



Jamaat Secretary General Matiuur Rahman Nizami (his purjabee in tatters) being escorted out of the VC's office by riot policemen and others. — Star photo



BKSAL chief Mohiuddin Ahmed tries to tame violent students to keep them away from Maulana Nizami while Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, MP, looks on. — Star photo

Nizami assaulted

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tension gripped the campus soon after the news spread that the Jamaat leader Nizami had arrived there.

JCL workers first brought out a procession from the Madhu's canteen protesting Nizami's presence.

After holding a gathering near the VC's office, two JCL leaders entered the room where Awami League leaders Abdul Jalil and Begum Matia Choudhury, BKSAL leader Mohiuddin Ahmed, CPB leader Mujahidul Islam Selim, NAP leaders Syed Altaf Hossain and Kamal Haider, Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, BSD leader AFM Mahbubul Huq, Janata Mukti Party leader Mahmudur Rahman Manna, JSD leader Shahjahan Seraj, the VC, Pro-VC and high officials of the DU were waiting for arrival of the BNP leaders.

As soon as the VC and others tried to justify the attendance of Nizami in the meeting, the Chhatra League (S-A) workers followed by those of Chhatra League (N-S), Chhatra Union and some other smaller student groups stormed the office and started

attacking Nizami.

They started assaulting the Jamaat leader throwing chairs, glasses and plates towards him and his companions.

Repeated requests by the VC and political leaders failed to stop the angry students' action.

At one stage, BKSAL Chairman Mohiuddin Ahmed lay down on the floor to obstruct the students. But the attackers paid no heed and continued beating up Nizami crossing over Mohiuddin lying on floor.

After 15 minutes of indiscriminate assaults on Nizami, the attackers were stopped by riot police.

They then tore down the curtains and damaged windows, chairs, tables and flower vases. The attackers also raised repeated slogans against the VC.

Later, the JCD brought out a procession protesting the presence of Rajakars in the campus and also the violence.

Police took some of the attackers into custody. But they were soon released following a request by the University authorities.

BKSAL chairman Mohiuddin Ahmed who was hurt during the incident told reporters that he did not know about Nizami's turning up in the meeting.

He deeply regretted that the students attacked an invitee ignoring the requests by leaders of their parent organisations and University teachers including the VC.

Matia Choudhury of the Awami League and Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers Party said they would react to the incidents after holding discussions with the party leaders.

Visits

Meanwhile Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas, Justice Abdur Rahman Choudhury, DU Proctor Dr. Quamrul Hossain Khan, Maulana Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, Barrister Korban Ali, Maulana Mohiuddin Khan, and Jamaat leaders Prof. Md Yousuf Ali, Md. Abdus Sobhan, Badre Alam and Prof. Abdul Khaleq visited Jamaat's Parliamentary Party leader Matiuur Rahman Nizami in the Ibne Sina clinic in the city.

Congress leadership

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health. A battle was underway for succession after the stop-gap president carries Congress through the election.

The party reportedly was considering naming four or six vice presidents from various regions of India, in what would amount to a collective leadership. But the plan seemed to have little chance of being accepted.

Gandhi's widow Sonia and two college-age children boarded a train in New Delhi with two copper urns containing some of Gandhi's cremated remains. The ashes will be immersed after a 20-hour ride at Sangam, the confluence of the holy Ganges and Jamuna rivers which will bear them 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) to the Bay of Bengal.

One of the 32 urns was given to an Indian air force officer to scatter over the Himalayan mountains.

The other urns, containing sandalwood funeral pyre, were given to state leaders of the Congress party to take to their states.

United News and Press Trust of India said police arrested a 30-year-old Sri Lankan Tamil woman after suspecting her to be an accomplice of Gandhi's assassin. The woman, identified only by

her first name of Vasanthi, was taken into custody in South Arcot district of Tamil Nadu late Sunday.

Sikh leader Simranjit Singh Mann said Monday his Akali Dal party will not allow the ashes of Gandhi to be taken around Punjab, Press Trust of India said.

Gandhi was killed last Tuesday by a suicide bomber at an election campaign rally near the southern city of Madras.

The Election Commission, meanwhile, said there will be no changes in the new dates for the national polls on June 12 and 15. The dates were re-set after Gandhi's assassination. The Congress party has been pressing the commission to further advance the dates.

The government Monday appointed a judicial inquiry into the assassination, while police sought a mystery man who vanished from the scene of the fatal bombing.

Justice Minister Subramaniam Swamy, announcing the inquiry, told a news conference that Gandhi was killed by "a militant organization with knowledge of military methods" and which had help from local residents.

Investigators have identified the killer as a woman in her late 20s with the features of a Sri Lankan Tamil.

IDA fund

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Health Project for Bangladesh has been almost finalised. Six hundred million dollars have been estimated as the package cost for the five-year project that begins on January 1, 1992.

The budget was primarily approved at the aid negotiation meeting held in Washington during last week of April. A five-member Bangladesh delegation attended the meeting where representatives of IDA and other donors were present.

It was decided at the meeting that Bangladesh would contribute local fund equivalent to 165 million dollars for the total project cost. IDA, a soft-loan affiliate of the World Bank, will give a loan of 180 million dollars for the project, while the rest 255 million dollars will be provided by other donor countries as grant. The donor countries include Australia, Canada, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Belgium, Sweden, the UK and other EEC countries.

The fourth project will be finally approved by the Board of Directors of IDA in June.

Amphibious group

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middle of June to complete the second phase of their operation that aimed at "rebuilding and restoration".

Assault deplored

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probe the entire incident.

The committee headed by Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, includes Prof. K M Mohsin, Dean, Faculty of Arts; Prof. Z I Chowdhury, Dean, Faculty of Law; Prof. M Aminul Islam, Dean, Faculty of Science.

The Registrar of Dhaka University will act as member-secretary of the committee.

The Syndicate reviewed the situation at a meeting held Monday afternoon and urged the student organisations to show restraint so that the law and order situation does not deteriorate.

The Syndicate observed that it was the responsibility of the political parties to control their student fronts for maintaining peace on the campus.

The Syndicate also urged the police forces to be more active and vigilant in checking the deterioration of the law and order situation.

In a press release issued last night, the Dhaka University authorities narrated the incident that occurred at the Vice-Chancellor's office where a meeting of Syndicate members and the political leaders was convened.

The press release mentioned that some policemen who were present at the VC's office room could have saved Maulana Nizami from the assault.

BNP condemns

BNP Secretary General and Minister for LGRD Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder in a statement condemned and protested the attack on Maulana Nizami by the activists of a particular student organisation on the Dhaka University campus.

He said the attack was carried out with an intention to foil the meeting of the DU authorities and political leaders to find ways of eliminating terrorism from the campus.

He called upon all concerned to work for restoration of a congenial atmosphere on the DU campus.

Jamaat

Jamaat-e-Islami Acting Ameer Abbas Ali Khan strongly condemned the attack and what he termed as an 'attempt to kill' party General Secretary and leader of its Parliamentary Party Matiuur Rahman Nizami by terrorists on the Dhaka University campus Monday.

In a statement Khan expressed surprise over the 'inactivity' of the Vice-Chancellor during the 'heinous' attack on Nizami.

He regretted that the Vice-Chancellor had invited the political leaders without ensuring security to the invitees despite terrorists remaining active on the campus.

The Jamaat leader said that the Vice-Chancellor should shoulder the responsibilities of his failure and resign immediately with a view to upholding the dignity of the post of Vice-Chancellor.

The University could not be run by a person who shelters terrorists or surrenders to them, he commented.

Khan also accused the University administration and the government of patronising terrorism on campus.

BSS adds: DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP and GS Khairul Kabir Khokan, in a joint statement on Monday condemned the attack on a political leader on the campus by some miscreants.

3000 attacked with waterborne diseases in flood-hit districts

By Staff Correspondent

Dysentery and diarrhoeas are spreading in an epidemic form in Moulvibazar and Sylhet districts with the recession of flood water.

A total of 2249 people including Monday's 314 were attacked with dysentery while 496 fell sick with diarrhoea so far in Moulvibazar district, flood control room told The Daily Star over telephone.

But the unofficial figures were much higher as many cases were not reported to the control room, another source said. Ten people died so far in the district.

The situation in Kulaura upazila was grave while the situation in Sadar, Baralekha, Rajnagar and Kamalganj was also reported deteriorating.

About 70 medical teams were working round the clock in the affected areas of the district.

Meanwhile, the flood situation in the district improved further with the fall of the water level in the river Manu.

Tariqul Islam, State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs, who has been assigned to oversee relief operations in Sylhet district, made a surprise visit to

Moulvibazar on Monday. He talked to the local authorities and ordered them to gear up medicare.

Sylhet flood control room sources said dysentery and diarrhoea had been reported from all the 11 affected upazilas of the district, the situation in Joyantapur upazila being the worst.

The control room, however, failed to provide any accurate figure of the affected people, but said, so far four people died in Goainghat, two each in Sadar and Fenchuganj upazilas and one person died in Gopalganj upazila. The total death figure in the district was 53.

Except Balaganj upazila, the overall flood situation in Sylhet district improved further. With the improvement of the flood situation, the affected people have started leaving their makeshift shelters.

Out of 152 flood shelters, only 52 were open on Monday.

The authorities were assessing the extent of damage. Relief operations were also geared up.

The situation in Habiganj and Sunamganj also improved further.

Kuwait won't allow US military base

CAIRO, May 27: Kuwait's Defence Minister said the United States would not be allowed to maintain a permanent military presence in his country, reports Reuter.

"Kuwait has no intention of granting a permanent base to the United States or to allied troops, but friendly countries will definitely have a role in maintaining the security of the region and the defence of Kuwait," Sheikh Ali Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah told reporters after meeting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

He said he had discussed the possibility of an Arab troop presence with Mubarak but would give no details for the time being. "The presence of Arab troops — Egyptian, Syrian and Gulf — will be the basis of military presence in Kuwait," he said.

Sheikh Ali also hinted of a possible role for Iran.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's rulers have ordered a crackdown on

Khaleda

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banquet in honour of Begum Zia at the Royal Banquet Lounge of Riyadh Conference Palace.

The banquet was attended by Saudi Arabian ministers, high dignitaries, high civil and military official and leading members of royal family.

Wide coverage

The Saudi media gave a wide coverage to Begum Zia's visit to the Kingdom.

Begum Zia's visit and her activities including the call on the King Fahd last night were the lead story in the Saudi Television news bulletins. All the newspapers ran the story of Begum Zia's visit on the front page with her picture.

The Arab News, a leading daily published an interview of Begum Zia. The Managing Editor of the newspaper, Farouk Luqman, who interviewed the Bangladesh Prime Minister in his introductory remark mentioned that Begum Zia represented extraordinary determination of the Asian women in the face of equally extraordinary adversities. Her story is one of defiance and single-minded resolution against the heaviest odds imaginable. "I do hope that one day it will be the subject of an enduring biography of Khaleda as well as a book in all gallant women's fight for the liberation of the individual from prolonged persecution by their military rulers," he concluded.

In the interview Begum Khaleda Zia said that Bangladesh needed more aid than what had been received so far from the foreign countries to provide relief to the cyclone affected people.

Regarding the state of economy, Begum Zia said when the elected government came to power, "We saw that in the previous government there was corruption everywhere on the one hand and all funds were used in non-development sector on the other."

Referring to the Bangladesh-India relations, Begum Zia said that India is our neighbour and we want to maintain good relations with all our neighbours. We have some problems with India which were not yet solved. She expressed the hope that this problem will be settled peacefully through discussions. She said water-sharing is the main issue. Water is the lifeline for Bangladesh, being an agricultural country, she added.

The Midnight File

Lebanon ratifies treaty with Syria

LEBANON (Beirut), May 27: Lebanon's parliament ratified today a treaty establishing special relations with powerful neighbour Syria. The Brotherhood, Coordination and Cooperation Treaty was approved in a six-hour session by 45 deputies. Only one deputy opposed the pact. Israeli officials have vehemently criticised the treaty, saying it would allow Syria to swallow its tiny neighbour, reports Reuter.

5 Indian troops injured in Kashmir

NEW DELHI, May 27: Muslim separatist ambushed and injured five Indian paramilitary troops in India's Kashmir state, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today. The militants surprised a convoy of the federal Border Security Force (BSF) vehicles in Kalaroo area in the frontier district of Kupwara overnight Sunday, wounding the five men, the news agency said, reports AFP.

New US curb on exports to China

NEW HAVEN (Connecticut), May 27: The Bush administration has imposed new curbs on high-technology exports to China because of Beijing's alleged sale of missiles and other advanced weaponry to countries like Pakistan, a senior administration official said today. "As of today, China will not have access to high-speed computers. This is directly related to missile technology control violations," the official said, reports Reuter.

Form of govt bill

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1974 was withdrawn by independent member Nurul Islam Moni following an assurance by the Law Minister in the House.

The bills were earlier sent for scrutiny to a 10-member Parliamentary Committee on Private Members' Bill and Resolutions.

Before the first session was prorogued, the Committee held two meetings on the draft constitutional amendment bill to switch over to parliamentary form, submitted by Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, Abdus Samad Azad.

When contacted, Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee Abdur Rab Chaudhury told UNB that the committee will hold its next meeting today (Tuesday) to scrutinise the bill.

The committee could not study the bill in details at the last two sittings due to non-availability of the English version of the bill and opinion from the Law Ministry, he said.

The Law Ministry has in the meanwhile examined the bill and gave its opinion on it.

The bill involves financial implication for the public exchequer, the Ministry said, and needs prior permission of the Acting President before its introduction as per provision of the Rules of Procedure.

Chowdhury said the Parliamentary Committee would complete its scrutiny on the bill and send its recommendations to the Speaker before the budget session begins.

Meanwhile, political sources said leading members

of the opposition and the Treasury Bench continued informal consultations to reach a consensus on the form of government.

They said formal discussions on this vexed question might be opened in the first week of the next month.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) might press for a system with check and balance in powers between the President and the Parliament, the sources said, but it is not yet clear how the Awami League would react.

The present party strength in parliament suggests that it would be will-nigh impossible to adopt any constitutional amendment without a consensus particularly between the BNP and the Awami League.

Tornado

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worth Taka 1.50 crore. According to the Deputy Commissioner the tornado damaged Mirjapur High School and Primary School, Gramscen Bank and the Social Welfare office.

The Deputy Commissioner has ordered repair of the damages to the Mirjapur High School on an emergency basis. The tornado has also damaged standing crops in the area.

A report from Netrokona also said that the district was ravaged by a tornado Sunday morning.

The tornado which lasted 50 minutes damaged hundreds of dwelling houses, many schools and madrasahs.

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