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Islam an ideal social system: Shahabuddin

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Saturday said Islam has not only provided ways for attaining salvation after death but also given the best way of life in this world, reports BSS.

Inaugurating a fortnight-long Stratumnabi programme organised by the Islamic Foundation at Baitul Mukarram in the evening, the Acting President said the basic tenets of Islam are equality, brotherhood and fellow-feeling.

He said Prophet Muhammad (SM) founded Islam as an ideal theological,

administrative and social system. Justice Shahabuddin said the Prophet of Islam emerged on the scene with a message of emancipation at a time when the Arabian region was plunged into the darkness of ignorance, superstition and sins.

Islam propagates message for peace in family, in society, in the country and above all in the world.

DESA

18 injured in blasts in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Eighteen persons were injured in bomb blasts in three different incidents in the city Sunday.

Fourteen persons were injured, four of them seriously, in a clash between two rival groups near the Azampur Staff Quarters mosque on Eid-e-Miladunnabi night.

Misceants opened more than five rounds of fire and blast 30 to 40 crackers when the people were coming out of the mosque at about 11-00 pm.

The injured persons were brought to the DMCH. Of them, four were admitted. They are Sultan (30), Masum (20), Didar (30), Mosharaf (28). Ten others were released after first aid.

From Page 1 Col. 8 expected to meet the leaders again this morning.

The DESA was formed under a World Bank condition in March 1990, but could not be launched. The purpose of creating the DESA was to bring power distribution in greater Dhaka under a separate authority for reducing systems loss.

But the PDB employees have been opposing the separation of the distribution system from the PDB, since they believe that their jobs would not be secure under the new authority.

The four unions of PDB employees and workers have threatened to go on a 72-hour strike when the DESA will be launched. The strike will be followed by more action programmes, they declared.

Meanwhile, the World Bank has suspended about 700 million US dollar aid to the power sector due to nonfulfillment of its conditions, including launching of the DESA.

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Student stabbed: DU remains tense

By DU Correspondent

A Dhaka University student, Habibullah Habib was stabbed by a group of unidentified youths Saturday night at the Plassey crossing in the city.

He was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) immediately and was released Sunday morning.

Habib is a final year student of the Department of Mass Communications and Journalism and reportedly an activist of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Meanwhile, the situation at the Dhaka University was still tense.

Sporadic late night gunshots have become a regular phenomenon in the campus.

Campus sources said that armed hoodlums were often found in some of the halls in the University. Some of them were even found using wireless sets to maintain contact with their associates, the sources added.

The presence of students in the halls was still thin.

The general students were fearing a further clashes between rival student groups because of which the University was earlier closed.

\$292m debt

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Enam Ahmed Chowdhury said that the US debt relief would "definitely assist the government in implementing its development programmes".

The removal of the debt burden, covered under Saturday's agreement, will save Bangladesh 14 million dollars in foreign exchange, says a press release of the United States Information Service (USIS).

The debt clearance is in addition to the normal US aid programme to Bangladesh. That programme provided 55.8 million dollar in grants and disaster assistance in US fiscal year 1991 (which ends in September) plus 81.8 million dollar in Public Law (PL) - 480 titles 11 and III food aid.

The US assistance under all food assistance programmes - grants and loans, totals over 1.8 billion dollars in Bangladesh from 1972 to date.

Saturday's US debt relief does not cover PL 480 title I food loans, outstanding at about 440 million dollars till April.

The former US Ambassador Ataul Karim met the US Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan in April 1991 pleading for debt relief for outstanding US food loans.

The issue has been under consideration of the US administration, the sources said. But, no formal announcement is yet to come from Washington.

Meanwhile, Dhaka's total foreign debt till April 1991 was about 11.4 billion dollars.

Japan is the largest bilateral donor to Bangladesh. The USA is the second largest source of bilateral external assistance with total amount amounting to 2999.83 million dollars (about Taka 107.89 billion) from 1972 to August, 1991.

The country's outstanding foreign debt included both bilateral and multilateral (World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other sources) loans. Total external assistance, received by Bangladesh, stood at 22 billion dollars till June 30, '91 and this amount included both grants and loans.

Meanwhile, the US Administration earlier recommended for 136.5 million dollars - 62 million dollars in development aid and 74.5 million dollars in food aid - for Bangladesh for fiscal year 1992, beginning in October.

Statement false: Ershad

Ershad claimed recovered amount meagre, says IO

By Staff Correspondent

The investigating officer in Ershad's wealth amassing case deposing before the Special Court on Saturday said that the deposed President had claimed that the amount found in his residence was 'very meagre' and 'nominal'.

Mattur Rahman Sardar Assistant Director of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption, the Investigation Officer (IO) of this corruption case against Ershad, had gone to the Gulshan sub-jail with the informant of the case Salehuddin to interrogate Ershad.

During that interrogation Ershad said that the articles and the money found in his residence were nothing unusual and were procured from his own income.

As the IO was making his deposition Ershad was heard saying from the dock, "This is absolutely false". He said, "They did not come to me nor did they ask me anything."

However Mattur Rahman Sardar said that Ershad's statement was recorded separately and the record of his (Ershad's) statement was with him.

Mattur Rahman was cross-examined by Ershad's Defence Counsel Advocate Sirajul Haque.

On resumption of the Court chaired by Special Judge Mohammad Ali Khan, the Attorney General Aminul Haque conducted the prosecution for a while and gave an account of Ershad's income from his known sources.

Excerpts from the cross-examination.

Sirajul Haque (defence lawyer-D L): Would you please give me the order sheet from

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finished?

I O: The investigation was almost finished but some work still remained pending.

D L: What was the amount you found disproportionate to Ershad's income?

I O: 2,15,50,298 taka.

D L: What is the result if you minus Taka 73 lakh from Taka 1.90 crore?

I O: The exact figure stands at Taka 1,18,40,037.

D L: What was the amount you showed disproportionate to his known sources of income?

I O: 2.15 crore taka.

D L: If you minus Taka 1.90 crore from Taka 2.15 what is the result?

I O: About Taka 25 lakh.

D L: Did you record the statement of Ershad in a separate sheet?

I O: Yes. We went to the Gulshan sub-jail on 10.2.91 with Salehuddin Ahmed.

D L: (giving a suggestion) You supplied wrong information to the sanctioning authority of the case.

I O: It is not true.

D L: You don't know that no case should be lodged against any person during his holding of the office of President.

Attorney General: This question has already been settled in the higher court.

D L: (giving another suggestion) This case was not tenable to the court and you have lodged the case from a wrong perception.

I O: It is not true.

At this stage Sirajul Haque stopped the cross-examination, to be resumed today.

The case alleging Ershad's involvement in gold smuggling resumes today at the same venue.

JU students

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At least seven bus passengers were injured during the period.

The incident took place following a scuffle between a JU student, Tuhin with a Faridpur bound bus worker at 6:30 am Saturday. Tuhin was missing till last night.

According to campus sources, the dispute with Tuhin began when the workers of the bus refused to drop him in front of the University. The student was later manhandled by the bus workers and taken away in the bus.

As the news reached the campus, several hundred students barricaded the highway and damaged vehicles leading to the stoppage of traffic movement.

Many inter-district night coaches bound for the northern and southern regions returned to Gabtoli while some vehicles plied between Dhaka and Aricha through the Kaliakoir link road.

Later, transport workers detained a JU bus with about 60 students including 14 female students at the Gabtoli bus terminal till 12 Saturday night.

Additional police forces rushed to the scene and brought the situation under control by resorting to baton charges, police said. None was arrested.

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50 injured as musullies battle in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: At least 50 people including seven police personnel were injured, ten seriously, when some Wahabi Muslims attacked a miladunnabi procession on Sunday at Hathazari, 20 km away from here, police sources said.

The tea seriously injured people were admitted to Hathazari health complex and Chittagong Medical College Hospital. The injured policemen were being treated at Police Hospital, sources said.

Eyewitness said when a truck procession was passing by the Hathazari Madrasa, the Wahabi muslims' all of a sudden came out and attacked with sticks and iron rods. They turned more violent when police intervened. They hurled stones at the police.

Additional police forces rushed to the scene and brought the situation under control by resorting to baton charges, police said. None was arrested.

Dateline Chittagong

Miladunnabi observed

CHITTAGONG, Sept 22: The holy Eid- e-Miladun Nabi was observed in the city as elsewhere in the district today with due solemnity, reports BSS.

A Day-long programme chalked out by different socio-cultural and religious organisations included milad mehfil, special prayer and discussion on the life, ideals and teachings of the holy Prophet Muhammad (SM).

Chittagong divisional branch of Islamic Foundation began a discussion programme three days ago in observance of the day while Zila Parishad held a milad- cum- discussion and Arjuman-e- Rahmania Ahmadiya Sunnia held day-long programme including milad and discussion today.

Other organisations held similar programme in obser-

JP

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parliamentary form of government Parliament formed under the presidential system is bound to lose its effectiveness.

Pointing out that under the new system the Prime Minister had become the chief executive of the government, he said that the February 27 parliamentary polls was held under the presidential system and the people had the expectation to elect a president directly to run the country as chief executive of the government.

Arguing that the people did not vote for the present BNP government to run the government nor for anybody to rule the country as chief executive, he said that the BNP, although the majority party in Parliament, did not have the "moral right" to form a government and run the country without acquiring the mandate of the people.

"Thus, on the basis of the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution it has become imperative today to hold fresh parliamentary elections immediately to constitute a sovereign national parliament," he added.

Fresh parliamentary elections will decide which political party has the mandate of the people to run the country, he reiterated. "This election will be the only way to safeguard and consolidate democracy and political stability in the country," he said.

Mizan Choudhury, replying to a question, said that fresh parliamentary polls must be held under a neutral government as the precedent was set for the last elections.

In his written statement read out by Shah Moazzem Hossain, Mizan Choudhury termed the rule of the BNP government as "inefficient and inept". He also pointed out that the BNP government has yet to fulfil the pledges it made to the people before the elections.

Radio and television have chalked out special programmes in observance of the day. Important city roads have been decorated with national flags, coloured festoons and banners inscribing "Eid-Miladunnabi" and "La ilaha illallah Muhammadur Rasulallah." Gates have also been erected at different city-roads by different religious and cultural organisations.

The acting President, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in parliament in their messages on the occasion sought divine blessings for the harmony, peace and prosperity of the nation.

A milad mahfil was held at Bangabhaban Sunday afternoon on the occasion of Eid-e-Miladunnabi. Munajat was offered seeking divine blessings for world peace, and progress and prosperity of Muslim Ummah.

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BCL (S-A) to 'gherao' Home Ministry today

By DU Correspondent

Chhatra League (S-A), the students wing of Awami League, Saturday held a rally at the 'Aparajey Bangla' of Dhaka University to protest the alleged attempt on the life of Sheikh Hasina and to press restoration of academic atmosphere on the campus.

Speakers at the rally blamed the campus violence on ruling BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and said if it did not shun 'terrorism', they would build movement against it.

Terrorism would have to be rooted out not only from the campuses, but also from politics, they maintained.

Urea

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short supply of urea due to closure of the Ghorasal Fertiliser Factory and possible non-commissioning of the Jamuna Urea Factory on schedule.

But the Bangladesh officials confirmed that over 17 lakh metric tons of locally produced urea would be available during fiscal 1991-92 against an estimated requirement of 16 lakh metric tons, according to sources.

Hasina

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Ranishankari and Baladanga upazilas and a number of way-side gatherings in the district

Resenting the government's indifference to the plight of the farmers, she said 'yute growers are being deprived of due price of their products because of the absence of government purchasing centres.'

"Unjust taxes, particularly VAT, have led to price spiral of agricultural inputs, thus multiplying the sufferings of the people," she said.

The Awami League chief also demanded withdrawal of unjust taxes from the sector and subsidy on agricultural inputs.

Hasina spelt out the economic programmes of her party and said successive rules after 1975 had crippled the country's economic condition.

Awami League has got its specific policy and programme on family planning, literacy, afforestation, income generating projects, small and cottage industries, heavy industries and subsidy in agricultural sector.

"We have to stand on our feet and turn the people's hand into the hand of the nation-building workers."

She criticised the government's poor relief efforts in the flood-hit areas and said that the present government had failed to address to their sufferings.

Inefficiency and ineptitude of the BNP government has further aggravated the sufferings of the people, she alleged.

Justifying the need for scrapping the Indemnity Ordinance, the Awami League leader said "People will never accept any dilly-dallying in repealing it."

During her visit, the opposition leader freely talked with the local people, listened to their grievances and directed the Awami League activists to raise fund locally in order to supply relief materials to the flood affected areas.

She is expected to leave here for Dhaka tomorrow, party sources said.

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Notice Inviting Tender

গৃহস্থালীর সকল কাজে হস্তচালিত নলকূপের পানি ব্যবহার করুন

Separate tenders in sealed cover are hereby invited from BSCIC sub-contracting enlisted manufacturers as well as other bonafide manufacturer firms for supply of spare parts for Hand Pump No 6 of tubewell to Public Health Engineering, Chittagong Stores Division. Tenders will be simultaneously received in the Tender Box kept at the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Stores Division, Chittagong/Dhaka/Khulna/Natore on 2-10-91 up to 12-00 Noon and opened on 5-10-91 at 10 A.M. in the office of the Superintendent Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Stores Circle, Dhaka before the tenderers/their representatives (if any) present.

| Group No | Name of Work | Estimated cost | Earnest money | Time limit for completion of work |
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| A | Supply of spare parts (C II) of Hand Pump No 6 to Public Health Engineering, Stores Division, Chittagong. | Taka 6,77,000/- | Taka 13,540/- | 30 days |
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Detailed information may be obtained from the office of the concerned Executive Engineers during office hours.

Terms & Conditions

1. Tender schedule, detailed specification, documents of agreement, Form No 2908 and other necessary documents together can be collected from the office of the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Stores Division, Chittagong/Dhaka/Khulna/Natore free by BSCIC sub-contracting branch enlisted manufacturing firms and at Tk 100/- (one hundred) in cash (non-refundable) by other manufacturing firms outside BSCIC. No tender document will be sold on the date of receiving tender.

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BNP

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The prospect of nomination of Speaker Abdul Rahman Biswas became bright last week when the BNP high command appeared to be displeased with Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury as newspapers carried reports about his unwillingness to continue in the cabinet, and Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz was sworn in as minister for the second time.

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BCIC International Shopping Notice (Short Notice Tender)

1. THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH has received a loan from "Special Funds Resources" of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 774-BAN (SF) in various currencies towards the cost of the Chhatak Cement Plant Expansion Project, and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the Contract for purchase of goods.

2. Chhatak Cement Company Limited (CCCL), an enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), now invites sealed Bids from eligible bidders from member countries of ADB for procurement of "KILN CHAINS AND ACCESSORIES".

3. Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the BMRE Office of CCCL at Chhatak, Sunamganj, Bangladesh, Telex No. 633237 CCCL BJ, Fax No. 880-821-5216.

4. Complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application from (i) the Controller of Accounts, BCIC Head Office, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000, and (ii) from the General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and upon cash payment of non-refundable cost of Tk. 500.00 (Five hundred) only. No tender document will be sold on the date of opening of bids.

5. The bids must be submitted within 11:00 Hrs (BST) of 20.10.1991 and will be opened at 11:15 Hrs on the same date in presence of bidder's representative if any. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond of 2% (two per cent) of the quoted total amount in the form of A/C payee Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee to be issued from a schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Chhatak Cement Company Limited.

6. CCCL will not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidders in connection with the preparation or submission of bids including cost and expenses related to any visit to the Project Site.

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