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Abul Hashem made Parliamentary Secy

By Staff Correspondent.
 Abul Hashem, former Secretary of Science and Technology division has been appointed Secretary of the Parliament Secretariat. He took over charges Saturday. The job of Parliament Secretary Mohammad Abdul Awal has been placed under Establishment Ministry as an officer on special duty.

CU classes may resume today

Chittagong University is expected to resume its classes today after seven months of unscheduled closure, officials said, reports UNB.

200 illegal power lines snapped

About 200 illegal power lines were snapped Sunday in a massive drive against illegal power lines carried out at Maghbazar T and T wireless colony, reports BSS.

Tk 37.65 cr embassy staff salary

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman Sunday said Tk 37,65,07,000 was spent as salaries, allowances and other facilities in 1989-90 fiscal for the officials and employees working in the diplomatic section of the different Bangladesh embassies, reports BSS.

AL's new point : MPs' concurrence must for dissolving JS

Discussion on amendment bills may open Sunday

Star Report

The parliamentary Select Committee, formed to scrutinise the Constitution amendment bills, is expected to submit the final report by the end of this week and the bills will be in the order of the day next Sunday, according to Committee sources.

The House gave the Committee four more days' time to finish its task at the request of the Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz.

The Committee is now drafting the report and was narrowing down differences on procedural matters.

But the League representatives are reportedly bargaining hard to retain the provision on floor-crossing as per the existing Constitution.

The Constitution provides for vacation of a seat by a

member if he votes against party decisions or resigns from the party.

The proposed bill of the BNP provides strict provisions along with this including a five-year disqualification clause for a member who would cross the floor.

The proposed bill also plugs the system of floor crossing in a group and the withdrawal of support, once given, by any party, in forming the government.

Indications are that the BNP would agree to relax the proposed system and withdraw the provision that bars parliament members from participating in the next parliament election if the seats fall vacant in case of any sort of floor crossing.

Insiders further said that

the Awami League also differed with the BNP on the question of the election of the President.

While the Awami League demanded the election under the Election Commission through secret ballot, the BNP demanded that the election to the post of president be held in parliament through open voting by parliament members, which would be conducted by the Speaker.

In case the election is conducted by the Election Commission it should be held openly in parliament, the BNP members in the Select Committee also proposed.

On the other hand the Awami League took a serious stand on this point that the election must be held through

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Action from second of yesterday's Asian Club Cup soccer matches between Mohammedan Sporting and April 25 Club of North Korea at Dhaka Stadium. MSC lost yet another point drawing with the Korean champions in the robin league match. story on page-7

Diarrhoea deaths reported from different areas

Flood situation static

By Staff Correspondent

The overall flood situation in seven districts of Pabna, Bogra, Jamalpur, Sirajganj, Chandpur, Gaibandha and Faridpur remained unchanged on Sunday. The situation showed signs of improvement in rest of the 13 districts affected by over two weeks of monsoon flooding.

Severe erosion in the river Meghna at Chandpur and Jamuna at Sirajganj continued unabated, according to reports from our correspondents.

Flood deaths rose to 33 with the drowning of one person in Sarikandi under Bogra while diarrheal diseases were

reported from Netrakona, Tangail and Bogra. Sixty three people died of diarrhoea in Netrakona over the last fortnight but it was not known whether all were flood related.

Ferry service in Aricha-Daulatdia river route was suspended Sunday.

Bogra control room said flood situation improved slightly following recession of Jamuna by 29 cms in the last 24 hours.

Relief was very scarce for about 4.38 lakh affected people and lack of Aman seedlings would affect in 6 upazilas.

Transplantation of over 21 thousand acres of crop land damaged in the flood.

Jamalpur flood control room said the flood situation in the district remained unchanged although water level of Brahmaputra decreased slightly.

Acute shortage of drinking water has posed serious problem in 55 unions where crop loss and no work will make their future uncertain. The worst affected upazilas are: Dewanganj and Madarganj. River erosion in these two upazilas have rendered at least

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Women trudging through flood waters to fetch drinking water in a low-lying area on the outskirts of the city. —Star photo

Kuwait returnees to get back money

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladeshis repatriated from Kuwait will get back their money deposited in Kuwaiti banks, as well as the money against the Dinars they deposited with the Sonali Bank after coming back home.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, State Minister for Labour and Manpower, said this in parliament at the close of a discussion initiated by Jatiya Party member Manirul Huq Chowdhury on Sunday.

He said that Kuwait has assured remittance of the money besides re-employing the Bangladeshis who had to be repatriated in the wake of the Iraqi occupation of that country.

He said that Bangladesh was the first non-Arab country to open its mission in Kuwait after the Gulf war and had taken all steps to secure re-

employment of the nationals who had to be repatriated from that country.

He told the Parliament that Kuwait was yet to get back to normal. Not even all government offices have reopened not to talk about private establishments which used to control most of the employment in the past.

He said that no country could force Kuwait to fulfil its pre-war commitments because Kuwait had rescinded all agreements and treaties.

The present government of Bangladesh is an accountable one, and as such it had taken all steps to solve the humanitarian problem.

He said that so far 10,000 visas had been issued to Bangladeshis for entry into Kuwait.

The State Minister said that

the government has put a condition on manpower recruiting agents that they would get clearance to send Bangladeshis to Kuwait only if they include 40 per cent of these repatriated from that country.

He said the government could not ban the recruitment of Bangladeshis other than the repatriated ones because in that case the vacancies will be filled by people from other countries.

He, however, said that the government would take stern action against recruiting agencies deceiving repatriated Bangladeshis.

The State Minister said that remittance from Bangladeshis working abroad rose from Taka 1070.20 crore between January and May 1990 to Taka

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Ban on contest by irregular students remains

DUCSU poll date shifted to Aug 5

By Staff Correspondent

The date of elections to the Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) and the hall unions has been shifted from July 31 to August 5.

The university syndicate at a meeting Sunday evening shifted the date to facilitate the boycotting student organisations take part in the polls. But it remained rigid on its earlier decision barring the irregulars from running in the race, the main contentious issue which kept the senior student leaders away.

The Chief Returning Officer also announced a fresh schedule for the polls.

The Syndicate meeting

hoped that all the student organisations would participate in the elections under the changed situation and uphold the glorious tradition of the DUCSU.

The boycotting student organisations which included the Awami League-backed Chhatra League (S-A), pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League (N-S), BKSAL-supported Jatiya Chhatra League, CPB-backed Chhatra Union, BSD(Mahub)-backed Chhatra League (S-S), BSD(Khaleq)-backed Chhatra Front, NAP-backed Chhatra Samity, Chhatra Oikya Forum and Chhatra Federation were

demanding "special" admission" like previous years for their senior student leaders who passed out one to several years back. They also demanded peaceful polls.

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They followed by a joint meeting

chaired by the Vice-Chancellor Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah, was followed by a joint meeting

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JS to discuss law and order next week

By Staff Correspondent

A general discussion on the law and order situation will be held in the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) after the submission of the report of the Parliamentary Select Committee on the Constitution amendment bills some time next week.

Replying to an Opposition demand for fixing a date for the proposed general discussion, Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House said that the government would have no objection if the discussion was held after the Committee finished its work.

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Dhaka, Delhi taking steps to determine ownership of Talpatty : Mustafiz

Bangladesh and India are taking necessary steps to determine the ownership of South Talpatty Island, reports UNB.

This was stated by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman in reply to Abdul Awal Mian of Awami League during question hour in Parliament Sunday.

Mostafiz told the House both Bangladesh and India had been claiming the ownership of the 2-mile-diameter island surfaced at estuary of the Haribhanga and Raimongal rivers near the Bangladesh border.

Giving background of the bilateral move, the Foreign Minister said Bangladesh proposed to India in 1981 a joint

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20 pc posts of ambassadors reserved for Armed Forces

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman told parliament Sunday that 20 per cent posts of Ambassadors in the country's foreign missions were reserved for the Armed Forces, reports UNB.

Replying to Mesbahuddin and Abul Kalam Azad of Awami League, the Foreign Minister said the government did not take any decision to cancel the army quota in the foreign missions.

The Minister said there are 27 High Commissioners or Ambassadors employed in Bangladesh missions abroad. Of them, 21 are from the service

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Hearing of Ershad's case postponed

The hearing of the corruption case against former president H M Ershad was adjourned Sunday for a day in response to a prayer of the defence in view of the death of his mother-in-law Saturday, reports BSS.

Moving the petition at the Dhaka Divisional Special Judge's Court which resumed hearing after a week, defence counsel Barrister A R Mollah said his client was not in a mental condition to attend the proceedings.

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Y'slav troops preparing to pull out of Slovenia

BELGRADE, July 21 : The federal army began maneuvering some troops in Slovenia on Sunday in preparation for withdrawal from the secessionist republic. Meanwhile, three policemen died in renewed violence in Croatia, reports AP.

Slovenian radio reported federal army troops had begun pulling back from the border with Italy to their barracks in Nova Gorica.

The move was part of the army's preparations for withdrawal from the republic, said a Slovenian radio reporter and

the Tanjug news agency. But Slovenian Information Ministry official Ljuba Subal said the actual pullout had not yet begun.

The federal army intervened in Slovenia after the rebel republic proclaimed independence of June 25 and subsequently took control of its border posts with Italy, Austria and Hungary.

A truce brokered by the European Community on July 8 stopped the fighting, which killed at least 64 people. Last Thursday, Yugoslavia's collective state leadership de-

clared to withdraw the army from Slovenia within three months, which Slovenian leaders hailed as de facto recognition of sovereignty.

Meanwhile, violence continued in Croatia, which declared independence at the same time as Slovenia.

Three Croatian policemen were shot and killed and two people were injured by shelling in central Croatia.

The policemen were shot in the back from close range by an assailant who fled on foot, Tanjug reported. The shooting occurred early Sunday in

Daruvár, about 100 kilometers (60 miles) east of Zagreb.

A Croatian policeman and a civilian were injured in the village of Struga when mortar shells hit the village near the border with Bosnia-Herzegovina. Croatian media said the shells were fired from a nearby Serbian-populated village, but there was no independent confirmation.

Police in the eastern Croatian town of Ostjeek said federal army units guarding a bridge on the Danube river at the border with Serbia machine-gunned Croatian police

and national guard units stationed in a nearby village.

The army headquarters in Ostjeek said the unit guarding the bridge was not under its command and said it knew nothing of the incident.

But the army said an armoured personnel carrier returned fire at a Croatian police patrol shot at the vehicle near the village of Borobvo Selo.

Also, the Serbian and Croatian parts of the village of Tenja traded mortar and automatic-weapons fire briefly early Sunday, Tanjug said.

Serb villagers said one of their men was injured by sniper fire, Tanjug said.

In the eastern Croatian town of Vinkovci, the local police command ordered that all arms be turned over to Croatian police by 5:00 pm (1500 GMT) Sunday or it would "undertake all measures and actions according to its legal possibilities," a police announcement said. It did not elaborate.

Meanwhile, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman arrived unexpectedly in Ostjeek under heavy guard.