

DUTA strike on Classes, exams stay suspended

By Staff Correspondent

Classes and examinations in the Dhaka University remained suspended till Monday as the teachers of the University continued their indefinite strike for the third consecutive day.

The Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) called the strike last Thursday demanding arrest of and punishment to a student, Sheikh Ansar Ali, for assaulting Dr Badrul Alam, Associate Professor of the Physics Department of the university last week.

A probe body formed June 6 to inquire into the matter has in the meantime met twice to review the complaints it received and also visited the department to talk to the teachers, students and witnesses of the incident.

The body has also decided to issue a showcause notice against the student on the basis of the complaints. But the issuance of the notice was being delayed due to non-availability of the present address of the accused student.

Meanwhile, Badrul Alam and the President of the DUTA SMA Fayez were threatened by some unknown persons over telephone on the teachers strike and were asked to withdraw the allegations against Sheikh Ansar Ali.

Dhaka University Teachers Association in a statement Monday strongly criticized the acts of threatening and asked those involved to refrain from the same.

Sheikh Ansar Ali, accused of assaulting Dr Badrul Alam, was a student of the same department. He appeared at the Mas-

ter Degree examination of 1988 from the department but failed to pass it.

Meanwhile, teachers of the university will sit today (Tuesday) at an emergency general meeting to discuss the overall campus situation.

DUTA General Secretary Saidur Rahman said that the association would hold an emergency general meeting to explore ways and means to free the campus from armed hoodlums and ensure congenial academic atmosphere.

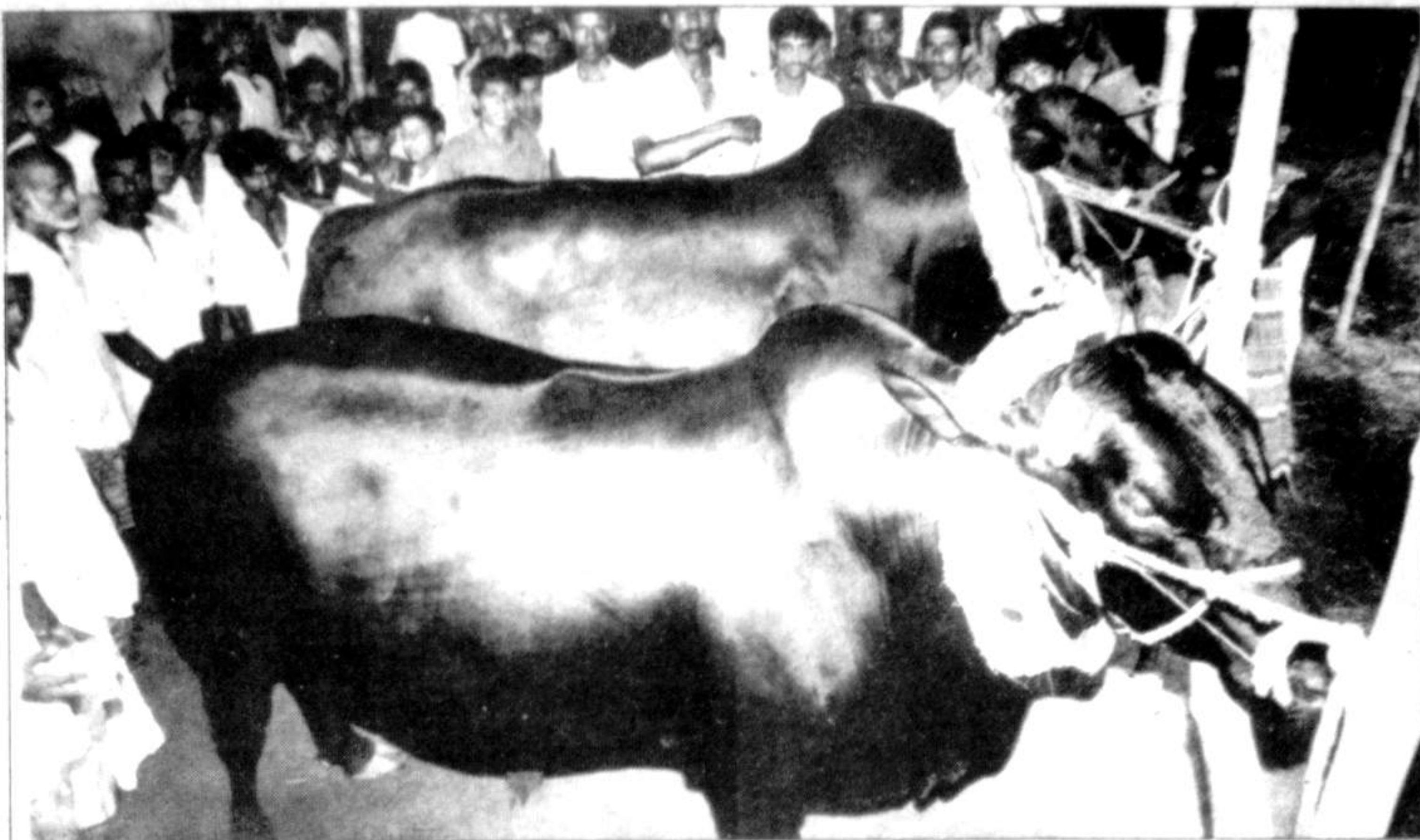
The decision to hold the meeting was taken at an emergency meeting of DUTA Executive Committee Monday.

The DUTA executive body at the meeting expressed its concern over the deteriorating situation.

The meeting condemned Sunday's incident of bomb blast in which three school children of Udayan School and Nilkhet Primary School were injured.

"The Dhaka University campus and its dormitories have become sanctuaries to a handful of armed people. Violence has become a daily affair," a statement of the association noted, "the situation has reached such a state that questions have been raised over continuity of academic programme."

The DUTA meeting renewed its appeal to the government as well as the political organisations to take measures to stop infiltration of armed people on the campus and ensure peaceful atmosphere.



Sacrificial animal at Gabtali market. Taka one lakh 80 thousand was demanded for this pair yesterday.

— Star photo.

Hill Tracts remain restive

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, June 8: Despite the government approach towards a solution to the CHT tribal issue with the fresh announcement of making a political move, violence linked to tribal insurgency and racial clashes mounted in the whole of the hill regions covering over 5000 sq miles that left around 30 persons killed in past month.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia during her recent visit to India agreed at a meeting held with Indian Prime Minister Narashima Rao to form a political-level committee with public representatives on the repatriation of tribal refugees now sheltered in Tripura of India.

Even prior to her visit to India Begum Zia while addressing a function in the hill district of Khagrachari May 13 on the occasion of opening the Local Government Parishad Bhawan, emphasised the need to find a political solution to the problems of the CHT through peaceful discussions.

She categorically announced steps for resolving the long standing issue with an open mind through peaceful

means. Besides, the tribal rebels and leaders also earlier demanded the formation of a parliamentary committee to hold a dialogue aiming at resolving the issue.

But in spite of all that the trouble has deepened hindering the peace-move with renewed attacks by insurgents and eruption of racial clashes that have posed a threat to restoration of normalcy in Chittagong Hill Tracts, sources said.

Officials and tribal leaders talking to this Correspondent attributed the mounting atrocities in the CHT to a 'game of conspiracy' hatched by vested internal and international quarters only to confuse the peace-plan of the government.

Gautam Dewan who resigned recently from the post of Chairman of Rangamati Hill District Council accepting the responsibility of failure to contain the May 19 racial clash at Rangamati town, said that violence had mysteriously mounted here whenever the government made any announcement of moves to resolve the CHT issue.

Gautam who condemned the acts of terrorism and preferred a political solution said adding "I find it surprising why the atrocities increase despite the positive approach of the government for a solution to CHT issue politically."

Gautam however hoped that the people in favour of peace would come out victorious one day despite all conspiracies.

Samiran Dewan, Incumbent Chairman of Khagrachari Hill District Council talking to this Correspondent over phone pleaded for the formation of a parliamentary team to resolve the issue and said adding that atrocities were being committed to foil the peace plan of the present democratic government.

Acts of violence occurred regularly in the last month prior to the visit of the Prime Minister to India with some of the most tragic incidents including the killing of five children like birds at Panchari upazila of Khagrachari district, burning of four sleeping villagers at Longadu and gunning-down of five construction workers at Rangamati occurring in the same period.

14 cattle markets in city from today

By Staff Correspondent

With only three days left for Eid-ul-Azha, 14 seasonal cattle markets in the city open today (Tuesday).

Earlier the Dhaka City Corporation leased the places at Fulbaria, Gandaria Link Road, Mukdappa Play Ground (Kamalapur), Azampur (near The Daily Azad office), Naya-bazar, Dholaikhal, Jaganna-thshaha Road, Hossain-Dalan Road, Azampur Primary School play ground (Zigatola), Jatrabari Square, Kawan Bazar, and Shawshan Ghat (Postagola) for selling sacrificial animals.

Besides these 14 markets, sacrificial animals are also being sold in the regular market at Gabtoli in the city.

Despite the fact that the City Corporation has fixed places for such markets for the coming Eid, it has also been observed, the sellers gathering in different parts of the city, even in the roads and streets to sell their animals.

Besides, a group of people have already marked some areas, even in the city's posh localities, Baonai, for selling sacrificial animals which were not authorised by the city corporation.

Meanwhile, an official of the city corporation told The Daily Star Monday that five mobile teams of the Dhaka City Corporation, each of which to be headed by a magistrate, would be on round during the market-days to oversee law and order.

Though a few of the 14 markets opened Monday, almost all of them were found empty. Few buyers were seen in the markets.

Make June 21 hartal a success: Imam

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, June 8: Organisers of the public trial of Golam Azam today called upon the people to make the planned hartal on June 21 a success.

"Join the planned hartal because different political parties, cultural organisations and the student bodies have united against Jamaat for the first time since independence," Jahanara Imam urged the people.

The convenor of the central coordinating council for realisation of the spirit of the Liberation War and resistance to the killers and collaborators of 1971, was addressing a huge public meeting at the local Shahid Minar Square this afternoon.

Presided over by Salema Begum, the meeting was also addressed among others by Abdur Razzak MP, CPB secretary general Nurul Islam Nahid, Workers Party leader Rashed Khan Menon MP, Muktiaddha Command Council chairman Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, and local leaders MA Gafur, Mukhesur Rahman, Mashkur Rahman and Prof Abdus Sattar.

Jahanara Imam said that the leaders of the Jamaat-e-Islami were involved in sedition because they had elected Golam Azam their party chief by violating Section 38 of the Constitution.

Abdur Razzak MP resented the present government saying that now the collaborators of 1975 have joined the collaborators of 1971 against the pro-liberation forces.

Nurul Islam Nahid accused that the Jamaat leaders have met with the leaders of Bharatiya Janata Party to fan out communalism in the country.

Rashed Khan Menon said that any act to save Jamaat-e-Islami would prove to be suicidal for the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

He called for banning politics at the religious institutions.

The Midnight File

Slovenian presidential candidate shot dead

LJUBLJANA, June 8: Slovenian presidential candidate Ivan Kramberger, 56, was shot dead at an election meeting on Sunday night in Jurovski Dol by an unidentified man using a hunting rifle. Interior Minister Igor Bavcar said, reports AFP.

PLO security official killed in Paris

PARIS, June 8: The acting head of the PLO security department, Atef Bseiso, was shot to death early Monday in front of a Paris hotel. Bseiso, 44, was killed by seven shots from a gun equipped with a silencer, said Ahmed Abdel-Rahman, the PLO spokesman at the organization's headquarters in Tunis, Tunisia, reports AP.

Ghali recommends troops for Sarajevo

UNITED NATIONS, June 8: Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Monday recommended sending a battalion of 1,000 UN peacekeepers to secure Sarajevo's airport for relief flights. The UN chief made the recommendation based on a cease-fire agreement reached Friday by the warring parties around the capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina — an accord that was broken by shelling almost immediately, reports AP.

5 killed in city in separate incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

At least five people were killed and another one injured in several incidents in the city during last two days.

Mansur Ali, 38, was stabbed to death reportedly by several kidnappers near Uttarkhan Majar at Uttara at around midnight Sunday.

When Mansur chased the kidnappers who were escaping with a girl, Sabnam, he was stabbed severely. Mansur died on the spot.

Hasibur Rahman, a school student, was crushed under a wall of Khilgaon Model College which collapsed during a stormy wind Monday morning.

Serbs shell Sarajevo

BELGRADE, June 8: Serb irregulars resumed heavy bombardment of Sarajevo early today, blasting districts around the Bosnian capital while street fights raged with their Croat and Muslim foes, local reporters said, reports Reuters.

The Serbs, who have laid siege to the city for two months, fired artillery, mortars and rockets from mountain strongholds around the capital of the newly-independent Balkan State of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Indian polls

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stray incidents except for a heavy bomb attack on the vehicles of Janata Dal candidate to the Vaishali Assembly constituency. Upto 60 per cent of the electorate turned out to exercise its franchise in the Giridih Lok Sabha constituency while the voters response ranged from 30 to 40 per cent in the assembly seats of Vaishali, Danapur and Tamar.

In the prestigious New Delhi Lok Sabha constituency where about 47 per cent of voters exercised their franchise supporters of BJP candidate Shatrughan Sinha and Congress (I)'s Rajesh Khanna exchanged brickbats in Lodhi Colony area and there were also reports of clashes between them elsewhere. (Related Story on Page 5).

RU student kidnapped

SIRAJGANJ, June 8: A final year student of Rajshahi University was kidnapped from his village home in Rajganj upazila Thursday midnight, reports UNB.

Police and family sources said an armed gang stormed the house of Shatababu (27), an MSc final year student, at village Rola and seized him at gunpoint.

The miscreants demanded Tk 1.5 lakh in ransom for his release. A case was filed today in this connection. The student is yet to be traced.

One jailed for leaking out BCS questions

An examinee was yesterday sentenced to four years imprisonment for leaking out questions of the 1985 BCS Examination, reports UNB.

The conviction on Abul Hossain came from the court of Divisional Special Judge Mohammad Ali.

According to the prosecution, Abul managed to slip out the questions in collusion with Lokman Munsil, an employee of the computer section of IG Press at Tejgaon in the city.

He sold the question papers out among other candidates for the BCS exam and thereby earned Tk 60 thousand.

Three other accused were acquitted, while Lokman Munsil died during the trial.

Fatally injured Hasib was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to injuries within two hours of admission.

In another incident, Sabbir Hossain, 21, died when some unidentified persons threw crackers at him at Mirpur Sunday night.

A pedestrian, M. Salek was killed when a speeding truck ran over him on the Bishaw Road near the Zia International Airport Monday morning.

In another road accident, a minor boy, Shumon, 8, was crushed under the wheels of a running minibus at Shegun Bagicha Monday morning.

Fatally injured Shumon was rushed to the DMCH where he succumbed to injuries immediately.

An H. S.C. candidate from Government Science College sustained bullet injuries at the college compound Monday afternoon.

The victim was Shahidul Islam and admitted to the DMCH.

It was said, some outsiders came to the hostel and shot him and immediately escaped.

Teachers

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ordered the Education Directorate to arrange for interviews of all the 7000 old applicants for appointment as lecturers in government colleges.

The court order, however, was ignored by the Ministry. According to sources, some of the disappointed candidates among the old ones, meanwhile, met the Education Minister but received no assurance from him.

Meanwhile there are complaints from Education Ministry officials against the concerned Minister saying that he keeps himself busy distributing favours in the form of posting and promotions among the people he likes.

The Education Minister, however, was not available for comments on the issue.

Bush

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sultans and kings have promised to attend this Earth Summit's grand finale.

But to the greater delight of paparazzi and celebrity-watchers, Jane Fonda, Placido Domingo, the Beach Boys, Jerry Brown, the Dalai Lama and other luminaries of the people pages are already on hand or expected.

More stars — including British actor Roger Moore of the James Bond movie series — have been at the Global Forum, a meeting of international environmental groups being held nearby.

Early on, a top attention-getter was Tibet's Dalai Lama.

Last week, he paid an early-morning visit at an encampment of street children. Hours later, he prayed at the opening of the Parliamentary Earth Summit and applauded a song by the moderator — pop singer John Denver.

He then headed across town where he was introduced by New Age guru Shirley MacLaine before giving a speech. Also on hand was former California Gov Gerry Brown, who had campaigned for the Democratic presidential nomination.

At the Saint Honore, Rio's priciest and most exclusive restaurant, diners were startled when a threesome at one table broke into an impromptu rendition of "Country Road."

The performers? John Denver, Olivia Newton-John and Bianca Jagger.

Among the most eagerly awaited arrivals has been Fonda, who is to come with her husband, Ted Turner.

Indefinite curfew: Army deployed

Inter-caste clash in Rajasthan:17 killed

NEW DELHI, June 8: Seventeen people have died in two days of inter-caste fighting in a northern Indian district, prompting authorities to deploy the army to enforce an indefinite curfew, press reports said today, reports AFP.

Clashes spread Sunday to new areas when a mob torched 25 houses in a village near the curfew-bound town of Kumher, in the desert state of Rajasthan, domestic news agencies reported.

Four persons were killed in the arson attack, and one was killed and two were injured in a group clash elsewhere, the reports said.

Press Trust of India (PTI) said the deaths took to 17 the number killed in the region since Saturday, when the clashes broke out in Kumher between members of two

Hindu castes, the Jatavs and the Jats. Some 100 people were injured.

The violence reportedly erupted when a mob of arsonists went on the rampage Saturday, torching more than 300 houses in the sequel to a minor clash three days earlier.

It was one of the worst recent outbreaks of violence related to caste rivalries.

The army, more than 300 of whose men were deployed marched through the streets of Kumher Sunday in a show of strength to deter potential trouble-makers, PTI said.

Rajasthan's state government has announced a judicial probe into the violence and pledged a compensation payment of 10,000 rupees (3,300 dollar) to families of each of the 17 dead.

DU employees want safety of life, property

Officers and employees of Dhaka University yesterday demanded of the concerned authorities to ensure safety of life and property of those living on the campus, reports UNB.

Dhaka University Officers Association (DUOA), DU Technical Employees Association and DU Fourth Class Employees Association in separate statements expressed grave concern over Sunday's incident on the campus causing bullet injuries to four children.

The children, who included three school students, were hit by bullets in front of the residence of DU teacher Shamim Shikder adjoining Jagannath Hall.

They said academic activities in the schools inside the campus are being seriously hampered due to continued acts of terrorism.

Leaders of the associations demanded compensation to the children injured in the gunfire and trial of those responsible for the incident.

They have decided to organise a meeting in front of the Registrar Building this morning to protest against campus violence and demand safety for the lives of the campus dwellers.

Among the four children injured, two are the sons of two employees of the university.

Japan—Bangla meet to finalise funding of 8 projects tomorrow

The wrapup meeting between Bangladesh and Japan will be held in Dhaka tomorrow to finalise funding of eight projects in the next fiscal year.

Officials told UNB yesterday that a nine-member fact-finding mission from the Japanese Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) which arrived in Dhaka May 22 had already completed necessary groundwork in this regard.

The OECF mission, led by its Managing Director, Loan Department—2, Tohru Shinotsuka, also discussed financial and industrial sector adjustment credit with the concerned officials in Dhaka.

The eight projects are: Khulna Power Distribution Project and a 100-mw Gas Turbine Project of PDH, Jute Pulp Project and the Fenchuganj Fertilizer Project of BCIC, Kurigram Irrigation Project of Water Development Board, Dhaka—Narayanganj Port Project under BIWTA, Rehabilitation of Textile Mills Project of BTMC, and Sonargaon Hotel Renovation Project.

Besides, Japan has submitted three proposals for improving the financial condition of the Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Factory, the sources said.

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Sick industries

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supreme authority to determine the fate of any sick industry.

The board may recommend to the government legal action, both in civil and criminal procedures, against any person if found willfully making his industry sick.

There shall, however, be an appellate authority for hearing appeal against the orders of the board.

The members to be appointed by the government will be such persons as are or qualified to be Supreme Court judges or have special knowledge and vast professional experience in science, technology, economics, banking, industrial management, marketing and so on.

No civil court, as the law proposes, will have any jurisdiction in respect of any matter to be decided by the board or the appellate authority.

Also no injunction will be granted by any court or other authority in respect of any action taken or to be taken under the proposed law.

The owner of any sick industry, if found violating directives of the board or making false statements about his industry, will be punished ranging up to three years of imprisonment.

Sickness has become the

single major problem for industries in Bangladesh. According to unofficial figures, more than 60 per cent of the existing industrial units are now in sicked.

The new legislation comes in the wake of government move for a thorough reforms of the moribund economy to revitalise it.

Eid: Petrol pump workers won't open stations

By Staff Correspondent

Some 500 fuel stations across the country will remain closed for two days in connection with the Eid-ul-Azha.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of Bangladesh Petrol Pump Employees Association in Dhaka Monday.

The meeting observed that the employees would go ahead with their programme of observance of two-day Eid holiday's even if the fuel dealers and station owners refuse their demand.

Presided over by the convenor of the association ABM Altaf Hossain, the meeting was also addressed by its leaders Shaiful Islam, BK Chowdhury, and N Islam.

Speakers at the meeting noted that the several thousand workers of the country's fuel stations can not enjoy Eid holidays and the weekly day-off despite existence of the specific laws relating to the labours.

Elshibey new president of Azerbaijan

BAKU, June 8: Abulfaz Elshibey, candidate of the Nationalist Popular Front, has been elected President of Azerbaijan, capturing more than 60 per cent of the vote in Sunday's election, the Popular Front announced today, reports AFP.

A Popular Front spokesman said early results had Elshibey, a 54-year-old historian and former anti-communist dissident, winning 64 per cent of the vote.

Elshibey had been expected to win the election handily, and none of the four other candidates have received even 20 per cent of the vote, the front spokesman said.

On Saturday, Elshibey reiterated his intention to take Azerbaijan out of the Commonwealth of Independent States and said he wanted closer relations with the United States and Turkey.



Nargis.

Mistress cauterizes minor maid

By Staff Correspondent

A housemaid, Nargis, became victim of her house-mistress at a residence at Moghbazar in the city Sunday night and was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Monday morning with serious burn injuries. She is only nine.

Talking to The Daily Star at Ward No 33 at the hospital Monday Nargis said her mistress, Mrs Anwar, used to torture her often on trifling matters since her employment there as a maid servant two months ago.

On Monday night, when Mrs Anwar ordered her to cook rice and curry and Nargis failed to complete the task, Mrs Anwar cauterized her body mercilessly, Nargis said.

When Nargis sneaked away from the house early in the morning, some people brought her to the Jatiya Press Club from where she was taken to the DMCH by a journalist and got admitted there.

When contacted, Ramna police said that they were not informed of the incident.

LTTE guns down 7 soldiers

COLOMBO, June 8: Tamil guerrillas gunned down at least seven soldiers and seriously wounded 14 more during a fierce battle in northeastern Sri Lanka, local officials said today, reports AFP.