

# Call to nab campus terrorists irrespective of party affiliation

The Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting at 4-12 pm Wednesday with the Deputy Speaker, Sheikh Razzak Ali, in the chair, reports BSS.

The proceedings of the day began after the Jilla-wat-e-Qaran. After the question hour the chair started disposing of notices on privilege motions, numbering nine, submitted by the members.

As the time for the Asr prayer came the House was adjourned for 20 minutes.

With the resumption of the sitting presided over by Deputy Speaker the House took up again the notices on privilege motion and other matters.

The chair told Jamaat member Kazi Shamsur Rahman that his notice on a privilege motion had already been referred to the Sangsad's newly set up committee on privileges.

The Deputy Speaker referred to a notice submitted by the Chief Whip of the Opposition, Mohammad Nasim on the flood situation and erosion in the rivers in Sirajganj and said it would be discussed in the House as soon as possible.

In reply to a notice submitted by Jamaat member from Cox's Bazar Enamul Huq, the Deputy Speaker said the remaining standing committees would be constituted within a week.

**Mohammad Nasim**  
Taking the floor, Mohammad Nasim said vast areas under five police stations had been badly affected by flood and erosion in the rivers there. He said breach in the embankment in the affected areas caused floods.

The Chief Whip of the Opposition said weak construction of the embankment caused the breach and he demanded punishment to those involved in the construction for their alleged corruption.

Nasim thanked the Prime Minister and the State Minister for Relief for their visit to the flood hit areas but he alleged that no relief activities had started in the affected areas till Tuesday.

He urged the Chair to allow at least one hour for discussion on the motion when it comes before the House.

The Deputy Speaker assured the member that it would be discussed as soon as possible.

Nasim alleged that relief materials like sarces and lungis sent by the government would not come to the use of the affected people. Because, he said when the relief cartons were opened sarces of three hand long size and lungis of one and half hand length were detected.

**Nazmul Huda**  
Nasim also showed a small

piece of sarce to the members. Replying to Nasim the State Minister for Food, Barrister Nazmul Huda said Nasim had shown a "sense of responsibility."

He said relief operations had been geared up in the affected areas following instructions given by the Prime Minister during her visit there.

The State Minister said sarces and lungis were being distributed properly.

**Abdul Matin**  
Supporting the State Minister, BNP member Abdul Matin said the Opposition Member in a clever manner tried to defame the government. The other members from the Treasury Bench urged the Chair to give the floor to the BNP Member from Sirajganj and the Deputy Speaker said he would give the member the floor.

**Sheikh Selim**  
Awami League member Sheikh Selim amid noise from the Treasury Bench refuted the contention of Barrister Nazmul Huda and said how the State Minister sitting in Dhaka could know the actual situation there.

Sheikh Selim then referred to a commitment made by the Speaker earlier that a specific time would be fixed for discussion on the situation on the university campuses.

Deputy Leader of the House

Prof. A.Q. M. Badruddoza Chowdhury said that it was agreed because it was a national problem.

**Tofael Ahmed**

Taking the floor Awami League member Tofael Ahmed drew the attention of the chair to the growing deterioration in the law and order situation and urged the Deputy Speaker to fix a date as soon as possible to discuss the issue in the House.

Tofael quoted newspaper reports and said the law and order situation had been deteriorating alarmingly.

The Awami League member said they had attended a meeting convened by the Prime Minister on the campus situation but added, the situation deteriorated further after that meeting.

Tofael called for apprehending the terrorists irrespective of party affiliation.

After Awami League MP Rahmat Ali's call attention notice was disposed, the House took up legislative business.

Accordingly, Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz moved the administrative tribunals (amendment) bill, 1991, for immediate consideration.

Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali who was in the chair, asked Mohammad Nasim, Chief Whip of Opposition to select from among 52 members who ex-

pressed interest to speak on amendment of the bill.

Nasim was also asked to complete his speech on the state of relief distribution in Sirajganj.

Taking the floor Nasim said what he stated earlier was actually printed in Wednesday Ittefaq. He said the report was not prepared in Dhaka, but sent by the paper's correspondent in Sirajganj describing the situation.

The Opposition Chief Whip said the responsibility of the government was to make inquiries into such a situation after verifying the reports and punish those who were involved with wrong doings. He said his intention was to pin-point the alleged lapses in relief distribution and not merely to hold the government responsible.

Nasim said it is regrettable the way Treasury Bench members have reacted to his statement. He cautioned that if any party suffers from over confidence and considered themselves as angles, they would have to face the same fate as that of the former autocratic regime. These utterances inflamed the Treasury Bench members, who protested it vehemently.

**Yahya Khan**  
The Speaker then allowed the ruling party member Yahya Khan Majlis to take the floor. In his speech Khan Majlis crit-

icized the manner in which Nasim raised the issue. He, however, called for investigation of the newspaper report.

When the State Minister for Food Barrister Nazmul Huda uttered the word that BNP has no record of misappropriating relief goods, but some others have such record, a large number of Opposition Members stood up and vehemently protested. The House became so noisy that at one stage, the Speaker finding no other way adjourned at 7 p.m. for Maghreb prayer.

**Shaidul Islam**  
As the House reassembled after the Maghreb prayer with Speaker Abdu Rahman Biswas in the chair, M Shaidul Islam (BNP-Jhenaidah) took the floor.

Protesting the Speech of ASM Firoz of Awami League, Islam said he was in no way involved in any looting case. He termed the comments of Firoz "highly objectionable".

**Shamsul Huq**  
Speaking next M Shamsul Huq (AL-Mymensingh) said flash floor has affected many areas in Mymensingh and a large number of affected people have taken refuge in the town and were living under the open sky. He said a breach has developed in Shambhuganj Bridge.

Huq called upon the Prime Minister and State Minister for

Relief to visit Mymensingh immediately.

Taking part in the discussion on the administrative tribunals (amendment) bill, 1991, Tabibur Rahman Sardar (AL-Jessore), Major (ret'd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed (Ind-Barguna) and Dharendra Devnath Shambhu (AL-Barguna) called for sending the bill for eliciting public opinion.

**Sudhangshu Shekhar Haldar**  
Sudhangshu Shekhar Haldar (AL-Pirojpur) said he was withdrawing his proposal for sending the bill for eliciting public opinion as it was welfare-oriented.

After Haldar had withdrawn his proposal the Speaker Abdu Rahman Biswas thanked the member for demonstrating judicious gesture.

**Mizanur Rahman**  
Mizanur Rahman Maru (AL-Dinajpur) and Mizanul Huq (AL-Kishoreganj) urged the Chair to send the bill for eliciting public opinion in the interest of making it more beneficial to the people.

The Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, at this stage, urged the Chair to take the next step for the passage of the bill as the members of the select committee on the constitutional amendment were waiting for him to start meeting.

Speaking next Salahuddin

Yusuf (AL-Khulna) said that he had nothing to say against the bill and he stood up only to thank the Minister for tabling such an amendment.

The Speaker also thanked Salahuddin Yusuf for his gesture.

**Suranjit Sengupta**  
Next on the floor, Suranjit Sengupta said the administrative tribunals were set up in 1981 under Article 117 of the Constitution. He said Article 31 of the Constitution protects the rights of every citizen which also covers the protection of the rights of the government employees.

The Articles 31 of the Constitution provides that to enjoy the protection of Law, and to be treated in accordance with Law and only in accordance with law, is the inalienable right of every citizen, wherever he may be, and of every other person for the time being within Bangladesh, and in particular no action detrimental to the life, liberty, body, reputation or property of any person shall be taken except in accordance with law.

As Sengupta in his speech tried to give a background on administrative tribunals which tended to be time-consuming, the Speaker asked him to come to the point to give his views on his proposal to send the bill for eliciting public opinion.

Incomplete

## Withdrawal of expulsion on JCD leaders demanded

Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Wednesday held a rally at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla demanding withdrawal of expulsion order on three of their leaders, reports UNB.

The Dhaka University authorities expelled 12 students from the university for the alleged involvement in campus violence.

Chaired by DU Senate member and JCD Joint Convener Fazlul Huq Milon, it was also addressed by DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Khokon, AGS Nazimuddin Alam, Moniruzzaman Monir, Habibunnabi Sohel and Ali Akkas Nadim.

They alleged that the former VC Prof. Abdul Mannan, a crony of Ershad, expelled 9 JCD leaders from the university to weaken the organisation.

The JCD leaders urged the Acting President and university authorities to immediately withdraw the expulsion order of three leaders Kamruzzaman Ratan, Abdul Malek and Ilias Ali.

Meanwhile, different student groups including Chhatra League (A-A), Chhatra League (N-S), Jatiya Chhatra League, Chhatra Mooltry, Chhatra Front and Chhatra Union brought out processions on the campus and organised separate rallies.

Student bodies opposed to Chhatra League urged the student community to resist those who were trying to jeopardize the holding of DUCSU and hall union polls.

**Harun's gazal enthral music lovers**

Promising artiste Amanullah Harun presented a solo Gazal evening organised by Bibhas Sangskritik Sangstha, a cultural organisation, at Biswa Sahitya Kendra in Dhaka recently, reports BSS.

Welcoming the artiste, SN Ferdousi Nilima, President of the organisation hoped that his performance would draw the attention of the country's gazal lovers.

The spell-bound audience of the capacity packed auditorium at the kendra enjoyed a series of fifteen gazals rendered by Harun for over two hours.

## Tk 300 cr WB aid for road development in northern region

RAJSHAHI, July 17: A massive programme for construction and reconstruction of roads has been undertaken in the northern region of the country with about Taka three hundred crore as assistance from World Bank.

Under the programme over one hundred and ninety three kms of road and fortytwo bridges and culverts would be constructed in five districts of the region.

Officials sources told BSS that under phase one of Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project (PRMP) of World Bank the work in sixty eight kms of road from Pirganj in Rangpur to Chandaigona in Bogra has already been completed.



Kuwait repatriated Bangladeshi servicemen under Ministry of Electricity & Water, Govt of Kuwait staging a rally in Dhaka seeking their reemployment. — Star photo

## Bangladesh expresses concern

# Global aid fatigue to harm post-cyclone rehabilitation

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman on Tuesday voiced concern that rising demand for development aid around the globe may endanger efforts to recover from last April's devastating cyclone, says UNB.

"I am satisfied with the care and the compassion that our development partners have shown," said the Bangladesh Minister, Associated Press reports from Geneva.

But, he added, "We are also concerned with aid fatigue and the competitive aid environment at the moment."

"Eastern Europe has come and China is coming into the aid market," Saifur Rahman told a news conference, the AP said.

"The Russians are coming into the aid market. Even the Indians are coming into the aid market in a more aggressive form."

Rahman spoke after a Geneva meeting of Western aid donors brought new pledges of some 530 million US dollars to help the Asian country which is prone to natural disasters.

The United States, Japan, the European Community, Norway and Sweden are the

major contributors. The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) also announced contributions.

Earlier addressing the UN-sponsored special session on Bangladesh cyclone, Saifur Rahman appealed to the international community to help Bangladesh find a durable solution to the frequent shocks of natural disasters.

He strongly suggested evolving an international institutional mechanism to tackle natural disasters, promptly and effectively, so that those do not upset development plans of a developing economy, according to a message received here tonight.

Saifur said the natural disasters forcing diversion of our resources to relief and rehabilitation create impediments for our basic tasks of poverty alleviation, according to a message received here tonight from the Swiss city.

"Such disasters can no longer be treated as mere humanitarian problem, but need attention for their longer term prevention and mitigation of consequences."

While describing the magnitude of the calamity, Saifur Rahman said it was unprecedented even for a disaster-prone country like Bangladesh.

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International Development

Saifur Rahman proposed creation of an international institutional framework, under an appropriate UN agency, to further the objective.

A recently prepared Government-UN joint task force report on extent of damage in the April cyclone and on fund requirements for post-cyclone rehabilitation was placed at the meeting.

The Minister, referring to the estimates by the task force, apprised the session that the cyclone caused Bangladesh a total economic loss of about 2.4 billion US dollars.

He also pointed out that short, medium and long-term reconstruction will cost about 1.8 billion US dollars.

UN Under Secretary General and UN Disaster Relief Coordinator M'Hamed Essafi presented the task force report to the participants comprising leading donors to Bangladesh.

French Minister for Humanitarian Affairs Bernard Kouchner presided over the two-and-a-half hour meet titled "Special High Level Meeting on Assistance to Bangladesh," convened by the UN Secretary General.

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International Development

"Almost 140,000 lives, majority of them women and children, were lost. Houses destroyed, their personal belongings and food supplies washed away exposing them to starvation, diseases and severe health hazards," he said.

Also roads, rail, bridges, educational institutions, embankments, industries and other infrastructures sustained serious damage, he went on. "What we built up with years of hard work and dedication were washed away almost overnight."

Highlighting the severe consequences of the disaster on the country's economy, the Finance Minister pointed out that the total budgetary impact of the cyclone might amount to 479 million US dollars.

A substantial amount of revenue was lost..... the direct adverse impact on the balance of payments may be approximately 600 million US dollars mainly due to export losses and additional import requirements, he said.

Already fragile Bangladesh economy could hardly withstand such a shock, Rahman told donors adding, "we sincerely hope with your cooperation we can complete the task of reconstruction."

Saifur Rahman represented the country with a five-member delegation. He is expected to return home July 21.

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## Metropolitan

## Audit team to submit report within a week

# Guilty Bangladeshi officials of BCCI to be grilled

Minister of State for Finance Mujibur Rahman told Jatiya Sangsad on Wednesday that proper actions would be taken against those Bangladeshi employees of the BCCI who had involved themselves in the bank's unlawful activities, reports BSS.

Mr Rahman said, Bangladesh Bank had appointed a two-member audit team to inquire into the entire affairs of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International Overseas Ltd BCCI. After the

**75 join JCD**  
By Staff Correspondent

Seventy five persons belonging to various cultural and student organisations have joined the Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, a JCD press release said Wednesday night.

JCD accorded a reception to its fresh members at a informal ceremony at the Dhanmondi office of the organisation Tuesday night.

Private Secretary of the BNP Chairperson, MA Jalil, DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon, DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam addressed the reception welcoming the new JCD members.

These who joined the JCD, include convener of the Dhaka University Sahitya Sangsad Mostaqur Rahman Moir, DU Debating Society General Secretary Hasan Ahmed Choudhury Kiron, poet Mahmud Hafiz, DU Film Society President Shamsul Alam Liton and poet Kalam Fayezi.

## Formation of Parliamentary body hailed

Dr Aleem Al Razee Memorial Council on Wednesday hailed the unanimous decision of Parliamentary Select Committee to move the 11th and 12th Constitutional Amendment Bills in the Jatiya Sangsad, reports UNB.

In a statement Chief Patron of the Council Amanullah Khan called upon Parliament members to pass the bills soon to facilitate swiftness to parliamentary form of government.

"Whatever be the differences, there should be adjustments for a consensus, a most vital task for the nation at this crucial juncture", he added.

He urged the ruling party and the opposition in parliament to sink their petty differences and work on the basis of the joint declaration signed by the three alliances on November 19, 1990 for speedy resolution of the issues confronting the nation.

Amanullah Khan hoped that the political leaders would amicably resolve the main problems facing the educational institutions, including universities.

He also urged all concerned to help eradicate terrorism and create job opportunities for the unemployed educated youths.

Without solving the basic problems facing the citadels of higher learning, serene environment and tranquility will never be restored there, he observed.

team submits its report everything could be known regarding the functioning of the BCCI in Bangladesh. The Minister, however, said, nobody had ever raised any allegation against the BCCI or its employees here before the operations of the bank were suspended.

In reply to a call attention motion on matters of public interest raised by Mr Rahmat Ali (AL-Gazipur), the State Minister said that all out measures were being taken to protect the interest of the BCCI's Bangladeshi depositors.

He also informed that Bangladesh Bank had issued some important instructions to facilitate import-export transactions relating to the BCCI.

Mr Rahman told the House that a preliminary report would be received from the audit team within a week to

## Need for control of rheumatic fever stressed

Speakers at a meeting on rheumatic fever held in Dharmrai recently stressed the need for prevention and control of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart diseases especially among the children, reports BSS.

Addressing the meeting held at Dhakunda Primary School, noted Cardiologist Brigadier (Ret'd) A Malik called for growing awareness among school children on rheumatic fever which often lead to rheumatic heart diseases.

Project Director Strajul Haque called upon the local administration to extend all out cooperation in increasing awareness among the people on the rheumatic fever and its effects.

Abdur Rahman Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Dharmrai, also addressed the meeting which was presided over by Rafi Uddin.

## Discussion held on Japanese TV programme

The Radio Japan Listeners Club Dhaka, organised an open discussion programme on the famous TV serial "Oshin" produced by NHK at the auditorium of the Community Development Library on Tuesday in collaboration with the Community Development Library (CDL).

Eminent journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury attended as the Chief Guest and Harunur Rashid, Director of CDL was present as Special guest while Nuzhat Amin Mannan, lecturer of English Department, Dhaka University, delivered the keynote speech on "Oshin" Abdul Awal, Shaheen Mahmood, ASM Siddiqi Shohag, Kazi Ezabul Khalid Mithu and Faruque Hossain took part in the discussion. All of them lauded the film.

Masud Mannan, President of the Radio Japan Listeners Club, Dhaka, presided over the meeting. The programme was conducted by Mohammad Jamal Uddin General Secretary of the Radio Japan Listeners Club.

A total of 197 officers are participating at the course. Former Chairman of Public Service Commission S M Al-Hussainy was the chief guest at the inaugural function which was presided over by the Rector of PATC Kazi Mohammad Manzur-e-Mowla.

## Deed writers' call to repeal black laws

The Deed Writers and Stamp Vendors Action Committee demanded to accept their seven point demand including the repeal of what they call black laws.

At a rally on Wednesday in front of National Press Club the leaders of the organisation said that the black laws were created by the autocratic Ershad regime for which the government is losing about 100 crore every year.

Presided over by its convener Abdur Rouf Fakir the rally was addressed among others by Mohammad Ibrahim, Mukter Hossain, Abdul Alim, Awiad Hossain, Mosharrar Hossain, Akter Hossain, Abu Taleb, Din Mohammad and Ramjan Ali Pramanik.

Their other demands include the construction of Registration Complex at the compound of Dhaka District Registrar, enhancement of stamp selling commission, cancellation of affidavit provision.

Training course for Class I officials begins

By Staff Correspondent

The two-month special basic training course for the Class I officials began at the Public Administration Training Centre (PATC) at Savar on Tuesday.

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