Bills: The points of difference

From Page 1 Col. 7 to the Constitution. The AL bill has been designed to serve both the purposes.

None of the bills touches the preamble and the first 10 Articles of the Constitution containing basic state principles which were subjected to repeated amendments since

Both BNP and AL seek to amend the Constitution from Article 11 onwards. Regarding Article 11 bills of both the parties seek to restore a provision of the 1972 Constitution to ensure effective participation of the people in administration at all levels through their elected representatives.

The bills propose to restore the original Chapter I of the Constitution containing Articles 48 to 54 relating to the President. They differ slightly in respect of restoration of original Chapter il containing Articles 55 to 58.

The 12th amendment bill of BNP proposes that not more than one-fifth of the ministers could be appointed from among non-MPs, but deletes a provision of the original Constitution (which AL seeks to retain) that a minister who at the time of his appointment is not an MP shall cease to be a minister unless elected as an MP within six months of such appointment.

Again in Article 57(2) the BNP bill differs from the AL bill in that it proposes to make the Prime Minister to resign or advise the President in writing to dissolve the Parliament.

The AL and BNP bills seek to restore Chapter III of the orig inal Constitution. This chapter relating to local government to be run by elected bodies with power, determined by the Parliament by law, to impose local taxes, was abolished by the Fourth Amendment in

In respect of Article 66 on qualifications and disqualifications for election to Parliament the BNP bill, unlike the AL bill deletes the prevision which says that disputes over the question whether an MP shall vacate his seat for floor cross ing should be referred to the Election Commission.

The BNP bill completely rewrites Article 70 of the Constitution not touched by the AL bill. The BNP bill provides that an MP will vacate his seat not only for floor crossing, but also if he loses his membership or is expelled from the party which had nominated him as a candidate, or forms any group within that party The Article if amended according to the BNP bill, will also treat independents joining a party after election as nominees of that party. An MP vacating seat under this provision will be disqualified from contesting in election for five

In respect of Article 72, the BNP bill makes summoning, proroguing and dissolution of the Parliament by the President subject to written advice of the Prime Minister. The AL bill like the BNP bill seeks to omit clause 4A of this Article.

The AL bill proposes to omit Article 73A relating to rights of non-MP Ministers to take part in proceedings of the Parliament. The BNP bill seeks to retain it by deleting the words Deputy Prime Ministers The bills of both AL and

BNP omit everything relating to the vice-president and deputy prime ministers, and propose of amend Clause (AA) of Article 88, and some provisions of Articles 122, 125, 147, 148, 152, and the Third Schedule.

The AL bill proposed to omit Article 92 A which empowers the President to authorise withdrawal of money from the consolidated fund for a period of 120 days pending the making of grants and passing of the law. The BNP bill seeks to retain it.

Both the bills seek to amend slightly Article 119 which is related to functions of the Election Commission. The

Indian army chief

From Page 1 Col. 8

Dhaka Cantonment. The mementoes will be presented as a token of amity between the two armies of the neighbouring countries, diplomatic sources told The Daily Star.

During his stay, General Rodrigues will visit military installations and will make a trip to Rangamati. He will also visit the Hiron Point and the

Sundarbans on a river cruise. The Indian army chief is expected to call on Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

AL bill seeks to restore the original Article of the 1972 Constitution, while the BNP bill omits the provision that the commission shall hold election to the office of the President and deletes a paragraph which states that the commission shall perform such other functions as may be prescribed by law.

In respect of Article 123 about the time of holding of elections, the AL bill seeks restoration of the original provision. The BNP bill proposes that if, in the opinion of the Speaker and the Chief Election Commissioner, elections cannot be held within the specified period for reasons of an act of God, such elections shall be held within 90 days following the last day of such period.

Both the bills propose to restore the original Article 124 on parliament's power to make provisions as to elections. In respect of Article 141, both the parties seek to make the proclamation of emergency by the President subject to countersignature of the Prime Minister.

The AL bill proposes that the requirement of a referendum for amendment of the Preamble and Articles 8, 48, 56, 58, 80 and 92A should be dropped. The government bill proposes that this requirement should be dropped only in respect of Articles 48, 56 and 58.

The AL bill seeks to amend the Fourth Schedule to provide for election of a new president within 30 days of the amendment act coming into effect return of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to the of fice of the Chief Justice after the newly elected President enters upon his office.

The BNP bill provides that the parliament shall be deemed to have been duly elected and shall continue to function under provisions of Article 72.

By the eleventh amendment bill BNP details on the popular upsurge that led to the resignation of the then President and seeks to ratify the appointment of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed as Vice-President on December 6, 1990, and all his actions as Acting President, and provides that after the enforcement of the new amendment act he will eligible to resume his duties in the Supreme Court

In respect of election of President the AL bill seeks to revive the original Second Schedule which was dropped by the Fourth Amendment Act in 1975. It provides that the Chief Election Commissioner shall hold and conduct election to the office of the President and shall be the returning officer for such elec-

The BNP bill seeks to add a new schedule - fifth schedule - for the purpose. Under this schedule the Speaker is to hold and conduct election to the office of President and to be the returning officer for such election.

Nizami's call for united resistance to hooliganism

PABNA, July 5: Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami today called for united resistance against hooliganism in the country's educational institutions to ensure congenial academic atmosphere, reports

From Page 1 Col. 8

pointed out the major differences between the amendment bill of Awami League and the two other bills moved by

According to meeting sources, the committee members endorsed the bill moved by Samad Azad since they believed that the bill upheld the spirit of parliamentary democracy. The AL leaders expressed their reservations about certain points of BNP's bill particularly that of strict measures against floor crossing by the

They maintained that the provisions for making way for the Acting President's exit should be incorporated in one amendment bill proposing the change of the form of government. The committee members, however, suggested a consensus for smooth passage of the amendment bill.

The committee met again the afternoon at the Bangabandhu Bhaban and the meeting continued till 10-30 pm. The meeting resumes today at 10 am at the party central office.

Editor : S. M. All

Published by the Editor on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd., 52 Motifheel C/A, Dhaka-1000 and printed by him at Offset Printing Dialogue Publications Ltd., 19 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215. Editorial, News & Commercial offices: 28/1, Toynbee Circular Road, Dhaka-1000. Tel: Editorial & News: 863036. Commercial: 863035. PABX-246023-4. Fax No. 88-02-863035. GPO Box No. 3257 GRAM: DAILY STAR, DHAKA.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the three-day science conference at Shilpakala Academy, that opened Friday. - PID photo

Two more suspects in Rajiv's assassination case held

NEW DELHI, July 5 Investigators probing the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi arrested two members of a Tamil guerilla group on Friday, police said, reports AP.

The suspects, a 70-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl, were picked up from a New Delhi hotel, said a police official, on condition of anonymity.

Both are members of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a guerilla group, battling for an independent Tamil homeland in neighbouring Sri Lanka. United News of India said both were of Sri Lankan origin. Police said they were ascertaining their nationalities.

Kannan GA Sabhapati and A Thirai had "direct links" with the Tamil Tigers and there are "clinching evidence" that they were involved in the killing. "We have sensitive and in-

criminating documents to prove that the two were party to the assassination." said the police official. The two were produced

before a city magistrate who remanded them to police custody for 30 days. The arrests were the fourth breakthrough since Gandhi

was killed in an election meeting in May by a suicide bomber in the town of Sriperumbudur, 40 kilometers (25 miles) southwest of Madras. With the latest arrests the number of people taken into custody in the Gandhi killing

has risen to 10. Five of the ar-

rested are Sri Lankan Tamils

and the remaining are Indian Tamils. Tamils live both in Sri Lanka and the south Indian state of Tamil Nadu, their

original homeland. Inquiries have continued to center around the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the

cated Tamil group fighting for independence in Sri Lanka.

A possible motive for the Tigers' involvement in the assassination is Gandhi's role as a mediator in the Sri Lankan civil war when he was prime minister in 1987.

Gandhi ordered Indian to kill Gandhi. troops to enforce a ceasefire between the Sri Lankan army the Tigers under an Indian-brokered accord.

But the troops ended up with a 2/1-2-year war with the Tigers when the Tigers reneged the peace plan and resumed fighting.

The troops were recalled in March 1990 by the government of VP Singh, who replaced Gandhi as prime minis-

AFP adds: A Sri Lankan Tamil guerilla implicated in Rajiv Gandhi's assassination defied orders to return home because he was in love with an ndian woman, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today. Murugan told investigators

probing the former Indian Prime Minister's slaying that Tamil Tiger chief Velupillai Prabhakaran had asked him to sail home two weeks before the assassination plan was executed, PTI said. The 21-year-old activist of

the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said he had orders from Prabhakaran to take a boat across the Palk Strait, which divides India's Tamil Nadu state and Sri Lanka, the news agency said. He said he went to the

southern Indian coastal town of Mandapam and waited for a boat to pick him up, then changed his mind at the last moment and decided to stay behind, PTI quoted unidentified official sources as saying.

Murugan, reputed to be an explosives expert, is a key susmost powerful and sophisti- pect in the assassination of sources reportedly said.

The suspect said he decided to defy his leader's orders because he had fallen in love with Nalini, 27, an Indian Tamil who was arrested along with Murugan on charges of involvement in the conspiracy

The pair were arrested by police on June 14. Nalini was pregnant at the time of her arrest, carrying Murugan's baby, PTI said.

The love affair was so secret that even Nalini's mother and brother, who too have been charged as conspirators for shelfering the assassination squad, including the woman suicide-bomber, were unaware of it, it said.

Murugan reportedly told investigators that he feared his group would kill him for defiance, which amounted to desertion, and for violating the LTTE's code of conduct not to develop personal relationships.

Sources in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) told PTI in Madras, the Tamil Nadu capital, that the Sri Lankan suspect "brainwashed" Nalini into turning a conspirator in the assassination In mid-1987, then-premier

of Indian troops to Sri Lanka under an accord with Colombo to end the LTTE's Tamil separatist campaign. Murugan convinced Nalini

Gandhi despatched thousands

that the troops had committed atrocities against Tamils during the two-year bush war they fought against the LTTE, the sources were quoted as saying. The woman assassin, identi-

fied simply as Thanu, helped in the indoctrination process by telling Nalini that Indian troops had raped her and killed her two brothers, the

KHALEDA

From Page 1 Col. 7

Sympathy and love for nature can work better than laws, she observed and urged all concerned to be more active for ensuring healthy environment in the country.

She hoped the deliberations in the conference would add new ideas to the field of science and technology and would help steer the nation through many a problem.

The experience of the reputed scientists and the endeavours of the young would help usher in new discoveries, Begum Zia said urging the new generation scientists to devote to research for newer scientific achievements.

She assured that the government would welcome the works of the talented scien-

its best to solve the problems the scientists are faced with, she added.

Begum Zia also distributed trophies to the recipients of the last year's science conference. They were: Mohammad Shajahan Mia, Dr Raghari Sarkar, Zabbar Haider Khan, Tapasi Gosh Roy, SM Jaglul Pasha, Abu Bakr Siddiqui Shafiqul Aktar and MZR Majumder.

Flood control

From Page 1 Col. 5

and financial assistance for it.

Referring to the promotion of science and technology in the country, the Prime Minister urged scientists to find out new ways and means to bring about qualitative change in the life of the peo-

The government would try

The meeting will review, approve and adopt the Study Report on Flood Control and River Training Project, official sources said.

The report was earlier prepared by a joint team of experts of the two countries. China provided the technical

Berlin and Bonn share two parliament houses

The Midnight File

Mandela elected ANC President

President of the African National Congress (ANC) by delegates

to the organisation's national conference here today, election

officials announced. ANC veteran Walter Sisulu, 79, defeated

militant Natal Midlands leader Harry Gwala for the post of

Deputy President, previously held by the 72-year-old

Italian Archaeologist dies

the United States government during World War II to save

Italian monuments from Allied bombardment, has died at the

age of 93, his family announced Friday. He died of old age

Wednesday in a private clinic in Rome. Levi, born in Trieste,

studied at the University of Florence and at the Italian School

of Archaeology in Athens, Greece, of which he was director

ROME, July 5: Archaeologist Doro Levi, who worked with

DURBAN (South Africa), July 5: Nelson Mandela was elected

BERLIN, July 5: The upper house of the German Parliament voted Friday to stay in Bonn for now, while the more powerful lower house and the rest of the government move to Berlin, reports AP.

from 1947 to 1977, reports AP.

Mandela, reports AFP.

The Bundesrat, whose 68 members represent the 16 state governments and are not directly elected, took what some speakers called a risky

decision to separate from the main organs of governmental l'alukder decries

Hasina's statement on campus.

clashes

The Secretary General of BNP and Minister for LGRD and cooperatives Abdus Salam Talukder has vehemently objected to the allegations, brought by Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina that the present government was instigating violence in the educational institutions of the country, reports In a press release last night

Talukder described Awami League chief's charges as 'untrue and unfortunate' he said it is known to all that an organization, named Chhatra League (A-A), is carrying out terrorist activities in a planned manner throughout the country including Dhaka University Jagannath University College. Mymensingh Agricultura University and Pabna Edward College.

The BNP Secretary General said this student organisation in collusion with the identified terrorists, involved in Dr Milon's murder, had killed Mahbub, a JSD student leader of Dhaka University. Having been responsible for similar incidents in Mymensingh Agricultural University and Edward College at Pabna, this organisation is vitiating academic atmosphere, he charged.

Talukder said a few days ago the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal were forced out of the hostels of the Jagannath University College and after that incident terrorists from outside were creating violence there. He said Chhatra Dal was not at all responsible for violence in the Jagannath University College.

The LGRD Minister said the government was determined to wipe out violence from all educational institutions including the university and restore peaceful academic atmosphere.

Kashmir govt

From Page 1 Col. 4 Pakistan People's Party, former

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto. Ms Bhutto, who remained largely silent about Rathore's allegations and offered no support, left Pakistan on Thursday for a three-week tour of Europe.

Ms Bhutto was dismissed in August on charges ranging from corruption to political ineptitude. She is being tried before special courts on charges of misconduct and abuse of power during her 20 months in office.

Three months after her ouster, Ms Bhutto and the Pakistan People's Party were soundly defeated in national and provincial elections that A) had been trying to establish relegated the party to a weak opposition.

Like Rathore, she alleged widespread rigging and voter fraud and has demanded fresh elections.

Earlier Thursday night addressing a large crowd of supporters Rathore called for a complete strike Saturday, Titu. when re-polling is ordered in Rawalakot district, 100 kilometers (60 miles) southeast of

Refusing to provide security for the re-polling, Rathore told the Chief Secretary and the chief of police, whom he accused of collaborating with the central government, to "vacate Muzaffarabad within 24 hours or get ready to be handed to (Prime Minister) Nawaz Sharif wrapped in a white coffin."

After a meeting today with Rathore, the two, chief Secretary Rahat Ullah Garal and police chief Qamar Alam, said they were leaving the territory, official sources reported here.

The Bundesrat voted 38-30 to remain in Bonn, but also to review "in later years" the experience in cooperating with the government and the lower house, or Bundestag, after they move to Berlin.

The Bundestag voted by a narrow margin on June 20 to move itself and the government to Berlin, the capital according to the treaty that united East and West Germany

Indians lose transit stay facilities in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 5 : Pakistan has withdrawn transit stay facilities for Indian airline passengers following reports that New Delhi's secret service was misusing them, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) said today, reports AFP. The facility has been with-

drawn because it was being gravely misused by Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) elements who disappear after entering Pakistan, APP said, quoting a top official of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in Islamabad.

Following a decision by the Interior Ministry, the FIA Thursday asked immigration, customs and Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) to restrict Indian national's in transit to airports instead of allowing them to overnight in nearby hotels between flights, it said. Related story on Page 5

Hasina

From Page 1 Col. 8

hatched on the campuses to disunite the student community through instigating violence, she said.

need for strong unity of the students and called upon them to launch a united movement against the campus terrorists and communal forces in the country. Progressive student organisations should came forward to bring back healthy student politics against politics

Another shelter proposal based on the concept of the "killa", a circular embankment where people and livestock take refuge in a protected structure in the middle of it, is also being examined by UNCHS

and other agencies. A World Bank-UNDP-government joint task force found that cyclone shelters in offshore islands are inadequate.

There are only 299 such shelters in the coastal areas, of which 62 are operated by the Red Crescent and 232 by the Government.

Most of these shelters were built after 1970 cyclone and

many needs rehabilitation. The Non Government Organisations (NGOs) are also reportedly planning to construct about 250 cyclone shel-

DU halls

From Page 1 Col. 5

ters in coastal areas.

Vice-President of DU unit of the student organisation alleged that Chhatra League (Atheir supremacy by resorting to vandalism in the campus which resulted in the killing of Mahbub.

The campus became volatile again when Dr. Milon's killers sheltered by pro-Awami League student front, unleashed terrorism," added

He called upon all the progressive student organisations to build up resistance against the undesirable elements to bring back peaceful academic atmosphere in the campus. Meanwhile residential stu-

dents started coming to the halls after showing identity cards to the authorities at the hall gates while police remained deployed in front of halls and other strategic points. Presence of students in the

halls was thin till Friday evening. Campus sources said many students did not report to their halls apprehending violence following the Jagannath College gunbattle Wednesday.

nations close down BCCI Vehicles torched

Friday. The meeting was held following introduction of two Constitution amendment bills in Parliament.

Sheikh Hasina presiding over a close-door meeting of the Awami League Working Committee at the party central office

From Page 1 Col. 4

laundering counts. showed it laundered money for Noriega, and that one of its officers once served as Noriega's personal banker, but BCCI was

BCCI has a controlling interest, First American Bankshares of California, the Federal Reserve other creditors."

Board satu. First American was known Financial General Bankshares when it was taken over by Credit and Commerce American Holdings.

The money-laundering scandal has raised questions about the involvement of First American's Chairman former US Defense Secretary Clark Clifford. Clifford, an adviser to pres-

idents for nearly half a century, has said he and his associates were never told that the holding company had any connection with BCCI. Clifford now is under fed-

eral investigation to determine if he or his associates concealed the BCCI interests. The accounting firm Touche Ross has been ap-

pointed by the British courts . to oversee the BCCI's assets, An investigation of BCCI has which total about 7.4 billion dollars in Britain and Luxembourg, the Bank of England said.

"The purpose of the actions never charged for such activity. now taken is to safeguard the London until last year, when it Friday's joint action does interests of depositors, other not affect US banks in which bonafide creditors and the shareholders themselves," it said. "Without such action Washington, DC and there would be likely to be Independence Bank of Encino, pressure from depositors and

Removal of CU VC demanded

CHITTAGONG, July 5: A joint meeting of teachers, guardians and professionals held at the Muslim Institute hall here today, demanded removal of the Vice-Chancellor of the Chittagong University immediately to end the longdrawn crisis of the university, reports BSS.

Presided over by A. K. M. Rafiqullah Chowdhury, a BNP leader and former MP, the meeting warned that if the Vice-Chancellor was not retomorrow moved by (Saturday), an action programme would be announced in this connection.

BCCI was founded in the early 1970s by Pakistani banker Agha Hasan Abedi and grew over the years. It is the private bank of the Abu Dhabi royal family. It had its headquarters in

The Bank of England said he holds a 77 per cent interest in Since 1989, Sheik Zayed has injected at least one billion dollars into the bank, which has been struggling under in-

was taken over by Sheik Zayed

in business after its US quality Pankaj's plea for left front

creasing bad debts and a drop

CHITTAGONG, July 5: National Awami Party General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya today called upon the left progressive democratic forces to form a united front to achieve the economic emancipation of people, reports BSS.

Speaking at the divisional NAP representative's meetings at the Buddhist temple auditorium here today, he stressed the need for developing a political force that could bring about changes for the betterment of the masses.

From Page 1 Col. 5 while parading the city thoroughfares torched two vehicles and ransacked several

shops at Sir Iqbal Road and Lower Jessore Road in the evening. Bachchu was assaulted by the unknown elements near the Kotwali thana Thursday

night. BCL blamed Jatiyatabadi

Chhatra Dal (JCD) for the inci-

- Star photo

dent. Several BCL workers were also injured when a number of handbombs exploded in the procession while it was crossing the Appayan Square.

Witnesses said, the processionists were carrying cut-rifles and revolvers openly and raising various anti-government slogans. A case was lodged with

Kotwali police in connection

Gulf war related sandstorms

with the incidents.

MANAMA, July 5: A U N expert warned Thursday of soil erosion and abnormal sandstorms for at least a decade in the Gulf region as a result of the 41-day war to oust Iraqi troops from Kuwait, reports AP.

The AL leader stressed the

of violence, she observed

World Bank

From Page 1 Col. 6