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Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill passed

Pandemonium as Speaker orders Suranjit's removal

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) was in a pandemonium for some time following an order from the Chair for the removal of Ganatantri Party MP Suranjit Sengupta from the House by the Sergeant-at-Arms on Wednesday.

The pandemonium ensued as a number of members of the BNP and the Awami League scuffled when Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas gave the order after a spell of heated exchanges with Sengupta over the latter's discussion on a bill.

The discussion (second reading) on the bill — the Administrative Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 1991 was at a final stage when Suranjit Sengupta took the floor. The Speaker was hurrying to complete the passage of the bill which was supported by most opposition MPs.

As Sengupta started his discussion by narrating the background of the administrative tribunals, the Speaker asked him to come straight to the point and discard irrelevant points.

Sengupta asked whether the background was irrelevant. The Speaker replied in the affirmative. Sengupta disagreed and said it was relevant.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas then asked the MP to complete his speech saying that the Chief Whip of the Opposition had earmarked only two minutes for him.

When Sengupta resumed discussion the Speaker intervened saying that the former should only discuss the contents of the bill under consideration as time was short.

Sengupta asked how could he discuss the bill without reference to the past.

The Ganatantri Party MP had a mild exchange of words with the Speaker at this stage, and then sought to complete his speech.

The Speaker intervened again saying 'You are narrating history . . . not coming to the point.' He said that he was disallowing the member from continuing his discussion.

Sengupta, infuriated, said that he had come to Parliament for the fourth time, and he knew that the Speaker could not infringe on his right to speak in the House.

Several minutes of heated exchanges between them followed. And, in the process, some unexpected utterances were heard.

At one stage the Speaker tried to put the amendments of the Opposition members to a vote by passing the remarks being made by Sengupta. But the House remained noisy.

The Speaker then threatened that he could take action against Sengupta and ordered that the member be removed. The latter looked further excited and it appeared that he would stage a walkout in protest.

However, after walking several steps towards the lobby Sengupta came back to his seat as he heard the threat. The Speaker then said 'I order the member be taken out of the House.'

This was the first order of its kind in this parliament.

As two Sergeants-at-Arms were about to move towards Sengupta, some members from
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ZIA has closed doors to visitors but has offered no better arrangements for them to wait while the planes take off or land. Inside, the passengers also do not get any better treatment either. — Star photo

OIC to prepare report on cyclone damage

The Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) will prepare a comprehensive report on the cyclone-damage and post-cyclone rehabilitation programmes in Bangladesh at its forthcoming Foreign Minister's conference in Istanbul next month, reports UNB.

This was stated by Nabika Diallo, special envoy of the OIC Secretary General, while visiting the Prime Minister's Relief activities monitoring and coordination cell here Wednesday.

He expressed the hope that the Istanbul conference would extend all out cooperation for implementing the short, medium and long-term rehabilitation programmes for the cyclone-hit region in Bangladesh.

The envoy said he would assess the extent of damage and submit a comprehensive report to the OIC.

Acting PSO to the Supreme Commander and Chief Coordinator of the Prime Minister's Relief Cell, Brigadier MSA Bhuiyan briefed the envoy about post-relief activities and rehabilitation programmes.
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Low-lying city areas threatened

Flood situation in 6 dists worsens

By Staff Correspondent

Flood waters inundated more areas in Mymensingh, Jamalpur, Faridpur, Rajbari, Tangail and Manikganj districts while Sirajganj, Sherpur, Kurigram and Pabna endured under unchanged conditions Wednesday.

Parts of Tangail, Jamalpur, Sirajganj and Mymensingh pourashabhas have been flooded.

Drowning of one person in Sirajganj and another in Bogra raised the death toll to 12 so far.

Officials estimated at least 57,500 people remained marooned in turbulent sheets of waters awaiting evacuation, about 5 lakh rendered homeless and over 30 lakh, affected in the 10 northern districts.

Crop damage may run well near 3 lakh acres and that of house damage over one lakh.

Shortage of drinking water have added to the misery of the people huddling in shanties on embankments, railway tracks and other higher places, threatening outbreak of diarrhoeal diseases. Food relief and supply of water purifying tablets are yet to start in most of the affected areas.

Downflow from the upstream of major rivers is likely to inundate low lying areas in and around the capital city in next 24 hours, Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre said in Dhaka.

In Sirajganj breach of Chandanbaisha embankment inundated afresh place, around Circuit House, TB clinic Machimpur Natunpara, Malshapara, Mirpur Stadiumpara and Diadangara in the town and 4 unions under Sadar and Kamarkand upazilas. More then 10 lakh people in about 1000 villages in nine upazilas have so far been affected.

Flood waters entered Tangail town causing rise in the levels of dirty water in the overground. Low-lying areas of Bhuapur, Gopalpur, Kalihati, Nagarpur and Delduar upazilas were fast going under waters from the river Jamuna.
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Strike in five newspapers to protest owners' conspiracy

Journalists and newspapers employees have called an indefinite strike in Ittefaq, Inquilab, Sangbad, Khabar and Azad accusing their managements of conspiring against the Wage Board and demanding increased salary and other allowances, reports UNB.

The strike will also be observed in the newspapers and periodicals of the concerned groups, a press release of the BFUJ said.

A Central Action Committee has also been formed to carry, forward the movement for implementation of the demand for increased salary and other allowances and realisation of
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Tk 300 crore T & T project cancelled

By Shahiduzzaman Khan

The government has cancelled Mahakhali earth station project that was being executed by a British company at an estimated cost of Tk 300 crore, sources close to the T & T Ministry said.

The project, known as the Banglatel Project, was awarded to the Cable and Wireless Company of the United Kingdom by deposed President Ershad without the approval of the Council of Ministers.

The British company was awarded a 30-year lease of the proposed earth station without competing in any tender, the sources said.

The cancellation of the contract means that the government will have to pay compensation to the tune of Tk 6 crore as demanded by the Cable & Wireless Company. It had completed preliminary work on the project and established limited infrastructural facilities in Bangladesh.

The controversial deal came under intensive scrutiny by the interim government soon after the fall of the Ershad government.

T &T Board was asked to submit a detailed report on the project and its subsequent privatisation. The committee presented the report to the government in due course.

According to the report,
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Hasina's call to resist conspiracy against democracy

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina said Wednesday that a greater unity of the democratic forces was needed to reach the fruits of the anti-autocratic movement to the commonman.

She was addressing a function at the Bangabandhu Bhaban welcoming more than 300 leaders and workers of JSD (Inu), BCL (N-S) and Chhatra Union of Matlab thana under Chandpur, who joined her party.

She said we had introduced a bill to revert to parliamentary democracy fulfilling our pledge to the people made during the parliament elections. But the
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Two police officers seriously injured in attack by 'mastans'

By Staff Correspondent

Two police officers were injured, one seriously, when they were attacked by a group of musclemen in Kathalbagan area of the city on Wednesday.

The injured are officer-in-charge (OC) of Dhanmondi thana Mozzammel Huq, and assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of the same thana, Md Rafiqul Islam.

Mozzammel Huq sustained severe cut injuries on his forehead, back and right arm. He was admitted to the Pangu Hospital for surgery. His condition was stated to be serious but stable. Rafiqul Islam was admitted to the police hospital with cut injuries on his right arm and stomach.

Police arrested four persons, including three minors, from the spot and recovered four crackers from them. Police identified the arrested persons as Ayub Ali (26), Shaheen (15), Swapan (10) and Ibrahim (9).

Police sources said after receiving information of cracker explosions in the Kathalbagan area in the morning, the OC along with the ASI, a body guard and a driver went there around noon. It was reported that a man wearing a black T-shirt was throwing crackers
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B'baria Govt College closed sine die

BRAHMANBARIA, July 17: The Brahmanbaria Government College was closed sine die today after two days of vandalism which included setting fire to the Principal's office, apparently over election conflict between two student groups, reports BSS.

Witnesses and police said Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists this noon ransacked and set fire to the office rooms of Principal and Vice-Principal
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1 killed, 20 hurt in Ghorasal

BNP, JP workers fight gunbattle

GHORASAL, July 17 : A worker was shot dead and 20 others were injured in a gunbattle between BNP and Jatiya Party supporters at the National Jute Mills here early today, reports UNB.

The dead was identified as Karim (35) of pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

Mill sources said the clash erupted when Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal activists led by Qashem tried to enter the mills at about 3 am and pro-JP Jatiya Sramik Party obstructed.

Both the groups traded fire indiscriminately in the predawn clash that continued till 6 in the morning, creating panic in the area.
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More amendments to Constitution suggested

By Staff Correspondent

'Civic Watch,' a newly formed citizens watchdog group, has come out with suggestions for some more constitutional amendments to make parliament more "responsible to the people" with checks against turning 'autocratic'.

The group, Sunday handed over a memorandum containing eight suggestions on constitutional amendments to the Chairman of the Select
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বাংলাদেশ চিনি ও খাদ্য শিল্প করপোরেশন
১১৫-১২০, আদমজী কোর্ট, মতিঝিল, বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।

জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাজারে খুচরা সোয়াবিন তেলের মূল্য বৃদ্ধি অব্যাহত থাকাতে ক্রেতা সাধারণের স্বার্থে বাংলাদেশ চিনি ও খাদ্য শিল্প কর্পোরেশনের অধীনস্থ ঢাকা ভেজিটেবল অয়েল ইণ্ডাষ্ট্রিজ লিঃ-এ প্রস্তুত সোয়াবিন তৈল ও বনস্পতি ঘি-এর খুচরা মূল্য নিম্নরূপ ধার্য্য করা হইলঃ

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পাকোয়ান বনস্পতিঃ
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সর্বসাধারণকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, আমাদের ডিলার ও ন্যায্য মূল্যের দোকানে আমাদের উৎপাদিত সোয়াবিন তৈল ও বনস্পতি ঘি এর সরবরাহ পর্য্যাপ্ত পরিমাণে রহিয়াছে।

ঢাকা ভেজিটেবল অয়েল ইণ্ডাষ্ট্রিজ লিঃ এর ডিলার/ন্যায্য মূল্যের দোকানের মালিকদের জানানো যাইতেছে যে, তাহারা যেন সম্মানিত গ্রাহকদের সুবিধার্থে ডিলারশীপ সাইন বোর্ড/পরিচিতি দোকানের সম্মুখে আকর্ষণীয়ভাবে প্রদর্শন করেন এবং নির্ধারিত মূল্যে সোয়াবিন তৈল ও পাকোয়ান বনস্পতি ঘি বিক্রয় করেন।

কোন ডিলার ও ন্যায্য মূল্যের দোকানদার নির্ধারিতমূল্য অপেক্ষা বেশী দাম চাহিলে বা কোন অজুহাতে সরবরাহ করিতে না চাহিলে উপযুক্ত ব্যবস্থা গ্রহনের জন্য তৎক্ষনাৎ নিম্নোক্ত টেলিফোন নম্বরে অবহিত করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।
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এস-এফ-৫৫ ডি-৬৭

Seriously injured Mozammel Haq, officer-in-charge of Dhanmondi thana : Police no match for 'mastans' (musclemen) ! —Star photo

Classes in CU not held for second day

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 17: The classes in the Chittagong University were not held for the second consecutive day today as the campus was tense with processions and counter processions.

Most of the teachers went to office but attendance of students was thin. BDR and police forces were posted in the campus.

A source said the VC is contemplating return to his own residence.

Bush-Gorbachev summit in Moscow July 30

Limited aid offer for USSR

LONDON, July 17: The heads of the world's leading democracies today heard Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev make an unprecedented appeal for help to save his country from economic collapse, report agencies.

Wrapping up their summit just before meeting with the Soviet leader, the leaders offered encouragement and technical assistance, but there was no immediate pledge of cash.

As Gorbachev headed into his historic meeting, French President Francois Mitterrand said he and his allies had agreed that "we must, really must reach out" to assure that the Soviets accelerate their move away from communism and toward a market economy.

But first the Soviet President, beaming, stood in the front row between US President Bush and British Prime Minister John Major and took his place in a "class picture" in the sunshine outside Lancaster House.

Meeting separately, Bush and Gorbachev announced that they had instructed their negotiators to complete an historic arms treaty. And they agreed to meet in Moscow on July 30 and 31 with the intention of signing it there.

Gorbachev, standing beside a pleased Bush, said his country was "ready to give our hospitality to the President of the United States and to Mrs. Bush."

"We accept with pleasure," Bush said, at the conclusion of their 80-minute session following the wrap-up of the
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গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
ঢাকা

মূল্য সংযোজন কর
সম্পর্কে

বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১। মূল্য সংযোজন কর শুধুমাত্র আমদানি এবং উৎপাদন স্তরে আরোপ করা হয়েছে। সকল প্রকার খুচরা ও পাইকারী বাণিজ্যকে মূল্য সংযোজন কর এর আওতার বাইরে রাখা হয়েছে।

২। সকল অপ্রক্রিয়াজাত কৃষিপণ্য যেমন মাছ, দুধ, ডিম, মধু, শাক-সব্জি, টমেটো, আলু, পিঁয়াজ, গাজর, শসা, নারিকেল, বাদাম, ফলমূল, গোলমরিচ, দারুচিনি, আদা, বার্লি, ভুট্টা, ধান, গম, চাউল, আটা, ময়দা, ডাল, তিষি, সরিষা ও অন্যান্য সকল ধরনের বীজ এর উপর কোন প্রকার মূল্য সংযোজন কর আরোপ করা হয়নি। এমনকি ধান, গম ও ডাল ভাংগানোর সেবা (সার্ভিস)-কে মূল্য সংযোজন কর থেকে অব্যাহতি দেওয়া হয়েছে।

৩। মেট্রোপলিটন ও জেলা শহর এলাকার বাইরের হোটেল, রেস্তোরাঁ ও মিষ্টান্ন ভান্ডার এর উপর কোন প্রকার মূল্য সংযোজন কর নেই। মেট্রোপলিটন ও জেলা শহর এলাকার ছোট ছোট যেমন, রাস্তার পার্শ্বে অবস্থিত কাঁচা, অর্ধপাকা ঘরে অবস্থিত হোটেল, রেস্তোরাঁ ও মিষ্টান্ন ভান্ডারকেও মূল্য সংযোজন করের বাইরে রাখা হয়েছে।

৪। রাসায়নিক সার, কৃষিকাজে ব্যবহৃত ইনসেকটিসাইড ও পেস্টিসাইড, পুস্তক-পুস্তিকা, সংবাদপত্র, পত্রিকা ও সাময়িকীকেও মূল্য সংযোজন কর থেকে অব্যাহতি দেওয়া হয়েছে।

৫। মূল্য সংযোজন কর প্রবর্তনের ফলে হলুদ, জিরা, এলাচি, সুপারি প্রভৃতির উপর কর ২০ শতাংশ থেকে কমে শূন্য শতাংশ হবে। দরিদ্র জনসাধারণের ব্যবহার্য পুরানো কাপড়ের উপর কর ২০ শতাংশ থেকে কমে ১৫ শতাংশ হবে। তাছাড়া, কাগজ ও কাগজ বোর্ড, সুতা ও কাঁচা রবার এর উপর ২০ শতাংশ বিক্রয় করের পরিবর্তে ১৫ শতাংশ মূল্য সংযোজন কর আরোপ করা হয়েছে।

ডিএফপি (জি) ৮২৫৮-১৭/৭
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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড