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Cabinet approves import policy

A cabinet meeting was held this morning at Bangabhaban with the Acting President, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, in the chair. The meeting approved the biennial import policy for the financial years of 1991-92 and 1992-93. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, members of the cabinet and secretaries of the concerned ministries and division were present, reports BSS.

Iranian city rocked

NICOSIA, June 30: A relatively strong earthquake jolted the town of Talaeh near Iran's Caspian Sea coast on Sunday, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported, says AP.

13 killed in Sind

ISLAMABAD, June 30: Thirteen people were killed and 12 police officers injured during a 30-hour operation against a gang of bandits in the troubled southern province of Sind, the press said today, reports AFP.

Panja's plea to Basu

CALCUTTA, June 30: The Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, Ajit Kumar Panja, urged the West Bengal Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, to create an atmosphere of peace by asking his parliament 'not to unleash a reign of terror which has vitiated the normal life in the state', reports PTI.

40 shops torched: Tribal people terrorised

Shantibahini kills 10

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 30: In another spurt in its reign of terror in the Chittagong hilly region the Shantibahini killed ten non-locals at Khagrabil Bazar Saturday night.

This was the second consecutive attack by the Shantibahini men in as many days, the previous one being carried out late Friday night in which three non-locals were shot dead near Nantarchar of Rangamat.

The Shantibahini has stepped up its activities and killed more than 20 persons and caused injuries to several others in the last two weeks.

In the attack on Khagrabil Bazar in Khagrachari Saturday night the Shantibahini also torched over 40 shops and

terrorised the people in an attempt to compel them to cross over to the refugee camps in India leaving the Chittagong Hill Tracts, officials and witnesses said.

Witnesses said the tribal insurgents numbering about 30 launched the attack on Khagrabil Bazar in Rangar upazila at 11pm with automatic weapons. Shooting continued for half an hour.

The gunmen also resorted to arson, roasting three people. Property worth about Tk 20 lakh was gutted.

Witnesses said five people died on the spot in the shooting, 3 were roasted while another succumbed to the injuries at the Sadar Hospital.

Three of the dead were

identified as Abdul Kader (16), Mizanur Rahman (35) and Abdul Aziz (27).

Four of the injured were admitted to the Sadar Hospital while another 3 to Rangar Hospital. The rest were locally treated.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) from a camp arrived at the spot this morning, only to find the entire locality deserted.

Villagers fled their homes in panic fearing recurrence of the massacre.

Meanwhile, one Nal Chakma alias Corporal Minto, an activist of the Shantibahini surrendered to Bangladesh security forces at Neulankar village at Marishya under Rangamat hill district Sunday with some
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Ruling party workers brandish automatic weapons Saturday in the streets of the capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir during the legislative assembly elections. At least 19 people were killed and dozens injured as unprecedented violence marred the polling. — AFP photo

Tk 9,500 cr imports fixed

The import target for fiscal 1991-92 has been fixed at Taka 9,500 crore (about 2,639 million US dollars), showing an increase of Taka 500 crore from last year, reports BSS.

Announcing the biennial Import Policy of the new government over radio and television last evening, Commerce Minister M Keramat Ali said, of the total amount Taka 6,450 crore has been earmarked for the private sector, while Taka 3,020 crore for public sector.

Taka 30 crore has been kept reserved to meet expenses for special imports.

The minister said one of the important features of the

new import policy was allocation of 55 per cent of the fund to industry. Allocations to commercial and petroleum sector are 27 and 18 per cent respectively.

He mentioned that actual import of the outgoing fiscal year was likely to reach Taka 7,523 crore.

Keramat Ali said the policy had been framed to ensure sufficient availability of essentials and induce investment in production-oriented industry and creation of jobs. It is also intended to boost farm production, setting up of agro-based industries, priority to export oriented industries and adop-

tion of modern technology.

All said efforts had been made to make the policy more dynamic and clear sighted. The formalities had been drastically curbed to facilitate all users, he added.

Earlier the import policy was approved by the cabinet meeting, presided over by the Acting President.

Dwelling on the salient features of the next year's import policy, the minister announced a package of incentives for the importers in the industrial sector. Under this facilities the ceiling for importing capital machineries upto Taka 10 lakh
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Finance Bill passed as opposition stages walkout in protest

Star Economic Report

The Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) Sunday night passed the Finance Bill, 1991 by voice vote with some amendments as the opposition staged walkout protesting new taxes.

Finance and Planning Minister, Saifur Rahman moved the bill which will come into force from July 1, 1991.

The House rejected all the amendments of the opposition members, but it accepted two amendments moved by Treasury Bench member from Bogra Azzul Huq Mola.

Shortly before the passage of the Bill the Opposition members led by Leader of the

Opposition, Sheikh Hasina, staged a walkout without announcement.

Later, Sheikh Hasina told newsmen in the lobby that they had walked out in protest against non-acceptance of their proposals for withdrawal of taxes and duties on essentials. She said she could not make announcement of walkout because the microphone was not given to her.

The opposition Jatiya Party members led by Moudud Ahmed also walked out earlier protesting against the budgetary provisions which, he said, failed to reflect the

hopes and aspirations of the people and the streamline the tax administration and wipe out corruption. They, however, did not return to the House.

Winding up the debate on the Finance Bill, Finance Minister called for a national consensus on basic economic issues for a stable policy framework for sustained progress and self-reliance.

The role of the opposition should not be that of "an adversary." The basic essence of democracy was understanding, balance of equilibrium, he added.
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Slovenia defies Yugoslav ultimatum

LJUBLJANA, June 30: The breakaway republic of Slovenia defied a Yugoslav ultimatum Sunday to accept the federal army's conditions for peace, and politicians worked frantically to avoid full-scale civil war, report agencies.

Frightened residents fled to air-raid shelters in the morning, some airlines cancelled flights into Yugoslavia, and Austria — in a precaution — moved tanks into its border region with Slovenia.

Among a flurry of moves to

avoid a conflict, federal minister Ante Markovic arrived in the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana for talks with Slovenian President Milan Kucan.

The European Community in Brussels decided to send its second mission in three days to Yugoslavia to try to revive its tattered peace plan, according to an EC source in Brussels. Three foreign ministers were to leave for Belgrade Sunday evening.

An emergency meeting of the Yugoslav cabinet was also

possible. "Everything is in flux," said one cabinet source.

Tensions heightened after the Slovenian parliament Sunday morning refused to give up its push for independence and return border posts captured from federal authorities as demanded by the federal army.

Gen. Marko Negovanovic, a hardline member of the General Staff, Saturday night had warned of "decisive military action" unless Slovenia accepted the ultimatum.

AL seeks repeal of Indemnity Act

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League has given a notice to the Parliament seeking repeal of the Indemnity Act, 1975, which bars the prosecution of those responsible for the killing of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and four other leaders of the Awami League that year.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition and Awami League president member Abdus Samad Azad notified the Parliament Secretary of the bill Sunday afternoon.

At a hurriedly called press conference at his Sangsad Bhaban office in the evening, Abdus Samad Azad tried to

explain the objective of the bill and said the repeal of the Indemnity Act was necessary 'to protect the right to protection of law'.

The press conference was also attended by the Awami League Parliamentary Party Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim. Abdus Samad Azad said the repeal of the Act would also help restore a healthy democratic atmosphere.

He said the people of the country had been struggling against the 'politics of conspiracy' for a long period. Now the democratic government has a responsibility to respond to

the will of the people by repealing the 'Black Act'.

In the press conference, Mohammad Nasim also answered questions by the journalists. When asked why the Awami League had not brought the bill in 1986 when it was in parliament, Mohammad Nasim said now that a democratic atmosphere has been restored, the Awami League Parliamentary Party, in its meeting yesterday (Sunday) morning took the decision to notify the bill to the parliament.

He said that the bill has been brought under the in-
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Allegation of mail censorship will be looked into Basic rights will be upheld: PM

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in the Jatiya Sangsad Sunday that her government was determined to protect the fundamental rights of the people. She said BNP government had come to power through a long democratic process.

She was replying to the opposition allegation of censorship of their mails addressed to Rangpur.

Begum Zia told the House that there was no question of violating the fundamental rights of the people and her government was more concerned than anyone else about upholding those.

The Prime Minister and Leader of the House said the government would look into the matter as reported in a section of the press. She said the press was enjoying full freedom under the present government. At times, even baseless reports are being published in the newspapers, she said.

Earlier Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina had alleged that letters of all political leaders excepting those of BNP were being censored and there were newspaper reports on this.

Hasina said her party member Begum Motia Chowdhury raised a call-attention notice on this issue but was rejected by the Speaker.

The Leader of the Opposition said no democratic government could take such steps as censoring letters of opposition leaders which was violation of fundamental rights guaranteed in the Constitution.

Earlier, Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, in reply to Begum Motia Chowdhury's contention, said the Prime Minister was not aware of the censorship. But the government would investigate the matter, he added. Sheikh Hasina took the floor and said BNP government often spoke of democratic values but practised autocracy

censorship of politicians' letters in Rangpur was a glaring example how this government was trampling the fundamental rights of the people, she said.

She wondered how the Prime Minister, who is in charge of the Home Ministry, was not aware of the censorship.

Taking the floor, Begum Zia said Begum Motia Chowdhury had herself said the letter directing the censorship had gone from the Post Master General and as such, the issue was not related to the Ministry of Home.

Even then, the government would look into the matter since the allegation was of serious nature, she assured the Opposition Leader.

In a lighter mood, Begum Zia said, "I fail to understand why these people have particular weakness for Rangpur. We are concerned about everything in the country and not of Rangpur alone."

The Prime Minister said it
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No hike in taxes on gas, ball-point pen, aluminium ingot

Star Economic Report

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman on Sunday announced in the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) the withdrawal of tax proposals in the national budget on ball-point pen, ink and aluminium ingot. He also told the House the domestic consumers of gas would be spared hikes in tariff following the rise in duty on gas.

Winding up the debate on the Finance Bill 1991, he said the government decided to lower the tariff value for dry
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Budget burden on the poor: Hasina

Star Economic Report

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina on Sunday criticised the new tax and fiscal measures under the budget for 1991-92 as "iniquitous burden" on the poor and the disadvantaged majority.

Taking part in the discussion on the finance bill 1991 in the Jatiya Sangsad, she termed the budget for 1991-92 as an extension of the earlier ones under the autocratic regime.

She feared that the addi-

tional taxes should lead to more corruption instead of curbing the same.

Sheikh Hasina opposed the introduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) and stated that the adverse impact of VAT would fall on the local industry and small and medium business. The underdeveloped state of industrial sector could hardly absorb the shock of VAT, she observed.

The Leader of the Opposi-
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Khaleda addresses nation today

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will address the nation over radio and television at 7.15 pm today. She is expected to speak on the proposed Constitution amendment bill providing for changing the form of government.

The bill is likely to be moved tomorrow (Tuesday) in Parliament by Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golaam Hafiz. Another bill to amend the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution will be moved to send back Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to the bench as Chief Justice.

Prime Minister's address to the nation is considered very crucial as the nation goes to take a historic decision to institutionalise democracy in Bangladesh.

Opposition meet on Constitution amendment bill

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Opposition in parliament discussed Sunday the Constitution amendment bill submitted by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad. The Opposition bill is expected to be placed before the House Thursday, the private members' day.

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting of the opposition members held at the Sangsad Bhaban Sunday morning.

Different aspects of the finance were also discussed in the meeting.

\$850,000 FAO assistance

Bangladesh will receive grant assistance of US \$850,000 (approximately Tk 3,06,00,000) from Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) under the terms of three separate agreements.
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Body of detained Indian national cremated

By Staff Correspondent

The body of an Indian national, who died on June 18 at the Dhaka Central Jail, was cremated here on Sunday in the presence of Indian High Commission officials.

Sources at the Central Jail said Sri Chandra Bhusan Singh, 45, of Bikrampur thana in Patna district of the Indian state of Bihar, died due to apparent natural causes.

According to the Cantonment police, he was handed over to them by security per-
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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
 জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, ঢাকা
মূল্য সংযোজন কর
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বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

- * মূল্য সংযোজন কর (VALUE ADDED TAX) ব্যবস্থা ১ লা জুলাই '৯১ প্রবর্তিত হয়েছে।
- * মূল্য সংযোজন কর কোনো নতুন কর নয়। এটি বিক্রয় কর এবং আবাসিক ভাঙের পরিবর্তে দিতে হবে। যে সকল পণ্য ও সেবার আমদানি এবং স্থানীয় উৎপাদন পর্যায়ে মূল্য সংযোজন কর দিতে হবে, সেই সকল পণ্য ও সেবার আবাসিক ভাঙ বা বিক্রয় কর দিতে হবে না।
- * মূল্য সংযোজন কর ব্যবস্থায় যে কোন উৎপাদন পর্যায়ে পূর্ববর্তীতে কাঁচামাল এবং মূল্যবান যন্ত্রপাতির উপর দায় মূল্য সংযোজন কর উৎপাদিত পণ্যের উপর প্রদেয় করের বিপরীতে সমন্বয় বা কেবল গ্রহণ করা যাবে। এর ফলে করভার হ্রাস পাবে।
- * স্থানীয়ভাবে উৎপাদিত বা প্রস্তুতকৃত সকল পণ্য মূল্য সংযোজন করের আওতাভুক্ত হয়েছে। তবে বর্তমানে অর্থকরিত্ব প্রাপ্ত কৃষিজাত পণ্য, তামাকজাত দ্রব্য, গ্যাস, পেট্রোলিয়ামজাত পণ্য, নিউক্লিয়ার, ব্যাংক চেক, সাধারণ ইট, বর্ষা ও শীতকালীন দ্রব্য এই নতুন কর-ব্যবস্থার বাইরে রয়েছে। এছাড়া রাসায়নিক সার, কীটনাশক, পুষ্টিক, সর্বদায়ক ও সাময়িকী এবং গাম, দাম ও ডাল তালানো সেবাকে মূল্য সংযোজন কর হতে অব্যাহতি দেয়া হয়েছে।
- * স্থানীয় সেবা প্রদানকারী হোটেল-রেস্তোরা, ডেকোরেশন, মোটর গ্যারেজ ওয়ার্কশপ, ডকইয়ার্ড, নির্মাণ সন্থা, পণ্যপারা, হিমাগার, বিজ্ঞাপনী সন্থা, যাপাখানা, কুমি উন্নয়ন প্রতিষ্ঠান, ভিডিও রুম, টেলিফোন-টেলিভিশন-ক্যাম সন্থা, যান্ত্রিক সন্থা, ইন্ডেন্টার, ফ্রেইট কন্সোলিডেশন, ট্রাকিং এজেন্সি, কমিউনিটি-সেন্টার, চাকরি ইন্ডিং, জরিপ সন্থা, মিষ্টিপা ভান্ডার, গিনোনা হল, রপ্তানি কন্ট্রোল নির্ধারিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ মূল্য সংযোজন করের আওতাভুক্ত হয়েছে।
- * যারা মূল্য সংযোজন করের আওতাভুক্ত হবেন তাদেরকে মূল্য সংযোজন করের জন্য নিবন্ধিত হতে হবে।
- * আপনি কি ইতিমধ্যে নিবন্ধিত হয়েছেন? যদি না হয়ে থাকেন তবে অবিলম্বে মূল্য সংযোজন কর সার্কেল ভেঙে আবাসিক সার্কেলে-এ যোগাযোগ করুন।
- * মূল্য সংযোজন কর ব্যবস্থার আওতাধীন স্থানীয়ভাবে উৎপাদিত পণ্য বা সেবার ক্ষেত্রে আপনাদের বার্ষিক বিক্রয়ের সর্বমোট পরিমাণ (টার্নওভার) যদি ২ লক্ষ টাকার কম হয়, তবে আপনাকে মূল্য সংযোজন করের পরিবর্তে শতকরা ২ ভাগ হারে টার্নওভার কর দিতে হবে। সে ক্ষেত্রে আপনাকে মূল্য সংযোজন করের জন্য নিবন্ধিত হতে হবে না।
- * যাদের উপর টার্নওভার কর প্রযোজ্য, তাদেরকে স্থানীয় মূল্য সংযোজন কর সার্কেল হতে তালিকাভুক্তি আবেদন-স্বয়ং সংগ্রহপূর্বক তালিকাভুক্ত হতে হবে। আপনি যদি ইতিমধ্যে তালিকাভুক্ত না হয়ে থাকেন, তবে স্থানীয় মূল্য সংযোজন কর সার্কেলে তালিকাভুক্ত হোন।
- * নিবন্ধনের/তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য আপনাকে কোন দি দিতে হবে না।

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