

## 3 killed, 28 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons were killed and another 28 injured, eight of them seriously, in four separate road accidents in the city and at Torarhat near Manikganj Saturday.

Nur Muhammad 15, a student of the Laif Bawani School, was seriously injured while on his way to school when a speeding truck hit him near Konapara at around 9am. He succumbed to the injuries while being taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police said.

A case was registered with Demra police. The driver managed to escape from with the truck (Dhaka-A-484).

Babul (8), died on the spot while trying to cross the road when a speeding truck hit him on the Dhaka-Aricha highway near Barbaria at around 2pm. The driver managed to flee from the scene of the accident along with the truck.

Jasimuddin (30), a rickshaw puller, was seriously injured when his rickshaw was hit from behind by a speeding bus near Dholairpar at around 6.30am.

He succumbed to the in-

juries while being taken to the Mitford hospital; a case was registered with Demra police. The driver escaped with the bus (Dhaka-Cha-1661).

At least 28 persons were injured, eight of them seriously, when a Bogra-bound passenger coach plunged into a road-side ditch on the Dhaka-Aricha highway near the Torarhat bridge about four miles from Manikganj town.

According to fire service officials here, the driver of the coach lost control while crossing a speed-breaker at top speed near the bridge over the Kaliganga river at around 10:50am. The coach plunged into the ditch water.

Fire service personnel from Manikganj rescued 28 passengers from the submerged coach. All the injured passengers, including two women and a child, were taken to the Manikganj sadar hospital.

Eighteen of the injured were admitted at the hospital while the rest were released after first-aid. Condition of eight persons was stated to be critical.

No govt response to Ershad's parole plea

## Tajul tampered with JP register: AG

Attorney General Aminul Huq yesterday pointed out in the court trying deposed President Ershad that the register of the Jatiya Party was tampered with to show collection of party funds, reports UNB.

"It's full of interpolations, each page of the register has been interpolated," Huq told the court during cross-examination of defence witnesses Tajul Islam Chowdhury which resumed for the sixth day yesterday.

Tajul, Jatiya Party Office Secretary, who produced the register to the Court laying the claim that Tk 1,90,81,565 found at Ershad's former official residence belonged to the party, denied the charge of interpolations.

"Those are corrections, the clerk has recorded and I received the money.... If (Jatiya Party) is not a commercial firm and hence we did not look at it that way," the Defence witness said.

Ershad also chairman of the Jatiya Party was charged with amassing wealth beyond known sources of income. He was already sentenced to 10 years imprisonment for keeping illegal arms and faces three more corruption cases.

The prosecution was tough. "This (register) is very a important document. He (Tajul) is to prove each and every entry in it. If he can't, he is liable to prosecution," the Attorney General said.

In one of the entries, the prosecution said, the figure Tk 5,000 was interpolated to Tk 1,15,000. Similar interpolations are evident at 65 places in the register.

The defence witness denied but said "the original figure was not Tk 5,000 as suggested by the Attorney General, it was Tk 1,10,000 corrected to Tk 1,15,000."

The defence claimed more than Tk 2 crore was raised from within the Jatiya Party during August-November 1990 for buying the Dhanmondi party central office and the money was kept with party chairman Ershad. This included Tk 1,46,42,800 collected through sale of primary membership tickets and the rest raised through subscriptions and donations from party leaders.

The prosecution however refuted the claim saying collection of so much money was not possible during that period when the anti-government movement like strikes, hartals, demonstrations and processions had gripped the entire country.

Tajul refuted the prosecution contention. "Anti-government movement was evident only in Dhaka," he said.

When the prosecution laid newspaper files before the Defence Witness in support of his contention, Tajul said, "It is in the newspapers but I'm not aware of the movement outside Dhaka."

Questioned about his wife, Tajul termed as "a downright false" that his wife Shamsunnahar Begum divorced him in 1984.

"Here you see a certified copy of the document which says your wife Shamsunnahar Begum divorced you and it was registered in the Kazi Office of

Goran on November 2, 1984," the Attorney handed over a paper to the defence witness.

"It's downright false," reacted Tajul, "may be in black and white. Allah knows, I failed to understand." Tajul and Shamsunnahar are living as husband and wife.

Tajul denied he received the notice of divorce by his wife. "It is absolutely false, my wife is with me."

The cross-examination of Tajul by the prosecution will continue today (Sunday).

Meanwhile, the Chief Defence Counsel of deposed President Ershad in jail said the government had not responded to his client's petition seeking release on parole for going to the "famine-stricken" area of his home district Rangpur.

Advocate Strajul Haque however, could not say when Ershad applied and for how many days' parole.

Talking to reporters outside the court where the former President faces trial on corruption charges, Advocate Haque said he believed release of Ershad on parole would not harm the government for "he (Ershad) does not want harm to the government."

The former president has informed "me that he is mentally tortured" in jail and advised to move with the authorities to ensure facilities for him as allowed in the jail code, Advocate Haque said.

"We are examining the jail code and if the former President is deprived of due facilities, we may move the higher court," he added.

Advocate Haq said he is not allowed to consult his client in a free atmosphere. He visited Ershad in jail about two months ago and that, too, in presence of 4-5 security officials.

## Jail killing

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at Banani will be visited and wreaths laid there at 8.30 am. A milad mahfil will be held at the Banani graveyard at 9 am.

Al chief Sheikh Hasina in a statement on the occasion alleged that the "Mushaqa-Rashid-Faruk-Dalim" circle brutally killed the four national heroes of the Mujibnagar government in the dark cell of the Dhaka Central Jail 16 years ago.

This anti-democracy and anti-humanity circle also killed Bangabandhu in 1975, she added and regretted that the self-confessed killers were not tried as yet.

People toppled autocracy through a bloody movement Hasina said but regretted that the elected government even after the fall of autocracy was yet following its path.

Sheikh Hasina said that the present rulers were dilly dallying in repealing the Indemnity Ordinance and demanded immediate steps to annual the black laws as per the commitment of the ruling party in the Joint Declaration.

Hasina called upon all concerned to take a fresh vow on the day to gear up the movement for democracy, freedom, and progress and to build a non-communal, democratic Bangladesh.

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An old woman Aroti Bala of Kolkord union under Gangachara upazila carrying home relief goods last week.

—Star photo by Shafiquddin Bitu

## Chiluba new Zambian President

LUSAKA, Nov 2 : Frederick Chiluba, a 48-year-old trade union leader, was sworn in today as Zambia's President following the election defeat of veteran President Kenneth Kaunda, reports Reuters.

Chief Justice Anel Silungwe administered the oath of office in front of the two-storey red brick High Court House in Lusaka.

Chiluba, a diminutive figure standing only five feet (1.5 metres) tall, swore into a lowered microphone to uphold the Constitution and the law "without fear, favour or ill will."

The swearing-in, watched by thousands of euphoric Zambians, took place at noon (1000 GMT) as a cooling breeze swept the normally sweltering southern African capital.

Hours earlier, Kaunda conceded defeat in a graceful broadcast in which he also said he intended to continue working in the opposition.

Kaunda is the most senior African statesman to have been ousted from power by popular vote — in elections he made possible by abolishing 17 years of one-party rule late last year.

"True to my word, I would like to congratulate President Frederic K Chiluba sincerely," Kaunda said.

Thousands of jubilant Zambians flashing the thumb-and-forefinger sign of Chiluba's Movement for Multi-Party Democracy (MMD) witnessed in the swearing-in ceremony.

Kaunda, 67, and his United National Independence Party (UNIP) had held uninterrupted power since independence from Britain in 1964.

"As I leave state house to leave for my farm (in northern province).... I would like to thank all Zambians who made it possible for me to serve them in many capacities before and after independence," Kaunda said in his broadcast.

"I tried to do my best for Zambia and if I failed in any way it is not because I did not try to do my utmost for the people of the nation," he said.

Commonwealth observers brought in to monitor Zambia's first multi-party elections for 23 years said on Friday the voting had been fair and free from signs of corruption or coercion.

The results should therefore fully reflect the will of the Zambian people," the Commonwealth Secretariat said.

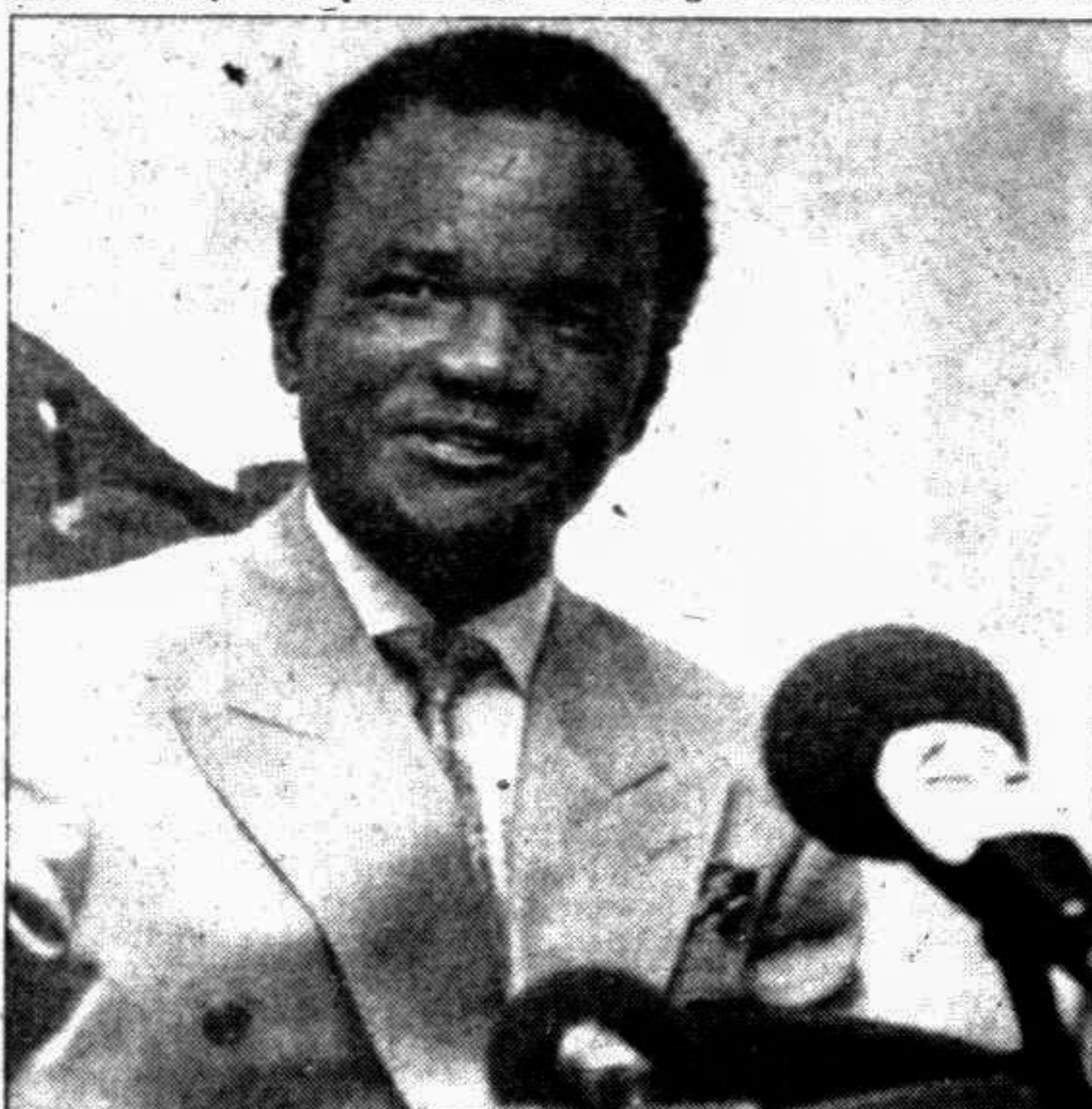
"This election demonstrates the nature of multi-party politics: you win some and you lose some. This is not the end of the world."

He added that "in a few days I shall return and with my people will begin to look at strategy and prepare to be the opposition."

Kaunda leaves a considerable legacy of problems.

on Zambians to respect their defeated leader.

"He is the founding father of our nation and he must remain in our hearts. He has a place and we must ensure nothing is done to harass him,



New Zambian President Frederick Chiluba addressing a news conference after his election.

— AFP photo

Zambia is virtually bankrupt with a foreign debt of 7.8 billion dollars hanging over its 7.8 million people.

Chiluba and his government face tough and unpopular decisions to get the economy on track and win the confidence of the international donor community.

The new President, at a late night news conference on Friday in which he announced Kaunda had conceded, called

he is one of us. He must feel he is a Zambian among Zambians."

Both Kaunda and Chiluba said the Zambian elections and the peaceful transition of power could act as a model for other Third World nations moving to political pluralism.

Officials from neighbouring Angola and Mozambique, former Marxist states that plan to hold multi-party elections next year, attended as observers.

## CU teachers

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urged them to help maintain peaceful atmosphere on the campus.

He pointed out that the initiative of the teachers was essential to hold the classes regularly and avoid session jam.

President Biswas said the country's vast multitude should be provided with the opportunity to earn knowledge so that they could contribute their mite to achieve the prosperity of the nation.

The members of the delegation include Dr. Md. Zahurul Huq, Dr. Mahfuzul Huq, Prof. Mozaffar Ahmed Chowdhury and Prof. Harunur Rashid.

## Memo to VC

November 7 after the October 27 gunbattle on the campus and it was announced that rescheduling the examinations would be done depending on the situation.

The memorandum said the dates of the examinations were shifted several times earlier following violent incidents on the campus, which put the students and their guardians into uncertainty. The students in the memorandum also suggested holding of the examinations at any alternative place in the city if it was not possible in the university.

The students after submitting memorandum, exchanges views with the Vice-Chancellor.

## Hartal in Shahzadpur to protest Sec 144

SIRAJGANJ, Nov 2 : A half-day hartal was observed in Shahzadpur upazila Saturday in protest against the imposition of Section 144, reports UNB.

Section 144 imposed in the upazila headquarters on Thursday was however withdrawn at 6 am Saturday.

The hartal was called by the local unit of Jatiya Party to protest the arrest of local JP leaders and also terrorism allegedly let loose by BNP activists.

All vehicular traffic were off the roads and educational institutions, business establishments and shops remained closed during the hartal hours.

The upazila administration imposed Section 144 following clashes between political activists of JCD and JP over holding meetings at Shazadpur government college premises on Friday at 3 pm.

## Aman protests BCL cases against JCD activists

Convener of Jatiyatadabi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman Saturday strongly protested the filing of false cases against JCD leader Ilyas Ali and 15 others in connection with the killing of Chhatra League (S-A) worker Mizanur Rahman Mizan during the recent disturbances in the DU campus, reports BSS.

Amanullah Aman, who is also an MP, in a statement here demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the real killers of Mizan.

The JCD convener said it is believed that Mizan was a victim of factional rivalry.

He also urged the Chhatra League leaders to desist from making any provocative and confusing statement in this regard.

## BCL ultimatum

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leaders alleged that terrorists were staying at Mohsin Hall, Suryans Hall, Jasimuddin Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Sheikh Mujib Hall of the university.

The speakers also alleged that BNP Chief Khaleeda Zia was doing "politics of conspiracy" and said this was responsible for repeated terrorist acts on the campus. They threatened to file case against her if further incident of bloodshed take place there. Her party has given shelter to those expelled from the Dhaka University earlier for creating violence, they said.

The rally presided over by Shahe Alam, President of the organisation, was addressed among others by Ashim Kumar Ukil, the General Secretary and its DU unit leaders Quamruzzaman Ansari and Matur Rahman.

The speakers also demanded effective steps by the Prime Minister to root out terrorism from the campus as was done by Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina by suspending BCL activities on the DU campus.

## Bankers

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disturbing others during office hours," she said. There is no bar to disciplined trade union activities, she said, "but you have to abide by the law".

The main objective of the present government is to create a free market and turn all government organisations into profit-making concerns by restoring discipline in all sectors destroyed during the last 9 years of the autocratic rule, the Prime Minister said.

"We have to make the country self-reliant by boosting production in all sectors," Begum Zia said, mentioning BNP's politics and programmes.

Referring to demands for various incentives, including bonus, Begum Zia said the employees of those organisations doing well would always be rewarded.

## Join BNP

BSS adds : Representatives of the scheduled caste of 13 greater districts led by Kartik Chandra Thakur called on the Prime Minister at her Sugandha office Saturday night.

They expressed their willingness to join the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) having been imbued with its ideology and principles under the leadership of Begum Zia.

Welcoming them in the party, the Prime Minister said the BNP belongs to the people and its door is open to all who believe in Bangladeshi nationalism.

Begum Zia said there was no discrimination of religion and race in the BNP and added, "there is no difference between the big and the small in the party."

She said the BNP would treat all its members equally and there would be responsibility for each and every member to build the nation.

## The Midnight File

### Amnesty law for Soviet deserters

MOSCOW, Nov 2 : The Soviet Parliament on Friday adopted an amnesty law for army deserters submitted by President Mikhail Gorbachev. The law is the first legislative act by the revamped Soviet Parliament, according to Tass. It needs to be signed by Gorbachev to become effective. Tass did not give the number of deserters concerned by the measure, reports AFP.

### Jackson will not run in '92

WASHINGTON, Nov 2 : Jesse Jackson on Saturday announced he will not run for President in 1992, saying he could better serve by working to register voters and open the political system to the needy, neglected and uninvolved. "I will not seek the nomination for the Democratic Party," the two-time presidential candidate said in a speech prepared for delivery at a troubled housing project. Instead, Jackson said, he will embark on a campaign to register one million new voters and organise workers politically across the country, reports AP.

### 24 killed in Kashmir clashes

SRINAGAR, Nov 2 : Indian troops shot and killed 14 Muslim guerrillas who tried to slip home from the Pakistani side of the frontier, while seven more people died in other clashes in the Kashmir valley on Saturday. The guerrillas were killed in two separate encounters with government forces in the Kupwara and Baramullah districts about 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Srinagar, reports AP.

## High-powered body

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less. But the local administration intervened in the situation with its limited resources.

He, however, could not say whether the local administration could assess the gravity of the situation.

The district administration which was some how busy with the by-election could not give much time to assess the situation. But even after ten days of the by-election the district administration did not contact the government on the further deterioration of the situation there.

Even though the government begins food-for-work programmes from mid-September every year, this year in many districts of the northern region the local administration has not even schemed the test relief operations as yet.

It is reported that in Lamoirhat, Kurigram and Rangpur districts most of the MPs belonging to the Jatiya Party wanted to get involved in the scheming of the test relief operations. But there was a tussle between the MPs and the local administration particularly with the chairmen of the upazilas who did not want the JP MPs in test relief operations.

The people in these areas are surviving with general relief. In most cases members of the local union parishads are not lifting test relief as it has become difficult to misuse the relief materials in presence of the army, said a local political leader.

Because of the acrimonious political relationship between the local MPs, most of whom belong to the Jatiya Party and the BNP government, the political leadership there remained silent and in many cases provoked the people not to participate in food-for-work programmes.

A Magistrate of Rangpur told this correspondent that some people engaged in food-for-work programmes refused to continue their work at one stage saying that all the relief goods were coming for them and those should be distributed without their doing any work.

However, before the visit of the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina the army managed to involve a section of the people to participate in a food-for-work programme to repair the road cum-embankment on the river Teesta from Gangachara upazila headquarter to Alambidhitor and Naohali — the two unions, much talked about for their vulnerability to river erosion. However since the last two weeks test relief operations have been launched in different areas under the direct supervision of the government.

The BNP Secretary General of Faridpur district Rezaul Rahman Sarkar Rana said that the government did not hesitate to intervene in the situation as soon as possible. He however regretted that the test relief allotted by the administration was not even lifted by the local UP members.

When asked on October 29 when the administration re-

ported the situation to the government ADM Abdus Salek could not give any direct answer but rather said that he is holding the charge for one week after the transfer of the Deputy Commissioner of the Rangpur district.

Abdus Salek said that the administration had been continuing the relief operations since after the flood from mid-September. But he could not say when and how the administration informed the government about the aggravation of the situation.

It is learnt that the situation was also played up by a section of local administrative officials. Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur Giasuddin was withdrawn from Rangpur as a punishment for his alleged highhandedness.

He was placed as OSD under the Establishment Department. He was said to have given a wrong impression to the ministers visiting the area after reports in a section of newspapers.

Former Minister and president member of the Awami League Matur Rahman said that there was no Government party activity in this region and hence the government had lost its grip on the situation.

He said that the popularity of the government was fading away while the armed forces were doing the relief work meticulously.

Observers feel that from the very beginning there was a lack of communications between the government and the local administration which contributed a lot to play up the whole thing. They feel that a high-powered enquiry commission should be set up to probe the matter.

When contacted, Food Minister Shamsul Islam who also visited the area confessed that there was want of food and work but that the situation was never like that of a famine or starvation. He said that there was no shortage of food in any point in the area or at any time during the period. So the question of starvation or famine should not arise, he added.

He said that the test relief scheme was to be done by the local administration but why it was delayed was only known to the persons responsible for it.

He also agreed to the proposal that a high-powered enquiry committee could unveil the truth.

## Campus

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of Vice-Chancellors of universities, senior police officials and others concerned by calling them to its meetings to get their views about the causes of the problem and its remedies.

The committee will continue to function even though Parliament may not be in session. The government is expected to implement decisions to be taken by the committee from time to time.

Asked about the atmosphere of the meeting of the main committee and the sub-committee held on Saturday and Sunday Khondakar Delwar said it was positive. All members expressed their eagerness to help help campus violence.

The Awami League source also appeared to be optimistic and said that the government will be the loser if steps are not taken to end campus violence. "We have shown our gesture by suspending activities of the Bangladesh Chhatra League in Dhaka University," he said adding, "We hope others will reciprocate."

The parliamentary committee on campus violence owes its origin to an unanimous decision taken at the close of the second session of the House on August 14. After several days of heated exchanges a general discussion on the problem was held in the House on that day.

The constitution of the committee was, however, completed during the current session of the House.

## Direct talks

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mattresses and other household goods into cars and fled. Radio reports said all but four families left.

The bulletin carried on the radio station run by Israel's proxy militia, the South Lebanon Army, accused the villagers of harboring the Shiite Muslim guerrillas who escalated their attacks on the zone this week to protest peace talks in Madrid.

Loudspeakers from the Israeli outpost blared orders to leave. Then the Israelis opened up with machine guns, causing a wave of panic but no injuries.

The Lebanese army force deployed at Kfar Rumman's northern entrance did not respond to the Israeli fire.