

# Plea to introduce bill on separation of judiciary Thursday

The Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting at 4-10 pm Sunday after a two-day recess with Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali in the chair, reports BSS.

The proceedings of the day began with recitation from the Holy Quran.

Question hour over, the House was adjourned for Asr prayer.

When the House re-assembled after Asr prayer with Deputy Speaker in the chair, Law and Justice Minister Mirza Ghulam Hafiz said the select committee entrusted with the responsibility of studying the seven Constitution amendment bills had not yet been able to complete its work though it was to submit its report to the House today. He, therefore, sought the permission of the House to extend the time limit for submitting its report by another four days. Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Abdus Samad Azad, supported the proposal of the Law Minister and it was carried out unanimously.

Soon after Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed pleaded for sending the bill of Awami League member Salauddin Yusuf seeking separation of the judiciary from the executive to the select committee. But the Deputy Speaker said how a bill which had not yet been introduced in the House could be sent to the select committee. A decision on this bill could be taken only after its introduction in the House, he added.

Gonotantree Party Leader, Suranjit Sengupta, supported the contention of Tofael Ahmed. So did Awami League member Asaduzzaman.

**Salauddin Quader**  
National Democratic Party leader, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, said five private members bills had been sent to the select committee by suspending the rules. He wanted to know from the chair which rules had been suspended for this purpose.

He said many of the opposition members including himself had submitted amendments to the bills and wanted to know whether their amendments would be sent to the select committee.

Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain said the House had unanimously decided to send the seven constitution amendment bills to the select committee.

There was no scope now to question how the private members' bills had been sent to the select committee.

In this connection, he referred to the Rules 25 and 316 of the Rules of Procedure. At this stage, the Deputy Speaker said the matter was disposed of by the Speaker.

**Kh Delwar Hossain**  
Continuing, Khandker Delwar Hossain said it would be illegal to send a bill to the select committee which had not yet been introduced in the House.

Major (Rtd) Hafizuddin (Ind-Bhola) said he had submitted a constitution amendment bill which is similar to that of Rashed Khan Menon. "May I expect that my bill will be introduced in the House in a few days," he said.

The Deputy Speaker told Hafiz that this bill would be considered if it went through all formalities involved.

Thereafter several opposition members stood up at a time to submit their points of view. The Deputy Speaker told them that these all would be futile efforts and unnecessary exercise.

**Shahjahan Siraj**  
JSD leader Shahjahan Siraj called for sending his amendments to the bills to the select committee.

The Deputy Speaker said his proposal would be considered if there was provision.

**Salauddin Yusuf**  
Awami League member Salauddin Yusuf said he had submitted a notice of a bill seeking the separation of the judiciary from the executive in keeping with the pledge of the three alliances and aspirations of the people. He pleaded for the introduction of his bill by suspending rules and sending it to the select committee. If it was not possible, the chair should see to it that his bill was introduced in the House next Thursday — the private members' day.

The Deputy Speaker then adjourned to House for Magreb prayer.

**Shamsuddoha**  
Taking the floor, CPB leader Shamsuddoha said the members had proposed

amendments to the seven bills which had been sent to the select committee.

He expressed the hope that even if there was limitation of time, the members would be allowed to discuss them in the House.

**Mohiuddin Ahmed**  
BAKSAL leader Mohiuddin Ahmed referred to the amendments on the bills and wanted to know the present position from the Law Minister.

**Abdus Samad Azad**  
Taking the floor Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Abdus Samad Azad referred to the bills sent to the select committee. He said the viewpoint did not know the viewpoints of the Treasury Bench on them.

The chair then asked the Law Minister if he had anything to say.

In reply to the queries from the opposition about the proposed bills, Mirza Ghulam Hafiz said he wanted to abide by the rules of procedure.

He, however, said that there would be no problem as a friendly understanding between the Treasury and Opposition Benches had already developed in this regard.

**M K Anwar**  
As the Law Minister resumed his seat, Shipping Minister M K Anwar with the permission from the chair made a brief statement replying a part of a question that remained unanswered during the question hour on July 10.

Going back to the order of the day, the Deputy Speaker disposed of the adjournment motion notices and admitted one of them as a call attention notice under Rule 68 of the

Rules of Procedure submitted by Syed Najibul Bashar (AL-Chittagong) on the aftermath of the report of the inquiry commission on the situation in the Chittagong University.

The Deputy Speaker said he had received 40 call attention notices Sunday of which one was accepted.

The Deputy Speaker urged the members not to submit any notice on adjournment motion and call attention to facilitate general discussion on the national budget for fiscal 1991-92.

**Abdur Rahman Biswas**  
As the House resumed after the Magreb prayer, Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas moved an obituary reference on Khan Saheb Sheikh Mosharraf Hossain who died on July 12 at Gopalganj at the age of 87.

Moving the obituary reference, the Speaker said Khan Saheb Mosharraf Hossain became a member of the then East Pakistan Provincial Assembly in 1962 and was elected to the Provincial Assembly for the second time in 1970 on Awami League ticket.

The Speaker said late Mosharraf Hossain discharged his responsibility as member of the Constituent Assembly after independence. He was a member of the Faridpur District Board during the British period and was the President of the Tungipara Patgati Union Board consecutively for long 25 years.

Biswas said late Hossain was also the Vice-Chairman of the then Red Cross and Chairman of Bangladesh Samabaya Samity. He was awarded the Khan Bahadur title by the British government for his outstanding social welfare works. He said Hossain also played an active role in the Liberation War.

The Speaker said at the death of Khan Saheb Sheikh Mosharraf Hossain, the country had lost an eminent politician, a Freedom Fighter and a parliamentarian.

The Jatiya Sangsad prayed for the peace of the departed soul and expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

After the House unanimously accepted the Speaker's obituary reference, he said a copy of the condolence motion would be sent to the members of the bereaved family of late Mosharraf Hossain.

One-minute silence was also observed as a mark of respect to the deceased and a munajat was offered seeking divine blessing for the peace of the departed soul. Maulana Motiur Rahman Nizami led the munajat.

**Syeda Begum Sajeda Chowdhury (AL-Faridpur)** thanked the Speaker for having moved the obituary reference.

**Rashed Mosharraf**  
On being asked by the chair, Haji Rashed Mosharraf (AL-Jamalpur) moved his call attention notice on "deception, by spurious organisations in giving employment to the unemployed youths."

Mosharraf said the unemployed youths are being deceived by spurious organisations which grew like a mushroom. He said these organisations, taking advantage of the sense of frustration in the educated and half-educated youths, exported money from them in the name of providing them with jobs. But, he said after realising huge amounts of money from them these same organisations wind up their business abruptly.

He said some organisations under the garb of agro-fisheries, Sida and socio-economic organisations were engaged in this heinous activity for long. He said reports on their activities and stories of misappropriation of money by them were being regularly published in newspapers.

**Tariqul Islam**  
In reply to the motion, the State Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam said although the matter was linked with the Ministry of Home he would reply to the queries of the member.

He said warrants of arrest were issued against 13 people connected with Sida and five people were put under deten-

tion for 120 days. He said these people were later released by the High Court.

Taking the floor again, Haji Mosharraf said, the poor and the unfortunate youths were passing their days in utter dismay after losing Taka five to ten thousand each.

The State Minister firmly said actions against the spurious organisations would be taken after identifying them.

**Harun-ar-Rashid**  
Initiating the discussion of the national budget, Harun-ar-Rashid (BNP-Brahmanbaria) congratulated the Finance Minister for presenting an "unprecedented" and "the best budget in post independence Bangladesh. It is a new type of budget," he stated.

Terminating the budget "timely one" Rashid said through the budget, the hopes and aspirations of the people were truly reflected. He refuted the allegations of the opposition members that the Finance Minister had failed to give a directive to the nation in the budget.

Harun-ar-Rashid said, if we carefully analyses the Finance Minister's budget speech, it would be found that he had given correct directives towards attaining a self-reliant economy, rural welfare through the Gram Sarkar concept and establishment of a corruption free society.

He termed the budget a pro-people one through which the nation could achieve economic emancipation.

**Maulana Sobhan**  
Taking the floor, Maulana Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat-Pabna) conveyed his best wishes to all including the members of Parliament on the occasion of the new year's day in the Islamic calendar.

He welcomed the Finance Minister for placing the national budget before Sangsad which was the result of nine years of struggle against the autocracy. But he regretted that there was no new path finding in the budget and said, the Finance Minister had thrown the entire nation into deep confusion by introducing the controversial "VAT" system.

Terminating the national budget, an important event of national life, Maulana Sobhan said, in the budget there was

no endeavour to get rid of the mismanagements and errors of the past government.

He said, the law and order situation had fallen at such a level that total anarchy was prevailing in the country. The country is being run by the whims of the bureaucracy instead of the spirit of the oath we had taken, he regretted. The social life had become miserable with over vandalism by heroin-takers and mastans.

Maulana Sobhan was critical of the remarks of the Education Minister in Sunday's session regarding the wine-shops of the country.

**Selina Rahman**  
Mrs Selina Rahman (BNP-Barisal-Jhalakati-Propur) said the hopes and aspirations of the people had been reflected in the budget.

She said industrialisation of the country would be accelerated following introduction of the market economy. She said it would also play a key role in implementation of the dream of Shaheed President Zia and achieve self-reliance.

The proposed budget had called for realisation of over-education and reduction of trade deficit.

**Sheikh Selim**  
Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim (AL-Gopalganj) said the Budget Finance Minister could not fulfil the hopes and aspirations of the people. He termed it as a "foreign-aided budget".

Selim said it was regrettable that our Finance Minister would "seek help from door to door like a beggar." It was not desirable for a sovereign and independent country, he said adding that 86 per cent of the budget was dependent on foreign aids and loans.

He said so far Bangladesh had taken loans amounting to Taka 40,000 crore. He wanted to know from the Finance Minister as to how he would

repay them.

The Awami League MP demanded of the government to take steps for the trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, four national leaders, Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, Col Taher, Maj Gen Manzoor Hossain, Maj Gen Mosharraf Hossain, and others and punish them.

Referring to the law and order situation prevailing in the country, Sheikh Selim said terrorism had compelled the authorities to close down many educational institutions throughout the country.

He said situations on the campuses now remind us of the days in the Ayub regime when a man like Professor Abu Mahmud was manhandled on the campus. He regretted that in recent time former Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan was also manhandled in the same way.

Sheikh Selim referred to the incidents of violence on the campuses and said "those who commit crime and those who give them shelter were the culprits of the same nature."

He welcomed the government initiative to stop violence in the educational institutes but warned that such initiative should not be a mere eye-wash.

**Shamsul Haq**  
The Awami League member called for apprehending the identified terrorists, as the Awami League member completed his speech the Speaker gave the floor to Shamsul Haq (AL-Mymensingh).

Haq said he had submitted a call attention notice on the alleged corruption in the national sports arena during the last autocratic regime.

He said crores of Taka were misappropriated by those in the Sports Control Board who did not know anything about games and sports.

The Awami League MP said an enquiry had already been ordered into such corruption. He demanded a statement from the Minister of State for Youth and Sports in this regard within the next three days.

The Speaker said the State Minister was absent in the House but this would be communicated to him.

The House was then adjourned at 9-45 pm to resume at 4 pm today (Monday).

## Metropolitan

### Steps being taken against fake manpower agents

State Minister for Social Welfare Tariqul Islam Sunday assured in Parliament the necessary steps were being taken against fake manpower agents deceiving people with promise of jobs abroad.

Replying to a call notice, he said three organisations — Agro-fisheries, Sida and Artha-Samajik — were found operating without registration and investigations were on against them.

Warrants of arrest were issued against 13 officials of Sida. Five of them were taken into custody and ordered detention for 120 days.

Tariqul Islam further said a case was started against Sida on charge of misappropriation of Tk 10 crore.

Earlier, Rashed Mosharraf (AL) in his notice expressed concern over the mushroom growth of fake manpower agents with extension to rural areas.

Such organisations, he said, had been deceiving substantial money from youths, including the educated ones, by promising jobs abroad. The youths frustrated by unemployment were falling easy prey to the human traders.

The member from Jamalpur demanded adequate legal measures to eliminate the fake manpower agents.



A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed on 106 million US dollars Saudi pledge on Sunday. Secretary of Economic Relations Division Inam Ahmed and Deputy Managing Director of Saudi Development Fund Dr Abdul Aziz Md Al-Turki signed the MOU on behalf of their respective countries.

### 17,760 students in 68 Pathakali schools

Education Minister Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury told the Jatiya Sangsad Sunday that 17,760 students have been studying in 68 "Pathakali schools" in the country, reports BSS.

In reply to a question from, Monirul Haq Chowdhury (JP-Comilla), the Minister said, the government has a plan to set up six more Pathakali schools in the country.

In reply to another question from Shamsuddoha (CPB-Nilphamari) Dr Chowdhury said that, according to reports available, there were 161 kindergarten schools in the Dhaka metropolis. School authorities charge Tk 40.00 to Tk 400.00 as monthly tuition fees from the nursery classes to class V, he added.

### 3 bodies recovered

Police recovered three bodies from the city on Sunday of which two were killed in job-related accidents.

Police said, Shafig (18) a factory worker at 6/7 Atash Khan lane in Lalbagh, was electrocuted at the factory in the morning. He succumbed to his injuries after admission to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. A UD case was registered with Lalbagh police.

Our SSMCH correspondent adds, a worker of Parjowar Glass House at Babubazar died on the spot when a big piece of glass fell on top of him and cut his throat. His body was taken to the SSMCH morgue.

Another worker was injured in the incident. Qaide Azam (20) was admitted to DMCH with serious injuries.

### US envoy calls on Khaleda

The US Ambassador to Bangladesh William B Milam called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence in Dhaka on Saturday evening, reports BSS.

The discussed matters of mutual interest.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman was also present on the occasion.

### EUCSU polls July 24

The election of the Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU), which was scheduled to be held on July 18, will now be held on July 24, according to revised election schedule, a university press release said in Dhaka on Sunday, reports BSS.

### Obituary

Begum Sitara Akhter Khanam Choudhury, wife of late Aminuddin, a former Secretary in the Ministry of Food, died of heart disease and old age complications at her Dhanmondi residence in the city on Saturday. She was 79.

She left behind two sons, nine daughters, seven brothers, a number of grand children and well-wishers to mourn her death. Sitara was buried at Banani graveyard on Sunday.

Fariduddin Ahmed, Director General of Department of Film and Publications is her son-in-law.

Her Qul Khwani will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) after Asr prayer at House Number 372, Road No. 12-A (Old 16).



A procession was brought out in city on Sunday demanding immediate release of Kader Siddiqui.

### Order on BSP plea for appeal today

The order on the petition of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) seeking leave to appeal against the judgement and order of the High Court Division on the fourth Wage Board Award for journalists will be given today, reports BSS.

Acting chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman was in the chair. The other judges in the full bench were Mr Justice ATM Afzal, Mr Justice Mustafa Kamal and Mr Justice Latifur Rahman.

Asrarul Hossain, Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Zainal Abedin and Mohammad Aftab Hossain appeared for the petitioner — the BSP.

A R Yusuf, Sk Habib-ul-Alam and Nawab Ali appeared for the respondents — Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Bangladesh Newspaper, Press Workers Federation (BPWF) and Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation (BNEF).

While Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan Additional Attorney General, Sharifuddin Chaklader, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the Ministry of Information.

### Law, order situation reviewed

The leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Saymabadi Dal (ML) hold a meeting on Sunday at CPB office to review the prevailing political situation of the country.

### Foreign aid stands at Tk 53,000 cr

Opposition MPs Sunday strongly criticised the BNP government for producing a foreign aid dependent national budget while the Treasury Bench members praised it as a document of achieving economic self-reliance.

The discordant note was voiced by the two sides when the House resumed general discussion on 1991-92 budget placed June 12 by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman.

In all, four MPs — two each from the opposition and the ruling party — took part in the discussion. They were Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim of Awami League, Maulana Abdus Sobhan of Jamaat-e-Islami, and Sheikh Harunor Rashid and Begum Selina Rahman of BNP.

Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim described the budgetary measures and the Finance Minister's speech "old wine in new bottle". The budget indicates that the BNP government is nothing but a continuation of the autocratic regime of Ershad, he said.

Selim was highly critical of dependence on foreign aid and said the total foreign aids received by the country will stand at about Tk 53,000 crore at the end of the current fiscal year.

He demanded investigation to all killings in last 15 years, including that of Sheikh Mujib, Ziaur Rahman and Col (Retd) Taher.

Jamaat member Maulana Abdus Sobhan said the proposed budget has no direction for building a corruption-free administration.

Criticising the existing taxation system, he said as per

Islamic injunction, tax should be imposed only on rich people who has the capacity to pay.

Sobhan was also critical of the present education system and demanded a uniform system for all classes of people. He also demanded ban on liquor in the country.

### French envoy hosts reception

The Ambassador of France and Mrs Serge Degallaux held a reception in Dhaka Sunday on the occasion of the French National Day, reports BSS.

It was arranged at the Gulshan residence of the Ambassador.

The function was attended by noted educationists, scholars, literatures, editors, journalists, leader of trade, commerce and industry and other fields of life including politicians.

### Orientation programme

By DMCH Correspondent  
An orientation programme for in-coming students of Dhaka Medical College was held by Jatitabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at the College on Sunday.

140 students attended the meeting. Of them 70 joined JCD. The meeting was presided over by DUCSU GS Khatrul Kabir Khokon.

A new 19-member committee was also formed with Ashrafal Islam Nipu as convener.

### PDB, WASA urged to extend time for bills payment

The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has urged the PDB and WASA authorities to extend the time limit for settling outstanding electricity and water bills without surcharge upto December 31, reports UNB.

The request was made after a meeting of different chambers held on Sunday at the Federation Bhaban on the issue.

The meeting observed that most clients are not in a financial position to pay all outstanding bills by July 15 because of continued economic recession that emerged following the recent cyclone.

### UK recognises FCPS course

By SSMCH Correspondent  
The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of United Kingdom has accorded recognition to FCPS (Surgery) degree of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons.

A person who holds the FCPS degree from Bangladesh will now be exempted from taking Basic Science (primary fellowship) for the FRCS course in England.

### N'ganj Mohila College Union polls today

From Our Correspondent  
NARAYANGANJ, July 14: The election of Narayanganj Mohila College Students Union will be held today (Monday).

A total of 34 candidates of three panels are contesting for 14 seats of the students' body of the college.

The panels are Jatitabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)'s Shampalaki, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL)'s Mala-Bibi and Bangladesh Chhatra Union's panel has no candidate for VP post. Shamima is its General Secretary candidate.

All the groups completed their campaign on Sunday. The total numbers of voters are 840.

### Hindu Parishad satisfied

Bangladesh Jatiya Hindu Parishad Sunday expressed their satisfaction over the ban on July 12 issue of the weekly Bichinta which injured the sentiment of the whole Hindu community, reports BSS.

In a statement, Sri Prem Ranjan Dev, President of the Central Executive Parishad, also demanded exemplary punishment to the writer and the Editor of the weekly.