• What's on today

Annual cultural programme: North South University will hold its annual cultural programme. Venue: Osmani Memorial Hall. Time: 4:00 pm.

Child Rights Day programme: Shishu Angina will hold day-long programme in observation of World Child Rights Day. Venue: Angina premises at House No 2, Road No 7, Block C, Section 6, Uttara. Time 9:30-5:35 pm.

5th Poetry night. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Française. Time: 7:00 pm. Film show: Tanvir Mokammel's Chitra Nadir Pare will be

Poetry night: Alliance Francaise de Dhaka will hold its

screened. Venue: Bangabandhu Medical University auditorium. Time: 3.00 pm, 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Film show: Three French films Au revoir les enfants, Germinal and Buffet froid will be screened. Venue: Auditorium of Alliance Française de Dhaka. Time: 11:00 am, 4:00 pm and 6:00

Planning meet: Community Development Library (CDL), Dhaka and FOCUS, Bangkok has organised a two-day planning meeting on 'Nuclear Disarmament in South and Southeast Asia. Venue: Hotel Abakash. Time: 9 am. ASB lecture: The Asiatic Society of Bangladesh will hold

the Justice Muhammad Ibrahim Trust Fund Lecture-1999. Prof Muhammad Yunus, Managing Director, Grameen Bank will deliver a lecture on "Bangladesh 2020." Venue: ASB auditorium. Time: 4 pm.

Sale of Books: Alliance Française de Dhaka will hold a three day long sale of old books. French novels, magazines, journals, biographies will be put on sale. Each book will cost Tk 50. The sale will remain open till October 17 from 5 pm to 8 pm. Venue: Alliance Française Gallery.



Clinical meet: ZH Sikder Cardiac Care and Research Centre has organised a clinical meeting on ACERA (Ace Reception Antagonist). Keynote speaker: Dr Shamimul Haque, Assistant Professor of Cardiology. Venue: Conference Hall of the centre at Monica Estate, West Dhanmondi. Time: 9 am.

Weather

Temperature may fall

Temporary light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by gusty wind is likely at many places over Dhaka. Chittagong, Barisal and Sylhet divisions and at a few places over Khulna and Rajshahi divisions till 6 pm today, reports UNB. Moderately heavy falls is expected at one or two places over the

country during the period, according to the Met Office. Day temperature may fall by one or two degree Celsius across the country, it added. Yesterday's highest temperature of 33.8 degree Celsius was

recorded at Chittagong and the lowest 22.5 degree Celsius at Bhola. The sun sets in the capital today at 5.33 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.56 am. Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded

in some major cities and towns yesterday were: City/Town Temperature in Humidity in

Celsius Percentage Morning Evening Dhaka 25.0 Chittagong 25.2 Rajshahi 25.1 Khulna 25.7 73 Barisal Sylhet 24.6 92 Cox's Bazar 24.8



Lions Club of Dhaka Baridhara organised an eye-sight testing of school children on the occasion of "World Lions Sight Day yesterday '99" at the Rayer Bazar High School. Lion M H Rasheed and other lions of the Club seen in the picture.

Movement to go on to protect trees of Osmani Udyan

By Staff Correspondent

A cross-section of people at a meeting yesterday expressed their resolve to continue the movement to protect the trees of Osmani Udyan where the government plans to construct a conference centre for the proposed NAM Summit.

The meeting was organised by the 'Committee for Protecting 11 Thousands Trees of Osmani Udyan' at Osmani Udyan with Prof. Serajul Islam Chowdhury in the chair.

Prof. Chowdhury said, "We will follow examples of our historic movements like Language Movement and the country's struggle for independence to carry forward the movement to save 11 thousand trees of Osmani Udyan.

"I am hopeful the government will withdraw the decision to construct the conference centre using its good sense," the

eminent teacher, critic and litterateur said. He called upon all to build up movements in their own capac-

ity to save the trees. Noted playwright and actor Mamun-ur-Rashid said a con-

Obituary sources said. Zubaidur The authorities earlier

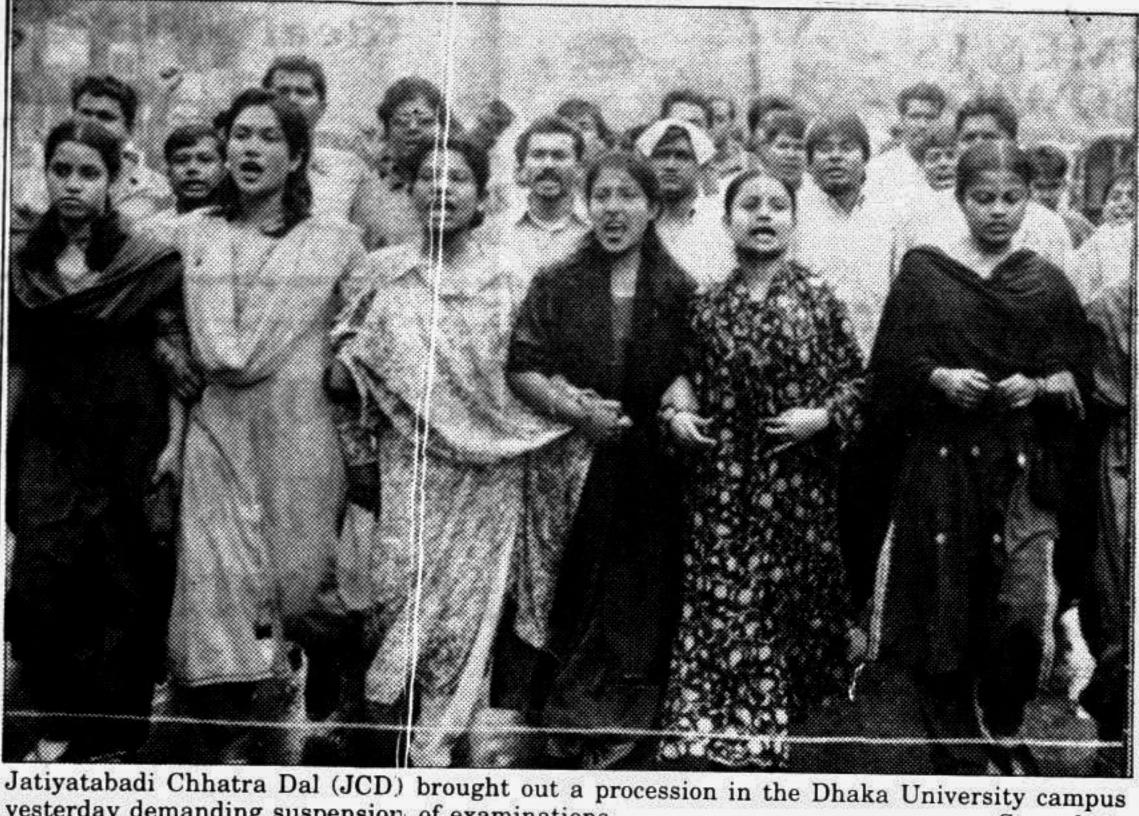
placed Sharif's interior minister Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain under house arrest in Islam-

Military spokesman Brigadier Rashid Qureshi said the army was compelled to seize power in order to thwart a "conspiracy of physically eliminating" Musharraf.

Qureshi said a Pakistan International Airlines flight from Colombo carrying the army chief was prevented from landing at Karachi even though fuel remained for only seven minutes flying time.

At the time some political figures were present at Air Traffic Control at the airport. the brigadier said.

the civil aviation at Kary



yesterday demanding suspension of examinations. - Star photo

Gunshots, blasts rock DU

From page 1 and incidents of rape across the

Four students were injured and at least seven vehicles were damaged on and around to campus during the strike.

Activists of pro-Awami League BCL chased those of JCD out of the campus by firing shots and exploding crackers. witnesses said

JCD had earlier called strike at all the universities in the country yesterday also to press home its demands including resignation of the prime minister, an end to terrorism, rape, murders, kidnappings and repression on JCD leaders and activists, withdrawal of 'false cases' against them and release of those detained.

Campus sources said the trouble began when BCL activists chased JCD supporters by exploding crackers in Madhu's Canteen area at about 9-30 in the morning. JCD was preparing to bring out a procession in support of the strike.

Panic gripped the students and examinees as JCD activists. also exploded crackers and began to run for safety.

JCD supporters took shelter at Shahbagh crossing and near the VC's residence. They damaged three motor vehicles at. Nilkhet crossing and four vehicles including a BRTC bus at Shahbagh crossing.

Campus situation deteriorated further at about 11:30 and when BCL activists firing shots chased JCD supporters at TSC crossing. Three JCD workers and a BCL activist were injured. The incident took place in

the presence of police. Police picked up some activists but they were later re-

leased. The DU authorities' attempted to hold the scheduled examinations yesterday despite the strike But activists of JCD created a chaotic situation in the examination centres by damaging flower tabs and window panes at the Arts Faculty building and tried to prevent examinees from appearing at

the examinations. Several hundred of police were deployed at different important points on the campus to provide security to the teachers and examinees.

Witnesses said attendance of examinees was not 'satisfactory' yesterday.

But the DU authorities claimed that almost all the examinations scheduled for yesterday were held and 80 to 90

Mintoo under fire from colleagues

By Staff Correspondent

Business leaders representing some chambers and association yesterday blasted President of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI) Abdul Awal Mintoo for his prehartal statement regarding resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner.

In a meeting convened by the FBCCI chief with the view to getting opinion of the business leaders over the action plan, the business leaders criticised Mintoo for stating that the Opposition demand for resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner will orrly deepen the crisis.

Following the criticism Mintoo defended himself saying that it was his personal opinion and not a statement as the FBCCI president, meeting sources said. He also said that the name of the action plan was changed to "action plan for

peace and development. Those who attended the meeting included representatives of Dokan Malik Samity. Oil Mills Association, Engineering Malik Sarnity, Bread and Biscuit Association, Unani Ayurbedi Association, Narsingdi Chamber and Narayan-

ganj Chamber. FBCCI recently took an initiative to prepare the action plan for all concerned to figure a way out of the politics of hartal and confrontation. As part of the plan it had also formed a nine-member committee.

Bangladesh

From page 1

the Commonwealth countries as enunciated in the Harare principles in 1991 by the Commonwealth Heads of government. Subsequently it has been reiterated in the Millbrook Commonwealth Action Programme on the Harare Declaration in New Zealand summit, he added.

CTBT

From page 12

White House campaign in support of the CTBT, the Republican Senate majority, which argued the treaty would hurt US national security, steered the measure to a drubbing that was never really in doubt.

"This treaty does not meet even the minimal standards of previous arms control treaties ... it is ineffectual, even dangerous, in my judgement; it is unverifiable and it is unenforceable," Senate Republican Majority Leader Trent Lott said af-

Leader Thomas Daschle warned that by turning down the treaty. "we are turning our backs on the world community." He said treaty advocates would bring CTBT up "this year and next year and however long it takes" to win approval.

But Republican resistance, likely to be particularly heated as the United States heads towards the 2000 elections, presents a high hurdle to such a plan.

Robert Byrd abstained, while four Republicans broke ranks with their party to back the accord, which would have required 67 of all 100 voting senators for passage.

The acrimonious debate that filled the ornate chamber recalled harsh words exchanged earlier this year during Clinton's impeachment trial over charges he improperly sought to conceal an affair with a White House intern, Monica Lewin-

Clinton said late Wednesday that the CTBT was "critical to protecting the American people from the dangers of nuclear

fighting for -- and I assure you, the fight is far from over," he

Traders

that a number of notorious extortionists of the area have already been booked after the installation of the new system. MA Noor, president of

Karwan Bazar Saw Mills and Timber Merchants Welfare Association, told The Daily Star that it was after incidents of kidnapping of extortion of money from the local traders that the latter decided to do something about it, without waiting for the government to everything.

We thought of the system as a 'quick remedy' against the extortionists as they often flee after doing their bit even before the police can reach the spot. he said. He added that after its introduction now the extortionists are getting caught and handed over to the law entorcing agencies in encouraging

two such attempts by the extortionists have been foiled recently.

six months ago was now being replicated in the neighbouring markets of the locality.

Encouraged by the success of the new system, the 342 shops of the market have been covered by four alarm bells around the market area, and owners of each of the installations have expressed their willingness to pay Tk. 200 each for the expansion and further strengthening of the system.

"The electric switch button separated from the main board and fixed in one corner of the room is actually marked for use as the alarm button," he said.

said, he said, adding that the alarm also alerts the Ansars.

SAARC summit

From page 1 happenings in Pakistan, offi-

No cheers

From page 1

Cabinet also requires its expansion by at least two more ministers from among the MPs to maintain the proportion of MPs and non-MPs in the Cabi-

isters in the present 38-strong Cabinet will rise to four. But the existing Cabinet can only accommodate 3.8 technocrat ministers

likely to face trial at a military a national coalition government of politicians, create a No comment was available civil administration of technocrats and retired politicians. The presidential spokesman or run the country himself. said Pakistan's military chief, who now has the country firmly

The army has ruled Pakistan for 25 of its 52 years,

Pak parliament bldg

although the country has had a fragile democracy for 11 years. International demand has been building for a quick return to democracy.

In Washington, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the coup created a "level of uncertainty" in South Asia. She said US officials were trying to persuade Pakistan's military leaders to restore democratic government.

"A military takeover of this kind ... does make it difficult to continue business as usual," she said. UN Secretary-General Kofi

Annan urged the army to restore civilian rule quickly. The International Monetary

Fund, which last year negotiated a 1.6 billion dollars loan to Pakistan, announced an immediate cutoff until democracy

could call early elections. is restored. change the prime minister, but keep Parliament intact, induct

Economists say Pakistan's battered economy can ill-afford further delays in international funding. Its foreign reserves are roughly 1.5 billion dollars, enough to cover only two months of imports, in a nation heavily dependent on foreign shipments of even its staples.

such as cooking oil. Washington played down concerns about the coup's affect on Pakistan's nuclear programme, since it has always been under the military's con-

India put its soldiers on alert following the coup a move the army spokesman in Pakistan called 'ridiculous' and a ploy to raise international concerns. "India's action was totally

absurd ... putting its forces on alert ... as if Pakistan is going to precipitate a war," Brig Rashid Quereshi told The Associated

Throughout Pakistan, people took the coup in stride and few longed for quick elections.

"There should be no elections before accountability." said Abdul Rashid, a lawyer in Lahore.

Jobs bid to reward

Minister Tofail Ahmed attended the launching ceremony at a local hotel as chief guest. Among others by Gordon H. West, mission director of US-AID. Anthony Dalgleish, JOBS programme manager and senior business advisor, Dr. Zia U. Ahmed, senior policy advisor and Khandakar Monirul Alam, president of National Press

Club, were also present. Speaking at the function, Tofail Ahmed said development of cottage, small and medium scale industries is the best strategy for the country's economic development.

"Our export prospects of SME and cottage industries products are very high but it has not been realised due to lack of market information and product diversity."

Setting up of SMEs would give higher dividends than heavy industries and the present government has taken different initiatives for the development of SMEs and cottage industries, he observed.

To develop the SME sector, 1 error

From page 1 ing, university officials said last night.

The explosion took place at about 7:45 pm, with a big bang, they said. Nobody was injured nor anyone arrested in this connection till writing of this report at 10-40 pm last night.

Soon after the blast the guards on the campus rushed to the spot and doused off the fire. officials said.

Police rushed to the spot immediately, but the army bomb squad will be requested to visit the site this morning, officials said. "It appears to be part of well

orchestrated mischief of a particular quarter to create anarchy across different universities and an attempt to destabilise the government," said the Vice Chancellor, Professor AK Azad Chowdhury. He, however, did not men-

tion any suspect in the incident "The high powered explosive might have been thrown from outside," said a top official of the university requesting anonymity. The doors of the room broke

open due to the explosion and some valuable documents were burnt, he added. But the fire service said they were not informed of the incident.

From page 1

cratically elected governmen on Tuesday. Mbeki, who becomes Co-

mmonwealth chairman at the Nov 12 gathering, pointed out that the group made a commitment in 1991 to defend democratic rule. The 54-nation organization includes Britain and its former colonies.

I would imagine for the Commonwealth to be consistent in its views, clearly, I don't think it would allow that a military government should be represented at the forthcoming heads of government (meeting), Mbeki told a media briefing

Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku said Wednesday he expected Pakistan to be suspended from the Commonwealth.

Such action has been taken before. In 1995, Nigeria was suspended from the Commonwealth after the regime of Gen

Sani Abacha hanged nine dissidents. Nigeria was readmitted this year after electing a civilian government.

The Commonwealth meeting is to be held Nov 12-15 in Durban, a city along the Indian Ocean.

Democracy From page 1

the wake of Tuesday's coup.

Qureshi's comment came as the Pakistan army was holding talks with legal experts before it announces its post-coup plans. No statement was expected on Wednesday. It also comes as political

leaders worldwide condemned the coup and called for the quick return of democracy in Pakistan. Qureshi answered "no" when

BNP and other parties. They are asked if it was a planned coup. "Even the army was surprised, he said, adding the army felt it had to take action after Sharif sacked army chief General Pervez Musharraf.

> He said the army would not rush into announcing its plans. "Important decisions do take time," he said.

the Minister said, the govern-

cottage industries. Expressing his optimism

SME sector is inherently weak which needs government support, he said assuring that USAID would extend its support

the country. Khandakar Monirul Alam underscored the need for focussing on the SME sector. "We are not able to set up big industries as we don't have expertise

and technology for big indus-

has initiated SME policy advocacy programme to reward writers and journalists for their contribution in creating awareness about the develop-

For winning advocacy of the sector issues that need to be addressed and their solutions.

The three awards include: A study or travel grant of US S 5.000. US \$ 3.000 and US \$ 2,000 for the first, second and third winner respectively. The period of publication the articles or stories has been fixed from July 1, 1999 to June 30.

Pakistan cut

From page 12 dominate proceedings the moment Wasim Akram won the

toss and elected to bat The West Indians were handicapped by the absence of Jimmy Adams, the man-of-thematch against Sri Lanka. who hobbled off the field with a tendon injury after sending down

Clinton

military authorities and to hear their intentions," he said.

"Pakistan's interest would be served by a prompt return to civilian rule and restoration of the democratic process," Clinton said. "I urge that Pakistan move quickly in that direction."

cerned nations "about maintaining peace and stability in South Canada warned Pakistan faced international isolation if

Federation condemned Tuesday's military overthrow of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif as Čanadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy warned Pak-

istan could be suspended from the British Commonwealth if the army does not return power to a civilian administration. Axworthy, who will be in

London for next Monday's meeting of the Commonwealth Ministers' Advisory Group which will discuss the future of Pakistan within the Commonwealth. called on the coup generals to "go back to the barracks."

Though the possible suspension of Pakistan from the Commonwealth was on the agenda, Axworthy said, he hoped such action would not prove necessary. But he warned that unless the army handed back power, it risked plunging

In Islamabad, Musharraf continued consultations with top generals on the future running of the country.

to be welcomed by many Pakistanis and the streets in major cities were calm, Musharraf was also under domestic pressure not to continue a military rule.

"Responsibility rests on its (army's) shoulders to put the country back on its rails. And for that elections and a representative government as soon as possible are essential prerequisites." The Nation newspaper said today.

Rahim, an executive vicepresident of Prime Bank Limited, died of pneumonia hospital morning. He

wife, one son and a host of relatives, friends, colleagues, admirers to mourn his death. Zubaidur Rahim was held after

was 56, says a press release. He left behind his mother,

The namaz-e-janaza of M His qul khawani will be held

spiracy is on to destroy not only the Osmani Udyan, but also the

Sundarbans. Police chief arrested over plot against

Pakistan army chief KARACHI, Oct 14: Pakistani paramilitary troops today arrested a top police official for involvement in a plot to "physically eliminate" armed forces chief General Pervez Musharraf, officials said, re-

ports AFP.

Rana Maqbool, Inspector General of Police in southern Sindh province, was picked up from his official residence in Karachi, they said. A senior official said "he was part of the plan" hatched by the ousted premier to stop Mushar-

raf's plane from landing at

Karachi in spite of an acute fuel shortage when he was returning from Sri Lanka on Tuesday. Maqbool, a confidante of the ousted premier, was taken away by paramilitary troops, the

Reports have said the he was also detained.

per cent examinees appeared at the examinations. The authorities had earlier decided to hold the examinations despite the No examinations started at 9

am as scheduled .The authorities extended the time till 10:30 am, witnesses said. Classes could not be held and other academic and adminis-

sity were also disrupted due to the strike. The Central Library of the university remained closed till 2:30 pm. Vice-chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told The Daily Star that they tried to hold the examinations only to reduce session jam at the university.

trative activities at the univer-

student bodies did not cooperate in this regard. Drastic action would be taken against those responsible for untoward incidents on the

campus, he said.

supporters.

He however regretted that the

BCL brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus against JCD's "illogical" strike . At the rally, BCL leaders said they would resist strike if examinations are not kept out of its purview. Later, at a press briefing at

the BNP central office, JCD

leaders condemned the attack

on their activists by 'BCL workers and police personnel'during the strike at DU. They demanded immediate resignation of the VC and the Proctor for 'patronising' BCL

JCD will demonstrate on the

protest against the attack. Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teacher Association have expressed concern over the campus situation. In a joint statement yesterday, DUTA president Prof AFM Yusuf Haider and General Sec-

DU campus on October 17 in

urged the university authorities to hold examinations after ensuring security of teachers, students, officials and employees. The bid to hold examinations during strike created a

complicated situation , the

retary Prof Ferdous Hossain

statement added. DU vacation UNB adds: Dhaka University goes on a nine-day Durga Puja vacation tomorrow amid a

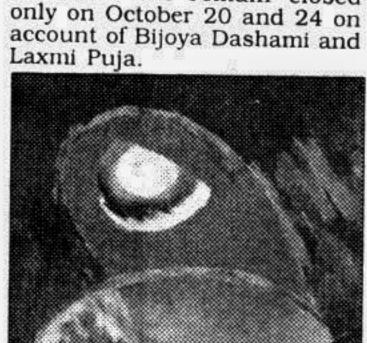
Official sources said the uni-

versity classes would resume on

October 24. However, official

activities will remain closed

volatile campus situation.



Syed Jahangir's solo opens at

DD today By Staff Correspondent One of the initiators of modernism in Bangladeshi art Syed Jahangir's one-man show

opens at DD Gallery today at

5:30 in the evening. Finance Minister Shah AM S Kibria will perform the opening while the inaugural ceremony will be presided over by former finance minister M Syeduzzaman. Art critic and novelist Hasnat Abdul Hye and Executive Chairman, Board of Investment M Mokammel Hoque will also be present at the ceremony as special guests. Committed to promote art and patronise talented and up-andcoming artists, this is DD's second one-man show in less than

a month.

eryday.

Highly original, Syed Jahangir's forte is oil painting. He derives his inspiration from Islamic calligraphy to give it a modern interpretation. He has to his credit a formidable number of exhibitions held at home and abroad including India, Pakistan, Nepal, Hong Kong. Malaysia, China, Japan, Germany, USA, Kuwait and ex-United Soviet Union. In 1985 he was awarded the

country's highest civilian

award the Ekushey Padak for

his contribution to fine arts.

During his 22 years stint at Shilpakala Academy as director of fine arts department the concept of Dhaka biennial was conceived and the biannual art extravaganza became a reality. The 14-day show runs until Oct 31 from 10 am to 8 pm ev-

ter the vote. Senate Democratic Minority

Veteran Democratic Senator

tagong University today. "It is therefore well worth

From page 1 dicate member from white The Officer-in-charge said

pink panel

numbers. He informed the Star that

The system introduced some

As soon as the bell rings, all shopkeepers rush out and run towards the affected shop, he

cials at the Sri Lankan foreign office said their government was keeping a close watch on the situation and was specially worried about the impact of the coup on the summit scheduled to begin on November 23.

With the addition of the two. the number of technocrat min-

World White Cane Safety Day today

From page 1

military officers who sided

with the deposed premier were

under his control, is seeking

Since Tuesday's army coup,

way to 'restore constitutional

Gen Pervez Musharraf has been

sequestered in meetings with

politicians, past and present,

including conservative President Rafiq Tarar.

Siddiqi, said Musharraf is

looking to restore civilian rule

- an effort the president sup-

democratic process as soon as

possible is a goal shared by both

men," he told The Associated

public statements since his

televised address to the nation

lysts in Pakistan, Musharraf

early Wednesday morning.

Musharraf has not made any

According to political ana-

"The rehabilitation of the

Tarar's spokesman, Irfan

from the army.

democracy.

Press.

World White Cane Safety Day will be observed in the country as elsewhere in the world today with a pledge to ensure safety for the blind people.

reports UNB. Various organisations, including the Social Welfare Ministry and National Forum of Organisations Working with the Disabled (NFOWD) have taken separate programmes to observe the day. President Shahabuddin

Sheikh Hasina issued messages on the occasion stressing the need for proper rehabilitation of the blind in the society. The day's event begins with a colourful rally from the Children's Park at 9 am, which will

Ahmed and Prime Minister

end at Swede Bangladesh Auditorium at Eskaton Garden. A discussion on White Cane for Safe Movement of the Blind will be held on the occasion. State Minister for Social Welfare Dr Mozammel Hossain will attend the discussion as chief

Pink panel bags seven posts in CU election

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Oct 14: Awami League-backed pink panel bagged seven out of nine posts while BNP-Jamaat supported white panel got two in the Dean, Syndicate, Finance Committee and Academic Council elections of the Chit-

Prof Dr Sayed Mohammad Atahar of Management Department has been elected Dean of Commerce faculty and Prof Dr Abu Naser Mohammad Munir Ahmed of Political Science Department has been elected Syn-

Other Syndicate members are: Mohammad Abdullah Mamun, associate professor of Management Department, Mohammad Atiqur Rahman, assistant professor of Management from pink panel.

Meanwhile, Prof Dr Moham-

mad Alauddin of Bio-chemistry Department has been elected finance committee member from Pink panel bagged all the four posts of Academic Council. The winners are - Dr Mohammad Ali Ashraf of Eco nomics Department, Mohammad Mohibul Aziz of Bengali Department, Dr N H M Abu Baker of Philosophy Department and Mohammad Basir

Ahmed of Islamic History and Culture Department. The election was held at the Science faculty gallery from 9 am to 2 pm today.

Ershad Shikdar

From page 1 Rahim Khan, Additional IG (Admns). But the source of money spent in constructing the house, as stated in the letter, definitely needs to be investigated and before that the allegations made in the letter will

not be taken into confidence,

Mentionably, Abdur Rahim

Khan is one of the former police

the official added.

ernment.

commissioners whom Ershad Shikdar named as his beneficiary during interrogation. The official quoting the Inspector General of Police said that allegations made by Ershad against some police officials are subject to further enquiries before any departmen-

tal action is taken by the gov-

Meanwhile, daily press briefing on developments of questioning of Shikdar and his arrested associates will no more be held from tomorrow. Police Commissioner Anwarul Iqbal told The Daily Star that daily press briefing was affecting the investigation process. Some startling facts are coming out during interrogation which, he said, should not be divulged to the press at this moment for the sake of investigation.

mainly illegal arms dealers, but sometimes hired for doing 'insensible works' including murders, Shikdar said during interrogation this morning. Meanwhile. Faridul Islam Bhandul, arrested from Shailkupa on Wednesday, was

questioned in Khulna thana to-

Ershad Shikdar has further

named 12 terrorists of the

metropolitan city with whom

he had close contact. These ter-

rorists belong to Awami League.

articles or reports on small and ment has decided to extend the medium enterprises. small industry credit guarantee Commerce and Industries scheme and will provide special fiscal incentives to SMEs and

about the success of SME sector in Bangladesh, Gordon H. West said there is no reason that Bangladesh can't compete with others in the manufacturing

as long as JOBS is successful in

Duties, taxes on raw materials should be reduced so that the entrepreneurs can compete with the imported products, he said. Dr. Zia U. Ahmed said JOBS

ment of small and medium enterprises in the country. year award, writers and journalists should conduct investigate research to pinpoint key

2000. The reports should be submitted by August 1, 2000.

just 10 deliveries

From page 1 democracy," said he was sending Ambassador William Milam back to Islamabad to "underscore my view directly to the

He said he would also be consulting closely with all con-

the army did not reinstall a civilian administration, and the International Human Rights "illegal and illegitimate."

Pakistan into international isolation.

Although the coup appeared

Asr prayers and he was buried at the Banani graveyard. today after Asr prayers at his residence at House No 99, Road No 11/A, Dhanmondi in the

