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Rumour of another coup

MOSCOW, Aug 25: Up to 400 people blocked the bridge across the Moskova river outside the Russian parliament today following rumours that tanks were heading towards the legislature, reports AFP.

Hussein persona non grata in Egypt

CAIRO, Aug 25: Jordan's King Hussein is "persona non grata in Egypt" the official daily Al-Gomhoriya said today following the publication of the monarch's book on his version of events in the Gulf war, reports AFP.

2 JP leaders held in Magura

MAGURA, Aug 25: Two local leaders of Jatiya Party were arrested from the party office in the town today. Advocate Hasan Straj Shuja and Mustafizur Rahman Swapan were detained under the Special Powers Act, police said.

Jatiya Party activists brought out a procession in the town this evening protesting the arrest.

10 per cent cut in incidental expenditures ordered for implementation of new pay scale

Fresh recruitments if govt employees do not join work in three days

The Government on Sunday warned that it would be compelled to make fresh recruitments in place of those employees who would fail to return to their duties within the next three days, reports BSS.

A Press Note issued by the Ministry of Establishment said the Government was again advising the employees concerned, who were abstaining from work and obstructing others to joining work, not to compel it to take such action against its wish.

Meanwhile, the Government announced its decision to reduce the incidental expenditures of the revenue budget for the fiscal 1991-92 by 10 per cent in view of the announcement of the new national pay scale.

According to an official handout issued on the same

day, the funds thus generated will have to be deposited immediately.

The Press Note said a handful of employees were instigating the employees, willing to work, to abstain from their duties in spite of the fact that they had been urged, through Press Notes and negotiations with their representatives for the last few days, to maintain proper atmosphere of the offices by devoting themselves to their normal work. The Press Note said, if necessary, help of the concerned employment exchange might be sought.

Such activities of these employees were undesirable in running the administration smoothly and they are liable to be dismissed under Clause 3 of the Public Employees (Special Provision) Ordinance 1979, the Press Note said.

Regarding the incidental expenditure cut, the government said its decision would be effective immediately and remain in force till June 30, 1992 and would be applicable to all government and semi-government and autonomous organisations.

There will be a remarkable change in the expenditure sector of the budget in the period following the preparation and approval of the national budget in view of the announcement of the new pay scales. This has necessitated the need for limiting the controllable expenditure of the approved revenue budget of 1991-92 and taking steps to reduce expenditures at all levels of the public sectors, including the government administrative management and the autonomous organisations.

Water transport strike continues

By Staff Correspondent

Sufferings of the passengers mounted and normal business slumped on private motorised cargo and passenger carriers remained docked for the second day Sunday.

Owners of the vessels called an indefinite strike since midnight Friday demanding reduction of fuel prices to the pre-Gulf war level.

No such vessels plied in the 35 inland water routes in the country. The striking owners did not allow plying of the ships and other vessels belong to the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) by putting barricades on rivers at different parts of the country as a result, the BIWTC-owned vessels had to be anchored at various places.

Passengers went to Sadarghat terminal, Sunday also but were found returning after a long wait. Most of the terminals were a deserted look. At places, sailing of a few mechanised boats were attempted but were stopped by the striking owners and their employees.

Suspension of operation of about 5,000 private passenger carriers, cargoes, trawlers, barges, and tugs also seriously affected the city food markets. Prices of perishable goods including rice and vegetables shot up.

According to our Narayanganj correspondent, the BIWTC steamer Rocket plying between Dhaka and Khulna failed to reach Dhaka

due to barricades on the river Buriganga. The steamer was later routed to Narayanganj and anchored at the BIWTC terminal there at 2.30 pm Sunday. The steamer started from Khulna Friday night for Dhaka. BIWTC sources said, it will sail for Khulna from Narayanganj instead of Dhaka.

Barricades were also put at various points on the river Shitalakhya a number of engine boats were floated on the Shitalakhya but the strikers stopped those.

Prices of essentials, rose at the Narayanganj markets due to the strike. BIWTC sources said, it had instructed the river traffic police to remain alert against any untoward incident. See Page 12 Col. 6



Striking employees from different government, semi-government and autonomous organisations held a rally in front of the National Press Club Sunday to press home their demands for further pay hike and change of office timing. — Star photo

City BNP rally today

The city unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will hold a rally in front of the National Press Club at 10 am today to convince the government employees to accept the new pay scale, reports BSS.

It was announced by city BNP president Mir Shawkat Ali, MP while addressing the biennial conference of Ward No. 36 unit of Kotwali thana branch of city BNP here yesterday.

Nizami's plea

The Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh and its parliamentary party leader, Moulana Maitur Rahman Nizami Sunday demanded of the government to See Page 12 Col. 6

7 held: Secretariat gate closed at 12 noon

Full-day strike by employees today

By Staff Correspondent

The Secretariat remained paralysed Sunday as employees went on a full-day strike demanding withdrawal of police, BDR and ansar from its premises.

The employees signed attendance registers and then rallied in front of the National Press Club where their leaders announced a fresh countrywide movement programme for upward revision of pay scales and changing office time from 7.30 am to 2 pm.

Government employees of other offices in the city, ob-

servicing 3 hour strike under an earlier common programme, also joined the rally. Leaders of Sramik Karmachari Sanghat Parishad announced in the rally three-hour strike till September 4 and full-day strike on August 29 followed by rallies and processions.

The Secretariat employees will observe full-day strike today for withdrawal of riot police, BDR and ansar from its premises.

Cash sections of all government offices will remain out See Page 12 Col. 2

CP cell in Foreign Ministry banned : Byelorussian President resigns

Gorbachev guilty of coup : Yeltsin



Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, former military adviser to President Gorbachev, committed suicide on Saturday. — AFP photo

MOSCOW, Aug 25: Russian President Boris Yeltsin moved swiftly to fill the power vacuum in the Soviet Union after Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev stepped down as party leader and another key Gorbachev aide committed suicide, reports agencies.

Yeltsin said today that Gorbachev had to share the blame for last week's fall coup because it was the Kremlin leader's handpicked allies who

organised the plot. Yeltsin told a television interviewer that he supported Gorbachev's decision to step down as Communist Party chief and turn party property over to state authorities. But this, he said, did not make up for earlier errors in judgement.

"You cannot absolve him of his guilt in the coup, he said. Who chose the officials? He did. Who confirmed them? He did. He was betrayed by his closest people. Almost all the cabinet members. They betrayed him. He chose them himself."

Gorbachev's personal military adviser, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, committed suicide during the weekend, further jeopardizing the Soviet leader's own political survival in the wake of last week's failed coup by communist hardliners.

Yeltsin meanwhile issued a series of sweeping decrees, including an order placing all Soviet government communications channels under

power base Gorbachev had relied on to push ahead with reform and cast further doubt over the Soviet leader's ability to prevent the breakup of the country.

Meanwhile, Communist Party cells in the Soviet Foreign Ministry are to be dissolved and heads of diplomatic missions abroad have been ordered to ban party activities.

President Gorbachev issued a decree Saturday banning activity by Communist Party cells in the armed forces, the KGB security services and the Interior Ministry.

In another development the President of the Soviet Republic of Byelorussia resigned today in the wake of last Monday's abortive coup in Moscow, a presidential aide said.

President Nikolai Dementel, a conservative, had been criticised by deputies in the republic's parliament for failing to oppose the right wing takeover.

Dementel told parliament in the capital Minsk today that he had not supported the coup on state of emergency had been declared and the republic had functioned normally throughout.

It was also further proof of the total disintegration of the

Parties sheltering terrorists are not democratic: Ishtiaq

By DU Correspondent

Ishtiaq Ahmed, former President of Supreme Court Bar Association Sunday said a political party could not be democratic if it harboured or covertly approved terrorism to gain political objective.

He was addressing an anti-terrorism rally at the Central Shaheed Minar organised by Sammita Sanskritik Jot, an alliance of some cultural organisations. Justice KM Sobhan, Advocate Shamsul Hoq Chowdhury, Dr Anisuzzaman, Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr See Page 12 Col. 1

Mostafiz leaves for India today

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman leaves for India today on a four-day official visit to initiate formal talks between the new governments in Dhaka and New Delhi, reports UNB.

This will be the first political contact between newly-elected governments of the two countries.

Mostafiz is scheduled to discuss with his Indian counterpart Madhab Singh Solanki bilateral issues in the Indian capital.

Two former Foreign Ministers — Anisul Islam Mahmud and IK Gujral — met in Dhaka in February last year

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Vote for AL to realise other genuine demands, says Hasina

DATTAPARA (Madaripur), Aug 25: Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina today urged the people to vote for Awami League candidate in the September 11 bye-elections to strengthen her hands in realising demands of the people, reports UNB.

Addressing a campaign meeting here, the Awami League President said the commitments of her party during the February 27 general elections, including reversion See Page 12 Col. 6



Carl Lewis sets world record

TOKYO, Aug 25: Carl Lewis of the United States won the men's 100 meters gold medal Sunday at the third track and field World Championships in the world record time of 9.86 seconds.

Americans swept the medals, with Leroy Burrell coming in second at 9.88 — also under his world record time of 9.90 — and Dennis Mitchell coming third at 9.91.

It was the greatest 100-meter sprint in the history of track and field, with six runners under 10 seconds and two under Burrell's world record. (Details on Page 10)

Announcement

The Daily Star will publish a 6-page Special Supplement on the latest Information Technology, Data Processing & Computers tomorrow (Tuesday). This particular issue will contain articles and interviews of eminent experts in these fields.

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