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NEWS BRIEFS

15 Muslims shot dead

NEW DELHI, Nov 18: Indian security forces shot dead 15 Muslim militants in Kashmir, where 38 other rebels were arrested or surrendered to the authorities, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today, reports AFP.

Chinese CP official to die

BEIJING, Nov 18: A Communist Party official from the southern Chinese province of Guangdong has been sentenced to death for corruption, the semi-official China News Service (CNS) said today, reports AFP.

Husak dead

PRAGUE, Nov 18: Former Czechoslovak President and Communist Party leader Gustav Husak died today aged 78 in a Bratislava Hospital, the CTK news agency announced. Husak was ousted after the 1989 "Velvet Revolution" which brought former dissident Vaclav Havel to power, reports AFP.

Enamul Haq retires

The Director General of Bangladesh National Museum, Dr. Enamul Haq Monday retired from service on completion of his 25 years in government job, a Cultural Affairs Ministry press release said, reports BSS.

Croatians surrender to Yugoslav Army Vukovar falls

BELGRADE, Nov 18: Croatia's military commander in the besieged town of Vukovar ordered all his forces to surrender unconditionally to the Yugoslav army today, Tanjug news agency said, reports Reuters.

Mile Dedakovic, who led the defence of the town during an 86-day siege, told his men to lay down their weapons at 2.50 pm (1350 GMT).

The agency said a large number of Croatian fighters had already obeyed the order, which placed all of Vukovar at the army's disposal.

The Yugoslav army shelled the last redoubt of Croatian defenders in Vukovar today to press for their unconditional surrender.

The army targeted heavy artillery on the fortified Mitnica quarter of the be-

sieged town where a hardcore of about 1,500 Croat fighters are refusing to lay down their weapons.

The Croatian government in Zagreb admitted military defeat in Vukovar on Sunday after 86 days of a siege by the army and Serbian guerrillas during which almost every building has been destroyed.

The bombardment today See Page 12 Col. 4



Poetess Begum Sufia Kamal garlanding Mohammad Nasiruddin on the occasion of his 104th birthday celebrations at the children's auditorium of National Museum Monday. — Star photo

Jubilations on Nasiruddin's birthday

By Staff Correspondent

People of all age groups gathered in the capital Monday evening to celebrate the 104th birthday of Mohammad Nasiruddin, noted litterateur and editor of 'Saogat'.

Speakers at a civic reception organised on the occasion at the National Museum auditorium compared him to a huge tree that had nurtured many offshoots during the long eight decades.

The reception organised by a 67-member Mohammad Nasiruddin Birth Anniversary Celebration Committee, was presided over by Begum Sufia Kamal, whose arrival at the age See Page 12 Col. 7

Hardliners, BSF block Shantibahini surrender

Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Nov 18: Hardline Shantibahini men aided by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) have taken preventive measures like the setting up of outposts along the border to stop fellow insurgents from availing the amnesty by the Bangladesh government sources said.

An amnesty, the fifth of its kind so far, declared for the Shantibahini insurgents operating in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, has received a very mild response due to the measures.

Only eight Shantibahini men, languishing in the jungles of the hill districts, have surrendered since the amnesty was declared October 23.

Shantibahini hardliners on

the other hand have resorted to renewed acts of violence killing 14 non-tribals including four children over the past few days.

Major armed attacks were carried out against non-tribals after the declaration of the amnesty that sparked more tension in the rugged hill districts of Rangamati and Khagrachari.

In one incident at Burighat Lake under Naniarchar upazila of Rangamati six non-tribals were killed and in another attack a minor boy Polash and a minor girl Chansala were

gunned down when they took some cows for grazing in Babuchara under Dhiginaia upazila of Khagrachari district. See Page 12 Col. 7

Clashes stop traffic at Farmgate

By Staff Correspondent

Traffic movement on the airport road at Farmgate was suspended for about an hour when a group of armed youngmen raided the local tempo stand at around 12 noon.

Police said the miscreants belonged to a group which killed Hasu, a leader of tempo workers at Raza Bazar a few days back in a similar raid.

The raiders also damaged some tempo. However, they fled away meeting resistance from workers.

Two groups of students also clashed at Tejgaon College leaving three students injured at around the same time. See Page 12 Col. 7

Owners protest move to search shops

By Staff Correspondent

Shop owners of the Baitul Mokarram Market on Monday urged the government to seal the entry points of smuggled goods into the country instead of rummaging shops for contrabands from December 1.

They also demanded of the government to announce a list of contraband items by November 25.

The shop owners held two rallies in front of the Baitul Mokarram Market and the National Press Club in the morning and also held a press conference in the afternoon in protest against the government announcement to rummage the shops from December 1 in a crackdown against smuggling in the coun-

try. The shop owners also shuttered their shops from 10 am to 1 pm Monday in protest against the announcement.

They also urged the government to give them the necessary time to sell the items listed as contraband.

They said that they would cooperate with the government in checking smuggling in the country but they resented the rummaging through the shops terming it a "harassment to the shop owners in the name of recovery of smuggled goods".

They said some foreign items brought to the country through baggage rules were be- See Page 12 Col. 1

Writ against requisition of Tinbigha land dismissed

CALCUTTA, Nov 18: Justice Haridas Das of Calcutta High Court today dismissed a writ petition praying for cancelling, withdrawing and revoking the impugned order of requisition as contained in the Requisition Case No 2/90-91, under the West Bengal Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, for the construction of a corridor at Tinbigha, in Cooch Behar district, measuring about 3.21 See Page 12 Col. 7

Jagannath College reopens

The Jagannath University College in the city reopened Monday after five months of unscheduled closure as a result of student violence, reports UNB.

The college was closed indefinitely on June 15 following a bloody gunbattle between supporters of Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League (A-A) leaving two students dead.

As the campus reopened amid tight security, students were seen exchanging greetings with each other, witnesses said.

There was no procession on the campus Monday and the authorities were reported to have asked the student groups to refrain from political activities to avoid tension.

A large contingent of riot police had been deployed in and around the college campus.

Maldivian FM in Nepal to talk SAARC summit

KATHMANDU, Nov 18: Maldivian Foreign Minister Fathula Jameel, special envoy of the current Chairman of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Maldivian President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, arrived here yesterday, reports Xinhua.

The Foreign Minister came here reportedly for consulting with the Nepalese side on a proposed one-day summit of SAARC.

It was reported that all SAARC members had agreed in principle to hold a one-day summit which is likely to take place on December 22.

The sixth summit of SAARC due to be held on November 7 to 9 was unexpectedly postponed on November 6 as India was opposed to hold the summit in the absence of the Bhutanese King.

One to die : 4 get life - term for killing Daisy

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, Nov 18: One person was sentenced to death and four others were awarded life imprisonment today in the Daisy killing case in Kalganj.

The main accused in the case, Hasan Alias Mahmudur Rahman (25) was sentenced to death by hanging for killing Daisy, a school girl. Bachchu, Ramzan Ali, Makbul Hossain and Shahidullah were sentenced to life term. Another accused in the case, Abdul Salam was acquitted.

The convicts may appeal to the High Court within seven days.

The case in short is that Hasan, failing to make Daisy fall in love with him abducted her and set fire on her body

Armed Forces inseparable part of people : PM

SAVAR, Nov 18: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that the government would build up a strong, modern, well equipped and disciplined Armed Forces befitting a sovereign nation to protect the hard-earned independence, reports BSS.

The Armed Forces are the inseparable part of the people in a democratic system of government she said adding, "We want to develop our Armed Forces accordingly."

Addressing the officers, JCOs and members of Armed Forces of the Ninth Division at the Savar Cantonment here the Prime Minister said the development of the Armed Forces was linked with the overall development and progress of the country.

Lauding the role of the Armed Forces during the last devastating cyclone and other natural calamities, Begum Zia said the nation would always remember their selfless and dedicated services with gratitude. She said the services of the Armed Forces during the time of cyclone had not only earned the love of the people but also got the appreciation from abroad.

She said the newly elected government had to seek help from friendly countries to meet the challenge that arose out of the cyclone and the subsequent floods which engulfed a large areas of Bangladesh. She said the foreign countries provided men and materials to support us to supplement the efforts of the democratic gov-

ernment. Begum Khaleda Zia also referred to the presence of Bangladesh contingent in Saudi Arabia to protect the holy land there and said "you have enhanced prestige of the country and it had helped further consolidate our relations with the Muslim world."

Begum Khaleda Zia said Bangladesh had sent 1500 troops to Kuwait to help that government in the rehabilitation work following the Gulf war. She said another batch of 1200 soldiers are being sent there soon.

Besides, she said Bangladesh troops also took part in various UN peace keeping missions and a delegation of officers are now ready to go to Sahara for similar mission.

The Prime Minister said Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had felt the necessity of raising a modern army suiting the requirement of a new nation. The modernisation process of the Armed Forces began during his period which enabled the forces to attain the present respectable position.

She called upon them to make ceaseless efforts to uphold their image through proper training and education.

Foreign Minister A.S.M. Mostafizur Rahman, Mrs Farida Hasan, MP, Chief of Army Staff Lt. General M. Noor Uddin Khan and GOC Ninth Division Major General Abdul Matin were also present.

Earlier on arrival at the cantonment, the Prime Minister See Page 12 Col. 8

4 left parties float new front today

A new front comprising four left-wing political parties will be floated today (Tuesday) as a step stone to unity of all patriotic and democratic forces to fulfil immediate "national tasks," reports UNB.

The combine of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), the catalyst of the front, National Awami Party (NAP-Mozaffar), Samyabadi Dal and Gano Azadi League will be formally launched at a press conference at the National Press Club, the organisers said.

They were components of the Awami League-led 8-Party Alliance which virtually splintered during the last parliamentary elections.

CPB General Secretary

Nurul Islam Nahid told UNB Monday that socio-economic and political problems prevailing in the country could not be solved by a single party or by the government itself.

"National unity and people's uprising are what needed in solving the country's burning problems," the communist leader said.

The new line of CPB, which had earlier spearheaded a socialist revolution, emerged in its 5th national congress held recently.

Initially, a steering committee with two members from each component will conduct the front activities, a source in the proposed front said. See Page 12 Col. 6

Major changes in JCD leadership likely

By Sohel Manzur

A major change in the leadership of BNP's student front Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) is in the offing whereby all those expelled from Dhaka University in 1987 would be replaced by juniors in the party.

Those JCD leaders were expelled for their alleged terrorist acts on the campus and their replacement now is seen as an anti-campus terrorism stance in the party leadership.

Barring two or three major posts, the leadership might be replaced. The change would come about during JCD's national conference scheduled from November 25.

According to sources, some of them would be absorbed in Jatyatabadi Juba Dal (JJD) while some others in govern-

ment offices.

The leaders of JCD who were expelled from the university are Sanaul Huq Niru, Golam Faruq Obhi, Quamruzzaman Ratan, Elias Ali, Abdul Malek, Bazul Rahman Shaheed (Pagla Shaheed), Shafig, Mahub and Martuza.

Of them Niru and Obhi was expelled from JCD last year for their alleged involvement in anti-organisational activities while Shaheed was shot dead at a room in Mohsin Hall allegedly by a fellow activist.

Shafig, Mahub and Martuza have quit politics. Ratan, Malek and Niru are expected to hold important posts in Jatyatabadi Juba Dal (JJD). See Page 12 Col. 8

Shibir attacks residence of CU VC

CHITTAGONG, Nov 18: A meeting at the residence of Chittagong University Vice Chancellor today was abandoned in the face of brickbattering by a group of Shibir-backed students who had been trying to force the Vice-Chancellor to resign, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said a group of about 30 slogan shouting students stoned the two-storied house of Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Strajuddin when he was holding the meeting of the teachers' selection committee at 10 am.

Shibir supporters scaled the boundary wall of VC's residence and damaged two vehicles parked in the premises. They were alleged to have manhandled Dr Enamul Haq, head of the department of Islamic History and Culture who was present at the meeting.

The Chittagong University See Page 12 Col. 8

Three alliances' Joint Declaration Day today

By Nazmul Ashraf

November 19 is back with the memory of the Joint Declaration of the three mainstream political alliances.

The declaration, announced this day last year had united parties with differing concepts of government, the BNP-led seven party, the Awami League-led eight party and the five party alliances on ending autocracy and establishing a sovereign parliament through election under a caretaker government.

This, among other decisions, intensified the nine years anti-autocracy movement, brought Ershad's fall on December 6 and handover power to an interim government headed by Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Peoples representatives elected through February 27 polls in the Jatiya Sangsad decided to switch over to parliamentary form of government. Bangladesh Nationalist Party, enjoying single majority, formed the government headed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

No political party undertook programmes or issued statements commemorating the day. Some political leaders in the ruling party and the oppos-

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Killer of bank manager taken on police remand

By Staff Correspondent

Amjad Ali, the accused killer of the Bank Manager Ali Ahmed Khan, was taken on two days police remand Monday.

Ali Ahmed Khan, Manager of Janata Bank branch at Dalpatti near Chawkbazar was shot dead at his office chamber by the bank security guard on Sunday.

Lalbagh police said, they placed Amjad Ali in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Monday morning and pleaded to take the accused killer two days' remand for investigation which the court granted.

Lalbagh police said that investigation was going on.

DU teachers' strike opposed

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Education Action Committee (DUEAC) in a memorandum to Vice-Chancellor Prof Maniruzzaman Miah Monday gave a November 24 ultimatum for resumption of classes.

The DUEAC a non-political students' body opposed the teachers' strike in the Dhaka University.

If the university authorities failed to do that the DUEAC would launch a greater movement, the memorandum said.

Earlier, the DUEAC held a rally at the Aparajee Bangla where the speakers said terrorism could not be removed keeping the university closed.

They said the general students suffered a lot for the unscheduled closures of the university that were caused by repeated violence on the campus.

Shamsul Alam Liton, Kameer Hossain and Ishraf Hossain addressed the rally.

Lebanese kidnappers free British, American hostages

BEIRUT, Nov 18: Lebanese Foreign Minister Paris Bouze said he had received information that British hostage Terry Waite and American Thomas Sutherland were freed by their kidnappers today, reports Reuters and AFP.

But British diplomats and security sources in Beirut said they could not confirm the report.

"I received information in the afternoon that the two hostages (Waite and Sutherland) were released," Bouze told Reuters. He gave no details.

Asked about Bouze's statement, British diplomats said they could not confirm that Waite and Sutherland had been freed.

Earlier today the pro-Iranian underground group Islamic Jihad (hold war) said it was releasing the two hostages.

The diplomats said they expected Waite, the last British hostage held in Lebanon, and Sutherland to be driven to the Syrian capital of Damascus if and when they were released.

Waite, an envoy of the Church of England, was kidnapped in January 1987, and Sutherland, Dean of the

Agronomy Faculty at the American University in Beirut, was abducted in June 1985.

Earlier in a brief typewritten statement sent to an international news agency in Beirut accompanied by an old black-and-white photograph of American hostage Terry Anderson, Islamic Jihad said,

"To complete what we have started with the Secretary-General of the United Nations (Javier) Perez de Cuellar we announce today the release of 1) Terry Waite 2) Thomas Sutherland."

UN spokeswoman Nadia Younes told reporters that

Secretary-General had just heard from his envoy, Giandomenico Picco, that the two men were released and were expected in Damascus shortly.

Waite, 52, was kidnapped in Beirut on January 20, 1987, as he was negotiating for the release of US hostages. Sutherland, 60, Dean of Agriculture at the American University of Beirut, was abducted on June 9, 1985.

Their release brings to six the number of hostages released since Perez de Cuellar and Picco began work in August for a staged series of

exchanges of hostages for Arabs held by Israel.

With the two men out, three Americans and two Germans would remain in the hands of the kidnappers, Missing Italian Alberto Molinari is believed to have been killed.

Perez de Cuellar, on entering the UN complex today, said he hoped all the hostages would be freed before the end of the year.

"That is what I have been offered by the groups as well as by the Iranian government who has always given me very strong support as well of

course as the Syrian government," he told reporters.

Israel on Monday welcomed the news of the release of two Western hostages and said it hoped for the release of its own missing soldiers.

A short government statement made no mention of any impending release of Lebanese prisoners held by Israel or its Lebanese militia allies.

The Shiite kidnappers holding Western hostages in Lebanon have demanded that Israel release all Arab prisoners in exchange for freedom all of the hostages.