

Abu Dhabi officials to take up BCCI with Bangladesh Bank

Scope for cooperation with Iran, UAE tremendous, says Saifur

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman said his visit to Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) would further bolster bilateral co-operations with the two Gulf countries, particularly in trade and manpower sectors, reports UNB.

A team from Tehran is expected in Dhaka soon to discuss details of linking the two capitals by air services, he told reporters.

President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Mostafiz told reporters, had assured that the interests of Bangladeshis working in Iran would be properly looked after.

Mostafiz who returned home on Wednesday morning ending the five day visit, was briefing newsmen at his official residence on the outcome of the trip.

Former DU VC

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achieved DPhil degree from the Oxford University in 1928 and later the DLit degree from the same University.

Hasina's call to repeal Indemnity Ordinance

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) Sheikh Hasina has called for establishing the rule of law to allow democracy to take roots in the country and freeing the Constitution from its stigma — the Indemnity Ordinance.

JS session closes

From Page 1 Col. 5 the Parliament session was 245 hours 50 minutes. Through the session was a budget session it was dominated by the Constitution amendment bills. The budget became secondary.

The opportunity has now arrived after 15 years of autocratic rule to repeal the black law which barred the trail of the killers of Bangabandhu and his family members 15 years ago," Sheikh Hasina said.



People of old Dhaka filing past the body of Akbar Seth, a local leader and businessman, shot dead Tuesday. — Star photo

Businessman shot dead

By Staff Correspondent

Akbar Seth, a merchant and influential person of Naya Bazar of old city was gunned down at Armanitola late Tuesday night by unknown assailants.

PM urges students to take part in national uplift

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday night urged the students to participate in the present movement of building up the nation, reports BSS.

"You had taken part in the movement against the autocratic regime and now you should take part in the nation building activities," she told a group of students of different student organisations from Mouli Bazar district when they joined the Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at the Sugandha office.

Among others, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, Special Assistant to BNP Chairperson Haris Chowdhury and JCD central leader Fazul Huq Milon, spoke on the occasion.

CU gunfight

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shuttle train at Fatehbad railway station and beat up some students, mostly Shibir activists, witnesses said. At least 20 students were injured in the incident.

Agreement for hostage swap

GENEVA, Aug 14 Arab detainees, according to Israeli news reports.

The Lebanese kidnappers holding the Westerners want Israel to free 375 Arab prisoners, including a Muslim cleric, under its control in exchange for the hostages and seven missing Israeli servicemen.

Press Note

From Page 1 Col. 8 misunderstanding against SSC marking system.

A memorandum containing some demands regarding the SSC examinations to be held in 1992 was handed over Thursday to the Director General of the Directorate General of Secondary and Higher Education. The memorandum referred, among other things, that the First Division mark had been fixed at 700. This is not true. The pass mark for the First Division had remained unchanged at 600.

SSC system

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Motijheel. Breaking up into small processions from the rally, the students pelted stones on passing vehicles in Gulistan, Motijheel, Hatkhola, Tikatuli, Elephant Road, Mirpur Road, Farm Gate and other places in the city.

The processionists also damaged three vehicles, including a private car and two pickups, near the Science Laboratory Road and Mirpur Road, police said. A case was lodged with the Dhanmondi police in this connection.

DU reopening

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university authorities had no control over this. Earlier the DUEAC held a rally in front of the VC's residence which was addressed by Selim Reza Newton, Omar Faruq and Ahad Ahmed.

The speakers said academic pursuit of students could not be held hostage by a handful of terrorists. They urged the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to find out a solution to the campus violence because the cause of campus violence was politics.

The Midnight File

21 killed in Srinagar bus plunge

SRINAGAR, Aug 14: At least 21 people were killed and 32 injured when a bus in which they were travelling skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge on the Srinagar-Jammu National Highway today, reports PTI.

ANP joins Sharif's cabinet

ISLAMABAD, Aug 14: Pakistan's left-wing Awami National Party (ANP) decided on Tuesday to join Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's conservative cabinet after most other opposition groups demanded elections be held under a neutral caretaker government, reports Reuter.

Armed Armenians seize 33 Soviet soldiers

MOSCOW, Aug 14: An armed gang of Armenian militants has seized 33 Soviet soldiers and offered to exchange them for a captured Armenian leader known as 'Napoleon' reports from the Transcaucasus said today, says Reuter.

Presidential poll bill

From Page 1 Col. 4 present in the House when the bill was moved on Tuesday night for immediate consideration. Awami League members staged a walkout as they did not support the bill. They were later joined by Jamaat members.

Referring to criticisms made by opposition members Rashed Khan Menon, Suranjit Sengupta and Shahjahan Straj that the bill was passed at dead of night in their absence, the Law Minister asked why they did not remain present in the House even though the sitting was continuing.

Suranjit Sengupta, Rashed Khan Menon, Shahjahan Straj and Shamsuddoha stage a walkout in the morning sitting to protest the passage of the bill.

Awami League MPs did not attend the concluding sitting. An Awami League source said they had requested the government to keep the session adjourned on August 14 and 15 as they had important party programmes.

Taking the floor just after the start of the sitting Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party said that the passage of the bill at dead of night had harmed the atmosphere of mutual understanding and adjustment created earlier during the session.

He said that the MPs were deprived of the right of franchise because of the passage of the bill providing for open election.

In reply Local Government Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar said it was known to all that the bill would be passed on Tuesday night. There were discussions regarding the bill in the Select Committee, and it was known beforehand that all MPs would walk out when it will be taken up for consideration. He said it

Children

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should be extended to the remote areas of the country as well. The Prime Minister called upon all, especially the affluent section of society, to extend cooperation to the present government in its efforts to bring up the children of the country properly.

Begum Zia said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman took several steps for creating avenues for the flourishing of our children's genius. She said Shaheed President Zia believed that children of this country would glorify the nation in the international community.

She said during the misuse of the autocracy all avenues created by the democratic government of Shaheed President Zia for the children were destroyed. The autocracy wanted to cripple the mind of both children and youth to keep them indifferent to their own heritage and culture, she said.

The Prime Minister said with the establishment of democratic government in the country time has come to restart our efforts to make our children worthy citizens.

She reminded the guardians of their prime responsibility for bringing up their children properly and imbibe in them the sense of patriotism and responsibility to the nation.

Begum Zia said the present government attached top priority to primary education. She said "We want to set up facilities for ensuring primary education in all villages of the country for creating better future for our children."

The Prime Minister underscored the need for taking more appropriate measures to check copying in examination halls and leakage of question papers to ensure proper academic atmosphere.

Begum Zia also stressed the need for removing the curse of child labour. Later the Prime Minister witnessed a cultural programme presented by the members of the organisation.

BKSAL, AL merger

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council, Sheikh Hasina called for a greater unity for the economic emancipation of the people.

She said that those who believe in the spirit of the Liberation War should unite under one flag.

Referring to AL's split in 1983, Sheikh Hasina said she did never appreciate disunity among the followers of Bangabandhu's ideals.

"I could not stop the mishap of 1983, maybe there was some fault with me too. However, my effort was there to unite the party again," said Hasina adding, "We are all soldiers of Bangabandhu's ideal, we have to work untidely to materialise his dream."

The AL chief assured the leaders and workers of BKSAL that they would be treated equal in status in the Awami League.

She clearly stated that the party's constitutional provisions would not obstruct the process of their accommodation in the AL and said that the workers would choose their leader with an understanding among themselves.

Earlier, Abdur Razzak in his 75-minute speech in the council said that the unity of Bangabandhu's followers was indispensable at this hour.

Show cause notice on Sirajul Hossain Khan

By Staff Correspondent

Former Minister and Acting Chairman Jatiya Krishak Party Sirajul Hossain Khan on Wednesday was served with show cause notice for his statements and comments at a press conference on Tuesday.

Khan was asked to reply the notice within a week. Khan at the press conference accused the parliamentary party of JP of violating party constitution by voting in favour of 12th Amendment Bill. He also said all the governments since independence including Jatiya Party government were autocratic.

Acting Secretary General of JP Shah Moazzem Hossain, in a statement, protested his comments and said that Khan has no right to say so in the name of Jatiya Krishak Party.

Aug 15

From Page 1 Col. 5 participated by Abul Kashem Khan, Siddiqur Rahman and Khan Iftekhar Azam.

Freedom Party will hold a discussion meeting and a 'doa mahfil' at its central office at Dhanmondi today at 4 pm. Party leaders will address the meeting.

Bangladesh Islamic Party will organise a discussion meeting at 4 pm to observe historic August 15. Eminent Islamic thinkers will participate in the discussion, a press office of the party said.

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