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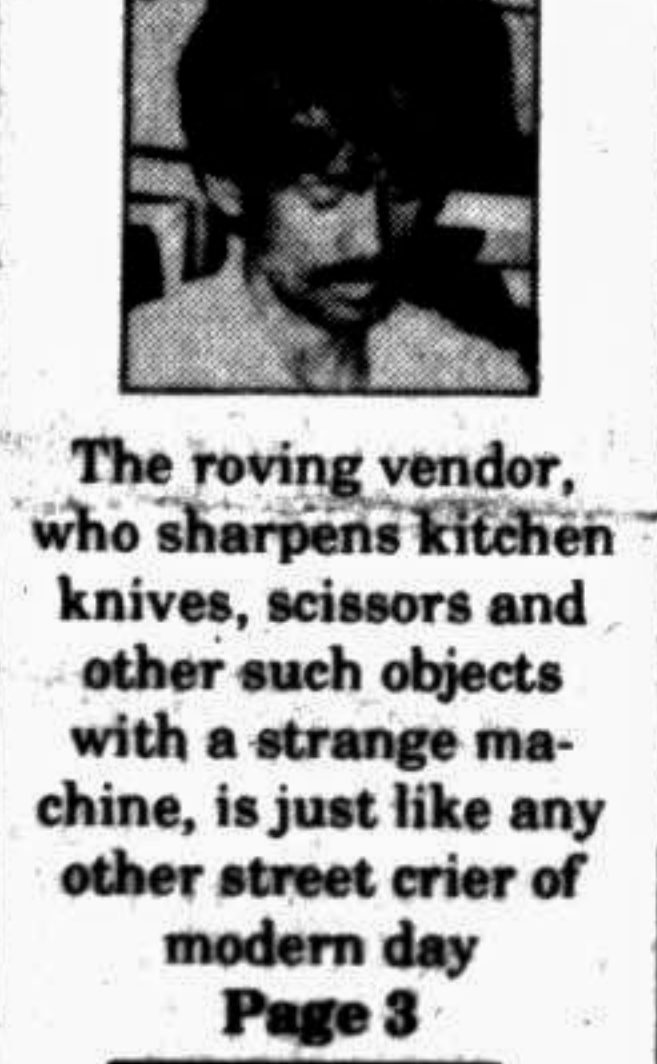
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The fourth meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Jatiya Sangsad will be held on June 9 at 11 am in the office of the Speaker at the Sangsad Bhaban. A Sangsad secretariat press release said Tuesday night, reports BSS.

Jamaat PP meet June 10

A meeting of the Parliamentary Party of Jamaat-e-Islami will be held at the party's room of the Sangsad Bhaban at 10 am on June 10, according to a party press release, reports BSS.

Drug named after Saddam

NICOSIA, June 4: Iraqi medical researchers named a purported anti-cancer drug 'S' in honor of Saddam Hussein "in appreciation of his patronage of the sciences, research and discoveries," the Iraqi News Agency reported Tuesday, reports AP.

Over 100 killed in Ethiopian blast

ADDIS ABABA, June 4: More than 100 people were killed when an ammunition depot exploded here today, burning to the ground an entire neighbourhood, Dr. Tebebe Yemane Birhan of the Ethiopian Red Cross said, reports AFP.

Altaf Hossain new Air Chief, Muhaiminul Islam new Naval Chief

Mumtazuddin, Mustafa retired

By Staff Correspondent
Airforce Chief Air Vice-Marshal Mumtazuddin Ahmed PSC and Navy Chief Rear Admiral Ameer Ahmed Mustafa PSC have been retired from services with effect from Tuesday (June 4). They were replaced by Air Commodore Altaf Hossain Chowdhury NDU PSC and Commodore Muhammad Muhaiminul Islam NCC.

The Ministry of Defence in a notification announced their retirement and appointment of the Chief of Air Staff and the Chief of Naval Staff.

The action has been taken in the backdrop of damage to aircraft of the Airforce and vessels of the Navy during the recent cyclone and tidal bore in Chittagong.

The Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, who is holding the portfolio of Defence and is also Supreme Commander, earlier constituted a two-member commission of enquiry to probe into the damage of aircraft and Naval vessels. Justice Latifur Rahman, the senior member of the commission, submitted the report to the Acting President at his official residence on Saturday evening. The other member of the commission Justice Naimuddin Ahmed was also present during the submission of the report.

A court of enquiry had earlier enquired into the damage in defence installations due to cyclone. The report was submitted on May 10. But as that report was found incomplete the Acting President constituted the commission to conduct a complete enquiry.

Reports submitted by the court of enquiry and the commission of enquiry were considered by the Acting President before the decision on retirement and appointment of two services chiefs were taken.

It may be mentioned that the court of enquiry which was constituted by the Acting President with Major General Nurul Haque as its head failed to interrogate both the Air Chief and the Naval Chief. The Major General has a lower status than that of the chiefs, of both the services and for that matter the services chiefs' conduct was beyond the scrutiny of the Major General. This necessitated the formation of commission of enquiry.

\$ 392m pledged so far

Foreign aid commitment for the cyclone victims has so far amounted to US dollar 392.851 million, according to an official handout Tuesday, reports BSS.

Forty-one foreign countries and eleven international agencies have pledged this amount.

'Justice Sattar and Khaleda Zia not the same'

Move to dislodge Govt won't succeed: PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday warned against conspiracy to foil democracy and dislodge her two and half month old government, report agencies.

"Justice Sattar and Khaleda Zia are not the same", the Prime Minister said in unambiguous term while speaking at BNP central office Tuesday evening marking joining of several hundred Awami Leaguers to her party.

President Justice Sattar of BNP was overthrown in March 1982 by General Ershad which was hailed by certain political parties. Ershad is now facing trial in more than half a dozen cases.

"Those who are dreaming of toppling the BNP government will not succeed", Begum Zia asserted adding "though they succeeded in the past in removing an elected govern-

ment".

The Prime Minister's warning came in the wake of armed disturbances on the campuses indicating ominous signs in the country's political scene.

She said those opposed to democracy, peace and country's independence were hatching conspiracy to dislodge the elected government.

Without naming any particular quarters, Begum Zia alleged the "enemies of democracy" were indulging in campus violence and giving political shelter to terrorist elements.

The Prime Minister said those who were trying to weaken and destabilise the new democratic government through conspiracy would not be successful.

About 500 Awami League leaders and workers of Kalihati upazila of Tangail district under the leadership of Abul Kashem, convenor Kalihati upazila Awami League, yesterday joined BNP, expressing solidarity with ideals of the party.

Begum Zia warned against violence and urged people to unitedly root out terrorism to See Page 10 Col. 4

BNP public meeting tomorrow

A public meeting organised by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will be held on June 6 (Thursday) at 3 pm at the Gulistan Square, a party press release said, reports BSS.



East Bengal goalkeeper Debashish Mukharjee grasps a dangerous one from Abahani striker Sheikh Aslam in yesterday's first semifinal of the BTC Club Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium. Abahani won 2-1 in extra time. **Report on Page 7**

Arguments in Ershad's arms case conclude Judgement on June 12

By Staff Correspondent

Arguments of both the Prosecution and the Defence in Ershad's arms case concluded yesterday with the Judge of the Special Tribunal Muhammad Habibullah setting June 12 as the date for delivering judgement.

During the arguments the Prosecution dismissed the Defence plea that Ershad who stepped down from power last December should get the benefit of immunity as provided under Article 52 of the Constitution.

Attorney General Aminul Haque said that there were precedents in our country and in Pakistan that Presidents could be tried for criminal offences they committed after seizing power.

He cited the case of former President Khondokar Mustaque Ahmed who was tried after his presidency.

The Attorney General further invoked the judgement delivered by the Lahore High Court Division in the murder case against Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, President of Pakistan later forced out by a military regime.

The Attorney General said that the Pakistan Supreme Court while endorsing the verdict of the High Court said that so long as an adventurous military group that occupies power by force stays in power, the Court is helpless but to function under way.

The moment the military apparatus falls, the Court should immediately haul up the group members and try them for high treason, because they are traitors to democracy and the rule of law.

He said that Ershad also came to power in Bangladesh by ousting an elected government and usurping power. So there is no bar to try the deposed President under criminal procedures.

Earlier Defence Lawyer Strajul Haque said that the Article 35 of the Constitution See Page 10 Col. 7

Shahabuddin addresses nation today

The Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will address the nation today (Wednesday), reports BSS.

The address will be simultaneously broadcast by television and radio at 7-30 in the evening.

Speculations over Shahabuddin's address to nation

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will address the nation today at 7-30 pm over radio and television.

The announcement of the Acting President's address to the nation has given rise to wide-spread speculations in the city.

None could say what the Acting President is going to tell the nation in his address except the preamble which is expected to dwell upon the See Page 10 Col. 1

AL bill found all right

A Draft Constitutional Amendment Bill, seeking restoration of Parliamentary form of government, was Tuesday found in order by the Parliamentary Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions, reports UNB.

The Committee's approval cleared the way for introducing the much awaited Constitutional Amendment Bill in the coming session of Parliament which will begin June 11.

Chairman of the 10-member parliamentary committee Abdul Rab Choudhury told UNB that the committee at a meeting on Tuesday afternoon approved two draft bills on constitutional amendments.

One on the form of government was submitted by Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League See Page 10 Col. 5

Pak parliamentary team arrives

A three-member Pakistan parliamentary delegation led by Senator Kazim Hussain Ahmed arrived in Dhaka Tuesday afternoon on a four-day goodwill visit, reports BSS.

The delegation was received at the airport by Chief Whip Kondaker Delwar Hossain and high officials of the Parliament secretariat.

Two other members of the delegation are Prof Khushid Ahmed, Senator and Liaquat Baluch MNA.



Environment Day poster shows Bangladesh will experience all adverse effects of climatic change — more destructive floods, droughts, cyclones and storm surges — if pollution of the environment continues unabated.

World Environment Day today

The World Environment Day will be observed today in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world, reports UNB.

This year's theme of the Day has been fixed as "Climate Change Need for Global Partnership".

In a message to the nation on the eve of the Day, Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed underlined the need for creating increased environmental awareness among the people in the backdrop of recurring natural disasters.

Justice Ahmed called for international and regional cooperation in intensifying human struggle against natural calamities to ensure a better future for the posterity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in a separate message, called upon every citizen to plant a tree today on the occasion of the World Environment Day.

"I appeal to 11 crore people to plant a sapling each and nurture it and thus provide a green and beautiful environment to the country," she said.

The government has chalked out an elaborate programme to mark the day.

The day's programme begins with a gathering at 7 in the See Page 10 Col. 2

Beijing confirms Jiang's suicide

BEIJING, June 4: The widow of Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Tse-Tung, Jiang Qing, committed suicide in her villa in Beijing, the government confirmed Tuesday, reports AP.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency said Jiang committed suicide on May 14 when she See Page 10 Col. 1

Govt wants Zardari to divorce me, says Benazir

NEW DELHI, June 4: Benazir Bhutto has accused Pakistan's government of putting pressure on her husband's family to make him divorce her, according to an interview transcript released to the press here Tuesday, re- See Page 10 Col. 6

Late night gunshots on DU campus

Move to hold joint meet of student leaders fails

By DU Correspondent

A meeting of student leaders and hall provosts called Tuesday night by the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University was not held.

When contacted, the VC said the meeting could not be held "due to some problems." He did not specify.

Meanwhile, rival student bodies, after rallies, processions and counter processions on the campus Tuesday accusing each other for violence, called for countrywide demonstrations today reiterating their demands.

The VC however said he talked to the leaders of the two rival student organisations — Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) individually.

Prof Miah said, he asked them to show restraint for the sake of congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

When asked about the next step of the university authorities the Vice Chancellor said he would not tell anything at his moment.

As part of the countrywide programme, the rival student organisations will hold separate demonstrations in front of the

Row in Rajya Sabha over lapses in Rajiv's security

Minister later clarified that what he meant was that the security being what it was, the details of deployment of the securitymen should not be discussed openly.

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Ayenuddin, Salam resign from BML

By Staff Correspondent
Md Ayenuddin and M A Salam, President and Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Muslim League, have resigned from their respective positions in the party.

In a joint statement Tuesday they said that they have resigned for the sake of the greater interest of uniting all the factions of Muslim League and making it a strong organisation.