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Eventful JS session closes

The most eventful session of the Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) ended after 65 days Wednesday with a promise to work together to strengthen national unity reached through the passage of the historic 12th Amendment Bill for a parliamentary form of government.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas drew the curtain on the historic session yesterday at 3.25 pm. After reciting a verse from the Holy Quran, he read out the prorogation order from the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Parliament also passed the Constitution 11th Amendment Bill validating the actions by the Acting President and providing for his return to the

Supreme Court as Chief Justice.

The House passed the National Budget for the year 1991-92 introducing Value Added Tax (VAT).

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman came under fire for introducing VAT and disclosing the names of those who took big loans from nationalised banks.

The House discussed the campus violence and decided to form a 15-member parliamentary committee to find ways to end the unrest in the educational institutions.

The most significant achievement of the second session of the Fifth Jatiya Sangsad was amity and cooperation between the ruling party

and the Opposition. Despite petty incidents which generated heat in the House the Members of Parliament set the tone for a broader national unity to resolve major problems.

The entire nation joined the Members of Parliament in celebrating the unanimous passage of the 12th Amendment Bill.

Besides the two Constitution amendment bills Parliament also passed eight bills including the Referendum Bill and the President Election Bill during its 44 working days beginning June 11.

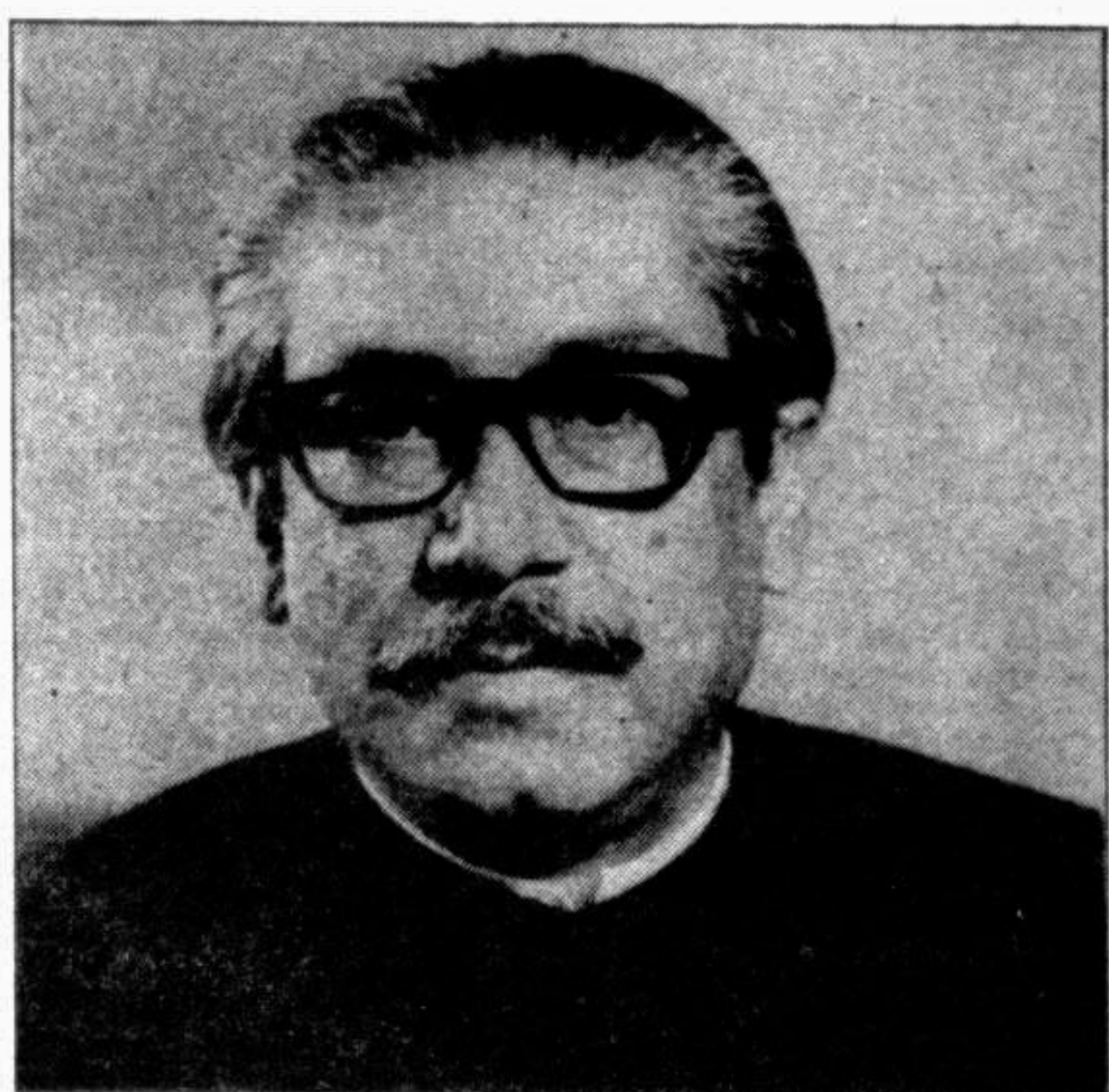
This session of Parliament dealt with 13 private members' bills including nine Constitutional amendment

ills.

Parliament Secretariat sources said some 1561 questions of the Members of Parliament out of 1611 were answered. The total number of questions received by the Parliament Secretariat was 6994.

Some 444 call attention notices 118 notices of short-discussion; 61 adjournment motions; 10 half hour discussions; 109 privilege motions and 3601 resolutions were adopted for discussion during the session.

Parliamentary Select Committees which worked for regulating the order of the day had 36 sittings lasting over 80 hours. Total working hours of



Anniversary of Sheikh Mujib's death today

The 16th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman will be observed today. On this day in 1975, Sheikh Mujib was killed in a military putsch.

In observance of the day different political parties and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes. The programmes include seminars, milad mahfils, 'doa' offering of fatha at the Tungipara mazar of the leader and feeding of the destitute. Fatha will also be offered at Banani graveyard, where the family members of Sheikh Mujib who were killed along with him, were buried.

In a message on the occasion the AL chief Sheikh Hasina demanded repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance and said that this was essential for paving the way for trial of Bangabandhu's killers and establishing the rule of law.

Sheikh Hasina called for materialising the dream of Bangabandhu for economic emancipation and stressed the unity of those who believe in the spirit of the Liberation War and ideals of Bangabandhu.

Awami League will hoist black flags atop all party offices as well as Bangabandhu Bhaban and will garland the portrait of Bangabandhu. The party leaders will visit Tungipara, offer fatha at the mazar of Bangabandhu and hold a milad mahfil and special 'munajat'. Senior Awami League leaders, including Abdul Jalil and Rahmat Ali, MP, will participate in the Tungipara programmes.

In Dhaka, Bangabandhu Parishad will bring out a soli-

PDB differs with World Bank on purchase contract

The Power Development Board (PDB) has differed with a recent World Bank insistence on awarding a purchase contract to an Indian company instead of local bidders for an IDA-Financed power project, reports UNB.

PDB, the executing agency of the 'Sixteen Town Project' has sought the Energy Ministry's permission to inform the World Bank of its opposition to the Bank's preference. It was reliably learnt Wednesday.

Along with 13 other foreign bidders, three local companies responded to an international tender for supplying electric poles and accessories for the project.

Govt members of JS body on campus chaos named

Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury Wednesday announced a 15-member Parliamentary Committee to study the causes of campus violence and recommend measures to restore congenial academic atmosphere, reports UNB.

The committee, headed by Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, includes seven members each from the ruling party and the opposition.

The ruling party members are: Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Maj Gen (Retd) Majidul Haq, Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, Sheikh Razzak Ali, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Dr Khandker Mosharraf Hossain and Lt Gen (Retd) Mir Showkat Ali.

Prof Chowdhury said the seven opposition members will be included in the committee after receiving a list from the Opposition Chief Whip.

Rear children for leadership: PM



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia speaking at the founding anniversary function of Zia Shishu-Kishore Sangatan at the Shishu Academy Wednesday. — PID photo

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday called for bringing up the children properly to help create a glorious future for the nation based on its own proud heritage and culture, reports BSS.

Begum Zia said "Our children had always proved their talents whenever they got the opportunity to present themselves in the international arena."

The Prime Minister was addressing a function organised to mark the third founding anniversary of Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan, State Minister for Social Welfare Tariqul Islam and Adviser of the organisation Dr Shahida Rafiq also spoke on the occasion.

Begum Zia underscored the need for creating opportunities for the children to help flourish their latent talents. She said these opportunities

Programmes to observe Aug 15 changeover

Different political parties will observe the August 15, 1975 changeover today, marking the end of the one-party rule.

The day's programmes include discussion meetings, 'milad' and 'doa mahfils'.

Progratishil Ganatantrik Shakti (Progash) held a discussion meeting Wednesday at its central office. Speakers at the meeting hailed the August 15 change saying that it brought multi-party democracy back in our country. They condemned the killing of democracy by Awami League through the introduction of one-party Baksal rule.

Presided over by Col (Rtd) Shahriar Khan, President of Progash, the discussion was

Pro-Liberation forces should unite under one flag: Hasina

Bangladesh Krishak Sramik Awami League (BKSAL) merged with the Awami League (AL) Wednesday.

The formal decision for the merger was taken unanimously at a special council session of BKSAL held at the Institute of Engineers.

With the adoption of a resolution for the merger at the council, the separate entity of BKSAL was declared abolished.

BKSAL was launched in October 1983 under the leadership of Mohiuddin Ahmed, Abdur Razzak and others who

Former DU VC dead

By DU Correspondent.
 Dr Syed Moazzem Hossain, a former Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University died Wednesday at his residence in Dhanmondi. He was 90.

Dr Hossain stood first in both the honours and the masters degree examinations from the Arabic Department of the University with first class in 1922 and 1924 respectively.

He joined the Dhaka University in 1924 as a research scholar of the then Bengal government and went to Oxford University with a state scholarship of the government in 1926.

The former Vice-Chancellor

Walkout marks passage of Presidential Election Bill

Opposition members of Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) on Wednesday strongly attacked the government for Tuesday night's passage of the presidential election bill providing for open election "it's a conspiracy against democracy", they said.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz said criticism from the Opposition was welcome, but "anything that does not suit your mind cannot be termed as a conspiracy."

He said the presidential

election bill was passed in keeping with unanimous understanding reached at the Select Committee on constitution amendment bills.

The original version of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill had contained a Fifth Schedule providing for election of the President by open ballot while the AL bill had proposed for revival of the Second Schedule of the 1972 Constitution providing for election of President through secret ballot.

Talks at the Select Committee was about to break down due to difference on this point. Finally it was agreed that the 12th Amendment Bill will not have any schedule, and the procedure of election will be decided by enacting an ordinary law under Article 119 of the Constitution, he said.

He said the government was 'talking about open election of President openly' and there could be no conspiracy in it. He said the Opposition was

BKSAL merges with AL

disassociated themselves from Awami League.

AL Chief Sheikh Hasina attended the special council after the passage of the merger resolution and welcomed back the leaders and workers of BKSAL to the Awami League.

The three-hour special council in the morning, presided over by BKSAL Chairman Mohiuddin Ahmed, was attended by several thousand councillors and delegates from different districts.

Abdur Razzak, who led the BKSAL so long as its General

Gunfight rocks CU: about 100 injured

CHITTAGONG, Aug 14: At least 100 students were injured, 10 seriously, in a gunfight between two rival groups in and around Chittagong University on Wednesday.

Four out of the 10 bullet injured students were fighting for life at Chittagong Medical College Hospital, hospital sources said.

They were Belayet Hossain (Shah Amanat Hall) convener of Sammlita Chhatra Oikka and third year student of Public Administration, Shahidul Islam Vice-President of Shah Jalal Hall unit of Islami Chhatra Shibir and final year student of History, Ekrumul Hoq (Shah Amanat Hall) a Shibir activist and final year student of Islamic History and Khalilur Rahman (Shah Amanat Hall) also a Shibir activist and MA final year student of Zoology.

The gunfight erupted at about 6 AM when a gang of

DU reopening date soon, VC tells agitating students

By DU Correspondent.
 Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Moniruzzaman Miah, amid a sit-in by a group of general students in front of his office, Wednesday, said he would announce a reopening date of the university soon.

Over 200 students staged the sit-in demanding the university's reopening. The demonstration was organised under the banner of Dhaka University Education Action Committee (DUEAC), a forum of general students.

After the assurance from the VC, the students withdrew their sit-in but the DUEAC reiterated its earlier decision that the resident students would enter their respective halls on August 17 defying authorities' decision.

While talking to the students about the existing situation, the Vice-Chancellor said the cause of terrorism on the campus and closure of the university lied outside and the



JUBILANT POLITICAL REUNION: Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina with BKSAL leaders Mohiuddin Ahmed and Abdur Razzak at the Institution of Engineers Wednesday. — Star photo

Students demand cancellation of new SSC system

By Staff Correspondent.
 Angry high school students went on the rampage Wednesday demanding cancellation of the new Secondary School Certificate exam system to be introduced from next year.

They damaged several vehicles in the city. Seventeen of the protesting students were arrested by Dhanmondi police.

Earlier, the agitating students, mostly of higher classes, came out in processions from their respective schools and held a rally in front of the National Press Club.

They also held demonstrations in front of the Education Directorate and the Text Book Board and pelted stones breaking several windows of the Board building in

Houses searched in Srinagar, curfew in three Kashmir towns

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: Indian security forces enforced a curfew in three Kashmir towns to deter Muslim militants from celebrating Pakistan's independence day, police said here in the state's summer capital, report agencies.

House-to-house searches were launched in downtown areas of Srinagar for militants and their supporters who staged protests demanding secession from India.

In Nagaland at least 10 police guards escorting a politician were fatally shot by suspected militants Wednesday,

news agencies said.

Thenuchs, speaker of the Nagaland state legislature, was injured in the ambush by suspected rebels of the Nationalist Socialist Council of Nagaland. Press Trust of India said.

Indian troops reinforced paramilitary forces in the southern Kashmir towns of Baramulla and Sopore and Anantnag in the north, reputed to be centres for secessionists, and imposed curfew.

The Hizbul Mujahideen, a pro-Pakistan militant group, announced Monday that its ac-

tivists would hoist Pakistan flags and hold parade to celebrate independence day.

Pakistani flags were hoisted on electric poles, three and rooftops at several places in Srinagar, the urban hub of the secessionist movement, witnesses said.

Anti-Indian activists demonstrated in parts of downtown Srinagar, prompting searches by army and paramilitary forces.

No curfew was officially announced in Srinagar, but downtown residents reported a heavy security deployment.

Army soldiers marched in the area's narrow lanes in a show of strength, witnesses said. Most shops were closed and residents stayed indoors fearing clashes between militants and security forces.

Punjab
 The army was sent into rural areas of Punjab.

In towns and cities, 100,000 police and paramilitary police were on duty round-the-clock.

Militants and political groups called a two-day general strike in Punjab to protest against what they alleged are

Indian human rights abuses.

They accuse security forces of killing innocent people and then reporting they were militants, as well as arbitrary arrests and torture.

The Indian government banned mention of the Punjab strike in newspapers. Journalists at Ajit (invincible), the state's biggest-selling Punjabi-language paper, said several thousand copies were seized on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The strike was almost totally successful in the rural areas that are home to the ma-

SSC marking system has not been changed

The government issuing a Press Note in Dhaka Wednesday night urged the students, teachers and guardians to remain alert against any ill motive and provocation by any vested quarter, reports BSS.

The government termed Thursday's student procession concerning the next SSC examination (1992) as regrettable and said that it (Government) did not consider that the procession had any valid reason. The government hoped that the Press Note would remove all