

BCL factions trade fire on DU campus

By DU Correspondent

A Laundry boy of the Zahurul Huq Hall of Dhaka University was shot during a fierce gunfight between two rival groups of the Chhatra League on the university campus Wednesday.

According to sources more than 60 shots were exchanged between the gunmen of the Zahurul Huq and the SM Halls of the university.

Akhtar Hossain alias Kajal received bullet in his back while taking bath in the pond of the Zahurul Huq Hall. Sources said.

Kajal was taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later he was transferred to the Chest Disease Hospital of Mohakhali, sources said.

Sources said that the battle began with an armed attack allegedly by the supporters Gopalganj group of the Chhatra League from the Salimullah Hall at about 1.15 pm on their rivals in the Montu faction entrenched in the Zahurul Huq Hall. The bat-

tle continued for about 45 minutes.

Witnesses said that the police tried to enter the Zahurul Huq Hall but failed as the gates were locked by the activists.

UNB adds: Meanwhile, DU authorities announced yesterday fresh schedules for Honours and Masters examinations. The examinees said they could not give attention to their studies because of violence and tension.

July 12 HSC exam schedule will remain unchanged

The schedule for HSC examination under the four education boards on July 12 (Sunday), a government holiday for holy Ashura, will remain unchanged.

Md Eunus Ali Dewan, Controller of Examinations of Dhaka Board, told UNB that they will hold the examination on the holiday because a change in the schedule will cause troubles to a large number of examinees of the rural areas.

The government has declared holiday on July 12 instead of 11 announced earlier on the occasion of holy Ashura as the first day of the month on Maharram fell on July 3.

Examination of Mathematics 1st paper will be held in the morning on July 12 and that of Social Welfare 1st paper and Sociology 1st paper in the afternoon.

The Board authorities called upon the examinees not to be confused by any rumour or propaganda in this regard.

BUET student shot

By DMCH Correspondent

A final year student of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was seriously wounded when gunmen opened fire into a residential hall room on the campus late Tuesday night.

Subroto Shaha, 24, a final year student of the Civil Engineering Department, was immediately rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital with head injuries.

Sharif, Khaleda

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tives and experts of the two sides would sit in Islamabad to consider the question and report back to the foreign secretaries. Islamabad later kept quiet.

The then Bangladesh Foreign Secretary raised the issue with Islamabad in November 1981 while another former Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury spoke to his Pakistani counterpart Yakub Khan in New York in 1984.

General Ershad during his trip to Pakistan in July 1986 also discussed the topic but failed to make any headway.

In 1989, Benazir Bhutto, the then Pakistan Prime Minister who visited Dhaka, agreed on Bangladesh proposals in principle that a Council similar to the Partition Council of 1947 be constituted or, as an alternative, both the countries go for international arbitration on the matter.

But later Iqbal Akhund, Adviser to Benazir Bhutto, while continuing discussions with the Bangladesh Foreign Minister disagreed on his PM's position on the constitution of the council or on any international arbitration. The matter virtually stopped there.

Most of the assets were physically located in the than West Pakistan due to what Bangladesh believes "a number of factors and the deliberate policy of the Pakistan government to create disparities". This belief drove the people of this soil to a bloody but successful War of Liberation in 1971. In the long period since Independence Bangladesh leaders have repeatedly argued that major contribution to the foreign exchange earning of Pakistan came from the then East Pakistan particularly up to the Sixties. But this part of the country lagged behind when it came to the question of revenue expenditure.

According to official estimates, Bangladesh's share in the Army was 15 per cent, civil administration 12 per cent, foreign aid 30 per cent and central development expenditure 26 per cent.

Bangladesh's official approach to the sharing of assets and liabilities is based on four principles — population, parity, foreign exchange and ratio of wealth in the region.

On the basis of population, Bangladesh demands 56 per cent of Pakistan's assets during liberation, on the basis of parity 50 per cent, foreign exchange 54 per cent and wealth ratio 44 per cent.

On the calculation of assets

and liabilities, the Bangladesh government considers several things — first, assets creating expenditures and claims on account of government loans and investments in various agencies and autonomous bodies.

According to the calculation formula, the central government expenditures are categorised as A) current expenditures, B) plan development expenses, C) non-plan development expenditures.

Bangladesh also strongly insists that the asset-creating expenditure on the armed forces be taken into account during the calculations.

Bangladesh official records give the names of the least 23 Pakistan government departments and autonomous bodies whose shares and liabilities should be shared.

Some of the major organisations include the National Bank of Pakistan with a claim of Rs 200.83 crore populationwise and Rs 176.75 crore on the basis of parity, Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan (IDBP) and Equity Participation Fund (EPF) with a net claim of Rs 6.80 crore. These figures are shown as on December 17, 1971.

Other names include Agriculture Development Bank of Pakistan (net claim Rs 9.05 crore), Investment Corporation of Pakistan (about Rs 15 crore), PIA (about Rs 7.50 crore).

Bangladesh has already accepted liabilities amounting to six million dollars for the completed and on-going projects located in the then East Pakistan.

Colombo meet

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we increase trade within the region and improve our bargaining capacity as a group.

Rahman expressed the hope that a definite proposal for the SAPTA would emerge from the second meeting of the inter-governmental group on trade liberalization.

UNB adds: Mostafizur Rahman today underscored the need for further strengthening SAARC as a regional group in keeping with the new world order in which regionalism is going to acquire renewed importance.

He pointed out that everywhere in the world, either the existing regional groups are being further strengthened or the new ones are being formed.

"In our turn, we must strengthen our own group. Clearly there seems to be no other option available to us", the Foreign Minister said.



BDR men patrolling the strife torn Adamjee Jute Mills area yesterday.

— Star photo

Rightist alliance likely next week

By Asiuzzaman

On alliance of rightist parties, headed by the Jamaat, is likely to be floated sometime next month, informed political sources said Wednesday.

About 20 rightist and fundamentalist parties whose leaders consider themselves "nationalists", are expected to join the alliance ostensibly to counter the Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Samanyta Committee and the Awami League.

"The alliance is not to face the anti-Golam Azam movement but to face the so-called Nirmul Committee that has attacked all the rightist forces," ASM Solaman, chief of Krishak Samik Party told The Daily Star.

"The alliance is also aimed at bringing up a mature national leadership from among the nationalist forces which the BNP has failed to do," he added.

The ground work for the alliance had been started at a tea party hosted by Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan Monday at the Al-Falah building, Magbazar.

Muslim League leaders Ayesuddin, Zamir Ali, Alhaj Mohammad Sirajuddin. Ataul

Huq Khan and Nurul Huq Majumder, Freedom Party leaders Mian Abdur Rashid, Major (ret'd) Bazul Huda and Chowdhury Mohammad Faruk, National Democratic Party (NDP) leader Anwar Zahid, KSP leader ASM Solaman, Islamic Party leader Advocate Formanullah Khan, Pragatishil Ganatantrik Shakti (Progos) leader Col (ret'd) Shahrier Rashid Khan and Wahiduzzaman, Muslim Jatiyatadabi Dal leader Principal Sirajul Huq Gora, PNP's Sheikh Swakat Hossain Nilu, Nezam-e-Islami Party's Abdul Latif, Islami Oikkya Andolon leaders Shahidur Rahman and Maulana Abdus Sattar, NAP (Bhasani) leader Prof. Noor Mohammad Kazi, and Bangladesh Democratic Party leader, Abdur Razzak Chowdhury were present at the tea party. Former JSD leader Principal Harunar Rashid was also present.

The sources said that they were contacting other like-minded parties including Jagpa, Khelafat Andolon, Islami Shasantantra Andolon and Jaker Party to draw them into the alliance.

The next round of talks among party leaders would be held next week, the sources said.

"We reviewed the prevailing political situation and decided in principle to work together," Jamaat Publicity Secretary Abdul Kader Mollah said adding that "It may turn into an alliance through movement."

The rightist parties had time and again tried to form an alliance but the Jamaat was always unwilling to join such forum, and the attempts were fruitless.

A number of political analysts, believe that the agreement between the ruling party and the Opposition to end the recent Parliament boycott, upset the Jamaat as well as other rightist parties which prompted them to form an alliance.

On the other hand the idea that such an alliance could work better than the recently formed Jubo Command and Bharatiya Dalal Nirmul Committee reportedly backed by the Jamaat and the Freedom Party, was another cause for the formation of the alliance.



US ambassador William B Milam called on Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina at her official residence yesterday.

— Star photo

Hasina : US

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'Democracy in America, Democracy Abroad' in the convention.

The seminar is expected to be participated by noted politicians, policy-makers and analysts from across the globe.

On her way back home, Hasina will visit Canada and Britain where she will attend different functions to be arranged by the Bangladesh nationals including her party members.

Abdul Mannan, MP, Abul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Akh-teruzzaman Chowdhury, MP and Abul Hasnat Abdullah, MP, will accompany Sheikh Hasina during the tour.

Meanwhile, US Ambassador in Bangladesh William B. Milam called on Sheikh Hasina at her Minto Road official residence in the city yesterday.

They discussed, among other issues, Sheikh Hasina's US trip. Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad and AL leaders Sheikh Abdul Aziz, Zillur Rahman, Salahuddin Yousuf, MP, and Prof Abdul Mannan MP, were present during the discussion.

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Tariff Commission

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the industry.

— 2) encourage competitiveness in productivity.

— 3) ensure proper use of raw materials.

— 4) promotion of exports of indigenous products.

— 5) promotion of use of domestic products at home and abroad through bilateral and multilateral agreements.

— 6) prevention of dumping and import and sales of foreign goods through illegal means.

Introducing the bill, Anwar said the proposed commission will play a vital role in protecting the interest of domestic industry and the consumers as well by suggesting appropriate measures to the government.

Three identical bills providing for holding elections within 180 days from the expiry of the term of the local government parishes of the three hill districts of Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban were also introduced.

The bills, the local Government Parishad (Amendment) Bill, 1992 - in the name of three hill districts, were initiated by Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Majid-ul Haq.

The minister said after visiting the districts the Chief Election Commissioner found that holding of elections there are not possible before December due to Jhum cultivation and communication difficulties.

Under the existing law,

JS discusses power cut to BSS

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Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Mosharruf Hossain yesterday said that the government,

having no alternative, had to disconnect the electricity connection to Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS).

The Minister said this while answering to a point of order raised by Mohammad Nasim, Chief Whip of the Opposition.

BSS, the national news agency run and controlled by the government, stopped functioning since yesterday morning as the electricity supply was cut off.

However, power supply to BSS was restarted at 11.05 pm last night.

2 killed, 12 hurt in bomb blasts

By DMCH Correspondent
A minor girl and an unidentified youngman were killed and another 12 persons wounded in bomb blasts during two separate attacks at Kamalapur and Jatrabari in the city Wednesday.

Under the existing law,

The Midnight File

Fakharuddin buried

MYMENSINGH, July 8: The body of the former Provincial Revenue Minister Fakharuddin Ahmed was laid to rest yesterday afternoon at Oulkiabari graveyard. The Namaj-e-Janasa of late Ahmed who died Tuesday of old age complications at the age of 95, was held at Mymensingh Eidgah Maidan after Asr prayer, reports BSS.

Congressmen urge Bush to overthrow Govt in Iran

WASHINGTON, July 8: A majority of the members of the US House of Representatives Wednesday called on the Bush administration to support an exile opposition group's efforts to overthrow the Islamic government of Iran. The Congressional statement warned of the dangers of Islamic fundamentalism being spread in other countries by the Islamic government in Iran, led by President Hashemi Rafsanjani, and of Iran's "campaign to acquire nuclear weapons. The time has come for the free world to form a common front against fundamentalism with those fighting for peace and democracy against the Iranian regime," the statement said, reports AP.

PM : Press Club

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of the journalist community in the struggle against autocracy and urged them to contribute towards giving democracy an institutional shape.

The journalist leaders thanked the Prime Minister for the free and frank discussion.

The leaders of the newspaper industry who met the Prime Minister were President of Sangbadpatri Parishad Barrister Matinul Hossain, Editors Council President Sanaullah Noori and General Secretary AQM Jainul Abedin, BFUJ President Reazuddin Ahmed and General Secretary Amanullah Kabir, noted journalist Gias Kamal Chowdhury, Press Club President Mozammel Huq, DUJ President Shahjahan Miah and General Secretary Altaf Mahmud, and Newspaper Employees' Federation President Jahangir Kabir and General Secretary Mir Mozammel Huq.

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda and Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury were present during the meeting.

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Shibir activist

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All the three were learnt to be Chhatra Shibir Workers.

A student strike was observed today at the Rajshahi University in protest against the killing of Azibar. Shibir called the strike. The Shibir workers marched through the city streets in procession chanting slogans against the killing and demanding punishment to the persons responsible.

A tense situation is prevailing on the RU campus. Students started vacating the residential halls fearing reprisal.

Chhatra Shibir lodged a case accusing nine Chhatra Oikya leaders of the killing.

None was arrested so far in connection with the incident.

Stock market

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ately after the budget stock market transactions kept on rising and were always higher than last fiscal year's performance.

On June 18, transaction at the DSE was Taka 31 lakh. After that it was over Taka 30 lakh per day on an average.

The amount shot up to Taka one crore on June 29 and reached the highest ever turnover of Taka 1.37 crore on June 30.

DSE officials also find the month of July "very encouraging". The total turn over of the DSE last fiscal year was a little over Taka 20 crore.

The DSE officials feel that supply of shares in the capital market must be increased to sustain the bullish trend. They feel that the government should issue bonds on utility services as in India, Pakistan and other regional countries to maintain the flow of shares in the market.

The DSE officials feel that the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) can also play a vital role in the capital market as it holds majority shares.

The majority of the companies bridge-financed by the ICB could not make themselves profitable, they said. They added that the ICB should play a role in ensuring that the shares of the nationalised companies to be privatised come into the capital market.

DSE sources said that a number of listed companies have emerged as "blue chip" companies recently in the capital market. Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Monno Ceramics, Apex Group, Eagle Star Textiles and Padma Textiles are among the blue chips.

As they have gained the confidence of the share holders, some of these companies have also started forward selling of their shares. The forward selling is now possible due to the buoyancy of the market, they said.

Even Padma Textiles has started selling its shares of Taka 100 on-premium at Taka 150.

PM's attendance
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to Article 41 says that the Prime Minister would be available in the House every Saturday to answer questions only on policies of the government. A member would be allowed to raise one question and only three supplementaries would be allowed.

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In pursuance to Rules of Procedure, the Speaker read out the amendments and there was no opposition. But, on a request from Khandaker Delwar Hossain, chief whip of the Treasury bench, the resolution was sent to Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure for finalisation.

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Khuku

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By Staff Correspondent
Hosne Ara Khuku, who was acquitted of the charges in the Rima murder case of 1989, was released from the Dhaka central jail Wednesday, according to jail source.

The Sessions Judge found Munir Hossain alias Suruj, husband of Sharmeen Rima, and his alleged paramour, Hosne Ara Khuku, guilty in the murder and awarded death sentence on May 21, 1990. However, the High Court Division in a verdict on July 5, upheld the death sentence of Munir Hossain but acquitted Khuku of the charges.

Sharmeen Rima, a daughter of Shaheed journalist Nizamuddin was killed on April 8, 1989.

Relief boats
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questioned in the Japanese Diet (Parliament). The reservations of the Diet about the proper use of the boats were communicated to the government by the embassy of Japan.

The rescue boats are part of the 520 donated by Japan for carrying relief following the devastating floods of 1988. The total cost of the 275 boats, which arrived at the Mongla port in 1990, was about 2,500 million yen.

The Ministry of Relief allocated 120 of the boats to the defence services of which 108 went to the Army and 12 to the Navy. The rest 155 were divided division-wise among the flood-prone districts. Some of these were also given to the police, BDR and the livestock, fisheries and forest departments.

The rescue boats were extensively used after the cyclone struck the coastal region in April 1991.

The allocations were made on a temporary basis and on condition that the "total allotment can be withdrawn, if and when needed, by the Relief Ministry", the ministry source added.

The review committee will soon submit a report to the Prime Minister's office along with recommendations for the "effective utilisation" of the river craft.

The committee will also recommend a system of proper maintenance of the boats. The total cost of which is estimated to be a large amount every year.

A number of these rivercraft are still lying at the Mongla port as the allottees have failed to take delivery of the vessels, the source said.

Sylhet flood
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acres of Aush, 3200 acres of Broadcast Aman and 100 acres of Transplanted Aman Seed-bed in Companyganj had been submerged by the flash floods. It also had damaged several thousand acres of Aush, Broadcast Aman and Transplanted Aman seedbed in Kanaighat, Jainpur and Sadar thanas, the source added.

The extent of damage could not be ascertained yet, the source said.

Meanwhile, breach has developed at places in the Kushiara dyke in the border thana of Zakiganj during the last two days.

Besides, erosion continued at Companyganj, Gowatnhat, Sheol and Zakiganj areas causing extensive damage to croplands and shops.