

Non-aligned nations can play constructive role : Mostafiz

ACCRA, Sept 7: Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman has said the Nonaligned Movement can play its role in the global affairs even after the end of the Cold War era, reports BSS.

Addressing the 10th meeting of the Nonaligned Foreign Ministers' Conference here yesterday, he said the relevance of the movement had in no way been lost and the Nonaligned nations could play a constructive role in the international affairs as they did before.

"Because of the recent changes in superpower relations a question is often being asked as to whether there is continuing relevance of the policy of nonalignment" the Foreign Minister said adding "the end of the bipolar division surely did not mean the winding up of the movement."

The truth is that non-alignment is not exclusively related to the relations with

big powers" Rahman said and reminded all that the heart of the policy was neither neutrality nor expediency.

Stressing the need for further consolidating the Movement, the Foreign Minister said, it was immaterial whether the world was bipolar, multipolar or unipolar and that Nonaligned Movement remained relevant despite periodical vagaries in the system of nations states.

The Foreign Minister stressed the need for greater economic interaction among the nonaligned nations, bulk of which are developing and least developed countries, and expressed the hope the movement would evolve such strategies that would help economic development of the member states.

"Our search for peace, and security will remain illusive if economic stagnation, deprivation and disparities among and within the nations con-

tinues to exist," he said.

Rahman drew the attention of the movement to the plight of the least developed countries and said relevant recommendations of the Second United Nations Conference on the LDCs last year must be included in evolving new economic strategy for the movement.

The Foreign Minister referred to the global political scenario and said many of the longstanding disputes like the Middle East situation, Palestine question, Cyprus, Kampuchea and Afghan tangle remain to be resolved.

He noted that recent months witnessed some signs of breakthrough in some of these problems like a conference on Middle East now seem more prospective than ever before and the actors in the Kampuchean scenario also moved forward to settle their problem.

BCL calls hartal in Pabna today

PABNA, Sept 7: District Chhatra League called for a dawn-to-dusk hartal in the town tomorrow to protest the killing of its leader Parag, reports BNP.

Arifur Rahman Parag, Rajshahi University unit Publicity Secretary of the student wing of Awami League, was injured by miscreants in Pabna town on Thursday and died at the PG Hospital in Dhaka on Friday.

A mourning procession was brought out in the town this afternoon and a protest meeting held in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office.

The BCL activists also picketed tomorrow's hartal to begin at 6 am.

The Chhatra League (A-A) leaders at the rally blamed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for the killing of Parag.

They also filed a case accusing five JCD leaders.

4 killed, 24 hurt in grenade attack on Lahore meeting

LAHORE, Sept 7: Four people were killed and 24 injured in a hand grenade attack on a public meeting of an important Sunni fundamentalist party here late Friday, police and hospital sources said today, reports AFP.

It was the second attack in a day against the Anjuman-Sipahi Saraba (ASS) which had organised the meeting to commemorate the Defence Day of Pakistan.

Earlier, the Vice President of ASS, Maulana Mohammad Yusuf, was critically injured in a bomb attack on his residence Friday morning in Muzaffargarh, about 300 kilometers (190 miles) south of Lahore.

He was in a coma in hospital, while his wife, two daughters and a son suffered minor injuries, hospital sources said.

The organisers of the meeting in Lahore said the hand grenade was hurled from outside the park minutes before the arrival of the President of ASS, Maulana Zia-ur-Rahman Farooqi. No arrests were made.

The ASS leaders have blamed Shi'ites for the attacks.

Tension between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims has been high since early July when a hand grenade, hurled during a Shi'ite procession marking the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain, grandson of Prophet Muhammad (S) injured three people.

The ASS has blamed Shi'ites for the slaying two years ago of its founder Hafiz Nawaz Jhangvi, which followed the murder of Iranian Cultural Attaché Sadeq Ganji in Lahore.

DUTA condemns threat to SM Hall Provost

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) in a statement on Saturday strongly condemned the incident of threatening the Provost of S. M. Hall of the university.

The DUTA also demanded exemplary punishment to the persons involved in the incident.

Baltic republics

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pendence by the Soviet government.

The three republics were independent before their annexation by the USSR in 1940 under the Molotov-Ribbentrop pact between Moscow and Nazi Germany.

Bangladesh is the first country in the sub-continent to recognise the three Baltic republics.

Following are the excerpts :

DL : From where did you get the price of the Berlin stone?

PW : I did not get any price of the Berlin stone.

Demand to resume Inqilab publication

By Staff Correspondent

Publication of the Daily Inqilab remained suspended till Saturday. Publication of the newspaper was suspended following Thursday night's clash in the office of the daily over implementation of the Third and Fourth Wage Board Awards for the press employees and workers of the paper.

Police remained posted in the office until last night. However, no fresh trouble took place there over the issue.

Meanwhile, leaders of different unions of the newspaper industry and political parties condemned the attack on the Inqilab employees and demanded resumption of publication of the daily.

Reazuddin Ahmed and Amanullah Kabir, President and Secretary General of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Zahirul Haq and Ruhul Amin Gazi, President and General Secretary of the Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) in a joint statement said resumption of the Inqilab has become uncertain following issuance of termination notice to the workers and employees of the paper's press section (Kaderia Publications and Products Ltd) after laying off the section.

The statement demanded identification and punishment of the attackers on the press workers through investigation.

They said that the crisis could be resolved by discussion between the authorities and the workers.

The Inqilab unit of the DUJ in a meeting Saturday condemned the undesirable incident. Held at the National Press Club office of the DUJ, the meeting was chaired by the Unit Chief Mizanur Rahman.

The meeting demanded withdrawal of case filed against Syed Meshabuddin in connection with the attack on the press workers.

Bangladesh Newspapers Press Workers and Employees Federation at a meeting Saturday demanded immediate arrest of Maulana Mannan, Inqilab Editor Bahauddin, Moinuddin and others who they alleged were responsible for Thursday's incidents.

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Sikh strike call cripples Punjab

by security forces of Sikh militant leader Gujrat Singh Rajasthani.

Rajasthani, who headed the outlawed Khalistan Commando Force and was blamed for numerous murders, was killed in a gun battle on August 31 in Punjab's Ropar district. He carried a reward of 40,000 dollars on his head.

PTI said the general strike was more successful in Punjab's rich rural areas, particularly in the three districts bordering Pakistan.

Train services were normal, but Sikh militants blew up a portion of rail track in Amritsar. No further details of the sabotage were available.

The call for today's shutdown was given by scores of Sikh groups at a September 1 conclave to protest the killing

The Midnight File

EC helicopter machine-gunned

THE HAGUE, Sept 7: A clearly-marked European Community helicopter carrying EC ceasefire observers was machine-gunned in Yugoslavia on Friday, reliable sources here said today, they said that the Netherlands' current EC President, had lodged a protest with the Yugoslav authorities following the attack, in which no one was injured, reports AFP.

Singapore cabinet sworn in

SINGAPORE, Sept 7: The new 16-member Singapore Cabinet was sworn into office in a simple ceremony today by President Wee Kim Wee, the Singapore Broadcasting Corp. said, the Cabinet led by Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong is virtually unchanged with Mah Bow Tan, Acting Communications Minister in the previous cabinet, being confirmed as full minister while two other ministers were given additional portfolios, reports AFP.

Vatican, Albania establish ties

VATICAN CITY, Sept 7: The Vatican and Albania established diplomatic relations after more than four decades of fierce anti-church persecution by the Balkan country's former Stalinist regime. With the move, the Vatican has now forged relations with all of Eastern Europe, including Moscow, reports AP.

Sefl-reliance

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Flood Control, Water Resources and Irrigation

Minister Majed-ul Haq, State Minister for Finance Majibur Rahman, Mrs Selima Rahman, MP, Aitzul Haq, MP and BNP

nominee from Bogra-7 constituency Helaluzzaman

Talukdar Lalu spoke on the occasion.

People from all walks of life

stood on both sides of the road

defying incessant rain and

greeted Begum Zia. At various

points the enthusiastic crowds

stopped her motorcade and

talked to her. Begum Zia also

enquired about their welfare.

The Prime Minister was

elected from Bogra-7 seat in

the February 27 polls.

Begum Zia said the Bogra

seat would always remain as

her seat. She said she would

look into the local problems

and take steps for their solution.

In Rangpur-1 seat which

constitutes Gangachara upazila

and three unions of Rangpur

Sadar, Awami League's Majib

Rahman, Mrs Selima Rahman,

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She called upon the officials

to maintain law and order dur-

ing the by-election so that