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RU senate polls Nov 12
RAJSHAH, Nov 8: All arrangements have been completed to hold the election of 33 teachers' representatives to the Rajshahi University Senate scheduled for November 12, campus sources said. A total of 68 nominees of two panels called "green" and "blue" and two independent candidates will be contesting the election, reports UNB.

38 killed in plane crash
MOSCOW, Nov 8: An Aeroflot airliner crashed in Russia's Caucasus Mountains, killing all 38 aboard, Tass news agency reported today. Rescue workers reached the wreckage of the take 40 aircraft overnight about halfway between Buynaksk and Makchakala in the mountainous dagestan region, reports AFP.

Gene Tierney dead
HOUSTON, Nov 8: American actress Gene Tierney, the raven-haired beauty best known for her role in the film "Laura," has died at her home in Houston. She was 70 years old.

Sharif dismayed: Premadasa disappointed

Khaleda urges South Asian leaders to play positive role

COLOMBO, Nov 8: While Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia sought the unity of South Asian nations, Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif was dismayed and host Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa disappointed at the postponement of the sixth SAARC summit, reports BSS, UNB and Reuter.

Meanwhile, state-run Daily Observer said in an editorial, "To put it very mildly, the Indians sabotaged the sixth SAARC summit."

Begum Zia today called upon the leaders of the South Asian nations to play a positive

role in making the region's noblest aims and best of endeavours successful.

She said the changing global scenario provided the region with a historic opportunity to forge ahead in unity, peace and amity. But she added, the best of the endeavours and noblest of aims and also come into naught if the leaders fail to play a positive role in the current processes of global changes.

The Prime Minister was speaking in response to the welcome address given by President Premadasa at the state reception at the majestic Bandernayake International Conference Hall hosted in honour of the heads of state and government of Maldives, Bangladesh and Pakistan who are on a bilateral visit to Sri Lanka.

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom also made deliberations on the occasion.

Expressing her feelings at the welcome address of President Premadasa, Begum Zia said her present visit to Colombo was a sentimental one as she was here in the past with late President Ziaur Rahman. She said President Zia had dreamt of friendship and cooperation in the South Asian region.

Begum Zia called upon the Sri Lankan people and the government to join together with her country in its endeavour to foster friendship and cooperation in the region, the task so dear to the heart of late President Zia.

In his address the Sri Lankan President extended a special welcome to Begum Zia and termed her as the dynamic Prime Minister of Bangladesh. He also recalled See Page 12 Col. 7



COLOMBO: Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia (L) accepts a gift from Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa (R) Friday at the end of her two-day state visit following the cancellation of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit. —AFP photo

Prime Minister back home

Four leaders for SAARC summit next month

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said the four leaders of SAARC have agreed to hold the postponed sixth SAARC summit in Colombo by the end of the year.

Current SAARC Chairman Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives has been entrusted with the responsibility to remain in touch with the leaders of the three countries who were not in Colombo, said Begum Zia on Friday evening at the Zia International Airport after her return from Sri Lanka.

She said that the leaders of the four SAARC countries who were in Colombo discussed the issue thoroughly. Begum Zia went to Sri Lanka on a state visit which, arranged bilaterally, after the postponement of the SAARC summit in the wake of refusal to attend the summit by Bhutan, Nepal and India due

to their internal problems.

The Prime Minister said her visit to Sri Lanka was very fruitful and she availed the opportunity to discuss various bilateral issues with the SAARC leaders who were present there. She said she had talks with Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa as well as with two other SAARC leaders Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif who were also there on bilateral visit.

Begum Zia said Sri Lanka had made elaborate arrangements for the summit and the event could be staged there in December since the SAARC Charter provides a summit within the calendar year.

Replying to a question if the postponement of the summit cast a shadow on the future of the SAARC, she said SAARC would move ahead and expressed her confidence that it would progress surmounting all problems.

Begum Zia refused to comment on whether India moved Bhutan and Nepal to refrain from attending the summit as See Page 12 Col. 4

Premadasa for independent South Asian commission

COLOMBO, Nov 8: The President of Sri Lanka, Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, has proposed formation of an independent South Asian Commission on poverty alleviation aimed at eradication of hunger in the region, reports BSS.

In a welcome address at the state reception accorded to the Prime Ministers of Bangladesh and Pakistan and the President of the Maldives at Bandarnayake Memorial International Conference Hall yesterday, the Sri Lankan President emphasised the

need for exploring the untapped energies of the poor. He said "freedom from hunger is an acknowledged universal human right" and pointed out that the governments of the SAARC countries were pledged to its realisation.

President Premadasa welcomed the growing bilateral relations among the South Asian nations. He cited the example of Sri Lanka as having formal institutional arrangements for promoting bilateral trade and other economic relations with Bangladesh, Pakistan and the

immediately trade and cooperation agreement with Belgrade but held out the possibility of giving financial aid to those republics which cooperated with EC peace efforts.

The EC also banned textile imports and dropped Yugoslavia from a 24-nation Economic Recovery Programme for Eastern Europe, the statement said.

The measures were intended above all to hit Serbia the only one of the six feuding republics that has refused to sign a Community peace plan

European Community imposes sanctions on Yugoslavia

ROME, Nov 8: The European Community imposed wide-ranging economic sanctions on Yugoslavia today and asked the UN Security Council to impose an oil embargo, an official statement said, reports Reuter.

The 12 EC foreign ministers, meeting on the fringes of a NATO summit, said a Community-sponsored peace conference in the Hague would continue despite continued violations of EC-brokered cease-fires.

The Community suspended

to transform Yugoslavia into a looser grouping of its republics.

There was no immediate comment from Serbian or Yugoslav federal authorities but economists said sanctions were unlikely to halt the fighting especially as the EC has not stopped oil deliveries.

The Serb-led Yugoslav Army said in a statement today it had set up rockets on launch pads ready for action to hit selected targets.

The army said in a statement published by Tanjug news agency that it had primed missiles but did not say what targets they were aimed at or where they were based.

It also said it had placed mines on stored missiles and fuel supplies so that they would not be seized by forces from Croatia, the rebel republic which the army is fighting.

"A certain number of rockets are on the launch ramps and ready for action on selected ground targets," the statement said.

The Yugoslav Navy said today it had resumed blockades of six key Croatian ports because Croatian authorities had not lifted blockades of federal military bases in the rebel republic.

The Navy said in a statement carried by Tanjug news agency that it would respond "by military means" if any vessel tried to violate the blockade, which came into force at 10 am (0900 GMT).

It said Croatian authorities had not lifted blockades of army barracks and other installations despite an agreement

50 feared killed as bus plunges into Titas river

By Staff Correspondent

At least fifty people are feared killed when a passenger bus plunged into river Titas at Shahbajpur ferry ghat on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway, 15 kilometres off Brahmanbaria on Friday, according to Deputy Commissioner, Brahmanbaria.

The overloaded bus from Brahmanbaria on way to Madhabpur plunged into the river a little after 2 pm while boarding the ferry. Survivors and local people complained that the helper was driving the bus at that time.

Deputy Commissioner of Brahmanbaria told The Daily Star at 12 midnight that divers with heavy crane and modern equipment reached the spot from Dhaka. Heavy crane from the Ashuganj Fertiliser Factory and other local efforts failed to salvage the bus or recover bodies from the ill-fated wood-bodied bus till 11-30 pm, he said. He apprehended, the bus at least 50 feet under water, might have been broken into pieces, frustrating all rescue efforts by the fertiliser factory crane.

The Deputy Commissioner who, along with the Superintendent of Police had rushed to the spot after the accident also told that he feared only those on the roof of the bus might have survived and all inside it were trapped. See Page 12 Col. 4

PM squandering public money, says Hasina

KHULNA, Nov 8: Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina has accused Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of squandering public funds when the economy is in shambles, reports UNB.

"People are starving for want of food but the Prime Minister is wasting poor people's money to maintain as many as five offices, visiting foreign countries with big entourage and leading royal life," she said.

Addressing a workers' meeting at Shankha Chattar here Thursday morning, Hasina questioned the justification of spending huge money for the big entourage of 54 members which accompanied the Prime Minister to Colombo, particularly after the postponement of the SAARC summit.

"It's nothing but sheer extravagant spending of tax-payers money,"

Referring to PM's recent visit to Harare, Hasina said she

went to attend the Commonwealth Summit by spending crores of taka but people do not know anything about the outcome of her visit.

The Opposition leader castigated the government for its "inaction" in salvaging the national economy plunged into a serious crisis.

She blamed the BNP government for its "ignorance and ineptitude" to tackle the problems of unemployment, price-hike of essentials, terrorism and the "famine" in the northern districts.

Referring to unabated terrorism on the campus, the Awami League chief said "this government wants to stick to power by resorting to terrorism." She alleged repressive measures on the Awami League leaders and workers across the country.

Hasina also accused the BNP government of breaking its pre-election pledges to See Page 12 Col. 3

Accord on holding of exams

Student leaders assure VC of campus peace

By DU Correspondent

Leaders of Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra League (S-A) at a meeting with Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof Monturuzzaman Miah Thursday reached consensus on peaceful holding of DU examinations scheduled from November 12.

The student leaders assured the VC that they would ask there partymen to show restraint and to ensure peaceful atmosphere during the examination period. They also requested the Vice-Chancellor to strengthen security measures on the campus by increasing the number of policemen.

The meeting felt that the students were suffering from acute frustration and uncertainty due to repeated shifting of the examination dates. Holding of the examinations this time was a must for the greater interest of the students, it said.

DU's General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon, Assistant General Secretary Nazimuddin Alam, JCD DU unit General Secretary Ali Akkas Nadim and Shahanshah Khondokar Soheli represented JCD in the meeting while the BCL (S-A) was represented by its General Secretary Ashim Kumar Ukil, its DU unit President Gomal Mostafa Suzan and General Secretary Quamruzzaman Ansari.

Ishaq invites Opposition for talks on Sharif govt

LAHORE, Nov 8: Prime Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan today invited an opposition delegation to talks following their demand for the removal of Pakistan's Prime Minister ahead of a judicial probe into a financial scandal, a veteran politician here said today, reports AFP.

Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, 75, said the President called him from Islamabad to invite an opposition team for talks on Thursday. The opposition sent a telegram to the President demanding an urgent meeting.

He said Ishaq Khan wanted the meeting after two or three days.

Sharif who left for Sri Lanka Thursday on a three-day state visit, Wednesday ordered a judicial probe into a multi-million-dollar scandal in which more than 630,000 depositors were swindled out of their savings by scores of private finance companies.

The cooperative finance companies went bankrupt after huge borrowings by influential people in August, triggering a See Page 12 Col. 6

Fresh vow to consolidate national unity

By Staff Correspondent

The National Revolution and Solidarity Day was observed throughout the country Thursday in a befitting manner.

Seminar, symposia and other programmes were organised on the day by various political and socio-cultural organisations with a vow to protect national independence and sovereignty and to consolidate national unity.

Both President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in separate messages on the occasion said the historic November 7, 1975 would remain as a glorious chapter in our history. The day was public holiday and the national flag was hoisted atop all public and private buildings.

Special prayers were offered in all mosques, churches, temples and other places of worship for the welfare of the country.

Radio Bangladesh and Bangladesh television put up special programmes highlighting the significance of the day. National dailies also brought out supplement and articles on the occasion.

Improved diet was served at the inmates of the hospitals, jails, orphanages, children centre and vagrant homes.

Bands of Army, Navy, Air Force, BDR, Ansar, and VDP were played at selected places of the city.

In the morning, ministers, central and city BNP leaders and workers visited the mazar of late president Ziaur Rahman and placed wreaths and offered فاتحہ there. People from different walks of life also visited the mazar and offered فاتحہ.

3 injured as JCD groups clash in Mymensingh

From BAU Correspondent

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), Nov 8: Three Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists were injured, two with bullet yesterday when two groups were locked in an inter-ethnic clash with cut-rifles and lethal weapons at Natun Bazar crossing in Mymensingh town.

Shukur Mahmud President of JCD Mymensingh College unit and Khokon were admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH) while Mithu was released after first aid.

Hospital sources said condition of Khokon was critical.

According to JCD sources the clash ensued following altercation over leadership.

Both factions of JCD brought out separate processions in the town today accusing each other of the incident.

Autocrat dethroned, but system still on: Menon

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Workers' Party in its central workers conference on Friday said the mass movement of 1990 had dethroned the autocrat, but it could not put an end to the autocratic system.

Rashed Khan Menon, General Secretary of the party, while addressing the conference said the persons who had collaborated with the autocratic rulers have now been rehabilitated. "No basic changes have been struck in the administration," Menon observed adding that the role of the Government and opposition parties have created scepticism about the stability of democracy.

He said none of the declarations of the three alliances was realised except the change of the form of the Government.

Haider Akbar Khan Rono, who also addressed the conference, said Awami League, BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami are parties with same characteristics. He said these parties can not bring any welfare to the people. He alleged that half of the MPs had no involvement with the mass movement.

The conference, presided over by Abul Bashir, was also addressed by Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Nurul Anwar, Saiful Haq and others.