans, who collected 1658 points.

The shooters have so far won one gold, three silvers and five bronzes.

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