

US ambassador rejects India's claim to Kashmir

ISLAMABAD, Aug 11 : US Ambassador Robert Oakley, speaking at a seminar, rejected India's claim to its troubled state of Kashmir. US sources said Sunday.

The disputed Himalayan state has been the flash point of two wars between Pakistan and India, both of whom lay claim to the former princely state divided between them following partition of the sub-continent in 1947.

"We do not accept the Indian claim that this is part of India and I daresay if you could get an honest reading of the position of the governments of the Soviet Union and China you will find out just about the same," Oakley said at a seminar Saturday on Pakistan-US relations, according to a transcript released by the US Embassy.

India's ambassador to Pakistan, JN Dixit, said the Washington can take any position it chooses, but that "Kashmir is an integral part of the Republic of India.... It is not negotiable."

While fielding questions at the seminar in the eastern city of Lahore, Oakley said: "As far as the United States is concerned this is an unresolved issue which must be negotiated between the government of India and the government of Pakistan and the people of Kashmir."

Pakistan has rejected

India's claim to Kashmir and has called for a plebiscite by Kashmiris in line with a 43-year-old United Nations resolution.

India routinely accuses Pakistan of fomenting violence in its shattered state of Jammu and Kashmir where more than 2,500 people have been killed in a bloody secessionist uprising being waged by Muslim militants.

The secessionists are demanding either independence or union with Pakistan. Jammu and Kashmir is India's only Muslim dominated state.

Islamabad denies aiding militants but pledges moral and political support to the insurgents.

Oakley said a solution "is not going to be easy but we think it can be done and certainly think that the people of Kashmir have the right to have a say in determining their own government and own future."

The Indian government has rejected a plebiscite, saying Kashmir belongs to India and that its future is not open to negotiations.

Report from New Delhi adds: A top British Opposition leader Sunday said India and Pakistan are anxious to solve the Kashmir dispute after four decades of saber-rattling and two wars over the region, reports AP.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina walking side by side to the venue of dinner hosted by the former at her Sugandha office in honour of the members of Parliament Sunday. — PID photo

MPs want consensus on campus

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though an elected government was in power. The government should take the responsibility for restoring peace in campus, he said.

He said it would be of no use to blame the law enforcing agencies. Frustration among students, anarchy and corruption at all levels of education, sessions-jam, age-old examination system, and limited educational facilities were some of the factors that combined to vitiate the campus atmosphere, he said.

There were also weaknesses in the law he said. Autonomy was granted to the university in 1973 with great hopes, but it now appeared that the system of election of the Vice-Chancellors, deans of faculties made teachers engage in factional rivalries. This in turn affects students. Political parties intervene to worsen the situation.

The use of student organizations as extensions of political parties should be stopped, he said.

Taking part in the discussion on campus violence, Abdur Razzak of BKSAL called upon the BNP government to take initiatives for eliminating terrorism from the campus and said that the ruling party should ensure that the members of its student front do not carry and use arms. He maintained that all other political parties should also come forward to curbing terrorism.

Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami of the Jamaat-e-Islami said that democracy and terrorism cannot go together.

He maintained that the end to campus violence is essential for giving an institutional shape to democracy.

Akbar Hussain of the BNP said that the violence on campus was initiated in 1973 when the ballot boxes of DUCSU election were snatched. He also mentioned the killing of seven students in the Dhaka University in 1974.

Akbar Hussain said that the campus violence was respon-

sible for the session jams for which the students were suffering.

Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party said it was not proper to speak against democratic rights of students and teachers in the name of criticizing campus violence.

The students had spear-headed democratic movements by rising against terrorism on all occasions in the past, even during the anti-autocracy movement in November-December last year.

Rashed Khan Menon said that the government had showed a non-political mentality by stating that police would intervene in the Chittagong University only if the Vice-Chancellor so desired.

Conflicts between political parties and a tendency to expand spheres of influence by the use of force, unemployment, harbouring of muscle-men were responsible for the disturbances in the campus.

Lutfur Rahman Khan, State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation urged all MPs and all political parties to decide whether campus violence should be allowed to continue to the detriment of the future of our children.

He said if a consensus was possible for the introduction of a parliamentary system, why

could there not be united efforts to check terrorism.

Akhতারuzzaman Chowdhury of the Awami League said that terrorism could not go if killers went unpunished.

Mrs Farida Rahman of BNP called for the constitution of the standing committee on education to discuss the problem. She urged all to refrain from creating trouble in the universities after sending their children for education abroad.

Sheikh Fazul Karim Selim of the Awami League observed that the major educational institutions including the Dhaka University have become hostage to terrorists.

The AL MP maintained that the terrorists should not get shelter in any political party.

Nazibul Bashar (AL) and Dr Abdul Moyeen (BNP) also took part in the discussion.

The discussion is expected to continue when the House meets today (Monday) at 11 pm.

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been directed to go to Alimuddin's village home immediately. The team will examine Alimuddin thoroughly and suggest recommendations to the government for taking proper measures.

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Nizami: Democracy

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unitedly guard against any evil design to foil the process of transition to democracy," Maulana Nizami told a public meeting at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram in the city Sunday afternoon. The city unit of Jamaat organised the meeting where Jamaat leaders gave their reactions welcoming the passage of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill in parliament.

"To protect democracy and give of a fair chance, the government must ensure the rule of justice, free the nation from terrorism and the administration from corruption," said the Jamaat secretary general, who is also the leader of his party's parliamentary party.

Maulana Nizami also stressed the need for fulfilling the basic needs and protecting fundamental rights of the people their political and economic emancipation, without which democracy would be meaningless.

Nizami said his party would continue movement in and outside parliament to realise people's demands and reach them the fruits of democracy. "Jamaat will carry forward the movement until the demands are met, he pledged.

"Jamaat has never done politics for power, rather it wants peace in the country by establishing Islamic laws, honest people in the society," Nizami said adding no laws introduced by the mankind could bring peace in the world of Allah.

Referring to the widespread terrorism in the country especially in the educational campuses, the Jamaat leader said terrorism had become a threat to the budding democracy. For flourishing of democracy, terrorism must be contained

as "terrorism and democracy cannot go together," he commented.

He called upon the political parties not to use students and resort to terrorism for capturing power. Autocrats resorted to terrorism to grab power in an illegal way in the past, but in a democratic atmosphere it cannot be expected, he added.

Nizami opined that terrorism on the campus and in other parts of the country could be wiped out through a national consensus.

Criticising the ruling party for its ineffectiveness in checking terrorism, the Jamaat leader demanded of the administration to take stern action against the trouble-makers and said law must be allowed to take its own course.

Nizami said that his party played a "pioneering" and "uncompromising" role in the anti-autocracy movement. It also saved the nation from a deep crisis by providing unconditional support to BNP in forming the government, he said.

The Jamaat leader alleged certain political parties were repeatedly trying to divide the nation in the name of pro and anti-liberation forces and this practice must be given up for the sake of national unity and progress, and facilitate smooth functioning of democracy.

Presided over by the city Jamaat secretary ATM Azharul Islam, the meeting was also addressed by party's assistant secretary general Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid, and publicity secretary Mohammad Quamruzzaman, Advocate Sheikh Ansar Ali, MP. Saiful Alam Khan Milton and Jasimuddin Sarkar.



Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami, Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami, addressing a public meeting organised by his party's city unit at the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Sunday. — Star photo

30 injured

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said campus violence was a "national problem" and should be the "prime aim" of all to solve.

Rafiqul Islam Helal and Golam Mohiuddin Swapan General Secretary and Joint Secretary respectively of JCD CU unit, injured at the CU campus incident and Abul Bashar and Jahirul Islam, injured at the Polytechnic Institute, were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The incidents in the campuses also touched off tension in the port city.

Witnesses said JCD activists, to protest an overnight assault of one of their workers, held a meeting near the arts building and brought out a procession while the Shibir activists fell on it. The brawl and chase and counter chase there was also dragged on into the city-bound shuttle train leaving at least 20 students injured. They also exchanged brick bats during the clash which drew the police deployed on the campus earlier who controlled the situation. But none was arrested.

The incident on the university campus spilled over to the Polytechnic Institute in which 10 others were injured. UNB adds: Protesting the incident, All-Party Student Unity (APSU) brought out a procession and held a rally near the CUCSU Bhaban.

CUCSU General Secretary Asimuddin, Chhatra League (N-S) Secretary Anup Khatagir and Chhatra Union Leader Ashok Barua addressed the meeting. They held Shibir responsible for the trouble and condemned the attack on JCD Secretary.

Simultaneously, Shibir staged a rally near Arts building, recalling the charges. Chaired by Shibir CU unit President Hamidur Rahman Azad, the meeting was addressed by Manjur Ahmed and Golam Kabir.

The speakers said the incident was aimed at flogging government attempts to find a peaceful solution to the campus crisis.

Shibir claimed they had fruitful talks with the Prime Minister and the Education Minister and hoped the government would restore academic atmosphere by removing the VC.

Meanwhile, VC Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin remained besieged by Shibir supporters for the twelfth day with his telelink snapped.

A high-level official team comprising ADC (General) and high police officials visited VC's house Sunday and said they would take VC back to the city if he wanted.

The VC reportedly declined to come out with the officials, although he had agreed to the request on Saturday.

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in processions. Later, a procession proceeded towards the BTB Bhaban at Rampura with a contingent of police force following closely behind.

The procession was blocked by a police barricade on the Rampura road about a quarter mile ahead of the BTB headquarters, where the demonstrators held a meeting.

Speakers at the meeting demanded punishment for the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Col Taher and the four Awami League leaders killed in the central jail and also repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance.

They also urged the government to give autonomy to Radio and TV as envisaged in the Joint Declaration of the three alliances.

Two crackers exploded behind the police cordon and a few stones were pelted at the police. No other untoward incident occurred during the demonstrations.

Although the procession was stopped well ahead of the TV station, Ashrafur Islam Maruf and Matur Rahman Mott, President and General Secretary respectively of the city unit of BCL, were allowed to go to the TV headquarters and present the memorandum to the Director of Programmes of BTB.

On return, Ashrafur Islam Maruf told the demonstrators that the authorities at the TV Bhaban assured them that appropriate programmes on Bangabandhu would be broadcast on August 15.

Jubo League

Jubo League, the youth front of Awami League, also held a rally in front of the party central office at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city Sunday afternoon demanding telecast of special programmes on Bangabandhu on his 16th death anniversary.

Awami League presidium member Abdul Mannan, Amir Hussain Anu and Jubo League president Mostafa Mohsin Montu addressed the rally.

The Midnight File

Pakistan not asked to extradite Agha Hasan Abedi

KARACHI, Aug 11 : Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said today that the United States has not asked Pakistan to extradite Agha Hasan Abedi, founder of the scandal hit Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI). But the told reporters his government would go by its own laws and regulations if the United States made such a request, reports Reuter.

ANC for UN supervised ceasefire

THOHOYANDOU, Aug 11 : The armed wing of the African National Congress on Sunday recommended a formal ceasefire that would be signed with the government and monitored by the United Nations, the South African Press Association reported, reports AP.

India to launch another satellite

NEW DELHI, Aug 11 : India will launch a second remote-sensing satellite August 29 aboard a Soviet Vostok rocket, reports AFP.

Train-bus collision

One person was killed and 20 others were injured in a minibus-train collision at the Belpukuria railcrossing on the Rajshahi-Natore highway Saturday night. The dead was named Babar Ali (34). Three of the injured were admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital in critical condition. They were named Abdur Razaque, Munir and Amir Ali, says a delayed report of UNB.

SPORTS... LATEST

Windies fight back at the Oval

Sports Reporter

The West Indies, following on 243 runs behind England's first innings total of 419, had reached 356 for the loss of six wickets in their second innings when rain and bad light forced an early close on the fourth day of the fifth and final Test at the Oval Sunday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

The tourists now have a lead of 113 runs with four wickets in hand going into Monday's final day's play.

The West Indian revival owed in the main to a magnificent unbeaten 108 by Richie Richardson, his second century of the series.

Resuming at their overnight score of 152 for three, Richardson featured in several vital partnerships, first with Carl Hooper who added another 35 runs to his overnight 19 not out, skipper Vivian Richards who made a gallant 60 in his farewell Test innings.

The packed Oval crowd gave a rousing, standing ovation to Richards, who like Sir Don Bradman in 1948, chose the Oval as the stage for his swansong.

A draw would give the Caribbeans a 2-1 series win. Details on page 10

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