Defence Counsel claims

'Deposition of Rima's mother inconsistent'

The hearing of appeal against the judgement in the sensational Rima murder case continued for the second day Monday before a Division Bench of High Court, comprising Justice Md Badiuzzaman and Justice Md Ruhul Amin, reports BSS.

M A Malek, appearing on behalf of Munir Hossain (one of the two persons who were convicted and sentenced to death), placed evidences of three prosecution witnesses including Kohinoor Nizam, mother of the deceased. The defence lawyer stated that the deposition of PW-2 (Mrs Nizam) had marks of inconsis-

While explaining the relationship of Munir and his deceased wife Rima, the defence counsel claimed that they were apparently a happy couple. He said despite disclosure by PW-3 (Abul Farah, Deputy Assistant Director General of Medical Services and a friend of Munir) about Munir's affair with Khuku, Munir remained calm.

Hosne Ara Khuku, Munir's aged girl friend another principal accused in the murder case was also convicted and sentenced to death.

Referring to prosecution's suggestion that Rima was murdered because of Khuku's affair with Munir, Justice Md Badiuzzaman remarked Khuku was 'instrumental' in the killing of

Malek also mentioned that deposition by employee of Hotel Satkat of Chittagong was "imaginary'. It was in this hotel, that the couple stayed while they were in Chittagong before Rima was murdered.

The third prosecution witness whose evidence was placed is Dr Syed Ahmed, Medical Officer Shamrita Nursing Home where Khuku was admitted after an encounter with Rima, before she left for Chittagong with Munir.

After one hour's hearing, the court was adjourned for the day. The hearing will resume today.

and on human rights. Several

nations urged that aid not be

tied to human rights in

Croatian and Slovenian del-

egates were disappointed at

the failure of their attempt to

gain official observer status at

the game of compromise, fail-

ing to see the new realities in

the world," Croatian delegate

Damir Grubisa said of the Non-

ter Alí Alatas told a news

conference at the end of the

summit there would always be

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conference postpone con-

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and Slovenia until the Jakarta

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drawal of outside forces from

Masood-Hekmatyar

talks postponed

meeting between Afghan

Defence Minister Ahmed Shah

Masood and his main opponent

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar failed to

take place today for unspeci-

postponed, "Masood's spokes-

man Mohammad Yunus Qano-

The meeting has been

Instead, Masood held a

meeting with a four-member

delegation of the hardline

Mujahideen leaders of Hezb-I-

AFP that the two leaders were

holding today their first face to

logue between Masood and

Hekmatyar would now be held

Tuesday or Wednesday. The

Hezb delegation also held a

meeting with Masood later

Sunday and negotiations were

continuing to remove irritants,

Sweden Polytech

in Kaptai

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Sweden Polytechnic Institute

in Kaptai upazila was closed

sine die after a clash between

two rival groups of students

that left 15 people injured on

Students were asked to va-

Institute sources said the

cate the Institute hostel by 6

clash erupted when a group of

students demanding shifting

of the date for its students

union election due to exami-

nation attacked another group

which opposed them, at the

uled for May 18 and the exam-

ination due to commence on

admitted to Chandraghona

Christian Hospital with serious

injuries. Five others were

including Arifur Rahman Ranu

and Hani Chakma, in connec-

tion with the incident.

Police arrested five people,

The election was sched-

Of the injured, 10 were

hostel on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, reports UNB.

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recipient countries.

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Y'slav, Libyan issues dominate Bali meet

JAKARTA, May 18: The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) tried to shift its focus to economic challenges facing the Third World but events in Yugoslavia and Libya kept the group rooted in politics at a crucial conference that ended at the weekend, reports

The entire opening day on Thursday was taken up by a bitter wrangle over whether to invite two breakaway Yugoslav republics to attend the two-day Non-Aligned Foreign Ministers conference at the Indonesian resort island of Balt.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Harold Herat said the movement was seriously trying to make itself relevant after the cold war by taking up economic issues troubling developing countries.

"But the realities on the ground are that political issues still dominate the movement," Herat told Reuters.

Indonesia, which takes over NAM chairmanship from Yugoslavia at the summit in Jakarta in September, spearheaded attempts to devote more time to economic issues.

"....The need of the moment is to put these (economic) issues back onto the top of our priority agenda," President Suharto told the conference, aimed at preparing for the Jakarta summit

But the final statement put out by ministers dealt only briefly with economic issues.

They concentrated on events in three breakaway Yugoslav republies of Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia-Herzegovina

Review Tinbigha pact, BJP repeats demand

CALCUTTA, May 18: The BJP President, Dr M M Joshi today refterated the demand that the centre should review the Indo-Bangladesh agreement on the leasing out of the Tinbigha enclave, reports PTI.

He urged the centre to take up the issue with Bangladesh to revise the pact.

Dr Joshi told a press conference at the Calcutta Press Club that instead of transferring the corridor, India and Bangladesh should exchange their respective enclaves. If this was done the transfer of Tinbigha would become redundant.

Asked why the party's veteran leader, Atal Behari Vajpayee, a former External Affairs Minister in the Morarji Desai government supported the pact, Dr Joshi said that it was not the BJP, but the Janata Party government then the 1974 agreement was revised in 1982.

Dr Joshi said that the 'Abhimanu Bahini' and the 'Durga Bahini' formed by the BJP, would submit memoranda to the centre as well as to the state government on June six urging them to stop the transfer of the enclave.

The party's state unit had called a "North Bengal Bandh" of May 28 and Dharnas would be observed throughout West Bengal on the day, he said.

The BJP would organise a massive rally to Tinbigha on June 23 to stop the transfer of the corridor scheduled for June 26.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a meeting at Sonatala in Bogra yesterday. - PID photo

NAM: Mostafiz

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reaching changes that have brought an end to East West bipolarity, the cold war and the ideological rivalries. Among other matters, he said, the meeting also discussed the role of the NAM in the new world order as to how it could respond to the new challenges and opportunities, created by the changes. It also felt the need for restructuring and revitalising the UN to meet the changed situation, he said.

The minister was happy as Bangladesh was unanimously elected as the Vice Chairman in the conference.

He said the forum had provided him the opportunity to discuss bilateral issues also with Foreign Ministers of other countries like Indonesia. China, India and Pakistan.

Rahman said he had an opportunity to meet Indonesian President Soherto with whom he discussed bilateral issues and matters of common con-

The members of the Bangladesh delegation to the Bali meeting included Ambassador Sved Moazzem Ali, who is Director General, International Organisations, and Ambassador A K M Farooq, Bangladesh Envoy to Jakarta.

Unemployment major problem, says PM

SONATOLA (Bogra), May 18: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia called for resisting those who wanted to create chaos and indiscipline in society to jeopardise the on-going uplift programmes for attaining selfreliance, reports BSS.

Begum Zia said her gov ernment was determined to ameliorate the condition of the teeming millions with the cooperation of all.

The Prime Minister was addressing a big public meet ing at the Pilot School ground here. The function was ad dressed, among others, by State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman, and parliament members Azizul Huq Molla, Golam Mohammad Siraj, Alamgir Kabir, Helaluzzaman Talukdar Lalu, Shahinara Huq. and Farida Rahman.

The Prime Minister said the present government was ready to extend all-out support to the efforts for increasing production in the fields and factories.

The Prime Minister said one of the major problems of the economic sector of the country was unemployment. She said there was no alternative to rapid industrialisation of the country to solve this

Begum Zia said the government would extend all possible cooperation to the entrepreneurs for smooth and rapid industrialisation including loan facilities.

She said establishment of Small and Cottage Industries would be more viable for mak ing the country's economy

The Prime Minister said the government would also provide assistance for establishing heavy industries in the Bogra region. She called upon the private entrepreneurs to come forward in the industrialisation of the area.

She said ours is a poverty stricken country and we have resource constraints.

She said our future will remain bleak unless we check the population growth.

Begum Khaleda Zia said the problems of the country could not be solved unless all have the sincerity to achieve self reliance.

The Prime Minister inaugu rated the Taka 2.08 crore healthcare centre. The centre has 31 beds.

Begum Khaleda Zia also planted a fir sapling in the premises of the centre.



Jahanara Imam addressing a meeting organised by Nirmul Committee in the city yesterday.

Enemies of Liberation

Imam, Noyeem Jahangir of

Oikya Prokriya, Professor Kabir

Choudhury, Fayez Ahmed of

Sammilito Sangskritik Jote,

Bela Nabi of Oikyabaddha Nari

Samai Mohammad Afzal of

Ganatantri Party, Mofazzal

Hossain Choudhury Maya of

Committee member secretary

Professor Abdul Mannan

Choudhury. All the speakers

represent their respective par-

and Coordination

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ple of the aforesaid areas to stage demonstrations at the district and upazila headquarters and submit memorandums to the respective administra-

Delivering her presidential speech at the meeting, Imam announced that the Coordination Committee would form a public body to investigate the heinous attacks by the Jamaat-Shibir group on an Awami League-backed Chhatra League conference in Fatikchhari upazila of Chittagong district recently. The committee will launch

another mass-signature campaign to drum up support for Golam Azam's trial.

The meeting was also ad-

Coordination Committee. of the Awami League, Kazi Aref Addressing the meeting, Ahmed of JSD (Inu), Lt Col Jahanara Imam said that the (Retd) Kazi Nuruzzaman of Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul

post Liberation War generation was eagerly waiting to starts Committee Principal Ahad the second phase of the coun-Coudhury of his faction of try's war of liberation. Muktijoddha Sangsad, Nurul "The whole nation is now Islam Nahid of CPB, Badruddin prepared to wage its fight Omar of Ganatantrik Biplobi against the anti-Liberation Jote, actor Syed Hassan

elements. In a note warning to the government, Imam said 'We will be compelled to launch an anti-government struggle if it does not pay heed to our

A five-month-old boy received head injuries when a bomb was blasted at the tail end of the meeting The boy was hospitalised. However, the meeting concluded undisturbed.

ties and organisations in the dressed by Abdur Razzak, MP,

Police arrested one person with a pistol from Purana Paltan in the city during hartal hours - Star photo | Korea. yesterday. More pictures on page 2

kidnapped

From M J Zahedi, Special Correspondent

KARACHI, May 18: Yet another City businessman was kidnapped on Sunday morning, bringing the total of businessmen abducted or killed within the last two or three weeks, to 15.

The latest victim is a prominent Ismaili industrialist, Ashiq Ali Heerji Jesa. The 55-year-old Heerji is the President of the Aga Khan's Supreme Council for Pakistan and owns a TV sets assembly factory.

He was kidnapped at about 11 in the morning yesterday from near his house in Garden East area. He was going to his factory when three armed men stopped his chausseur-driven Mercedes. One of them, who was wearing a mask, flattened a type of the car with a shot from a Kalsahntkov and when the car came to a halt the other two, wielding pistols, asked Heerji to come out. On his refusal, they smashed a window of the car with a shot and dragged Heerji out, forced him into a Suzuki car in which they were travelling and sped

Only a week ago 11 young businessmen were kidnapped from Gadap, near Karachi. They were rescued two days later, but only after one of them had died from exhaus tion and shock.

Earlier a hosiery mill owner had been murdered in front of his factory. Before that a steel dealer was kidnapped from the same area as Heerji. He was released a fortnight later after his family had paid a huge ransom.

Earlier, last month, the owner of a stevedoring company, was shot dead outside his office in the City's busiest commercial area. I Chundrigarh Road (formerly Macleod Road). At about the same time another industrialist was kidnapped and mur-

These incidents have created a panic among businessmen and industrialists of the City. Heerji's kidnapping has also drawn immediate reaction from the Aga Khan. The spiritual leader of the Ismailts is said to have made several telephone calls to the President, the Prime Minister and the Sindh Governor, urging them to take speedy action to recover Heerji.

People have endorsed 'verdict' on Azam: Hasina By Staff Correspondent

Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina in a statement Monday congratulated the people for making

the half-day hartal in the capital a success. The people have again lent their support to the verdict of the March 26 people's court by spontaneously taking part in

Monday's hartal, she said. The Awami League President expressed her grave concern over the government's disregard of the verdict and said that the present government had not only charged the 24 respected citizens including Jahanara Imam with sedition but had also sponsored the anti-liberation forces.

She demanded the government to show respect to the public opinion and urged people to be united under the spirit of the country's libera-

NAP President Prof Muzaffar Ahmed and General Secretary Pankaj Bhattacharya in a statement also congratulated the people for participating in the hartal.

Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (BSD) Convenor Khalequzzaman, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Belal Chowdhury, General Secretary Razekuzzaman Ratan, leaders of the four student organisations and President of Bangladesh Krishak Mukti Andolan Mohammad Sadek in separate statements also congratulated the people for making Monday's hartal a success.

Ugandan minister due today

Kirunda Kivejinja, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Uganda, arrives in Dhaka today on a two-day official visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB. State Minister

Education Mohammad Yunus Khan will receive him at the airport. Kivejinja will fly in Dhaka on

way back home from the NAM Coordination Bureau meeting in the Indonesian city of Bali. During his stay in Dhaka, he will call on Foreign Minister A

S M Mustafizur Rahman and Minister Education Our Jessore and Khulna Zamiruddin Sircar. The President of Uganda had a brief stopover at the Zia

International Airport last month on way back from North in the capital.

One more Karachi businessman

Armenian troops capture Azerbaijani town

KUBATLY, Azerbaijan, May 18: Armenian forces captured the strategic western Azerbaijani town of Lachin early today. freeing a route between Armenia and the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, an AFP photographer reported. The defending Azerbaijani troops withdraw in disorder toward nearby towns, he said, reports AFP.

Ceasefire in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, May 18: The warring factions in Bosnia-Herzegovina signed a ceasefire today. The truce signed at UN peace force headquarters covered all of Bosnia-Herzegovina and was to last 'at least three weeks', UN spokesman Adnan Abdelrazik said, reports AFP.

Thai troops open fire

From Page 1 Col 4 yoon said "the government had no choice but to use force" because protesters were hea-

ded toward government

Troops armed with rifles fired thousands of rounds into the air to disperse the several thousand demonstrators who had remained at barbed-wire

barricades on Rajdamnern Avenue despite the violence overnight. Armored personnel carriers rolled in amid the Obhi

buildings.

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rifle and five bullets from Imtiaz Ahmed Guddu. The operation took only fifteen minutes to complete.

Besides, Sayedur Rahman was arrested in the early hours yesterday in another fifteen minute raid on the Mohsin Hall. He was arrested for his alleged involvement in the armed clash between two rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the previous day.

Sayed, the GS of the hall, was thrown out of the campus eight months ago by his rival group in the JCD and he along with his group managed to occupy the hall again on Sunday after the gunbattle.

The 14 other students ar rested from the Jagannath Hall are, Manzurul Alam Litu, Khandakar Abu Ashfaq, SM Farid Ahmed Sentu, Ekhlas Uddin Shishir, Sazzad Ahmed Shaon, Igbal Hossain, Masud Karim alias Ayub Ali, Mostafa Kamal Shamim, Iledayet Ahmed Manzurul Huq, SM Gul Rcza, Mosharraf Hossain, Faruq Hossain and Swapan Kumar Baul, all belonging to BCL (M-

Police lodged two separate arms cases against Obhi and Guddu and another case against all the 16 arrested persons for firing shot at the po-

There are as many as four cases against Obhi -two arms cases and two murder cases. There are also cases against Guddu, Abu Ashfaq Manzurul Alam Litu, SM Farid Ahmed Sentu, Shishir and Masud Khan.

Meanwhile, Awami League backed Chhatra League (M-I) held a rally yesterday afternoon in the TSC compound brought out procession protesting the police action at the Jagannath Hall. The rally addressed by Pankaz Nath also demanded release of all arrested activists of BCL (M-I).

Stray clashes

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The official later visited Dewan Manjil and urged the Shibir supporters to refrain from further clashes.

Some aggrieved picketers and a number of People's Court organisers argued with the police blaming them for their one-sided action. The trouble started in the

area at around 9-30 am when a group of youths carrying a banner of Bharatiya Dalal Nirmul Committee paraded the streets near Baitul Mukarram. A crude bomb was hurled on a procession led by AL leader Abdur Razzak and Jativa Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) leader Kazi Aref Ahmed in the same area.

Dhaka Medical College Hospital sources said that 13 injured including two with bomb splinters, received first aid at the hospital emergency. One injured was admitted but later released from DMCH, the source added.

Clashes between police and picketers were reported in Hotel Sheraton square, Farmgate, Mirpur, Johnson Road and Gulistan areas.

Two youths were arrested with a pipe gun from Topkhana crossing at around 11-45 am.

Several shots were heard from Ziaur Rahman hall at around 8-30 am and a group of students threw stones from the roof of the Mujib Hall on the road linking Shahbag to Elephant Road.

A number of donor agency offices including Islami Tran Sangstha at Mirpur road were heavily guarded by the riot police during the hartal.

correspondents reported that hartals were also observed in the two districts although the call for hartal was given only

Reporters saw troops beat and kick demonstrators who had surrendered. People fled into sidestreets but returned to jeer the troops in a constant

cat-and-mouse chase. At about 3:30 pm (0830 GMT), reporters saw soldiers handcuff pro-democracy leader Chamlong Srimuang and take him away. Chamlong had been in a van parked in front of the barricades, telling reporters that the demonstrators would make 'no compromise at all" in their demand for Suchinda's ouster.

Chamlong headed a sevenmember committee that organized the rallies. The government-run Channel 9 television reported that all six other members also were arrested including Prateep Ungsong tham Hata, "the slum angel" who is widely praised in Asia for helping Bangkok's most impoverished.

After taking Chamlong away,

soldiers forced about 200 demonstrators near the barricades to lie on their stomachs on the ground. They then herded them, hands tied behind their backs, into army trucks and buses. The demonstrators defiantly sang the national anthem.

Reporters witnessed hundreds of other arrests on stdcstreets.

Cyclone

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the district specially to Galachipa, Dashmina and Kalapara upazilas for shifting the people living in the islands to a safer place.

Round-the-clock control

rooms have been opened in all the upazila headquarters. Six medical teams, with necessary drugs, have also been formed.

In each of the upazila 25 tonnes of wheat, ata and dry food have been stocked. People are being asked

over loudspeakers to move to safer places and protect their lives and property. Cox's Bazar district administration alerted the peo-

ple of the coastal areas to move to safer places. A meeting of the district officials held at the Deputy Commissioner's chamber with the Deputy Commissioner in the chair decided to take all necessary prepara-

tions to face the anticipated All upazila administrations of the district have been asked to help people move to cyclone shelters. Instructions had also been given for storing food and water at all

the shelters.

Formal talks

From Page 1 Col 7 Bangladesh Biman from payment of airport fees and cost of fuel in advance and Dr. Velayeti said this special request would be looked into

favourably. On the shipping sector, the two sides agreed to continue discussions on the establishment of a regular shipping service between the two coun-

The two countries also agreed to convene the meeting of the ministerial level joint commission, whose session could be held in Dhaka or Tehran soon. The commission will work out details of cooperation in economic, technical, commercial and cultural fields.

Dr. Velayeti requested Bangladesh for opening an Iranian Bank in Dhaka to facilitate the economic cooperation.

He said Iranian Red Crescent would open a medical centre in Chittagong, which is hit by natural disasters periodically.

The Iranian Foreign Minister mentioned his visit to the "Rohingya" refugee camps in Cox's Bazar and said he was deeply touched by the plight of the refugees including the rape victims. "Iran would continue its efforts for voluntary return of the refugees," he said.

The Bangladesh delegation to the talks included Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman and Additional Foreign Secretary A H Mahmood Ali while the Iranian team included Akbar Parwarish, member of parliament and Mohammad Ganjidoost, Iranian ambassador in Bangladesh.

given first aid.