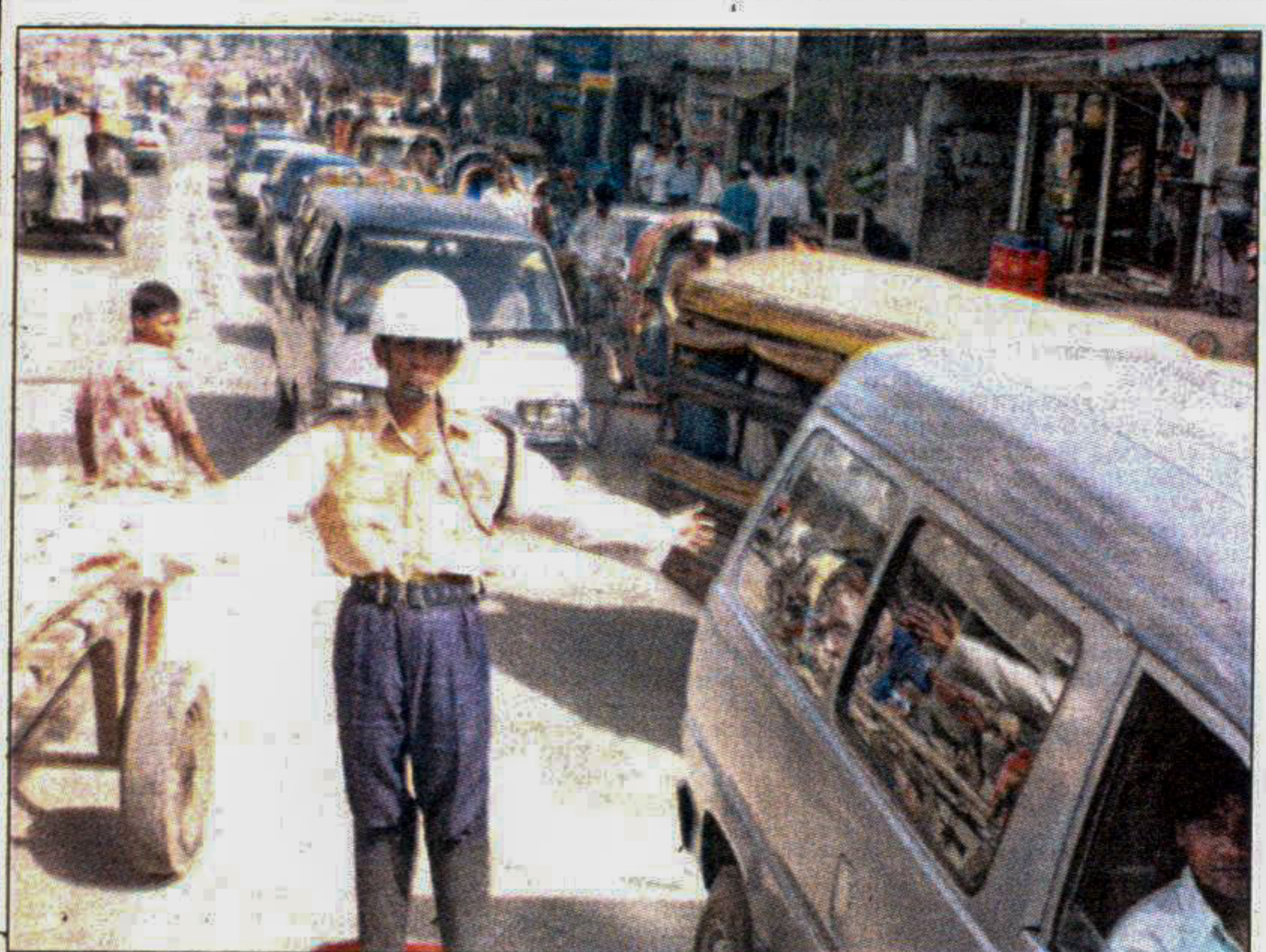


FedEx
Federal Express
The World On Time

PACKAGES, DOCUMENTS AND FREIGHT WORLDWIDE
Bangladesh Express Co. Ltd.
Licensee of Federal Express Corporation
95, Motijheel C.A, Dhaka; Tel: 9565114; Fax: 9565112

Ideal gift for any occasion.
Instalment facility available only for purchases above Tk. 7,500
Transcom Electronics Limited
Official Licensee of Philips Electronics N.V. for lighting products, radio and TV sets.
Dhaka: 815307-10 Ctg.: 716353, 723578 Khulna: 720304 Bogra: 6215
Visit your nearest Philips Display Centre today

Backed by Guarantee
PHILIPS
Let's make things better



Policing privatized
With the DMP failing miserably to contain traffic chaos, the residents of the perennially plagued Green Road posted their own men to do the job. From the look of things, they are working well.
—Star photo: Sk Enamul Haq

Local dispute cost Selim his life

By Staff Correspondent
Shamsul Huq Selim, a ward level leader of Awami League, was killed over a dispute regarding establishment of his supremacy in Sutrapur area, according to witnesses and police sources.
Selim was brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with fatal injuries. His death sparked off a row between the doctors and relatives leading to the on-going strike of the internee doctors, which continued till writing of this report last night.
Doctors declared Selim dead soon after he had been removed to the DMCH Tuesday night. Relatives of the victim assaulted the on-duty doctors and members of the staff of the hospital when the victim was declared dead.
Following the incident, the internee doctors had called their strike. The internee doctors had called for sufficient security arrangements for them.
The dead had received injuries at different parts of his body at Tipu Sultan Road under Sutrapur police station before being removed to the hospital.
Selim and his uncle, Enamul Huq, had a conflict regarding establishment of their 'suzerainty' over the area for quite some time, police said quoting witnesses.
Both Selim and Enam were potential candidates for the upcoming ward commissioner elections of the City Corporation said some residents of the locality.
Sutrapur police arrested one Sumon as a 'suspect' of the murder. Family members of the victim, however, did not accuse anybody of the killing.

C'wealth ultimatum for Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Oct 28: A Commonwealth delegation said today that it wants a timeframe for the return of democracy to this poor Islamic nation, but could offer the new army government up to two years to achieve that goal, reports AP.
While the goal of the delegation is to get a date for the return of democracy, something Pakistan's army rulers have resisted, Commonwealth spokesman Kaye Whiteman said there is some flexibility.
According to Commonwealth rules Pakistan's army, which took power from the elected government on October 12, could take as long as two years to restore democracy before being thrown out of the Commonwealth.
With the army coup the Commonwealth automatically suspended Pakistan's participation in meetings of its advisory councils.
But any decision on a suspension of Pakistan's full membership in the organisation will be taken by heads of government at a meeting November 12-15 in Durban, South Africa.
Whiteman said the delegation being led by Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy will make a recommendation to the Durban meeting.
"There are several options," short of full suspension of Pakistan's membership, he said. In fact the Commonwealth could allow Pakistan two years to restore democracy and give technical assistance toward that end, said Whiteman.
"We could give future technical assistance... or assistance such as in the drafting of a new constitution," he said.
The delegation is scheduled to meet Pakistan's Army Chief Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Friday morning when they are also expected to seek permission to visit the deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif.
Musharraf is the only man able to give the delegation a timeframe on a return to democracy. Until now he has refused to make any commitments, despite pressure from most western countries, including the United States.
Musharraf says that he wants to restore the country's crippled economy, rife with corruption, before returning democracy to Pakistan, a country where the majority of people can neither read nor write and the average annual per capita income according to United Nations figures is about 800 dollar.
Few people in Pakistan seem anxious for elections anytime soon, most of them demanding a sweeping cleanup of the country's corrupt politics.
The Commonwealth delegation also includes Ms. Billie Miller, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Barbados, Victor Gbello, Foreign Minister of Ghana and Tan Sri Dato Musa bin Hitam, a special envoy of the Malaysian prime minister.
On Thursday the delegation met Pakistan's largely ceremonial President Rafiq Tarar, foreign minister designate Abdul Sattar and several politicians, including the ousted Pakistan Muslim League, led by the deposed Sharif.
Members of an alliance of 19 opposition political parties, among them ousted prime minister Benazir Bhutto's party, also met with the delegation to reiterate their demands for fresh elections. Benazir twice dismissed from power, welcomed the military takeover, but called for elections within six months.



Kader Siddiqui complains to EC against RO

By Staff Correspondent
Kader Siddiqui, Bir Uttam, yesterday lodged complaints with the Election Commission against the Returning Officer (RO) for his alleged violation of electoral rules in distributing election symbols among candidates in the by-election in Tangail-8 constituency.
Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena assured Siddiqui that the complaints would be looked into seriously.
The Commission has already sent a copy of the complaints to the Returning Officer, the DC of Tangail. The Commission will take a decision after getting the his version, sources in the EC said.
According to Siddiqui's allegation, the DC refused to allocate *gamchha* as election symbol to any candidate. This is violation of electoral rules, he said.
Kader Siddiqui, who was denied *gamchha*, explained his position at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club in the city later in the evening.
"The government is out to hijack my *gamchha* and harass my supporters in the area. But I see Page 11 Col 4

Making a difference

By Morshed Ali Khan
Traders, businessmen and residents in many city areas are trying their own solution to nagging traffic problems. They have employed men with sticks to discipline unruly road users.
Thanks to their initiative, there has been a smooth flow of traffic on many lanes and by-lanes in the old city to the relief of thousands.
In the newer part of the city people are also following suit. At Maghbazar, Khilgaon, New Market, Green Road, Syedabad, Gabtoli, Green Road, Mouchak, part of Mirpur Road, Panthapath and Tejaon, private traffic managers can be seen active. In many places they have even put up temporary dividers on the roads to regulate traffic movement.
Fearing loss in business due to frequent traffic congestion, a clinic and diagnostic centre at Green Road deployed its own traffic managers. After seeking expert advice from the DCC's Dhaka Urban Transport Project, the owner not only set up a divider with concrete slabs on the road, but also he went on to employing several young men, training them and dressing them up in 'proper uniform' which include a white helmet—similar to the ones used by DMP's traffic personnel.
A bicycle shop owner in Bansal Road in the old town said that they had to take their own measures as businesses started to suffer due to traffic jam. He said the main problem was created with undisciplined road users. DMP's traffic department turned down their request to deploy policemen there saying they were short of manpower, he said.
"The rickshaw-pullers, scooters, pushcarts, car drivers, all behaved in the same manner and our intention was to discipline them," Gaji Alimuddin, a businessman in Bansal.
He said the local business houses deployed some young men with sticks on the street and instructed them to handle things firmly.
"From the very first day our effort has started paying dividend, the street is almost jam free," he said.
In exchange for their services, they are paid from a fund raised by the shop-owners in the locality. In some areas, motorists and other road users also help the traffic managers.
Residents and businessmen in several other areas alleged that the entire traffic management of the DMP was centred round the VIP roads.
According to ADC South of DMP's Traffic Department, Shaifur Rahman, the private initiative has been successful because the road users are 'afraid' of the young men with sticks in hand.
"All the cars and buses parked illegally on the roads belong to influential people who hardly care what my policeman says. Look at the tempo in the city, not even one per cent has proper documents but the moment we catch them they block roads and create anarchy," Rahman said adding that the DCC should come forward with steps to curbe number of rickshaws on the streets.
DMP has between 250 and 300 traffic policemen on the city roads at peak hours in addition to 100 police sergeants. A substantial number of these men are always busy clearing the VIP roads and taking care of VIP movements in the city, admitted Rahman.

President leaves for Turkey on Sunday

President Shahabuddin Ahmed leaves Dhaka on early Sunday for Ankara, on a three-day official visit at the invitation of Turkish President Suleyman Demirel, reports UNB.
This will be the first foreign trip by Shahabuddin after assuming the office of the Presidency in 1996.
He will lead a nine-member official delegation. Law and Justice Minister Abdul Matin Khasru and Foreign Secretary C M Shaif Sami are accompanying the President.
The Turkish President will receive the Bangladesh President at Ankara Esenboga Airport.
Normally the Turkish President does not receive the Head of State at the airport. But the Turkish President decided to receive Shahabuddin in view of the special relations between the Bangladesh and Turkey.
Shahabuddin and Demirel will hold official talks on Sunday. The talks would be preceded by a tete-a-tete by the two Presidents.
Later, they would issue short statements to the press.
The Turkish Prime Minister and the Speaker would call on Bangladesh President on November 1.
Shahabuddin would visit mausoleum of Ataturk and plant sapling at the presidential palace.
He will return home via Istanbul on November 3.

Rampaging JCD men damage 100 vehicles in city

Opposition BNP's student activists went on the rampage, damaging over 100 vehicles in the city's Kakrail-Shantiganar area yesterday, reports UNB.
Witnesses said the trouble started when police intercepted several hundred JCD activists in Kakrail area while marching towards PM's office after a rally at Paltan Maidan demanding resignation of the government at around 11.45 am.
The JCD men damaged passing vehicles on the road and set some auto-rickshaws on fire," said police and witnesses.
The clash spread in Paltan area when police fired teargas shells to disperse the agitators, leaving at least 25 activists injured. Police also picked up some people from the scene.
Some youths hurled bricks at a shopping mall owned by a deputy minister.
The situation came to normal at about 12.45 pm.
Police sources said the marchers first faced obstruction when they tried to march towards the Prime Minister's office at Bangladesh Secretariat near Jatiya Press Club. They then turned towards Bijoynagar passing through UCBL crossing.
Earlier, JCD held a rally at Paltan Maidan demanding immediate resignation of the government.
The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders alleged that the government was out to reestablish Bakshali regime controlling the judiciary and press.
They alleged that the government harassed the democratic forces in the name of "conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister."

Protesting Pakistan action

Correction
Due to a computer error, an old story on the Biman was reprinted on the back page of the Daily Star on Thursday. The error is regretted. Following is the news item which was to be published on the day.

HC rejects contempt petition against Nasim

The High Court yesterday summarily rejected the contempt petition against Home Minister Mohammad Nasim for his alleged remarks on the judiciary and judges in parliament on grounds of "parliamentary immunity," reports BSS.
The Division Bench comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Haque and Justice Mohammad Abdur Rashid also rejected the prayer for certificate to file appeal before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court.
The court in its verdict observed that as per Article 78 of the Constitution, the members of parliament shall not be liable to proceedings in any court in respect of anything, said in parliament.
Moudud Ahmed sought permission of the court to file appeal directly as the matter involves Constitution and public interest.

Ershad Shikdar to be tried in special court

From Staff Correspondent
KHULNA, Oct 28: Ershad Shikdar will be tried in a special court, not in the tribunal.
The special court will begin trial in the first week of next month.
The Additional District and Sessions Judge Salam Shikdar will be given the responsibility to conduct murder cases against Ershad Shikdar and his accomplices, said a highly placed source in the Ministry of Law and Parliamentary Affairs on Wednesday night.
The source said that formation of special tribunal is a long process which will not help expedite trial against notorious criminals like Ershad Shikdar.
The special court will be housed in the collectorate building where strict security measures will be arranged. The court will also try other cases against armed and notorious terrorists of south-western zone of the country, the source said.
Meanwhile, police recovered two Chinese walkie talkies from the bunker of the bedroom of Ershad's Swarnakamol.
The walkie talkies were recovered during second round of search today in presence of top officials of KMP.
Police also seized 13 Biman tickets, two magazines, three torch lights, three telephone sets and a fax machine. Dismantling of other suspicious parts of the building will be started soon, said a source in KMP.

One-dayer Bangladesh take on England A today

Sports Reporter
The visiting England A cricket team will be desperately looking forward to keeping their unbeaten status intact when they take on Bangladesh in a day-night match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.
The match will start at 2.30 pm. Bangladesh Television will air the match live while Bangladesh Betar will provide ball-by-ball commentary from the big bowl.
Yet to taste defeat on their three-week tour, the second string England side will leave no stone unturned to stamp their supremacy against the home side after the drawn three-day match at Chittagong.
While England A enjoy a psychological edge over their hosts with victories in their two previous limited-over engagements including a six-wicket haul over the BCB XI at the same venue on October 23, the onus will certainly be on Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam to do something better against the visitors.
But ahead of the match both the teams are in good form.
England A captain Mark Alleyne and Aminul predicted an intriguing match today.
"It will be a very exciting match for us. But we are ready to take the challenge," said Alleyne.
While talking to newsmen during the team's practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, the Gloucestershire all-rounder claimed that a score of 250 would be a competitive total on this wicket. He however declined to disclose the probable eleven for the match.
"We will finalise our team tomorrow morning," said Alleyne. But it is certain that the visitors will count on the batting prowess of Vikram Solanki, who hammered a swashbuckling 185 at Chittagong, and their Lancashire leg-spinner Chris Schofield to keep their winning streak on.
On the other hand, Bangladesh will count on their English apple-cart. With one-down Habibul Bashar on song and skipper Aminul returning back among the runs, the home side will also look forward to young strokemaker Al-Shahriar to give their batting more flair.

Cyclonic storm hits 5 dists

From page 1
risky areas have already been evacuated to cyclone shelters.
The Storm Warning Centre in its earlier bulletin at 9 pm said the severe cyclonic storm with a core of hurricane wind over the North Bay and adjoining west-central Bay intensified further and moved slightly northwards. If by coast West Bengal-Sundarbans cross by noon today, it had said.
The cyclonic storm was centered about 610km southwest of Chittagong and 500km southwest of Khulna town at 9 pm.
It is likely to intensify further, move in a north-north-westerly direction at a speed of about 15 KPH and may re-curve in a north-northeasterly direction.
Maximum sustained wind within 74kms of the storm centre is about 160kph rising to 190kph in gusts or squalls. "Sea will remain very high."
Maritime ports of Mongla were advised to keep hoisted danger signal number six.
Maritime ports of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar were advised to keep hoisted local warning signal number four.
River ports of Sathkira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Barguna and their off-shore islands and chars were advised to hoist riverine warning signal number two.
Low-lying areas of the coastal districts of Sathkira, Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Barguna and their off-shore islands and chars are likely to be inundated by moderate storm surge of 3-5 feet above normal astronomical tide, said the bulletin.
Coastal areas of the districts of Patuakhali, Barisal, Bhola, Laxmipur, Noakhali, Feni, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and their offshore islands and chars are likely to be inundated by moderate storm of 2-3 feet above the normal astronomical tide.
All fishing boats and trawlers over the North Bay have been advised to remain in shelter until further notice.
India alerts troops
Meanwhile, AFP in New Delhi says in a late night despatch: Indian authorities yesterday alerted army troops in eastern coastal states of Orissa and West Bengal following warnings of a cyclone more severe than one which killed 147 people 10 days ago.
Hundreds of people living along the coast of the two states were evacuated to safer places, as meteorologists warned a devastating cyclone would hit the region today.
Orissa, still reeling from a cyclone which killed nearly 150 people last week, braced for another severe gale.
Meteorologists said a cyclonic storm over the Bay of Bengal had turned "more severe" and was heading towards Orissa, where it was expected to make landfall Friday.
The cyclone, with winds of up to 200 kilometers an hour (125 mph), is of the same intensity like the one that hit Orissa on November 17. Orissa officials, however, said they expected more damage.
"The cyclone this time will be more severe," said Jayant Dev, a local official.
The cyclone could uproot big trees and cause widespread damage to houses and installations and totally disrupt communication," the meteorological department warned in a statement.

By Special Correspondent

The Civil Aviation Ministry has requested the Foreign Ministry to lodge a protest with Pakistani authorities which held up a Biman Airbus 310 on Sunday shortly after it took off from Karachi airport on way home.
Biman sources said that on Wednesday, they sent a letter containing the request to the Civil Aviation Ministry for forwarding it to the Foreign Ministry.
The Air Traffic Controllers at Karachi airport asked the captain of the Biman flight to return and land again for immigration re-check of some Pakistani passengers who had boarded the aircraft completing all formalities.
Biman officials said the aircraft was eventually allowed to continue flying, instead of landing back. But it was in violation of international aviation laws.

Coercion claimed

From page 1
told court correspondents who managed to enter the jail hat.
He also showed his hands and claimed that police drove needles into his finger tips to extract statement.
"During my police remand, they asked me to mention names of Anwar Zahid, Badruddin Chowdhury, Mir Showkat Ali, Barrister Moudud Ahmad, Sadek Hussain Khoka, Mirza Abbas, Gayeshwar Chandra Ray (all BNP leaders), Shaheda Obaid wife of KM Obaidur Rahman, a BNP legislator accused in the Jail Killing Case; HM Ershad and Nazir Rahman Manzur of Jatiya Party; Golam Azam and Delwar Hussain Saidi of Jamaat-e-Islami, Bahauddin, Editor of daily Inquilab, journalist Abdul Hye Sikder and Prof. Abdul Gafur for involvement in the alleged conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister," he said.
Court correspondents of at least nine leading dailies talked to Shoab at the court hatat while the OC of court hatat, Mir Court Inspector and other policemen were in the adjacent room.
They not only tortured me mentally but also physically. Needles were pinched in all my finger tips during my police remand.
Shoab was produced before the CMM's court at about 1.00 am yesterday at the end of his latest three-day remand. He was immediately taken to the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Abu Taleb for recording his confession statement. He was kept there till about 6:00 pm. Shoab was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail last night.
When contacted Emamul Huq Feroze denied the allegations. He told The Daily Star at about 8:30 pm that the allegations brought against him by Shoab were not correct.
"Police investigating officer conducts the investigation. I am only the supervising officer of the case. The accused is a very smart fellow and knows how to manipulate things," Feroz said.
Some other top police officials contacted by The Daily Star last night claimed that Shoab had already given a 35-page 'written statement' to the joint interrogation cell. They declined to name the persons to whom Shoab gave the written statement.
Prior to the three-day remand, Shoab was interrogated for 12 days by a joint interrogation cell constituted with officials of the Special Branch of police, National Security Intelligence and Defence Forces Intelligence.
Shoab, Managing Director of now-defunct ATV, a TV channel, was arrested from his Uttara residence in the city on the night of October 10 in connection with a case filed with Motijheel thana in July.

City polls

From page 1
Amir Hossain Amu said his party invites all opposition parties to take part in the polls.
"We've plans to open dialogue with the opposition parties to woo them to city corporation polls. But there is nothing concrete as yet," Amu told The Daily Star last night soon after he returned to the capital ending his trip to Noakhali with the prime minister.
Defending the opposition stance, BNP secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan told The Daily Star, "There can be no fair elections under the present government after it set records of rigging polls."
"We hope people will not respond to the government attempt to hold the city corporation elections unilaterally. We along with them will resist such a bid at any cost."
LDF coordinator Morshed Ali told The Daily Star last night, "Decision of bigger opposition parties like the BNP may influence the Left and Left-oriented parties."
Ali's view was shared by Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan of BSD, a component of the Front.
"Elections without the major opposition parties will have no credibility," he observed.
The LDF coordinator was disappointed at the EC announcement for elections in three city corporations, leaving the fate of polling in Dhaka City Corporation to court.
The Election Commission could have waited until the legal barriers to holding DCC polls are cleared. Otherwise, balloting in three other cities may influence the polling in Dhaka city.

Feni poll violence kills one

FENI, Oct 28: Gunfights, arson and booth capturing marred Feni pourasava election today, leaving one person dead and at least 25 others wounded, reports UNB.
The dead was identified as Nur Muhammad Tipu, 21, son of ruling party backed-Jubo League leader Shamsul Haq of Madhupur village.
The authorities were forced to postpone polling in Madhupur centre in ward-number 14 and Salahuddin High School centre in ward-number 8 amid massive violence.
Police and witnesses said the worst troubles took place at Madhupur centre where Tipu was shot dead during a clash between rival candidates at about 9 am.

Prayer Timings
October 29
Azan 5:00 Jamaat 5:30
Fajr 5:00
Juma 12:15 1:20
Asr 4:00 4:15
Maghrib 5:30 5:35
Esha 7:15 7:45
Source: Islamic Foundation

Editor: Mahfuz Anam
Published by the Editor from City Publishing House Ltd., 90 Kakrail, Dhaka-1000 on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd., 52 Motijheel C.A., Dhaka-1000. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: House No. 11, Road No. 3, Dhanmandi RA, Dhaka-1205. PABX: 866772-4, Commercial: 866771, Fax No: 88-02-863035, GPO Box No: 3257, Cable: DAILYSTAR, DHAKA. Internet ed address: http://www.dailystarnews.com and Email address: dstar@bangla.net