

# Survivors under open skies over a month after cyclone

From Nural Alam

CHITTAGONG, June 9 : Even over a month after the catastrophic April 29 cyclone thousands of survivors in Anwara upazila, 25 miles from the Port City, are spending their days under the open skies.

Adequate measures have yet not been taken to rehabilitate them, the residents told this correspondent who was on a visit to the affected areas.

The survivors are now living in sub-human conditions amid the debris and rubble they once called homes.

Some of them have erected tents like the Red Indians of North America while others have built shanties that remind one of those found at the Kamalapur station area in the capital city.

A resident of Anwara upazila, Belayet Ali aged 55 told this correspondent that government rehabilitation programmes had yet not covered them and relief goods they received were mostly from the NGOs and other private organisations.

"I want to rebuild my house and to do this I'll beg from door to door if necessary. I need building materials like bamboos and other accessories. I have to get my house up before the onslaught of the monsoons, he added.

Belayet said that he had lost his wife in the April 29 cyclone.

Another villager Anis Miah said that the government was

only beating the drums of rehabilitation but in effect nothing was being done even over a month after the cyclone. Neither he nor any person of his Para (society) had received even a piece of tin or bamboo, he said.

Every villager who spoke to this correspondent narrated a nearly identical story about the rehabilitation programme.

The survivors expressed the hope that this report would help convey their problems to the concerned authorities.

When this correspondent tried to photograph a woman outside her tent she first objected to it saying what would be the use in taking a snap if building materials for their homes was not supplied.

Then she agreed to her being snapped but quickly added, "If we don't get tins and other materials to rebuild our homes, the next time you come to take photographs you will be chased with a rod".

At least 20,000 people were killed in the ten unions of Anwara upazila, four unions being the worst affected in the cyclone and tidal surge.

Same is the situation in Banskhali upazila, which neighbours Anwara upazila.

Member of parliament from Banskhali constituency, Sultan Kabir told this correspondent that supply of house building materials had not yet started in his constituency.

Banskhali where suffering of the affected people has

mounted. The upazila administration has already prepared a list of the affected people on a priority basis for distribution of house building materials, added Kabir saying that all the people might not get the same at a time as supply was very poor.

In Moheshkhali Upazila of Cox's Bazar district, 85 miles south of Chittagong thousands of people are battling for survival in makeshift camps under the open sky.

Though the Task Force helicopters and other non-government organisations took relief goods to them no measure was yet taken for the rehabilitation of the shelterless people, said Ishaque, a member of parliament from Moheshkhali constituency, an island consisting of three mini-islands including Mathabari and Dhohghat and Sonadia.

Shelterless people are living in Motbil, Sayaradighi, Shikdarpura, Pitamajchara, Gachhat and some other villages.

Moheshkhali lost over 10,000 of its 110,000 population while the rest was badly affected, an official said.

A local physician Kabir Ahmed said that the affected people were now helpless. Although they get relief goods they have nothing to build roofs over their heads and this is their most urgent needs.

## One killed, 50 hurt in bus plunge

From Our Correspondent  
GOPALGANJ June 9 : One person was killed and another fifty were injured, three of them critically, when a bus skidded off the road and fell into a roadside ditch near Bharahat under Gopalganj sadar upazila Sunday.

The bus, Ba-195 of Dawal Paribahan, Faridpur, coming to Gopalganj from Takerhat, fell while giving side to another passenger bus.

Mitu Shaikh, 18, a SSC candidate died on the spot.

Eight injured persons including the three critically ones were admitted to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital.

## 2 killed in road mishap in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, June 9 : Two people were killed in road accidents in the district, police said today, reports UNB.

A speeding truck knocked down a man at Kurapa in the Sadar upazila on the Jhenidah-Talsar road today. Samad (55) died on the spot.

Police seized the Talsar-bound truck coming from Jhenidah, but the driver managed to escape.

In another accident, a bus ran over a mad woman on the Jhenidah-Jessore Highway at Barobazar in Kaliganj upazila Saturday.

## Virgin births fallout

LONDON, June 9: The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) is winding up its artificial insemination service, but the move is, unrelated to recent reports that young unmarried women who did not want a relationship with a man were using it to have children, BPAS said Saturday, reports AFP.

In March family and religious associations and some Conservative MPs protested at press reports that the BPAS was responsible for a number of births to such women at a clinic in the central English city of Birmingham.

The service providing artificial insemination by donor (AID) is to close from July 26, BPAS Operational Manager Caroline Phillips said.

She said the closure was totally unrelated to the adverse publicity arising out of the so-called "virgin births" affair.

"Our main function is to provide an abortion and advise service and so we have decided to concentrate that. The decision to close the AID service has absolutely nothing to do with the publicity earlier."

Mrs. Phillips said the AID service, designed to help infertile couples, formed only five per cent of the work of the BPAS, which has its headquarters near Stratford-upon-Avon in central England.

About 200 unmarried women are reported to use the service each year.

A spokesman for the anti-abortion group life said the offer of fertility treatment was "a smokescreen" intended to give a veneer of respectability to the BPAS's main activity — abortions.

## Jamuna erosion

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also damaged by the scouring river at many points.

The affected upazilas are: Sadar, Belkutchi, Kazipur and Chowdhali.

Meanwhile, continuous erosion also engulfed 50 feet area of the railway ferry ghat and caused extensive damage to WDB embankment.

It is apprehended that if the water level rises further Water Development embankment near Sonali Bazar will be washed away soon. At least 100 feet long groyen near Ranigram has also been affected by the strong currents.

According to district Executive Engineer, cement concrete blocks are being thrown near the groyen area to check further erosion.

## Bangladeshis

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country.

The Bangladesh mission in Baghdad has been instructed to negotiate with the local office International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to do everything possible for early evacuation of Bangladesh expatriates.

About 1,000 Bangladeshi workers are still living in Iraq, and they have been advised to contact Bangladesh Embassy in Baghdad in any emergency, the sources said.

IOM, a Geneva-based inter-governmental organisation, lifted some 65,000 Bangladeshis from the Gulf to Dhaka following the August 2 occupation of Kuwait by neighbouring Iraq.

## Hasan

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terfere into the investigation and tamper with the evidence in the case taking the advantage of the bail.

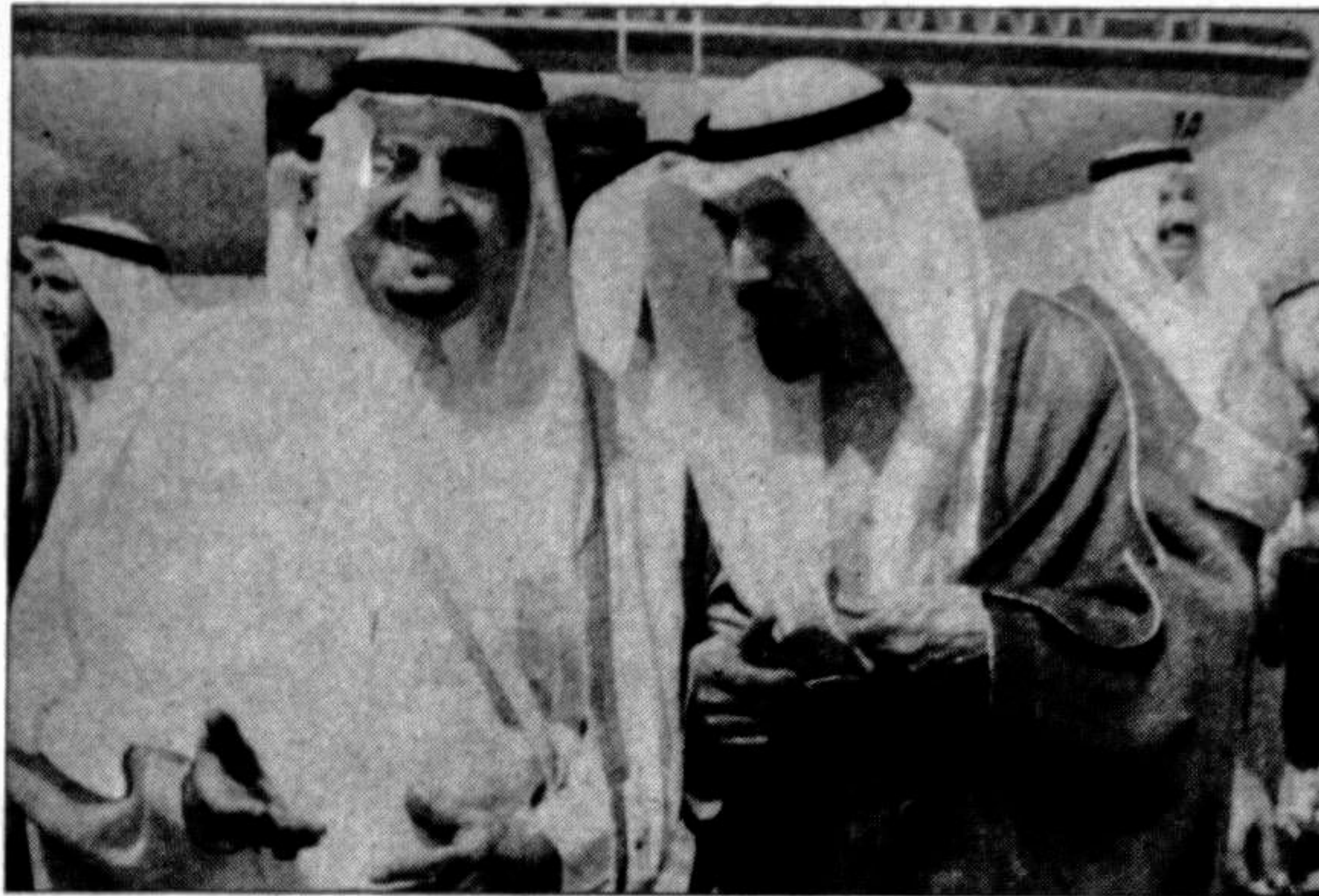
Earlier, the bail prayer of Hasan was rejected by both the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and the Sessions Judge, Dhaka.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau had filed the case against Mahmudul Hasan for abuse of power as a minister causing financial losses to the government to the tune of Taka 5,41,91,329.

Sirajul Huq appeared for the petitioner.

AKM Shamsul Karim, Assistant Attorney General appeared for the state.

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Kuwait's Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah greets Saudi Arabia's King Fahd (L) on Sunday on his arrival at Kuwait City Airport for a 24-hour visit. — AFP photo

## Communists to shed Hoxha's legacy

TIRANA, June 9: Albania's ruling communists will change their Labour Party's name into Albanian Socialist Party and sack 95 per cent of its leaders in a clear-cut break with its hardline past symbolised by its founder, the late Enver Hoxha, the party's First Secretary in Tirana, Halil Lalaj, has told AFP.

No member of the incumbent Politburo will be re-elected and the Central Committee will be 95 per cent new, Lalaj, a former journalist with the party daily Zeri I Popullit, said.

Lalaj, 44, who was named Tirana party leader only two weeks ago spoke on the eve of the opening of the Communist Party's three or four-day 10th congress.

This unprecedented purge will comprise the party's old guard including Hoxha's widow, Nexhmije Hoxha, and Central Committee Secretary Xhelil Gjoni, the Labour Party's two foremost hardliners. However, Spiro Dede, another Secretary of the Central Committee and a liberal, was likely to be re-elected, Lalaj said.

Analysts in the Albanian capital would not rule out that Spiro Dede will take the helm of the revamped Socialist Party.

The congress will ask the people to forgive the party for past errors and also discuss Enver Hoxha's mistakes, Lalaj said.

Hoxha steered Albania on a

staunchly nationalist course, independent from all other Eastern Europe's communist nations, during his 40-year rule until his death in 1985.

Lalaj would not assess the late leader, considered a bloody dictator in the likeness of Stalin by many Albanians, but he said the party must come to terms with massive repressions under the late leader and his policy of absolute autocracy which led Albania into total isolation.

The new Socialist Party will still be a Marxist party but will shed all references to Leninism and advocate the progressive introduction of a market-oriented economy, he added.

As Albania was shaken by an unprecedented political and economic crisis after a 23-day general strike that toppled communist Prime Minister Fatos Nano, the party looks doomed to give up its monopoly of power, Lalaj said. Nano's cabinet is to be replaced by a coalition government including opposition forces.

Lalaj that many militants including some members of the central committee had quit the party, and some 600 people out of a total of 19,000 had handed in their membership cards in the capital.

The Communist Party still counts about 160,000 members, but Lalaj said we will be lucky if we have 100,000 left when the congress has ended.

## Jt declaration

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continuing the existing system of government, was contradictory, he noted.

Presided over by NAP leader Advocate Ismail Hossain Khan, the seminar was also addressed by Abdur Razzak, MP, General Secretary, Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League, Pankaj Bhattacharaya, General Secretary, NAP, Mujahidul Islam Selim, member Central Secretariat of the Communist Party of Bangladesh, Dilip Barua, General Secretary, Samyabadi Dal, Abdus Samad, President, Gano Azadi League, Bimal Biswas, General Secretary, United Communist League, and Mirza Sultan Raja, Convenor, Janata Mukti Party.

Barrister Ishtiaq said the November 19 joint declaration was not only a national document on the basis of which the people unseated the autocratic rulers but also a constitutional document which paved the way for transition to democracy.

Barrister Ishtiaq was also critical of those talking about a mixed form of government or copying the French system and said there was nothing as a mixed system. The French system was unique and rooted in the tradition of that country.

Those who favours the so-called system actually want to continue the autocratic system, he observed.

He said that the developments in India were not relevant to Bangladesh. V.P. Singh and Chandra Shekhar had formed minority governments, he pointed out.

He said that under the present system the Parliament had no power.

Abdur Razzak said the people had fought for nine years not only to unseat an individual but also to change the system. He called for a consensus not only for ending the debate on form of government but also for fixation of priorities for poverty alleviation.

Pankaj Bhattacharaya said the ruling party was pledge bound to implement the joint declaration. Failure to do so would be breach of pledge.

Mujahidul Islam Selim said any division within the democratic forces over the form of government could only help revival of autocratic forces.

## Rains kill 44 in India

NEW DELHI, June 9 : Torrential monsoon downpours along the western coast and in central India have killed at least 44 people, reports AP.

## BNP EC meet today

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the National Executive Committee of Bangladesh Nationalist Party will be held today at 3 pm at the city office of the BNP at Nawab Yousuf Market.

BNP Chairperson Begum Khaleida Zia will preside over the meeting.

All members of the National Executive Committee, standing committee and members of the Parliament have been requested to attend the meeting.

A meeting of the BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) will be held tomorrow (Monday) at the Committee Room No 1 of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Meanwhile, the BNP has formed its Japan branch with Mahmood Alam Azad as its President and AKM Jahangir as its Secretary. The Japan branch was formed at a conference held there on May 19, 1991, says a press release.

## DU

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plementation of the joint declaration of the three alliances of political parties and the 10-point APSU demand.

They also demanded withdrawal of the cases filed against nine student leaders in connection with the assault on Jamaat leader Matur Rahman Nizami.

Golam Mustafa Sujun and Quamruzzaman Ansari President and General Secretary respectively of the university unit of BCL addressed the rally.

JSD (Inu) backed BCL (N-S) and Chhatra Union in separate rallies demanded immediate expulsion of Golam Azam from the country.

## Collision

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among those injured critically, died on way to the capital.

Firefighters of Manikganj with the help of local people rescued the injured.

During the head-on collision, a portion of the bridge railing was battered, but the vehicles narrowly escaped a crash into Dhaleswari river.

Traffic on the busy highway remained snapped for an hour due to road blockade by the accident.

In another accident on the highway, 10 people were injured, four of them critically, when a bus rammed a roadside tree near Golaria bus stand in Saturia upazila at around 10-30 this morning.

The front of the Aricha-bound local bus running from Dhaka crumpled, police said.

The seriously injured passengers were admitted to the Sadar Hospital.

Eighteen of the injured were named. They are Alam (42), Moazzem (40), Anwar (42), Bappi (25), A Halim (20), Nasiruddin (22), Mohan (52), Swapon (25), Sujat Ali (9), Ebadat Ali (32), Rafiqul Islam (9), Hanifa Uddin (25), Tara Mian (32), Murtaza (30), Mozaffar (50), Shamsur Rahman (32), A Samad (50) and Hayat Ali (40).

## The Midnight File

### Pak religious leader shot dead

ISLAMABAD, June 9: Unidentified gunmen shot dead today a religious leader of a Pakistani Islamic Fundamentalist group opposed to the minority Shi'ite sect, police said. The assailants fled after spraying Abdus Samad Azad, a prominent leader of the Anjuman Sipah-e-Sahaba (ASS), with bullets soon after he left his village home to say Fajr prayers in a mosque in the district of Liah in Central Pakistan, the police said, reports AFP.

### Raj Khosla dead

BOMBAY, June 9: Noted film maker Raj Khosla, who made memorable films such as 'Do Raaste' and 'Mera Gaon Mera Desh' died after a cardiac respiratory arrest at Jaslok Hospital early this morning. He was 66. In a career spanning over 35 years, Raj Khosla first attained fame as a director in Gurudutt's 'CID' released in 1956. He had several hits to his credit such as 'Woh Haun Th' 'Kacche Dage' and 'Main Tulei Tere Angan Ki', reports PTI.

### David Gladstone leaves Lanka

COLOMBO, June 9: British High Commissioner David Gladstone left Colombo today, 11 days after he was declared persona non grata by the Sri Lankan government and expelled. Gladstone posed for one last picture at Colombo Airport and boarded a plane of the Maldives where he would be spending four days before going to Britain, reports Reuters.

## Hospital expansion

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people — food, clothing, education, medicine and shelter. The five basic demands of the people will get top priority in our future programmes," she added.

The function was also addressed by Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Convenor of DAB Dr Md Zakir Hossain and Joint Convenor Dr Tauhidur Rahman Boby.

The Prime Minister said the doctors who would go to the villages and extend their services to the rural people would get priority in getting higher education and training abroad.

She said although 90 per cent of the country's population live in the villages the availability of medicine and physicians was comparatively less there. She said she often received complaint that doctors refused to go to the upazilas or unions when they were transferred there. They start strong lobbying to cancel their transfer orders and stay in the city areas, the Prime Minister pointed out.

Begum Zia said parents or close relatives of most of those who had become physicians now live in the villages. She reminded the physicians that a large portion of expenditure for their higher education comes from rural people. She questioned what would happen to your parents, relatives and others who were providing money for your education if you turn away your faces from them?

Begum Zia called upon the doctors to earn love and respect of the people and get close to their hearts by giving them services imbued with the spirit of welfare.

In this context, the Prime Minister pointed out that the poor patients could not even approach the physicians who demanded high fees for their services and said "but the just for money is not consistent with your noble profession."

Referring to the mushroom growth of modern clinics in different urban areas including the capital Dhaka Begum Zia said from this growth it might be apparently felt that health care had been reached every doorstep but in reality it was not like that. She said many of the patients could not get benefit from these clinics because of high expenditure.

Begum Zia said she wanted that more clinics were established in the country but it would be a matter of happiness if the clinics arranged free treatment for the poor patients for one or two days a week. She suggested that the doctors could join together and run free clinics in every mohallah.

The Prime Minister said she was aware of the problems of the physicians and was eager to know more of their problems. She assured them that her government would relentlessly work for solving their problems.

Highly praising the role of the physicians in ousting the autocracy she said Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon had shed his blood to pave the way of democracy. She said the nation would never forgive the killers of Shaheed Milon. They would be tried and punished, she added.

Begum Zia also highly appreciated the role played by the physicians in providing medicine to the distressed humanity of the diarrhoea and cyclone affected areas at the hour of their needs.

The Health Minister called upon the doctors to strengthen their role in case of hospital administration to improve the existing condition of the hospitals.

## DAB executive committee

Prof Kazi Kamruzzaman and Dr Mohammad Atiqur Rahman were elected president and secretary general respectively of Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) its 1st national council held here Sunday, reports BSS.

The 39-member central executive committee for 1991-92 session was elected unanimously at the subject committee meeting held with conference preparatory committee convenor Dr Mohammad Walid (Kamal) in the chair at the PG Hospital canteen.

The other office bearers of the committee are — Vice-Presidents Dr Shahid Hashan, Dr Jamaluddin Ahmed, Dr Rafiq Chowdhury, Dr MA Selim, Dr Jahangir Kabir, Dr Rafiq Ali Kabir, Dr Harun-ar Rashid, Dr Mubashshar Alam, Dr Mohammad Walid, Dr Akhtar Ahmed Chowdhury and Dr Ahmed Ali; Joint Secretaries — Dr Muhammad Zakir Hossain and Dr Farhad Halim Doner; Organising Secretaries — Dr Rafiqul Islam Bachchu, Dr Notmul Islam Monu, Dr Ibrul Hashan Chowdhury and Dr Muhammad Obaidul Kabir Khan; Assistant Organising Secretaries — Dr Amiruzzaman Lablu and Dr Kazi Saifuddin; Treasurer — Dr AKM Azizul Haq; Cultural and Entertainment Secretary — Dr Muhammad Afjal Hossain Bachchu; Literary, Publicity and Publication Secretary — Dr Mohammad Kamaluddin Chowdhury; Social Welfare Secretary — Dr Mohammad Yusuf and Office Secretary — Dr Feroj Mahmud Iqbal.

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## CU tense

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processions on Sunday demanding arrest of anti-liberation elements (S-A) and JCL leaders at their rallies alleged the ruling party was patronising the anti-liberation elements throughout the country including CU campus.

BCL (S-A) rally was addressed by Golam Mustafa Sujun and Kamruzzaman Ansari while JCL rally was addressed by SM Kamal Hossain and Pankaj Nath.

BCL (N-S) held a brief rally at DUCSU bhaban premises. While addressing the rally BCL (N-S) leader Rokanuzzaman Rokan expressed concern over the deadlock on the CU campus. He also demanded immediate arrest of the suspected killers of Dr Shamsul Alam Khan Milon who was killed during the recent mass upsurge.

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## Power struggle in Algeria moves to political stage

ALGIERS, June 9 : The power struggle between Muslim fundamentalists and democratic reformers that plunged Algeria into violence moved off the streets, where the army enforced a State of Siege, to the political stage today, report Reuters.

But controversy over a key concession that brought an end to an indefinite general strike by the fundamentalists — early presidential elections — maintained the threat of renewed unrest by militants seeking an immediate Islamic State.

As the new Prime Minister Said Ahmed Ghozali pursued talks to try to form a government, doubts were already being cast on whether there was agreement for President Chadli Benjedid to face the voters two years ahead of schedule.

The Islamic Salvation Front (FIS), whose strike hardened into demonstrations in which it said 20 people were killed, claimed victory at the weekend and said polls this year for both parliament and President had been agreed.

The FIS, led by Abassi Madani, ordered strikers back to work on Saturday. Madani later warned, "If the authorities go back on their pledge, we will return to the streets."

After three days of violence last week Chadli imposed a nationwide State of Siege, postponed from June 27 what would have been Algeria's first multi-party general elections, and sacked the government of Prime Minister Mouloud Hamrouche.

No official casualty toll has been given for the unrest. Western diplomatic sources said between 40 and 50 people died.

Tanks and troops on Sunday

maintained their positions at key installations in Algiers, despite calls for the siege to be lifted. But the forces had withdrawn from other areas, including central points where FIS protests erupted.

Speaking at a news conference, Madani said, "The most important result of all the procrastination is the setting now of a timetable for global change through early presidential and legislative elections which will not go beyond six months."

The Algerian news agency APS said on Friday that Ghozali had told party leaders that separate parliamentary and presidential elections would be held before the end of the year. Chadli was re-elected to a third five-year term in December 1988.

Today the independent newspaper El Watan in its lead story headlined controversy, quoted sources as saying gen-

eral elections would go ahead this year but presidential polls would not be before 1992.

Diplomatic sources said October, quoted by one party leader as the probable date for general elections, was realistic. They suggested 1992 was more likely for the vote for a head of state.

The country has been a one-party state under the National Liberation Front since independence in 1962. Chadli introduced reforms in 1989 to allow political parties, including radical Islamic ones, to the horror of neighbouring Tunisia and Morocco.

With Ghozali contacting non-politicians and leaders of many of the 39 parties due to contest the now-scrapped June poll, one Western diplomat said, "It looks like Ghozali, a relative liberal who was foreign minister in the previous government, is going to put the final nail in the FIS coffin."

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