

## Tk 501.55 cr post-flood rehabilitation programme

Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan said here Monday the government had taken up a Taka 501.55 crore programme for the post-flood rehabilitation of different infrastructures in the country during the current fiscal, reports BSS.

Replying to Advocate Dharendra Devnath Shambu (AL-Borguna) during question-hour in the Jatiya Sangsad, the Planning Minister said the post-flood rehabilitation programmes had been undertaken in the agriculture, rural development, water resources, education, health and communications sectors.

Khan told the same member that these projects were aided by IDA, ADB, Islamic Development Bank, World Bank and EEC.

The Planning Minister further said of the amount, Taka 15 crore would be spent for the rehabilitation of agriculture with a view to helping the flood affected small and marginal farmers.

The sector-wise allocation is as follows: Rural Development and Rural Institutions — Tk 70.36 crore, Education — Tk 118.57 crore, Water Resources — Tk 73 crore, Health — Tk 29.10 crore, Railway — Tk 58.83 crore, Population Control — Tk 8.50 crore, Water Transports — Tk 26.69 crore and Road Transports — Tk 82 crore.

## Ullapara college closed sine die

SIRAJGANJ, Oct 28: Akbar Ali Degree College in Ullapara upazila was declared closed today for an indefinite period following frequent clashes between two rival student groups in the college compound, reports UNB.

College sources said the authorities took the decision to avoid further untoward incidents in the college.

## BNP's pledges

From Page 1 Col. 7 districts for want of food and demanded continuation of relief till arrival of the new harvest.

Awami League will force the government to provide food and shelter for the people, she said. "The government will have to ensure people's right to food and work along side protection democracy."

Hasina said Awami League, as an organisation of the deprived masses, will not cease struggle till people's economic emancipation is achieved through establishment of an exploitation-free society dreamt by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Hasina said people fought the Liberation War with a dream that they will lead a happy life in independent Bangladesh in a society free from corruption and exploitation. Earlier Hasina visited the remote corners of Fulchhari and Shaghata upazilas to see the condition of the people who lost their lands and property due to the erosion of rivers Brahmaputra and Jamuna.

## JCD students

From Page 1 Col. 5 Awami League chief.

Home Minister Abdul Mattin Chowdhury and Sheikh Hasina were not present on the scene.

Some activists were also seen throwing shoes and shouting invectives at a senior JCD leader.

Begum Zia along with Ministers had a last glimpse of the bodies of Mirza Galib and Shaful Islam Liton at the DMCH.

JCD activists Liton and Mirza were shot dead on the Dhaka University campus during a gunbattle with Awami League-backed Chhatra League Sunday.

During the visit, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Uddin Yusuf, Education Minister Zamrudin Sirar, Agriculture Minister Major General (Retd) Majid-ul-Haq, Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam and Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah accompanied Begum Zia.

Among the student leaders, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP, GS Khatrul Kabir Khokon, AGS Nazimuddin Alam and DU Senate member Fazlul Haq Milon were present.

Mirza married Lira, a sophomore of Philosophy Department, on July 1 this year. She along with her friends was present at the funeral.



AFTERMATH OF THE CLASH: Dhaka University students leaving residential halls (top) and BDR men cruising campus (above). —Star photo

# Communications

From Page 1 Col. 4 reach the capital during the barricade hours. All passenger bus services from the Sayedabad, Gabtoli and Mohakhali terminals in the city were also suspended. However, some bus and train services resumed after 6 p.m.

At least 20 inter-city express and local passenger trains including the train services between Dhaka and the districts of Chittagong, Noakhali, Sylhet and Mymensingh were cancelled, sources at Kamalapur Railway Station said. Furthermore, several other trains were stranded at various places around the country.

Buses, trucks and other vehicles could not move on the road connecting Narayanganj with the capital due to barricades at different places including Postagola. However, there was an attempt to ply a BRIC bus with some passengers from Narayanganj to Dhaka under police escort. The bus came under the attack of angry workers when it reached Postagola and police resorted to lathicharge and lobbed some tear gas shells to disperse the agitators.

Our Gazipur correspondent reports: A procession of workers from Tongi towards Dhaka was stopped by police near Tongi bridge at around 10 a.m. Chase and counter-chase between police and the demonstrators continued for sometime.

Police resorted to lathicharge and lobbed about ten tear gas shells to disperse the agitators. A Sub-Inspector of Tongi police was injured during the incident and his motor cycle was burnt. Thirteen persons were arrested from the spot, however, they were released later.

Eight inter-district trains were stranded at different places in the district due to barricades erected on the railway tracks. There was no movement of any vehicle on the highways in the Gazipur district.

Our Manikganj correspondent says: Workers of Kohinor Cotton Mills blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway near Nayarhat and it continued till 8 pm Monday. The barricade totally disrupted all communications through this highway and thousands of passengers remained stranded at Aricha.

About 20 vehicles including buses and trucks were damaged by mills workers in the morning after which movement of all vehicles was totally stopped. About 30 passengers and transport workers sustained injuries during the attack on the vehicles.

In Sirajganj, at least 20 people were injured, three seri-

ously in a clash between the workers of the Gauri Jute Mills and Truck Stramik Union Monday morning.

The clash ensued when a procession of about 2,000 workers of Gauri Jute Mills blocked the Truck Stramik Union office at Station Bazar Road in support of the countrywide highways and railways barricade programme.

The processionists also damaged a truck bearing registration No: Dhaka, Metro DA 5395 after beating the driver Abdul Majid (28) who was admitted to local General Hospital in a critical condition.

The others serious injured admitted in the same hospital are: Saiful Islam (22) of village Ekdhalia under the Pourashava and Abdul Majid (32), a truck worker.

Our Khulna correspondent adds: All types of vehicles were off the roads and highways in the town during the programme of the workers. Production remained suspended in all the jute and textile mills and workers brought out processions in support of their demands.

Meanwhile, the leaders of jute and textile mills workers

## Hasina

From Page 1 Col. 8 here this evening.

Expressing her grave concern at the situation at Dhaka University, Hasina said Chhatra Dal have resorted to armed vandalism against its opponents in every college and university to establish supremacy and control in student unions.

She said the Chhatra Dal activists exchanged fire among themselves on Dhaka University campus on Sunday which resulted in deaths of three persons but they are now shifting the blame to Chhatra League.

"Although Prime Minister Begum Zia is talking about democracy, her actions reflect the autocratic character," Hasina said.

In this context, she mentioned the death of several Chhatra League leaders and workers during "attacks by JCD activists" in Munshiganj, Pabna and Narail districts.

BSS adds: The Acting General Secretary of Awami League Amir Hossain Amu Monday expressed concern and anguish at the armed terrorism and killings at the Dhaka University.

In a statement, Amu alleged that it was a sequel to in-fighting of Chhatra Dal. In which outsider Mirza Ghalib and Liton were killed Sunday in the Dhaka University.

Amu alleged that the government was trying to divert the attention of the people by blaming the Chhatra League for the incident.

He condemned and strongly protest such allegation against the Awami League leaders and the Chhatra League.

Amu demanded of the government exemplary punishment to the persons through judicial inquiry.

claimed that Monday's programme of road and railway barricade was a total success.

At a press briefing at the National Press Club Monday evening, Abul Bashir, convenor of Jute Mills Workers Employees Action Council said that the uncompromising attitude of the government led the workers to go for the programme.

He said that the programme was only for blocking the roads and railways and there was no call for strike. But a large number of workers came out from their respective factories to join the programme for which the attendance at the mills was thin.

Bashar claimed that over 100 workers sustained injuries when they were attacked by police and BNP activists.

He said that 50 workers of Gauri Jute Mills of Sirajganj were injured when a rival group attacked the demonstrators. Another 20 were injured at Postagola during a clash with BNP supporters. One jute mill worker was seriously injured at Tarabo near Demra when he was assaulted by opponents.

Bashar also alleged that police resorted to lathicharge on workers at many places including Tongi and Noakhali which left many people injured.

Bashar said that their movement for realising their demand would continue and a fresh programme of movement would be announced soon.

Other leaders of Jute Mills Workers Action Council and Nationalised Mills Workers Employees Federation were present at the press briefing. UNB reports: Fifteen public sector jute mills did not operate Monday as workers went on a countrywide rail-road barricade programme.

Of the 34 mills under Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), officials said, 19 mills went into operation with highest turnout of 83.47 per cent reported in Adamjee Jute Mills.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Association sources said production was disrupted in six or seven mills, including Ashrafia Textile Mills in Tongi, out of total 39 in the private sector.

All the 11 BJMC mills in the Chittagong region continued production but 10 out of 12 mills in Khulna region did not operate.

The mills that did not function Monday in Dhaka region are: Nishat Jute Mills, Karim Jute Mills, Monwar Jute Mills, Latif Bowani Jute Mills and Jute Plastic Plant.

In Khulna region, Platinum Jute Mills, Crescent Jute Mills, Peoples, Jute Mills, Eastern Jute Mills, Star Jute Mills, Jessore Jute Mills, Purbachal Jute Mills, Alim Jute Mills, Daulatpur Jute Mills and Carpeting Jute Mills did not operate.

All the units of Adamjee Jute Mills operated normally, the officials said.

"The overall loss due to the work stoppage was minimal", they said.

# DU situation

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The Syndicate once again reiterated its call to all concerned including the student organisations to create favourable atmosphere to keep the university open.

The Syndicate meeting presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah, also called upon the student organisations including those two, involved in Sunday's clash to expel all armed hoodlums from their respective organisations.

It strongly condemned Sunday's attack on DUCSU building and expressed deep sorrow at the death of Mirza Galib and Shaful Islam Liton.

The namaz-e-janaza of Mirza and Liton was held at the central mosque of the university at 3.25 pm. Hundreds of JCD workers and leaders and relatives of the deceased attended the janaza. Mirza and Liton were shot dead in Sunday's gunbattle on the DU campus.

Hundreds of people were found curiously looking at the blood stained spots, where Mirza and Liton died.

Mohsin Hali students union organised a milad mahfil and Quran Khwari.

Earlier JCD supporters from Dhaka College, City College, Jagannath College and other educational institutions in the city gathered on the DU campus wearing black badges and carrying black banners. They went to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a mourning procession and brought the bodies of Mirza and Liton to the campus.

After the namaz-e-janaza the body of Liton was taken to his residence at South Baddah, Gulshan and that of Mirza sent to his village home at Lakshampur, Noakhali by helicopter.

The Executive Body of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) at an emergency meeting Monday strongly condemned Sunday's gun-battle on the DU campus.

The meeting, presided over by the association's President Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury urged the government and the political parties to take effective measures to contain campus violence.

It demanded immediate arrest and trial of all armed hoodlums to restore campus peace.

The teachers association said that it was not the duty of

the teachers and the university authorities to tackle the situation caused by frequent use of fire arms. Government and political parties would have to take the responsibilities of such situation, the meeting added.

Our JU Correspondent adds: President of University Teachers Federation and Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) Dr Enamul Haq Khan condemned Sunday's violence on DU campus.

In a briefing he said the government must take strong initiative while the opposition political parties must co-operate to curb campus violence. Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JU CSU) Vice-President Md Monir Hossain condemned the violence at Dhaka University and criticised the inactive roll of police during the incident.

## BNP, AL

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of conduct for resisting terrorism, the two major parties were not following those.

The Five-Party Alliance at a meeting said the BNP and the AL are speaking of democracy but are allowing thin student fronts to continue terrorism which would ultimately destroy the budding democracy.

Ilassanul Hloq Inu, Rashed Khan Menon, A F M Mahbulul Hloq, Nayem Jahangir and Abdullah Sarker attended the meeting presided over by the alliance's Convener Bimal Biswas.

The alliance decided to hold a rally at the party office premises and bring out a procession protesting the terrorism.

Jamaat-e-Islami city unit Secretary ATM Azharul Islam while addressing a party conference at Lalbagh said that terrorism on the campuses could not be stopped until the BNP and the AL were sincere to the cause.

Eightyfive SC lawyers in a joint statement condemned the violence on the campus of Dhaka University and expressed surprise that the political parties have so far failed to contain it.

# JS: Campus issue

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tude and policy in curbing terrorism on campus saying that only then would the Opposition consider the proposal.

Deputy Leader of the House Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury said that all quarters should discuss the matter candidly and extend whole-hearted cooperation to curb the menace of terrorism on campus.

He said that the Home Minister would expose the terrorists very soon and purge them to restore peace and a congenial academic atmosphere.

Referring to the proposal of Awami League MP Matiya Chowdhury, Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury said that the residences of all political leaders both from the Treasury and the Opposition benches should be searched to find out whether any terrorist was being sheltered in any of them.

Dr Chowdhury also referred to the speech of Jamaat leader Sheikh Ansar Ali and said that the Jamaat should also look in the mirror to see its own face. He also referred to some terrorist activities carried out by a section of Jamaat-Shibir workers in different parts of the country including at the Chittagong University.

Expressing his confidence at the assurance of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury said that without whole hearted cooperation of the opposition parties it was impossible to combat terrorism, adding that the killers of Dr Milon sheltered by the Chhatra League should be first expelled to allow the government to take drastic action against the terrorists.

Dr Chowdhury expressed the hope that the Parliamentary Special Committee on Terrorism would submit its report as per terms of reference as soon as possible so that the government could take immediate action against the terrorists.

Earlier Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad said that the government should propose its plan and programme on how to combat the menace of campus violence.

He said that the incident at the Dhaka University in which two students were killed had questioned the stability of parliamentary democracy and was not expected by any democracy-loving citizen of the country.

He said that Major Dalim, involved in the killing of 'Bangabandhu' was given a red

passport but the Members of Parliament were not being issued diplomatic passports in spite of the assurance given by the Prime Minister.

Abdus Samad Azad said that national consensus could not be achieved by targeting House No 32 of Dhannondit, a witness to a long history of the political upheavals in this country.

He stressed the need for a political decision to free the educational institutions of all sorts of violence.

NDP member Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury taking part in the discussion said that the DU incident was a failure of the democratic government in power. He said that in spite of the recommendation by the judicial inquiry committee to revise the University ordinance limiting the autonomy of the university, the government had failed to take any positive decision.

Supporting his proposal, treasury bench member and Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Miah said that the police could not take action directly as the institutions enjoy autonomous status by virtue of the law. He said that a pragmatic step should be adopted to control the situation.

Jamaat leader Matiuur Rahman Nazami also said that in spite of recommendation by the enquiry commission set up by the caretaker government for changing the Chittagong University ordinance, the government did not show any interest to implement it.

Jatiya Party leader, Moudud Ahmed taking part in the discussion said that due to terrorist activities about 180 educational institutions including three universities and 12 medical colleges of the country had remained closed for a long period.

Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party said that the Dhaka University incident was a battle between two rival groups to maintain their respective supremacy on the campus. He said that in the past, the people saw terrorism by autocratic regime and now the mulemen of different CPB leader Shamsudhoda said that the terrorists should not be spared at any cost and the government should purge them with an iron hand irrespective of their party affiliation.

Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim said that the members of the Awami League did not belong to 'Ramkrishna Mission' or 'Anjuman-i-Madful Islam' and they would not remain silent if the government was not sin-

# The Midnight File

## Democratic Union leading in Polish polls

WARSAW, Oct 28: The Democratic Union of former premier Tadeusz Mazowiecki was leading in Poland's general elections with 14.4 per cent of the vote, ahead of the former Communist Party which has scored just over 12 per cent, according to first official results released here today. The Church-backed Catholic Action Party (WAK) had won 9.2 per cent and the Liberal Democrats of Prime Minister Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, 8.6 per cent, the electoral commission said, quoting results from some 1,000 of the country's 22,000 polling stations. The Alliance of the Centre (POC) took 8.1 per cent of the votes counted, ahead of the right-wing Confederation for an Independent Poland (KPN). The Peasants' Party took 6.5 per cent and the Solidarity trade union 5.5 per cent, reports AFP.

## Yeltsin announces one-year moratorium on nuclear testing

MOSCOW Oct 28: Russian President Boris Yeltsin announced a one-year moratorium on nuclear testing on Russian territory, the independent Interfax news agency said today, reports Reuters.

# Diplomatic passports generate heat in JS

The question of issuance of diplomatic passports to the member of Parliament and their use by them generated a heated discussion in the house during the question hour when the Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting Monday afternoon, reports BSS.

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman, replying to a question from Mirza Golam Azam (AL-Jamalpur) said the MPs would be given diplomatic passports but they were to use the red passports only when on an official visit. At this stage a number of members rose to ask supplementary questions.

The Foreign Minister said the number of valid diplomatic passports issued so far till October 9 this year was 938. This, he added, excluded the 35 diplomatic passports issued to the MPs.

Rahman said as per government rules the officers belonging to Foreign Service cadre and those from other cadres or the military officers appointed to work in the Bangladesh missions.

He said the Foreign Service cadre personnel could use their diplomatic passports for all time while the persons appointed on deputation got the diplomatic passport for a specific period.

The Foreign Minister said the green passports were issued by the Directorate of Passport and Immigration under the Home Ministry while Foreign Ministry issued the diplomatic passports.

He said other than the members of Parliament green passports were cancelled to those who were given the diplomatic passports.

As the Foreign Minister concluded his answer a number of members, both from the opposition and treasury benches, wanted to know from him whether the condition attached to the use of red passport by the MPs was a breach of their privilege.

Replying to the members the Foreign Minister said that he had just followed the official order.

The opposition members in their supplementary questions reminded the chair that the Leader of the House and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had promised to issue diplomatic passports to the MPs.

The Foreign Minister said the Prime Minister had pledged to issue red passports to the MPs but she did not say anything about the use of those.

Awami League member Tofael Ahmed on a point of order said the Prime Minister herself had pledged in this house that diplomatic passports would be issued to the MPs befitting their position.

Tofael drew the attention of the chair to the Warrant of Precedence and said the status of MPs was above the secretaries.

## Violence spreads

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the Islami Chhatra Shibir brought separate processions, condemning terrorism on the campus.

Our JU Correspondent reported that eight rooms of two Jahangirnagar University halls were burnt and three others ransacked Sunday night.

The JCD workers at the JU brought out a protest procession soon after the news of the deaths of their two fellow workers on the DU campus spread there at about 10 pm Sunday.

The processionists turned violent and rushed Mir Mosharraf Hali and Al-Berunt Hall and looked for BCL workers there.

Finding the BCL workers absent from the halls, the JCD activists ransacked eleven rooms belonging to them and later burnt eight of the rooms. The BCL workers were learnt to have left their rooms earlier.

During the attack in the halls, several shots were fired and bombs exploded.

Our Munshiganj correspondent reported that Haraganga College was closed sine die after the activists of the JCD and the BCL clashed in the college compound Monday.

In the incident, two JCD workers—Manik and Aziz were injured in a bomb explosion. They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

During the hours-long gunfight, both the sides exploded bombs and chased each other.

The clash started when the processionists of the JCD and the BCL faced each other on the campus. The JCD procession was brought out protesting the DU killings while the BCL demanding arrest and trial of the killers of a BCL worker.

Another JCD worker was also injured in a clash between the JCD and the BCL workers at Tongbari College the same day.

The clash ensued over Sunday's DU violence. Meanwhile, authorities closed the Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI) at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city indefinitely Sunday night after tension gripped the JCD and the BCL workers there following the DU incidents. The students were also asked to vacate their hostels.

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