

Giap dropped in cabinet shakeup

BANGKOK, Aug 10: Vo Nguyen Giap—the 'Red Napoleon' who decimated the French at Dien Bien Phu—faded from Vietnam's political scene Saturday in a major shakeup of the Cabinet, now headed by a proponent of capitalist-style reform, reports AP.

Also losing his portfolio was Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach, a suave diplomat among Hanoi's frequently rough-hewn leadership. He had reportedly been criticised for failing to forge diplomatic ties with the United States and for his hard-line policies toward China.

As Thach's resignation took effect, Vietnam and China issued a communiqué saying they wished to normalise relations for the sake of regional peace and stability.

The communiqué, issued at the end of three days of bilateral talks in Beijing, did not give a timetable for the restoration of normal ties but said consultations would continue.

The official Voice of Vietnam radio said the Cabinet changes also affected the portfolios of defense, interior, trade, the State Planning Commission and vice chairmanship of the Cabinet.

The widely expected

shakeup was preceded Friday by the election as Prime Minister of Vo Van Kiet, 69, a veteran revolutionary who nonetheless has emerged as the leading advocate of Western style economic reform.

"Our economy is shifting from a centralised to a market-oriented one under state control, and is gradually scoring new achievements," Kiet earlier told delegates to the National Assembly session which elected him.

The session has aired a host of problems, ranging from rampant official corruption to unemployment to economic inefficiencies which have kept Vietnam among the poorest of the world's nations.

Analysts in Hanoi and Bangkok believe Kiet's elevation indicates that Vietnam is now firmly set on dismantling much of its centralised economy and opening up to the West. It badly wants diplomatic relations with the United States, which has slapped a trade embargo on the country.

But the all-powerful Communist Party has made it clear it has no intention of sharing power with any domestic opposition groups.



Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman called on his Iranian counterpart Ali Akbar Velayati on his arrival at Teheran Mehrabad International Airport on Saturday. — AFP photo

'Certain quarters out to drop 5th Amendment'

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury said on Saturday that Dr Shahidullah's ideals were reflected in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution through incorporation of "bismillah" and "faith in Almighty Allah".

He was speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting on Dr Muhammad Shahidullah, organised by Bangladesh National Heritage Council and Dhaka Literary Society at the National Museum.

Eminent litterateur Prof Shahed Ali, Prof Akhtar Faruq and Prof Ruhul Amin addressed the meeting presided over by eminent educationist Dr Kazi Deen Mohammed. Shahatruddin Ahmed editor weekly Agradipathik, presented a paper on Shahidullah.

Justice Chowdhury said some "so-called progressive elements" were vocal for repealing the Fifth Amendment. He said they were out to create

division among the people of the country who were ardent believers in Allah.

He also referred to a comment by former Chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossein wherein who had said that the Indemnity Act would not save the killers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Justice Chowdhury said if the Indemnity Ordinance could not save the killers, then what was the necessity of repealing it. Indemnity Act could not save the killers of Sheikh Mujib then what was the necessity of repealing the Act.

Justice Chowdhury paid rich tributes to Shahidullah and said spread of terrorism at the educational institutions now was due to absence of teacher like him. He called for united efforts by teachers, students, political parties and the government to stop it. The Acting President could not disown his responsibility in this regard as he was the Chancellor of the Universities, he said. He demanded implementation of the Enquiry Commission report on Chittagong University.

Shahabuddin Ahmed in his paper on Dr Shahidullah said he was an encyclopedia of oriental literature. He had excellent knowledge in history, philosophy, theology, linguistics and comparative literature, Shahabuddin said.

In his presidential speech Dr Kazi Deen Muhammad said Dr Shahidullah had a great contribution in the language movement. He urged the scholars to evaluate Dr Shahidullah properly for the sake of our language.

Professor Ruhul Amin said Dr Shahidullah proved that a true pious man was a true non-communal man. He regretted that works of Shahidullah was not being properly evaluated.

Professor Akhtar Faruq said Dr Shahidullah has made great contribution not only in enriching Bengali literature. His works on philosophy, theology and social science are great assets for us and we should make efforts so that future generations are benefitted from these.

The meeting adopted resolutions demanding public holiday on Dr Shahidullah's birth day, publication of his works from Bangla Academy and establishment of a chair after his name in Dhaka University.

BNP

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, also the Chief of the party, will be the chairperson of the interview board.

AKA Firoze Noon, chief election co-ordinator of the BNP has requested the candidates to appear for the interview in time.

By-elections in 11 constituencies have become necessary following vacation of four seats each by Begum Khaleda Zia and former President Ershad, one seat each by Abdur Razzak of BKSAL and Tofael Ahmed of the Awami League, and one seat due to the death of Awami League member Ilyas Ahmed Chowdhury.

AIDS

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from their village home and test in Sylhet Hospital. Police kept Alimuddin and his wife Rokeya under strict guard at their village home. They could not be brought to Sylhet Hospital because of stiff resistance from the town dwellers.

As the report of AIDS spread in the town, hundreds of panic stricken people this morning assembled in front of the hospital and threatened to set it on fire if AIDS patients were brought there.

Rules of business

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the Police Department was brought under the direct supervision of the President.

Secretaries of relevant ministries were held personally responsible to see that instructions were fully followed.

A Cabinet Division source said that under the existing Rules of Business the Ministers have no control whatsoever over their respective ministries.

The Cabinet Division has no other business but to inform persons who would be made ministers under the existing Rules of Business, the source added.

Sources said that according to the new Rules of Business the secretaries will remain responsible to the concerned ministers and that the Establishment and Cabinet Divisions will be placed under the direct control of the Prime Minister.

According to the Prime

Ministers Secretariat sources an Act will be passed after the formulation of the new Rules of Business.

Under the new Rules of Business the Prime Minister is likely to hold charges of ministries not placed under the charge of any minister.

The framing of the new Rules of Business and allocation of work are likely to be completed by the end of the month and will come into effect just after the authentication of the Constitution Twelfth Amendment Bill by the President, which would require holding of a referendum.

After the election of a new president under the amended Constitution the new Rules of Business may come into force.

It is learnt that the Bangabhaban will be the official residence of the president while the present President's Secretariat will be used as the Prime Minister's secretariat.

Fresh floods in six upazilas of Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 10: About 30,000 people have been affected by fresh floods in six upazilas of the district as the Jamuna again went into spate, reports UNB.

The Jamuna has swelled 9 cm here in the last 24 hours, inundating low-lying areas in 75 villages in the Sadar, Kaziup, Raiganj, Belkuchi, Chouhall and Shahjampur upazilas, the district Flood Control Cell said today.

Two hundred families have been rendered homeless by erosion intensified by the surging waters, Sadar Upastha Chairman Abdul Latif said.

Police said one person died of diarrhoea at Meghullah village in Belkuchi upazila on Friday. Twelve villagers affected with the water-borne diseases were rushed from Azugora to the Belkuchi upazila health complex today.

Karnaphuli Fertilizer

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lars taken by them for the project from export-import banks in the event of failure of the project.

Funds for the project were planned to be mobilised through equity (120 million dollars), loans from export credit banks of Japan and two others (229 million dollars), commercial loans from 19 banks under the leadership of a Singapore-based bank (100 million dollars), and Commonwealth Development Corporation (10 million dollars).

Despite pressure by the investors through their embassies in Dhaka, the government refused to accept the terms stipulated in the letter of guarantee.

CU

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residence for the 10th day today demanding his removal.

Police have been deployed in and around VC's residence.

Campus sources said, the VC's residential telephone still remained cut off.

Meanwhile, provosts and house tutors of six halls began, a seven-day work-stoppage from today protesting the siege of VC's residence and demanding terrorism-free campus.

In a meeting at the campus today, Chittagong University Sadharan Shikshak Samaj condemned the gherao of VC by Shibir activists.

The meeting chaired by Dr Fasilul Alam announced the teachers will observe token strike from 12.05 to 1 pm everyday beginning tomorrow to protest the gherao. Teachers in their meeting said, they will continue the programme until the gherao was withdrawn and campus terrorism stopped.

An All-Party Student Unity (APSU) rally this morning condemned the gherao of the VC in his residence and said the government will be responsible for all the consequences if the VC is not freed immediately.

The rally in front of University Cafeteria was presided over by CU unit Chhatra League (A-A) Vice-President Manzur Alam Shaheen.

AL public meeting now on Aug 27

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League has postponed its August 16 public meeting at Pantha Path in the city convened earlier as part of its programmes in observance of the 16th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

BCCI

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The Depositors' Association of BCCI on Saturday decided unanimously to accord a reception to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for the decision

Merger will strengthen progressive forces: Razzak

Star Report

BKSAL General Secretary Abdur Razzak has expressed confidence that his party's merger with the Awami League would strengthen the progressive forces.

"In the present context and in considering the realities, the unity of progressive forces, who believe in Bengalee nationalism and non-communism, is indispensable," said Razzak.

The Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BKSAL), which came into being in October 1983, is expected to merge with the AL on August 14.

A special council of BKSAL has been convened on that day in Dhaka to take a formal decision in this regard.

The Central Committee of the party has already unanimously decided to go for the merger.

Talking to The Daily Star Saturday, Abdur Razzak explained the reasons for the launching of his party eight years ago and dwell on the situation leading to the merger.

Razzak was the General Secretary of the Awami League before the launching of BKSAL.

He said that some differences of opinion on certain issues emerged in the Awami League for which a new party, was formed.

"We came out upholding the ideals of Bangabandhu and launched BKSAL with the aim of establishing socialism," he said adding, an exploitation-free society was the concept of BKSAL created by Bangabandhu in 1975 and we believe in that ideal."

Razzak mentioned that the united efforts of the reactionaries and the rightists succeeded in obstructing the move of the progressive forces that remained divided.

"So the unity of the progressive and non-communal forces who believe in Bengalee nationalism has become the

Razzak: Never a non-Awami Leaguer.

Star photo

pect others to come forward," said Razzak who maintained that the AL would have to accommodate all these forces.

"We are now going to unite under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina. We want to see the Awami League, based on a strong footing, overcomes the past mistakes and march towards victory," he added.

The BKSAL leader said that with the merger to his party, about two lakh workers and members of BKSAL would come under the banner of the Awami League.

The front organisations of BKSAL including Jatya Chhatra League, Jatya Sramik League, Juba League and Krishak League would also merge with similar fronts of the AL soon.

The process of unification of the front organisations would be completed before the council session of the Awami League, he added.

Referendum

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Presidential system to parliamentary form of government.

The Jatya Sangsad passed these historic bills on last Wednesday.

The ratification of appointment of the Chief Justice as Vice-President, all actions taken by him as the Acting President and his return to the office of the Chief Justice has become part of the constitution following the assent given by the Acting President Saturday to the 11th Constitutional Amendment Bill.

The Constitution (11th Amendment) Bill, 1991, in amended form, was passed by the Jatya Sangsad on August 6 by 278-nil votes.

The period between December 6, 1990, the day, Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed took over as the Acting President, and the day he resumes duties and responsibilities as the Chief Justice after the new President elected under the Constitution enters upon his office, will be considered as the "period of actual service" within the meaning of the Supreme Court Judges (Leave, Pension and Privileges) Ordinance of 1982.

Now the following new Paragraph 21 shall be added after Paragraph 20 in the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution:

"21 ratification and confirmation of the appointment of Vice-President, etc — (1) The appointment of, and the administration of oath to the Chief Justice of Bangladesh as Vice-President on the 21st day of Agrabhayan, 1397 BS corresponding to the 6th day of December, 1990, and the resignation tendered to him by the then President and all powers exercised, all laws and ordinances made and all orders made, acts and things done, and actions taken, or purported to have been made,

JCD activist stabbed in Mymensingh

MYMENSINGH, Aug 10: A JCD activist was stabbed, allegedly by rival group, in a clash that erupted at Anandamohan College here today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said, Mahbubul Hoque Khan (23), a district committee member of JCD received serious injury in his hand after exchange of heated words with BCL (A-A) activists over yesterday's incident at the Mymensingh Medical College.

Mahbub was immediately rushed to the Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH).

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Agricultural University Teachers Council today brought out a silent procession in the campus led by VC Asadur Rahman Chowdhury protesting violence in the educational institutions.

5-party protests attack on procession

By Staff Correspondent

The Five-Party Alliance Convener and General Secretary of the United Communist League, Bimal Biswas in a statement Saturday strongly condemned and protested the 'heinous' attack on a Workers Party procession at Banoripara of Barisal district recently.

"After passage of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill, people hoped that the ruling party would show restraint and democratic attitude to its political opponents. But the recent activities by the ruling party workers throughout the country especially on the campuses were contrary to the democratic norms, the alliance leader said.

Meanwhile, the CPB central secretariat in a statement demanded stern action by the government against the terrorists who let loose a reign of terror in different parts of the country including the educational campuses.

The statement also reiterated CPB's call to round up all terrorists irrespective of their party affiliation. It also appealed to the patriotic and democratic forces to be vocal against the campus violence.

Demand to announce DU reopening date by August 16

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Education Action Committee has reiterated its demand that the University authorities announce the date of the reopening of the university and the residential halls by August 16.

If the authorities failed to make such an announcement by this time it said that it would launch a movement to enter the halls on August 17.

The Education Action Committee also brought out a silent procession Saturday and held a rally on the campus.

The rally, held at the 'Aparajeo Bangla' demanded a permanent solution to the problems that had led to the repeated closure of the university.

The Midnight File

Albanian refugees burn down Red Cross office

BARI, Aug 10: Albanian refugees trying to avoid repatriation burned down a Red Cross office Saturday and hurled bottles, stones and shoes at police and soldiers. Police fought back with tear gas, boards and iron rods. The government continued to force the 12,000 Albanians who arrived here Thursday back to their impoverished homeland across the Adriatic Sea. The latest wave of refugees arrived by sea after running a naval blockade — most jammed onto a single ship, reports AP.

'Ram Mandir to be built'

BHOPAL, Aug 10: The Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh, today asserted that Ram Mandir will be built in Ayodhya at any cost and the people's mandate to the BJP will be honoured. Speaking at a function after unveiling the statue of former Prime Minister late Lal Bahadur Shastri in front of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly here, Kalyan Singh said "Ram is associated with the country from time immemorial and a temple at his birthplace will be an honour to the great person," reports PTI.

SPORTS... LATEST

England poised to win at the Oval

Sports Reporter

England were firmly in control of the fifth and final Test against the West Indies at the Oval Saturday after having reduced the tourists to 152 for three in their second innings, still another 91 runs behind England's first innings total of 419, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.

The Caribbeans, who lead the series 2-1, were made to follow on 243 runs behind after being dismissed for 176 in their first innings shortly after lunch on the third day.

West Indies collapsed dramatically Saturday in the face of some splendid spin bowling by Phil Tufnell, the Middlesex left-armers who earned six wickets conceding only 25 runs on his Test recall after being overlooked since the Australian tour.

The last nine West Indian wickets fell for the addition of only 86 runs to their overnight score of 90 for one.

Desmond Haynes carried his bat through the innings, remaining unbeaten on 75, thus becoming the first West Indian to carry his bat in a Test innings twice.

In the second innings, Richie Richardson with 39 and Carl Hooper with 11 were at the crease at stumps. Haynes made 43, Simmons 36 and debutant Clayton Lambert made 13 — the three batsmen out in the second knock.

Environment Session jam

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more later, but not now.

Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, another member of the committee expressed his ignorance about any progress and said that he had no contact with the other members.

The other members of the committee were Dr Bazul Mobin Chowdhury (Registrar, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet), Prof Iqbal Mahmud (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology), Prof Mozaffar Ahmed (Institute of Business Administration), Prof Anupam Sen (Chittagong University), Hamidullah Khan MP, and Gias Kamal Chowdhury (journalist).


The universities of the country have been plagued by session jams of two to four years due to unscheduled closure and deferring of examinations during last few years.

It may be mentioned that around 80 educational institutions including 3 universities, 4 medical colleges and 2 engineering colleges are now closed following clashes between student organisations, which will further jam the sessions.

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