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Donation for Rohingyas

COX'S BAZAR, June 20: Indonesian government has donated Tk 19.45 lakh to Bangladesh for the Myanmar refugees. Indonesian High Commissioner Air Vice Marshal (ret'd) Soemakno Isnadi handed over a cheque for the amount to the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner Khandaker Shahidul Islam at the Refugee Relief Control centre here this morning, reports UNB.

Indian Red Cross Secy in city

General Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Dr AK Mukherjee arrived here on Friday on a three day visit to Bangladesh. During his stay here, Mukherjee will visit some of the projects and programmes of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and meet with the chairman and other officials to discuss matters of mutual interest of the two societies, reports UNB.

Arms factory unearthed

KHULNA, June 20: Police unearthed an arms manufacturing factory and recovered huge quantity of arms and ammunition from a house in the city Friday midnight. Acting on a tip off, police raided the house of Rahman Munshi at Mongla Madrasa road and discovered the factory. Police seized four pipe guns, three gun barrels, four springs of pipe guns and huge quantities of ammunition and raw materials and arrested Dulal Munshi (24), son of Rahman Munshi, reports UNB.

Killing of JCD leader condemned

Rizvi Ahmed and Illas Ali, President and General Secretary respectively of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Yesterday condemned the killing of JCD Vice President of Sutrapur Thana Unit Shaiful Islam on June 11, reports BSS.

Talks adjourned till June 25

Tinbigha transfer uncertain

LALMONIRHAT, June 20: An Indo-Bangladesh meeting on handover of the Tinbigha corridor held today at Chenchabandha across the border was adjourned without any decision, reports UNB.

Officials here said the meeting would resume on June 25, only a day ahead of the scheduled handover.

The Bangladesh side was led by Deputy Commissioner of Lalmonirhat Khalilur Rahman. His team included the district Police Super, Mozammel Huq, and a magistrate.

The Indian delegation com-

prised Coochbehar District Magistrate Babu Gopal Sankar, DIG of Indian Border Security Force SF Kutial and SP of Coochbehar.

The Supreme Court of India has already given verdict in favour of the long-awaited transfer of Tinbigha, a 178 by 85-meter land, in line with a 1974 agreement between the two countries to help Bangladesh link its Dahagram and Angapota enclaves.

According to the agreement, Bangladesh handed over its Berubari union in 1974 to India, but the gesture was not

reciprocated.

Indian Forward Bloc, BJP and Biawa Hindu Parishad leaders are opposing lease of the corridor.

PTI from Calcutta adds: The West Bengal government today reiterated that the Indo-Bangladesh agreement over leasing out of the Tinbigha corridor would come into force from June 26 as per schedule.

The government in a Press Note reiterated that all steps had been taken to ensure safety, security and further

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Pickets during hartal hours in city yesterday.

— Star photo

Violence marks partial hartal 2 killed, 100 hurt

By Staff Correspondent

Two people were killed — one in Dhaka and another in Faridpur — and at least 100 others injured Saturday during a countrywide six-hour hartal.

One Nazrul Islam, a garments factory worker, was killed when he was chased by the hartal supporters and crushed by a BRTC bus near Banani Chairmambari.

Another man, reportedly a Jamaat supporter, was hacked to death at Madhukhali upazila in Faridpur district.

"Bharatiya Dalal Protirodh Committee and Jubo Command jointly called the countrywide hartal demanding a ban on 'Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee' and the trial of 24 people's court sponsors.

Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, its student front Chhatra Shibir, Freedom Party and Progotishil Ganatantrik Shakti

and some other rightist parties supported Saturday's hartal, enforced from 6 am.

Saturday's hartal was ignored in many districts but partially observed in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sirajganj, Rajbari, Cox's Bazar, Madaripur, Narayanganj and Jessore according to reports.

In the capital, bomb blasts and sporadic clashes marked the six-hour hartal Saturday leaving at least 40 people injured.

Police tear-gassed and baton charged clashing groups — supporters and opponents on the hartal — in the Purana Paltan area, the main trouble-spot during the hartal, where brickbattling continued for about two hours.

Of the injured four were hospitalised. The injured in-

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AL, PDF, 5-party say Govt backed hartal callers

By Staff Correspondent

A joint meeting of Awami League, Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF) and the Five-Party combine yesterday accused the government and the ruling party of playing active role in favour of yesterday's hartal called by the anti-Liberation people.

Held at the AL central office in the afternoon, they viewed that yesterday's hartal, called by the Jamaat-Shibir-Freedom Party circle under the cover of Jubo Command, was aimed at fanning the anti-Golam Azam programme.

Chaired by AL Presidium Member Abdul Mannan, the meeting said that police helped the picketers. "Which is a rare incident in the country."

"The armed activists of Jamaat-Shibir-Freedom Party group resorted to terrorism during the hartal hours and

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Nirmul body calls dawn-to-dusk hartal today

By Staff Correspondent

A countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal has been called for today (Sunday) in support of a five-point demand of the National Coordination Committee for Realisation of the Spirit of the Liberation War and Resistance to the Killers and Collaborators of 1971.

A half-day hartal on May 18 was observed only in the capital for the same demands. It was called following the expiry of a one-month deadline for the government to accept the demands.

The demands include: execution of the death sentence on Golam Azam, ban on politics

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Make hartal a success: Hasina

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in parliament Sheikh Hasina has called on the people from all walks of life to make today's countrywide hartal an all-out success, reports UNB.

The dawn-to-dusk hartal was called by the Ghatok-Dalal Nirmul Committee to press home its demand for executing the March 26 verdict of the 'people's court' against 'war criminal' Golam Azam.

In a statement yesterday, Hasina condemned incidents of terrorism, firing and bomb blast under the 'patronisation of the government and police' disrupting public life in the capital today.

She alleged that the killers of 71 (Jamaat-Shibir) and the killers of 75 (Faruq-Rashid clique), backed by the government, were again out to destroy the great spirit of the liberation war.

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Rejected quarter out to hinder development: PM

PARSHURAM (Feni), June 20: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that people from all walks of life had the equal responsibility to help the democratic government attain the desired goals of prosperity and progress, reports BSS.

Addressing a huge public meeting at the local high school ground, Begum Zia said 'we have to be more conscious and careful to achieve the expected development because our resources are limited.'

The meeting was also addressed by Agriculture, Water, Development and Irrigation Minister Majedul Huq, Communications Minister Olf Ahmed, Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mian, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondokar Mosharraf Hossain, Forest and Environment Minister Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Textile, Abdul Mannan, Whip Mahbubul Alam Tara and Barkatullah Bhulu MP. The Prime Minister said

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Adamjee situation remains tense

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, June 20: Speakers at a meeting today at the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible for the killing of Kutty Mian earlier on Friday.

Presided over by Rehanuddin Rehan, President of the CBA, the meeting which began at 4pm and was held at the CBA office premises was also addressed by the CBA Secretary Ismail Hossain and Sidhirganj Thana Awami League Secretary Jahanara Abedin.

Meanwhile, a tense situation prevailed in the area today. Sporadic explosions were heard throughout the night, witnesses said.

Only a handful of shops opened in the area. Siddhirganj Thana said an additional

contingent of 300 police personnel were deployed in the area following Friday's clashes.

At the meeting, speakers blamed the killing on the Kashem group while identifying Kutty Mian as a Jubo League Worker. They alleged that he was killed in presence of police and that the alleged killers were being sheltered by the government.

Demanding the resignation of the Home Minister, the speakers warned that unless the alleged killers were arrested immediately the concerned authorities would be responsible for any untoward incidents in the future.

The Namaj-e-Janaza of Mian was held at the AJM premises Saturday after Esha prayers and his body was buried at the AJM graveyard.

No classes held at DU

By DU Correspondent

No classes were held at the Dhaka University on the first day after Eid-ul-Azha vacation yesterday (Saturday) because of the teachers' indefinite strike that began on June 6.

The teachers of the university went on a strike following the assault on Professor Badrul Alam of the Physics Department by a student Ansar Ali.

Meanwhile, criticising the budget, the Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-A) student wing of Awami League held a rally on the campus yesterday (Saturday).

The rally held in front of the Aparajita Bangla of the university was addressed, among others, by BCL president Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury, DU unit General Secretary Pankaj Nath.

Dhaka-Riyadh JEC meets Tuesday

Bangladesh-Saudi Arabia Joint Economic Commission (JEC) will meet here on Tuesday to review the existing position of the economic cooperation between the two countries, reports UNB.

Officials here said yesterday the two-day meeting will also try to evolve ways and means to ensure maximum utilization of the Saudi assistance and explore new avenues of bilateral economic cooperation.

Saudi Deputy Minister for Finance and National Economy Dr Jabara Al Soraisari arrives here on Monday to lead his country's 13-member delegation to the 7th session of the JEC.

The Bangladesh side will be led by ERD Secretary Enam Ahmed Chowdhury.

Established in 1978 the

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Two JCD activists stabbed

By DMCH Correspondent

Two leaders of Ward No-8 of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were stabbed at Ahmed Nagar at Mirpur Paikpara in the city Saturday evening.

The victims were identified as Mohammad Hanif Bhuiyan, 22, Convener and Arfan Uddin, 23, Assistant General Secretary of the same ward of JCD. Hanif appeared at the Bachelor of Commerce (pass) examination from Tejjagon College this year while Arfan was a final year student of Management Department of Dhaka University.

While Hanif and Arfan were walking in the area Saturday evening, a group of armed men attacked and stabbed them severely. The attackers later fled leaving them injured.

Both the victims were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last night.

Sufia Kamal's 82nd birthday celebrated

By Staff Correspondent

Comrades in her struggle for women's rights, admirers and wellwishers converged at the National Museum seminar room yesterday evening to greet and felicitate poet Begum Sufia Kamal on her 82nd birthday.

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, that the poet heads, arranged the birthday celebration programme in the afternoon.

The museum seminar room was packed with the members of Mahila Parishad and various women's organisations and also by those who love and respect the poet.

Dr Sanjida Khatun and Ifat Ara rendered songs while TV actress Lucky Inam recited a poem, composed by the poet.

Bouquets were presented to the poet by various organisations and individuals wishing her a longer and healthier life.

Besides, speakers discussed various aspects of the poet's life of struggles.

Parishad members Ayesha Khanam and Nargis Zafar, Scientist Dr Abdullah al-Muti Sharfuddin, singer Dr Sanjida Khatun, Editor of the Weekly Begum Noorjahan Begum, widow of late folk singer Abbas Uddin, Lutfunnessa Abbas, and Editor of the Illustrated News-weekly Abdur Rahman took part in the discussion. Mahila

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Home Minister should resign: Nirmul body 'Saturday's hartal was terror-enforced'

By Staff Correspondent

Senior leaders of the Ekatattor Ghatok-Dalal Nirmul Committee dismissed Saturday's hartal as a 'terror-enforced and police-aided' one, and reiterated demands for the resignation of the Minister of Home Affairs.

Speaking to reporters in the Nirmul Committee's central office at Topkhana Road Saturday evening, Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzzaman, Bir Uttam, said Sunday's dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the National Coordination Committee would be a 'spontaneous one and we would not resort to any terror tactics, like the ones we saw today'.

Col Nuruzzaman said he did not regard the Jatiya Jubo Command which called Saturday's hartal, as a threat to the movement to implement the Mar 26 People's Court verdict against Pakistani citizen and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Golam Azam.

"The Jubo Command is a front of the Freedom Party, Islami Chhatra Shibir etc and it has the encouragement of the government behind it. They have no support from the people. They enforced their hartal through terror tactics with help from the police'.

Nuruzzaman said. Nuruzzaman, a Sector Commander in the War of Liberation of 1971, pointed out that armed activists of Shibir and the Jubo Command attacked the Nirmul Committee's June 18 public meeting 'under the noses of the police on duty'.

"They came out of the Baftul Mukarram mosque with weapons, went through the police and attacked our meeting. The police did not move, not even when the gangs went back behind them. Police officers said they did not have any orders to intervene", Nuruzzaman explained.

He further claimed that Nirmul Committee volunteers were being harassed all over the country by police and administration. Even when injured Nirmul Committee members went to police stations to file cases, they refused to listen, he said, adding that these kinds of harassment could only be done with 'signals from the top'.

Shahreer Kabir, another member of the Nirmul body and the Executive Editor of weekly Bichitra, said withdrawal of the cases was just

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Sufia Kamal (left) being greeted by Jahanara Inam on her birthday yesterday.

— Star photo

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