Tension mounts on campus

Govt intervention in CU sought

CHITTAGONG, June Teachers and guardians today urged immediate government intervention fearing a bloody clash anytime as Shibir supporters enforced strike afresh at Chittagong University and CUCSU announced counteraction to gherao them, reports

At a rally in the port city. they made the appeal to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia as well as to the opposition leaders to intervene and free the campus from the grip of terrorism they blamed on Jamaat-Shibir activists.

The university teachers also announced they would go on a token hunger strike on Monday, if immediate steps are not taken to free the varsity from continued violence and gherao.

They warned they would be compelled to launch a combined march of teachers, students and people of all walks towards the campus, held by Shibirites, to cleanse it in the ast resort.

Held at the Milon Square this afternoon, the rally was presided over by Professor of Mathematics Department Fazley Hossain.

Those who spoke included former CUTA President Dr Abdul Wasi, President of the College-University Teachers Association Prof Shafful Alam.

Secretary General of District Bar Association Ibrahim Hossain Babul, General Secretary of the District Unit of Bangladesh Mahila Samity Noor Jahan Khan, Dr Hamida Banu of Physics Department, Professor Abdul Mannan. CUCSU VP Mohammad Nazimuddin and Samsunnahar Hall GS Rumana Kafi Jharna

Shibir students.

The Shibir-supported San grami Chhatra Oikya and Sammilita Chhatra Oikya Parishad today started a 72hour campus strike to realise its demands including removal of the Vice-Chancellor Professor Alamgir Mohammad Sira-

of the government, the future of 12,000 students of the university had become uncertain.

tomorrow.

campus activity.

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Venkataraman's plea

for all parties to abjure these methods by common consent, Venkataraman said.

been killed in the country's bloodiest election campaign, which began in early April, against a background of caste and religious violence.

dom of India's 521 million voters, Venkataraman said: The Indian voter may be poor or illiterate but has functioned with great wisdom and matu-

"Parties that gain power through malpractices, will not get the cooperation of the people," the President warned. That the government which does not reflect the will of the people cannot last long is one of the lessons of history, he

The President, who usually makes only two ceremonial appearances a year - on January 26 Republic Day and August 15 Independence Day said he was breaking protocol to share some deeply-felt thoughts.

Black-bordered posters of Sonia

Posters showing Rajiv Gandhi's grieving widow. Sonia, appealing for votes for her slain husband's party have prompted stinging opposition charges of "desperate tactics' and "cheap gimmickry."

BCS (Agri) Assoc support to cadre coordination body

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Civil Service (Agri) Association has extended its full support to the BCS coordination committee of 24 cadre association.

The Association in a meeting June 5 with its President AKM Giasuddin Milki also differed with the statement of the President of the Agriculturist Institution Mirja MA Jalil.

The BCS, Agriculturist Association in a letter to the President of the Agriculturist Institute Mirja MA Jalil said that the BCS Agricultural Association has expressed its unity with the Coordination Committee of the cadre Associations to provide support to the democratic government against the vested-interest quarters.

The BCS (Agri) Association further resolved that the association never demanded the repeal of the Matin Committee Report but demanded of the government to fill up all the posts from Assistant Secretary to Secretary with members of cadre services.

JP PP meet June 11

By Staff Correspondent

A meeting of the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party (JPPP) will be held on June 11 (Tuesday) at its office in the Parliament house, said a party press release. All members of the party have been requested to attend the meeting.

The Chittagong University Central Students Union (CUCSU) VP cautioned they would start their already-announced gherao around the campus tomorrow to purge the

They said due to red-tapism

Tension mounted on and around the campus for fear of possible eruption of Shibir-CUCSU fighting late tonight or

The Shibir-announced 72hour strike in a string of violent agitations paralysed the

From Page 1 Col. 4 The black-bordered posters - showing Mrs. Gandhi behind sunglasses wearing a sari -

appeared in a northern Indian More than 230 people have constituency after she turned down offers to lead her hus-

band's party, the Congress (I). Congress (I) officials say privately that the posters were printed without the knowledge Praising the common wisor consent of the Italian-born widow, an intensely private person who shuns the political

> lime-light. "It was a despicable attempt by the Congress (I) to misuse the name of someone who shuns politics," said spokesman for the Janata Dal (People's Party), led by Gandhi's arch rival Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

"It only shows, how desperate the Congress (I) is. added R. K. Malkani, Vice President of the Hindu revivalist Bharatiya Janata (Indian People's) Party.

"It is a forgery She never issued statement to strengthen the hands of Congress Party. We hope Narasimha Rao looks into the matter to prevent any such misuse of her name," he said, referring to Gandhi's successor as Congress (I) Presi-

Rao, 69, who accepted the presidency after Mrs Gandhi turned it down, was campaigning Thursday on behalf of Rajiv's political secretary Jitendra Prasad in Shahjahanpur. where the controversial posters appeared.

Chinese help

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target of exchanging goods worth US dollar 50 million each way

Bangladesh suffers a trade imbalance with China but officials said efforts are underway to narrow the trade gap between the two countries through increasing exports from Bangladesh.

Bangladesh exports mainly raw jute, jute goods, tea leather and fertilizers to China and imports coal, machinery, papers. stationery items etc.

3 Indian dacoits

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Babu Lal (36), Gopi Ghosh (18) and Rabindranath (25) died on the spot while Madan (18) was seriously injured in the melee. All were said to have hailed from Bhabanipur village in Tehatta Thana of Nadia district.

Chuadanga Battalion Commander Lt Col Mustafa Anwar and Captain Mohiuddin visited the tense scene.

A flag meeting started at 4:40 pm at Mujibnagar to calm down the tense situation.

The bodies and the injured were handed over to BSF after the border talks ended at 7 pm, the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Battalion Commander

said. Both sides at the flag meeting agreed to defuse the tension and maintain peace in the border area.

A case was lodged with Meherpur Police Station. BDR and BSF also exchanged several rounds of bullet on June 6 at the same

President Chandli Bandjedid. Editor : S. M. All continued consultations with political parties to form a tran-

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Dr Abdul Aziz Mohammad Al-Turki, Vice-Chairman of the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office on Saturday. - PID photo

Shahabuddin's exit

From Page 1 Col. 7 tary form of government. But they will not oppose if the party opts for a system where President and Prime Minister share power and the parliament is given more power through formation of house

committees. House committees are contemplated in line with the house committees of the American Congress. The house committees' recommendations will be binding on the executives, thus giving superiority to the parliament over the execu-

tives. Besides, in the event of a blended system, President shall dissolve the parliament in consultation with the Prime Minister. The cabinet may also be accountable to the parlia-

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin called upon the members of parliament to amend the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution to validate his assumption of the office of Vice-President. The Ninth Amendment of the Constitution provides that the appointment of Vice-President shall have to be ratified by the parliament, which was not done in case of Justice Shahabuddin by the dissolved parliament. Therefore, the new parliament shall have to amend the Fourth Schedule to add 'section 20' to validate the appointment and all actions

a package. This will also include the provision for paving the way for Justice Shahabuddin's exit.

BNP considers passage of this bill most urgent in view of the recent dramatic events in the political arena following Acting President's address which clearly surfaced the weakness of the foundation of the BNP Government. The danger of dyarchy in administration was observed in major decision making by the Acting President recently. So the exit of Justice Shahabuddin is an imperative for BNP to consolidate its position in power. But will BNP get an easy sail ? Probably not. Awami League will tag the passage of the bill with form of government just to block handing over power by Justice Shahabuddin to BNP. The amended provision of the Fourth Schedule may add a clause providing for Vice-President to submit his resignation either to the Prime Minister or to the Speaker.

In the event of Awami League's refusal to back the Fourth Schedule amendment bill, BNP will look for alternative arrangement to mobilise support in favour of the bill. Informal consultations have already started with smaller groups and Jamaat-e-Islami. BNP will start formal dialogue with like-minded parties after the party meetings today and

US stands with you, Quayle tells crowd in Bulgaria

SOFIA, June 8 : US Vice President Dan Quayle on Friday told a crowd more than 20,000 people in Sofia he was glad to see Bulgaria in the "Family of free nations", re-

The highest ranking US official to visit Bulgaria, Quayle was in Sofia for four hours at the end of an East European

He signed an agreement with Bulgarian Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Valkov to provide 200,000 tonnes of American grain to the Balkan nations as humanitarian aid.

The two also signed an accord to protect private US investment in Bulgaria.

Indian plane ploughs into mud

NEW DELHI, June 8: An Indian Airlines domestic flight overshot a runway in the western city of Aurangabad early today and ploughed into nearby muddy fields, but there were no casualties, officials said here. Airline officials said the Boeing 737 carrying 106 passengers overshot the runway because of bad weather and poor visibility over the city located in Maharashtra state. reports AFP.



Abdus Samad Azad, acting president of Awami League, addressing a discussion meeting held in observance of historic June 7 at the party office on Saturday. -Star photo

AL leaders urge BNP support

From Page 1 Col. 7 leaders including Barrister Shawqat Ali, Begum Matia Choudhury and Mozaffar Hossain Paltu.

In his address Abdus Samad Azad said the three mainstream opposition alliances had pledged to the people in their Joint Declaration to establish a sovereign parliament and the people struggled for it. If it was not met, Awami League will again take to the street with the people to fulfil their hopes and aspirations, he warned.

Azad criticised the BNP government for, what he said, ignoring Acting President's call for facilitating his exit and 'unconstitutionally'.

"We want Begum Khaleda

ALGIERS, June 8: The mili-

tary command withdrew tanks

and armoured cars from major

intersections Saturday, a day

after the announcement of

early presidential elections

and the end to a strike by

Muslim fundamentalists, re-

were clogged with traffic for

the first time since a four-

month state of siege was pro-

claimed on Wednesday by

sition government before early

presidential and legislative

Hocine Ait-Ahmed of the Front

An opposition party leader,

Premier Sid Ahmed Ghozali

Shops opened and streets

ports AP.

elections.

Zia and her party to be in power constitutionally through reverting to parliamentary form of government". Azad also refuted BNP's allegations that AL was trying to remove BNP from power. "Awami League wants to transfer power from the Acting Presi-

dent to BNP", he said. Abdul Mannan said it is the responsibilities of all the MPs elected from the components of the three alliances to materialise the Joint Declaration to fulfil demand of the whole na-

Sajeda Choudhury alleged that the rulers have only changed but the autocratic system of the past still existed. She said it would a betrayal to the martyrs of last nine years if BNP did not ma-

meeting with Ghozali that the

legislative voting would take

over whether the early presi-

dential elections would be

held before the end of the

year, as the state-run TV an-

strategic intersections and

major arteries began

withdrawing late Friday before

the 11 pm to 3:30 am curfew

tinued around major public

buildings like the presidential

residence, the Parliament, the

dozens of tanks, armoured ve-

But the withdrawal of

Treasury and key ministries.

The military presence con-

Tanks and soldiers guarding

But there was confusion

place in October.

nounced Friday.

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terialise the commitments in the Joint Declaration.

Amir Hossain Amu blamed BNP for ignoring the Joint Declaration and condemned its allegations that AL was conspiracy to destabilise the government. He made a fervent call to BNP to fulfil its commitments made to the nation during the movement.

If the commitments, were not fulfilled, the BNP would be removed from power by the people like the Jatiya Party, he cautioned.

Tofael Ahmed termed passing of bills by BNP as an act of autoeracy.

Matia Choudhury called upon BNP leadership to identify the conspirators who, were working to oust the present government.

lowers and security forces.

early legislative and presiden-

before the end of the year.

from thoroughfares lent an air of normalcy to this North African capital that has been the scene of days of clashes between fundamentalist fol-Fundamentalist leader Abassi Madani reiterated in a radio interview Saturday that tial elections would be held Madani's Islamic Salvation Front had called for a general

strike and launched a series of protests to press for early. presidential elections, along with the June 27 legislative vote, cancelled by the state of But the official media on would follow at a later date. Saturday spoke only of legisla-

The Midnight Rile

Upper House

created in

Nepal

Birendra has given assent to

the National Assembly Member

election-1.1 bill paving the way for constituing the "Rashtriya

Sabha" (Upper House), reports

said on the first day session of

the 205-member house of rep-

resentatives on June 20, the

newly-elected members would

be sworn in by the senior-most

member of the house. The

Speaker and Deputy Speaker

would be elected on the sec-

One killed by

miscreants in

city hotel

By Staff Correspondent

killed one Khalilur Rahman,

35, after snatched away Taka

40,000 from him at Room No

96 of Lucky Boarding at

Fakirapool in the city in the

early hours of Saturday, police

brother of Khalilur Rahman

who was staying in the same

room, was also injured while

Adamjee

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demonstrated in the mills area

Saturday protesting the

and BDR have been deployed

to check further deterioration

of the law and order situation.

Secretary of the Adamjee

Patkal Sramik Karmachari

Union, the CBA of the mills,

demanded immediate with-

drawal of the 'lock-out' in the

responsible for the violence in

Parishad (SKOP) leaders also

adopted at the meeting, SKOP

of terror.

for the violence.

In a statement issued

Large contingents of police

Shafiqullah Shafi, General

resisting the miscreants.

Swadhin Mia, younger

Miscreants robbed and

ond day.

Nepali Congress sources

KATHMANDU, June 8: King

Coup bid foiled in Lesotho

JOHANNESBURG, June 8: Forces loyal to Lesotho's military government foiled an attempted putsch Friday. arresting 18 high-ranking officers, the South African news agency Sapara reported today. South African border guards said travellers leaving the kingdom reported the capital.

General strike in Kashmir

Maseru, quiet and "under control" today, says AFP.

.JAMMU, June 8: Muslim militants protesting the alleged denial of medical care to their jailed brethren enforced a general strike today in Kashmir after overnight attacks on security posts in this northern state. The strike, which shut offices, schools and colleges in 28 towns in the Kashmir valley, was enforced to protest the alleged dental of medical facilities to 5,000 imprisoned militants and sympathisers, officials said, reports AFP.

De Klerk arrives Kenya

NAIROBI, June 8: South African President FW de Klerk arrived in Kenya Saturday for talks with President Daniel Arap Moi, whose nation is one of a growing number of African countries moving toward more open ties with Pretoria. Moi, most of his cabinet ministers and other senior government officials, welcomed De Klerk and Foreign Minister Pik Botha at Nairobi's international airport, reports AP.

Volcano spews ash in Manila

MANILA, June 8: A long dormant volcano spewed steam and ash over a wide area Saturday, and US authorities prepared to evacuate 16,000 Americans from Clark Air base if seismic activity escalates. More than 3,100 people, mostly Aeta tribesmen, have been evacuated from the slopes of Mount Pinatubo, a 1,475-meter (4,795-foot) volcano about 110 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Manila, reports AP.

March to JS

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11 towards the Jatiya Sangsad demanding realisation of the Declaration and the ten-point demands of the now-defunct All-Party Students Unity (APSU).

The decision was announced at a rally held at the Madhu's Canteen premises.

The rally was addressed by Golam Mostafa Suzan and Quamruzzaman Ansari President and General Secretary of BCL (S-A) Dhaka University unit.

Speakers at the rally reit-Saturday, he held the CBA erated their earlier demands President Rehanuddin Rehan to release BCL leaders and workers and to dissolve the the mills area and alleged that judicial probe body into the as-Rehan hired armed hooligans saulting of Jamaat-leader from outside to create a reign Matiur Rahman Nizami. They also demanded with-

Shafi demanded arrest of drawal of police and BDR Rehan and others responsible forces from the campus for the sake of preserving the auton-Sramik Karmachari Oikya omy of the university.

condemned the violence in the (BCU) submitted a memoran-Adamjee Mills and demanded dum at the Ministry of Home judicial enquiry into the inci-Affairs demanding withdrawal of the cases filed against nine SKOP leaders reviewed the student leaders in connection Adamjee situation in a meeting with the assault on Maulana held in Dhaka Saturday Nizami. evening. In a resolution Earlier the BCU brought out

a procession on the campus leaders demanded immediate demanding the arrest of armed withdrawal of lock-out of the hoodlums to bring back a congental academic atmosphere. In another statement, Abul The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Bashar and Nurul Anwar, (JCD) held a rally in front of President and General Secretary respectively of Jatiya Sramik Federation also demanded the immediate re-

'illegal and illogical'. They mentioned that Rehanuddin Rehan, the President of Adamjee Mills' CBA, has been expelled from the Federation.

opening of the Adamjee Jute

Mills. They said that the lock-

out in the mills was totally

Saudi Arabia

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The Finance Minister apprised the delegation of the government schemes for building multipurpose structures in the cyclone zone and other fehabilitation programmes and sought increased assistance and cooperation for imple-

menting the programmes.

The leader of the delegation showed keen interest of the Saudi government in building the infrastructures in areas of social services like constructing schools, hospitals, shelters and mosques. Besides, the earlier announced 106 million US dollar as grant for building eyclone damaged structures, the Saudi government will give more assistance through other channels, Dr Aziz said.

ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Choudhury and the Saudi Ambassador Bangladesh Abdul Latif Abdullah Al-Maimanee were present in the meeting.

Tanks withdraw from Algiers streets tive elections before year's of Socialist Forces, said atter a hicles and riot squad police

Ghozali, the former foreign minister appointed premier on Wednesday, told the official APS news agency Saturday that his job was to "bring together the conditions for clean elections and bring together the entire democratic process set in motion by the 1989 Constitution whose ultimate goals are legislative elections followed by early presidential

elections. He gave no date. But a government source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that legislative elections would be held before year's end and early presidential elections

the DUCSU building at noon. The rally was addressed by JCD Joint Convenor Fazlul Huq Milon, Maniruzzaman Manir and Kazi Ali Akkas Nadim. Speakers at the rally said

that the BCL had betrayed the first point of the ten-point APSU demand by providing shelter to the killers of Dr

They said a conspiracy was being hatched at Sheikh Hasina's residence in Dhanmondi to create anarchy on the campus. Speakers vowed not to bow

down to any terrorist activities. BCL (N-S) rally was addressed by Shafi Ahmed and Mokhlesur Rahman. Speakers demanded imme-

diate realisation of the ten-

point APSU demands and said

any betrayal with the ten-point would not be tolerated. Communist League-backed CPB-backed Chhatra Union

the Oparajeo Bangla. Speakers at the rally demanded the expulsion of Golam Azam from the country. withdrawal of false cases against student leaders and the

National budget

From Page 1 Col. 5 Finance — finance division and internal resources division.

Ministry of Planning, said. Besides, the government decided that the NBR would make "extra efforts to further arrest tax evasion as well as to collect the arrear taxes" in 1991-92.

according to

The government, the Memorandum said, will continue to take measures to strengthen public enterprise finances and promote efficiency that were undertaken during 1990-91 to raise the volume of non-tax receipts.

Available indications further

Chhatra Moitry held a rally at

filling up of one lakh 35 thousand vacant posts in government services.

They also demanded implementation of the 10-point demands of the student com-

The recovery under do-

mestic loans and advances, ac-

cording to the government's

Memorandum for Aid Club, will

continue to improve and the

Public Account comprising.

among others, the small sav-

ings etc will be managed effi-

ciently for drastically reducing

the shortfall in net capital re-

ceipts in 1991-92. The deficit

is tentatively projected at Taka

37 crore for the forthcoming

fiscal year. The shortfall under

the revised budget for 1990-

91 will stand at Taka 8.45

crore compared with Taka 124

crore in the original budget es-

Programme (ADP).

ments or Annual Development

Meanwhile, the government

has indicated to the donor community in the recent annual consortium meeting in-Paris that the collection of revenue by the NBR in 1991-92 would increase by 22 per cent as against a growth rate of 15 per cent that was realised during he preceding five years. "In addition to a normal annual growth, the growth in revenue would come largely from new fiscal measures and the introduction of the Pre-Shipment Inspection Scheme for customs duty and sales tax", the Memorandum for the Bangladesh Aid Group 1991-42 jointly prepared by Mustry of Finance and the

The non-NBR tax revenue, Memorandum, would grow by only 10 per cent in 1991-92 compared to the growth rate of over 15 per cent in the recent past. This decline will be "partly attributable to exemption of Land Development tax up to a ceiling of land holdings" by the government to redeem its election pledges.

suggested that the government would be making "all-out efforts" to reduce the deficit in the non-development capital budget, reflecting various transactions under domestic loans and advances and other operations relating to Public Account of the Republic. Deficit in non-development capital budget, to mention, cuts into revenue surplus the difference between receipts and expenditures in the revenue budget which provide the domestic resources for funding public sector invest-

timates for the year. Revenue expenditures for 1991-92 has been projected in the Memorandum at Taka 7900 crore, representing an increase of about Taka 500 crore over the revised estimates of Taka 7400 crore for 1990-91. This projection was made before the recent cy-

clone and tidal surge and also

the floods. This will undergo

some changes in the light of

decisions in two areas - relief

and other expenditures, and

recommendations of the Pay

Commission for the government employees. Meanwhile, the Annual Development Programme for 1991-92 will be sized at Taka 7500 crore. The ADP for the forthcoming fiscal year along with the revised ADP of Taka 6131 crore for 1990-91 were approved on Saturday at a meeting of reconstituted National Economic Council (NEC) with Acting President

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in

the chair. External resources in the forms of project aid, counterpart fund from commodity aid and sale proceeds from food aid under the US Public Law (PL)-480 (Titles II and III), European Community and other operations will provide Taka 6435 crore support for the ADP in 1991-92.

The rest of the funds for the ADP will come from domestic budgetary surpluses and selffinancing of autonomous bodies, excluding, however, the net resources from food bud-

place.