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 cooperations with the two Gulf countries, particularly in trade and manpower sectors, reports UNB.

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. There is also a tremendous scope of new areas of bilateral cooperation in different sectors", he told.

The Foreign Minister who travelled to Iran and the UAE in two phases on August 10-13, had successful exchange of views with leaders of the two Muslim countries on matters relating to bilateral subjects and the unity and solidarity of the Ummah, he told newsmen.

During his stay in Teheran. Mostafiz said, he had fruitful discussions with his Iranian counterpart Dr Ali Akbar Velayati on opening of an Islamic Common Market, setting up of Islamic Shipping Company and establishing Dhaka-Tehran Air Link.

Increase of trade and balance of payment which is now in favour of Bangladesh. prominently figured in the discussion, he said.

The Foreign Minister said that the Iranian authorities had positively responded to proposals to increase export of jute goods and tea from Bangladesh.

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

President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Mostafiz told reporters, had assured that the interests of Bangladeshis working in Iran

would be properly looked after. He referred to the Cultural, Scientific and Technical Cooperation Agreement between Bangladesh and Iran which was signed during the

On his mission to the UAE, the Foreign Minister told newsmen that he also had fruitful discussions with his counterpart Sheikh Sultan Hamdan Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on matters of mutual interests, particularly the BCCI issue.

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.

Moazzem Hossain again joined the Dhaka University in 1930 as a Reader of the Department of Arabic Language and Islamic Studies.

His namaze janaza was held Wednesday night at the University mosque and later, his body was sent to Tangail district for burial.

Dhaka University offices will remain closed today (Thursday) to pay tribute to the deceased.

JS session closes

From Page 1 Col. 5 the Parliament session was 245 hours 50 minutes.

Though the session was a budget session it was dominated by the Constitution amendment bills. The budget became secondary.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas in his concluding remarks said, "It was a very, very lively session," Praising the both the Opposition and the Treasury Bench members, the Speaker said, "the House was a balanced one and it can be compared with the House of Commons and the US House of Representatives.

He said that he never saw a balanced Parliament like the present one in his long politi-

cal career. He also thanked the Leader of the House Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina and all other members of their constructive role during the 65-day long session of Parliament.

Biswas said that in the past many things could be done in parliament just because of the brute majority of any particular political party. "There is no scope of going beyond the Constitution in this Parliament," he said.

Before the prorogation, the Parliament session was addressed by different members of the House. They thanked the Speaker, Leader of the House and Deputy Leader of

the House, members of the Parliament Secretariat and the press for their contribution to making the House lively and

However the last sitting of this memorable session was conspicuous by the absence of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina and her party MPs.

The Awami League members who walked out of the House protesting the President Election Bill on Tuesday night, did not turn up yesterday.

Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury Finance Minister Saifur Rahman, State Minister for Land Zamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Food Nazmul Huda, JP leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed, CPB leader Shamsuddoha, Jamaat leaders M Matiur Rahman Nizami and Sheikh Ansar Ali, JSD leader Shahjahan Siraj, Ganotantri Party leader Suranjit Sengupta. Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, BNP MPs Abdul Matin, ATM Alamgir, and Shamsunnahar Ahsanullah spoke on the occasion. They all congratulated the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and appreciated the contribution of both the government and the opposition

BKSAL, AL merger

From Page 1 Col. 7 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.

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 unitedly 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

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 indispensible at this hour.

"We have to resist communal and reactionary forces. They are united but we are divided, which is not desirable."

said Razzak. *Democracy and Bengalee nationalism cannot exist with communalism."

for the reversion to a parlia-

mentary system.

About BKSAL's activities during the last eight years, Razzak said that this party played a significant role against autocracy and to forge unity of the three alliances.

"Socialism was the aim of BKSAL when it was launched, but it is now facing a setback globally. But the necessity of socialism still exists and it will emerge again," said Razzak

confidently. Razzak mentioned that he was totally against any obstinate step and he wanted to meet the demand of the time. which, according to him, is

*From now on, we will work as Awami League workers under the leadership of Sheikh

Hasina," said Razzak. With tearful eyes and an emotion-choked voice, Razzak told his followers, "I was with you and you will find me beside

you on the streets". In his concluding address, Mohiuddin Ahmed said that the merger of BKSAL with AL was aimed at forging greater national unity and the unity process should be expanded

AL central leaders including Abdus Samad Azad, Salauddin Yusuf, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdul Jalil, Tofael Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu also attended the concluding ceremony of the special council.

Mostafiz said he had approached Hamdan, son of President Nahyan who owns 70 per cent share of the bank. to resume operations of BCCI branches in Bangladesh "since it is economically viable in the country".

Officials from Abu Dhabi are likely to visit Dhaka shortly to take up the issue with Bangladesh Bank, he said.

On bilateral exchange of cooperations. Mostafiz said that UAE officials are also expected to visit Bangladesh in near future to finalise schedule for a ministerial level meeting of joint economic commission.

repeal Indemnity Ordinance

Indemnity Ordinance.

The Awami League chief anniversary of death of Sheikh evening.

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.

all including the members in the Sangsad to pass the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill which now with a special committee of the parliament. The AL leader also called

which Bangabandhu had shed his blood. Organised by the AL Central Committee the discussion meeting was also addressed by central leaders including Syed

Choudhury and Mohiuddin Ahmed, MP. Poets Begum Sufia Kamal Shamsur Rahman, Nirmalendu Goon, Prof Kabir Choudhury. Salahuddin Ahmed and Prof Syed Ahmed Khan also

Bangabandhu were recited by Shamsur Rahman, Nirmalendu Goon, Rafiq Azad, Rabiu Hussain, Belal Choudhury Mahadev Saha, Aslam Sunny and Marium Mannan.

upon the people to work together for repealing the Indemnity Ordinance to pave way of trial of Bangabandhu's

Show cause notice on Sirajul Hossain Khan

By Staff Correspondent

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.

ence 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 govern-

ment 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.

From Page 1 Col. 5 participated by Abul Kashem Khan, Siddigur 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 of the party said.

Alhaj MA Kader and



Agreement for hostage swap

GENEVA, Aug 14 Agreements have been reached Israeli news reports. for hostage swaps that could end the ordeal of the 11 Westerners still believed held in Lebanon, diplomats and news reports said Wednesday, re-

ports agencies. The flurry of news reports missing Israeli servicemen. and diplomatic contacts come after three Westerners were re- asked Wednesday if he ex leased in recent days in

Lebanon. Israeli negotiators were to replied: "That's my hope." propose during a Wednesday meeting in Geneva with UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar — a two-stage ex change of Western hostages for

Press Note

From Page 1 Col. 8 misunderstanding against

SSC marking system. Following is the text of the Press Note:

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. Similarly, the Second Division mark

had also remained unchanged at 450. It may be mentioned here that the Council of Ministers at a meeting in 1989 decided to introduce 50 per cent objective questions from 1992 with a view to improving examination system and checking tendency of unfair means. The pass mark in the objective portion was fixed at 20 out of 50 marks as it was relatively easier to get numbers in the objective questions. On the other hand, the pass mark in the narrative portion

was fixed at 16 out of 50 marks. New syllabus was introduced and books were written accordingly to hold examination under the new system and for the last one and a half years lessons had been given in all schools

under this system. So far, no objections were raised in this regard, because this improved system was accepted by all. So, the student procession was very regrettable and the government did not consider that it had any

valid reason. The government hopes that the Press Note will remove all misunderstandings in this regard.

The students, teachers and guardians will remain alert against any ill motive and provocation by any vested quarter.

: Arab detainees, according to The Lebanese kidnappers

told reporters.

the city.

connection.

included in the bargaining.

SSC system

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Breaking up into small pro-

cessions 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

and three other vehicles were

damaged by the processionists

in Tikatuli. A case was lodged

with Sutrapur police in this

damaged three vehicles, in-

cluding a private car and two

pickups, near the Science

Laboratory Road and Mirpur

Road, police said. A case was

lodged with the Dhanmondi

rupted for at least half an hour

in Mirpur Road at about 1.30

pm and police later diverted

In another incident, stu-

dents of the Dhanmondi

Government Boys High School

forcefully entered the

Government Laboratory School

around noon. When students of

the school refused to join the

processionists, a fight ensued

DU reopening

From Page 1 Col. 4

Earlier the DUEAC held a

The speakers said academic

university authorities had no

rally in front of the VC's rest-

dence which was addressed by

Selim Reza Newton, Omar

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 vio-

lence because the cause of

campus violence was politics.

Faruq and Ahad Ahmed.

between them.

control over this.

The traffic flow was dis-

police in this connection.

traffic toward Farm Gate.

The processionists also

Police said that a BRTC bus

From Page 1 Col. 3 holding the Westerners want Israel to free 375 Arab prisonshuttle train at Fatehbad railers, including a Muslim cleric. way station and beat up some under its control in exchange students, mostly Shibir acfor the hostages and seven tivists, witnesses said. At least 20 students were injured in Perez de Cuellar, when the incident.

Later. Shibir activists seized pected Israel to free some prisall the entry points to the oners as early as the weekend. campus and prevented the teachers and students from entering. No classes could not But he cautioned against false expectations that Wednesday's meeting would solve

be held on Wednesday. In the afternoon, Shibir President of the university unit the hostage crisis. "I am not Hamidur Rahman Azad at a expecting that the Israelis will give me the magic formula," he He also stressed that Lebanese terrorists held

press conference in the city accused Awami League-backed Chhatra League for the attacks. He also demanded immediate arrest of the culprits and also European jails should not be resignation of Vice-Chancellor Mohammad Alamgir Sirajuddin.

Businessman

shot dead

By Staff Correspondent

influential person of Naya Bazar

of old city was gunned down at

Armanitola late Tuesday night

The victim was on his way

home by a rickshaw at 11.40

pm when he was intercepted

by about five gunmen who

pumped in four rounds of bul-

lets. They also hacked him

with by knife and fled the

to Mitford Hospital where the

doctors pronounced him dead.

his relatives for burial after

Akbar Seth (50) was rushed

His body was handedover to

A tense situation prevailed

A case was filed with

in the area on Wednesday fol-

Kotwali thana, but none was

PM urges students

to take part in

national uplift

Khaleda Zia Wednesday night

urged the students to partici-

pate in the present movement

You had taken part in the

of building up the nation, re-

movement against the auto-

cratic regime and now you

should take part in the nation

building activities," she told a

group of students of different

student organisations from

Moulvi Bazar district when

they joined the Bangladesh

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at the

Minister M Saifur Rahman.

Special Assistant to BNP

Chairperson Haris Chowdhury

and JCD central leader Fazlul

Huq Milon, spoke on the occa-

Minister ASM Mostafizur

Rahman, Deputy Speaker

Sheikh Razzak Ali, State

Minister for Post and

Telecommunication Shamsul

Islam, State Minister for Land

Zamiruddin Strear, State

Minister for Food Nazmul

Huda, State Minister for

Fisheries and Livestock

Abdullah Al Noman, State

Minister for Finance Mujibur

Rahman and Shahidul Huq

CU gunfight

Jamal, MP.

Also present were Foreign

Among others, Finance

Prime Minister Begum

by unknown assatlants.

scene, police said.

lowing the killing.

arrested.

ports BSS.

Sugandha office.

Akbar Seth, a merchant and

Meanwhile Chittagong University Democratic Tea-chers Forum accused the Vice-Chancellor of Wednesday's incident and said it was a conspiracy by him to avoid agitation against him by closing the university again.

In the evening some unidentified youngmen ransacked a book stall at the Station Road in the city and beat the shop owner Shahidullah, reportedly a Jamaat supporter, witnesses

Islami Chhatra Shibir also brought out a procession in the city protesting the day-long attack allegedly by the Chhatra League activists.

Additional police force and BDR personnel have been deployed in and around the cam-

PDB

From Page 1 Col. 8 After detailed evaluation

both the PDB and the Energy Ministry found local bidders most responsive and recommended to the World Bank to agree to give the contract to them.

But the World Bank head quarters recommended in favour of an Indian company "Jindal" ignoring the government's recommendation.

According to sources, the PDB recently held a meeting exclusively on the matter and differed with the World Bank insistence. The Board observed that

the Bank-preferred Indian company did not respond to the tender offer with requisite specification. 'Jindal' violated tender

terms cheating PDB nearly Tk 4 crore, local bidders told This would be gross viola-

tion of all norms of international tender if the "non-responsive" Indian company got the contract, they alleged.

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 Naw 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 Siraj 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

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 Al MPs would walk out when it will be taken up for consideration. He said it

Children

From Page 1 Col. 4 should be extended to the remote areas of the country as

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 flourishment 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 misrule 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 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 under-

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

The Prime Minister said the programmes and activities of Shishu Academy, established by President Zia, would be expanded throughout the coun-

Begum Zia also stressed the need for removing the curse of child labour.

Later the Prime Minister witnessed a cultural pro-gramme presented by the members of the organisation.

was not a substantive but a procedural bill. Suranjit Sengupta questioned logic behind the passage of the bill before the 12th Amendment Bill was okayed

principles, he argued. Sheikh Ansar Ali of Jamaat said there were discussions in the Select Committee that a bill on presidential election would be passed, but not the contents of the bill.

through referendum. The bill

would violate democratic

Shahjahan Siraj said Begum Khaleda Zia had created a unique history by ensuring unanimous passage of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill, but the passage of the presidential election bill without allowing discussion affected the cordial atmosphere earlier created in the House.

Advocate Fazle Rabbi of Jatiya Party observed that the national unity created through unanimous passage of the 12th Amendment Bill under the leadership of BNP, would be affected due to passage of the presidential election bill.

Shamsuddoha of Communist Party said the bill was in the orders of the day of August 13. but it was passed in the early hours of August 14.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas said there were precedents of parliaments working from one evening till next morning. Mattur Rahman Nizami of

Jamaat said Jamaat members staged walkout as a request made to defer consideration of the bill was not accepted. Jamaat did not oppose introduction of the bill.

Nurul Islam Moni, an independent member, said the passage of the bill was an expression of lack of faith of BNP on its own MPs.

Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain complained that the opposition members were attacking the government in a motivated way. At the Select Committee the Opposition had agreed to the formula that the procedure of presidential election will be determined by an ordinary bill and that they would not be a party to it. He said open election was needed to implement provisions of Article 70 which prohibits MPs from casting votes violating party mandate, and that the opposition was unduly attacking the government. The ruling party did not lack in sincerity to maintain a cordial atmosphere, he said urging opposition members also to discharge their responsibilities in this regard. The bill had to be passed because presidential election was only

a month away, he added. Fazlur Rahman Patal of BNP also spoke on the point.

Mujib's death From Page 1 Col. 7

darity procession. There will be a "kangali bhoj" (feeding the destitute) at 32. Dhanmondi at noon. Milad and 'doa' will be held after the Asar prayer at

the Bangabandhu Bhaban. The National Mourning Day Observance Committee will organise a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar today at 8 am. Poet Sufia Kamal will preside over the rally. Political leaders, including Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdur Razzak, Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Pankaj Bhattacharya and Nasreen Stddiky will speak on the occasion. The rally will be followed by a mourning procession to 32. Dhanmondi.

Jatiya Sramik League will hold a discussion meeting at its central office at 4 pm.

The Metropolitan Advocates Bar Association will organise a discussion meeting at 1-00 pm at its office. Adamjee Patkal Sramik

Karmachari Union will hold rally in observance of the 10th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Thursday afternoon. The rally is expected to be

addressed by central leaders of the Awami League including Tofael Ahmed MP, Begum Motia Chowdhury MP and Mofazzal Hossain Maya Bir Bikram. Adamjee Jute Mill's CBA

president Rehanuddin Rehan will preside over the rally to be held at Adamjeenagar playground.

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Mostafiz has also extended an invitation to UAE Foreign Minister to visit Bangladesh which is likely to take place early next year. Hasina's call to

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

was speaking at a discussion on the occasion of the 16th Mujibur Rahman in front of the 'Bangabandhu Bhaban' at Dhanmondi on Wednesday The opportunity has now

She sought cooperation of

upon all concerned to work sincerely to materialise an exploitation-free society for

Johra Tajuddin, Begum Sajeda

spoke on the occasion. A number of poems on

Begum Sufia Kamal called

Former Minister and Acting

Khan was asked to reply the notice within a week. Khan at the press confer-

Mohiuddin Ahmed, Vice-President and General Secretary of Muslim Juba Sangha, in a statement termed August 15 as a great occasion of national emancipation. Juba Sanghati will hold a discussion meeting at 4 pm at 124 /1. New Kakrail road.