

# Mortars hit Sarajevo UN compound

SARAJEVO, July 9: The United Nations compound was hit by three mortar rounds and a UN peacekeeper said Thursday that Croatian units were reported moving closer to the Serb-besieged capital, reports AP.

In Finland, President Bush turned down an appeal by Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic for military intervention to end the four-month civil war between newly independent Bosnia and anti-secessionist Serbs.

"I can only say that President Bush hasn't ruled out military intervention," Izetbegovic said. "That was enough for me at this time."

France announced Thursday it will send nine military helicopters and 144 more soldiers to protect Sarajevo.

European Community envoy Lord Carrington, leaving London for talks at the UN with Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, said the negotiating effort he leads is "a bit stuck."

Shelling rocked the center of the city overnight, and there were small arms clashes. But the fighting was less intense than the previous night, when rounds fell by the minute.

Three vehicles in the UN compound were damaged by the mortars, UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

"The military situation is precarious," he said. "The relief operation we're carrying

out is terribly fragile as a result."

UN observers confirmed that Serb positions had come under fire, but could not determine where it came from, the spokesman said.

Under the UN-brokered agreement that opened the airport to relief flights June 29, the warring factions agreed to bring their artillery under UN monitoring. The UN says both sides appear to be violating the accord.

"Either there are Bosnian positions we are not monitoring, or there is a third party," Eckhard said of the shelling of the Serbs.

Bosnia's ethnic Croats are reported moving toward the city from their western Bosnian strongholds. That might indicate a move to cut the Serb encirclement around Sarajevo that aims to keep the Muslim and Croat majority from breaking with Yugoslavia.

There are persistent reports of them (Croats) in the area, moving closer and closer to the city," Eckhard said.

It is not clear how closely the Croat militias are coordinating their push with the Muslim-led forces in Sarajevo.

"If we are moving toward a wider military confrontation here, that would have serious implications for the relief operation, and the peace process," Eckhard said.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga at a local hotel yesterday. — Star photo

## PM: Consensus

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ing democracy was to build a nation whose vision would be modern and scientific which would be generous in thinking and realistic in ideology. She said "let's turn our efforts, profound wisdom and intellect to this great cause."

The Prime Minister lauded the role of the Rotary Clubs for their services to the humanity and made special reference to the Rotary Club of Dhaka Buriganga. She said the club was linked to the tradition of this great city and called for keeping the tradition up. She also referred to the newly elected President Atiqul Alam, who is a noted journalist and said "We hope we shall see a wonderful fusion of journalism and Rotary reflected in your future activities." Ministers, diplomats and high officials attended the function.

## DU students urge authorities to shift exam dates

Some 500 female Honours and Master degree examinees of Dhaka University yesterday staged demonstration on the campus urging the authorities to shift their examination dates, reports UNB.

They thronged in front of the Vice Chancellor office and offices of the Deans of Arts Faculty and Social Science Faculty demanding change in schedule of examinations scheduled to begin July 28.

They forwarded four reasons in favour of their demands and submitted a memorandum to the Dean of the Arts and Social Science Faculty.

Moreover, they said tutorials and in-course examinations in several departments were yet to be finished.

In their memorandum, they demanded that the examinations should be delayed by at least one month and that there should be a recess of at least 7 to 10 days from one examination to another.

Earlier, the students brought out a procession on the campus and paraded different corridors chanting slogans in support of their demand.

Meanwhile, male examinees of Honours and Master degree also submitted memoranda to the VC, Pro-VC, Controller, Deans and Chairmen of the university on Wednesday on the same demand.

The male students forwarded six reasons, including adverse campus situation and prevalent insecure situation at the Zahurul Huq, Salimullah and Jagannath Halls.

Prof KM Mohsin, Dean of Arts Faculty, told UNB by telephone that a meeting of the Deans and Chairmen will be held on July 14 to discuss the demands of students.

He hinted that the meeting may take a decision further rescheduling the examinations.

The DU authorities on Wednesday announced the time-table of the Honours and Master degree examinations beginning July 28. Both the examinations have already been shifted thrice.

## DUCSU demands arrest of outsiders

Amanullah Aman MP and Khairul Kabir Khokan, Vice President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka University central Students Union (DUCSU), in a joint statement in Dhaka yesterday urged the authorities to help restore peace on the campus, reports BSS.

Strongly condemning the acts of terrorism by what has been termed as terrorists of feuding Chhatra league factions they pleaded for driving away outsiders from different residential halls of Dhaka University.

They said, terrorists were using unauthorised weapons. Akhter Hossain Kajal, a laundry employee of Zahurul Huq, is the latest victim of acts of terrorism of the Chhatra League faction, they said. They demanded arrest of all outsiders and recovery of unauthorised weapons from different halls including S.M.Hall, Jagannath Hall and Zahurul Huq Hall.

## Another corruption case against Ershad

Deposed President Ershad has been accused of misappropriation of Tk 64 crore from the public exchequer, reports UNB.

The Bureau of Anti-corruption has recently filed the case against Ershad and four others—former Air Chief Sultan Mahmud, former Deputy Air Chief Montaz Uddin Ahmed and Directors of United Traders Shahzad Ali and AKM Musa—for irregular purchase of a radar.

It is stated that in 1980, Sadruddin, the then Air Chief proposed to late President Ziaur Rahman to purchase high power and low looking level "Radar" for Bangladesh Air Force.

A committee, called "Radar purchase committee" consisting of three members headed by the then Group Captain Toufique Rahman was formed and decision was taken by that committee to purchase it from Thomson's SF Company of France. But the purchase was dropped as Ministry of Finance could not provide the money.

Later, Ministry of Defence ordered Airforce headquarter

to supply them necessary information about "Make and Type" of the proposed Radar. The then Air Chief Sultan Mahmud remained silent to pass any opinion rather he created a new "plot" and gave decision to send abroad a new team called "Radar Purchase Team" and recommended the team to tour USA, Great Britain and Italy.

It is found that Sultan Mahmud willfully and with ill motive excluded the earlier decision to purchase the radar from France and gave his opinion to purchase it from USA.

Montazuddin Ahmed, the then Deputy Air Chief, supported his opinion with the knowledge of former President HM Ershad and accordingly they purchased the Radar from USA through United Traders, a local agent, and thereby "misappropriated" a total of Tk 64 crore.

Ershad has already been sentenced to 13 years in jail for keeping illegal arms and amassing wealth beyond known sources of income. He is facing more than half a dozen corruption cases.

## Adamjee incident 'Resistance week' of opposition backed workers begins tomorrow

Opposition-backed jute and textile workers Thursday dubbed the government as "elected autocrat" and urged people's cooperation in resisting what they said terrorism and anarchy instigated by it, reports UNB.

"We don't consider the BNP government as democratic," said the Patkal Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad and Suta-Bastrakal Sramik-Karmachari Federation in a written statement at a joint press conference here.

The federation held the government responsible for the capture of Dhaka Baju workers colony at Adamjee Jute Mills in a recent armed attack and announced a "terrorism resistance week" beginning tomorrow.

"We look upon the Adamjee incident as an act of trade union hijack... designed to kill democracy by killing sound trade union movement in the country," said the statement read out by Abul Bashir, Convener of the Patkal Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad.

They will stage gate meeting and demonstration in every jute and textile mills July 11-13 as part of the week-long programme. Protest meetings and processions will be held on July 14.

The trade union leaders demanded arrest of all terrorists, including Galkata Kamal, the mastermind of four murders, and their exemplary punishment.

They also demanded cleansing of Adamjee area of arms stopping access of intruders and checking of valid identity cards of workers in mill areas and effective measures to halt terrorism in mills, factories and educational institutions.

Bashir said they would announce next course of action in a press conference on July 15, if violence was not stopped.

Adamjee's CBA President Rehanuddin Rehan and Siddique Sarder, who were driven away from the Dhaka Baju colony along with their supporters allegedly by pro-government elements during the overnight violence last Friday, were among others present in the news conference.

## AL calls hartal

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tional shape and holding trial of the killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Awami League will observe August 15 as a national mourning day. Its programmes for the day include countrywide hartal from 6 am to 12 noon, hoisting of the black flag at Bangabandhu Bhaban and party office, keeping the national flag and the party flag at half mast, garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu, placing of wreaths and mazar ziarat at Banani graveyard, Quran khwan, milad mahfil and feeding the poor.

The programmes at Tunjipara on the occasion include Quran khwan, ziarat at Bangabandhu's Mazar, placing of wreaths, milad mahfil, distribution of food among the poor and discussion meeting.

The meeting blamed the government for the delay in repealing the Indemnity Ordinance.

## Adamjee

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bloody clash that left one person dead and 50 others injured.

Meanwhile, the Adamjee mill unit of BNP labour front will hold a rally at the Dhaka Baju area on Friday alleging that Rehan and Sardar groups are hampering production in the mills.

Presided over by Shamsul Huda, the rally was addressed by Mosharrar Hossain and Ousuddin Khan.

The mill authorities Thursday said that the production in the mills rose considerably as 70 per cent of the workers resumed duties.

BDR and police patrol was continuing in the areas.

# The Midnight File

## China criticises G-7 summit

BEIJING, July 9: China criticised the G-7 summit of industrialised nations today for failing to take measures to help the developing world. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said the Munich meeting, which ended on Wednesday, had not addressed fundamental problems of global imbalances between developed and developing countries, reports Reuter.

## Clinton chooses Gore as running mate

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, July 9: Democratic presidential candidate and Arkansas governor Bill Clinton chose today Senator Albert Gore as his running mate and the Tennessee lawmaker accepted, a Clinton aide said. Gore, who was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988, accepted the vice presidential slot after receiving a telephone call from Clinton at his home in Carthage, Tennessee the source said, reports AFP.

# 35 more killed in Chinese floods

BEIJING, July 9: Floods in East China killed 35 more people and heavy rains continued to pound widespread areas, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said Thursday, reports AP.

The latest deaths in coastal Fujian province bring to at least 310 the number of people killed in flooding this month. The floods have affected Fujian and the nearby provinces of Zhejiang, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangxi and Guangdong.

Official reports have been sketchy, with no details of the deaths. Hundreds of thousands of people have been left homeless.

In some places, soldiers have been mobilized to join in rescue work, as they did last year when the lower Yangtze River Valley was hit by the worst flooding in decades. Some of the same areas are affected again this year.

Xinhua said more heavy rain is forecast for the region. Meanwhile, farming areas just north of the flooded provinces are suffering a severe drought, Xinhua said. The television news has shown farmers watering their fields by hand with tin cans.

Extremes of weather are common in China, and rudimentary irrigation and drainage works offer only the barest protection.

BSS adds: Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal yesterday strongly condemned the killing of a person and injury in others following clashes between rival employees at Titas Gas Bhavan in the city.

Iskander Ali and Nazrul Islam Khan, President and General Secretary respectively of Sramik Dal, in a joint statement demanded arrest of those responsible for the incident and their punishment.

They also called for stopping acts of terrorism.

## Death penalty for blaspheming Prophet in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 9: The Pakistani Senate unanimously adopted a bill providing for a mandatory death penalty for blaspheming the Prophet Mohammed, parliamentary sources said here today, reports AFP.

The bill moved by Minister of Law and Justice Abdul Ghafoor had already been passed by the lower house of parliament, the National Assembly. It followed a federal Islamic sharia court decision that anyone found guilty of insulting Mohammed should be condemned to death.

The current law here provided for either death or a life prison term for such an offence.

Parliamentary sources said that in endorsing the bill some Senators proposed that the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) should define the offence to avoid abuse of the law.

Ghafoor assured the house that the opinion of the CII, a body empowered to review the existing laws, would be sought to avoid any lacuna.

Pakistan has a population of more than 110 million people, 95 per cent of them Muslim. Respect for the Islamic religion and its Prophet is a sensitive subject in the country.

At least seven people were killed and dozens injured when police prevented an angry mob, condemning British author Salman Rushdie's "Satanic Verses" from storming a US Information Centre in Islamabad.

Mashur Rahman in his resolution asked for a relay station at Jhenaidah on the grounds that his constituency was deprived of programmes telecast by BTV. He also complained that as a result people in those areas were compelled to watch Indian TV programmes.

Mashur's resolution was supported by ten members of the Opposition with different amendments. However Mashur withdrew his proposal as he was assured by the Information Minister that in due course a relay station would be set up in Jhenaidah in necessary.

## SKOP-govt accord

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held in a cordial atmosphere and not under a threat," he added.

All suggested reviving the tripartite consultative committee to recommend the national wage commission.

The stipulation in the agreement that the government would announce the national minimum wage within the next two months was also slated by the business leaders.

Future governments would also fall under similar pressure to increase the minimum wage from time to time, Khan said.

# Titas Gas: One killed

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Union and Titas Gas Jatiyatabadi Sramik Karmachari Union, all backed by BNP, tried to establish their control over the executive floor of the company.

The groups which were reportedly engaged in clash are led by Shahmur-Lutfur and Fazlul Huq Mollah-Noor Mohammad Azad, both known as supporters of the ruling party's labour front Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal.

The rioting Gas employees, armed with broken legs of

## Our movement isn't aimed at ousting gov't: Imam

PARIDPUR, July 9: Jahanara Imam, convener of Ghatka Dalal Nirmul Committee, today said their movement is not aimed at ousting the government but to help establish democracy in the country, reports UNB.

Addressing a public meeting at Modhukhali near here she said it was the movement of the pro-liberation forces who wanted to materialise the dreams of the martyrs of the liberation war.

The meeting was organised by the district Nirmul Committee and presided over by local MP Abdur Rouf. Those present at the meeting included Abdur Razzak MP, Kazi Arif of JSD and Bimal Biswas of Workers Party.

Jahanara said the Nirmul Committee has not acted against the law by forming the Gono Adalat.

The government by rejecting the judgment of the Gono Adalat has played the role of an opponent and filed case against the committee, she said.

## New satellite

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phones in Dhaka metropolitan. Installation of 20,500 Digital telephones in Chittagong city, setting up of 28,800 Analogue and 1,30,000 Digital telephones in different parts of the country, setting up of 1,00,000 more Digital telephones throughout the country, installation of 4,500 public call offices across the country, inviting international tender for modernisation of the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha, connecting radio-link between thana and district headquarters, setting up of Digital microwave link between Dhaka-Sylhet, Dhaka-Bogra and Dhaka-Mymensingh and installation of modern pay-phones.

Replying to a question from Salauddin Guader Chowdhury (NDP-Chittagong), Keramat Ali said 25,138 applications are now pending for new telephone connections in Chittagong telecommunications area.

The Minister said that the work for installation of 500-line Analogue and 500-line Analogue ISD telephone in Chittagong would be completed within the current month.

## JCD activist beheaded in Feni

FENI, July 9: An activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal was beheaded near his village Tulatali in Sonagaji thana last midnight, allegedly by the supporters of Chhatra League (ML), reports UNB.

Police and family sources said Nurul Absar, 1st year student of Gazl College was killed by the miscreants numbering about 12.

Absar was returning home at around 12.30 am after attending a marriage ceremony.

Police today arrested four young men, Zahid Alam, Abu Safian, Zakir Hossain and Omar Farooq in this connection. But the details of their identification could not be gathered immediately.

Local BNP leaders, however, blamed Chhatra League for the killing.

Whip Mahbubul Alam Tara attended the Namaj-e-Janaja of Nurul Absar in the afternoon and demanded immediate arrest and punishment of the killers.

Another report adds: A Jubadal activist Zakir Hossain was kidnapped from the premises of Session Judge Court when he came to attend a case today.

Police, however, rescued Zakir from Shaheen clinic in the town with serious injuries. Local BNP also blamed BCL for the abduction.

## Mother Teresa honoured

PARIS, July 9: The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization on Thursday awarded its \$100,000 Peace Education Prize to Mother Teresa, reports AP.

The prize "crowns a life entirely consecrated to the service of the poor, to the promotion of peace and to combating injustice," UNESCO said in a statement.

Born to an Albanian peasant family on Aug. 27, 1910, in Skopje, Yugoslavia, Annes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was 18 years old when she entered the Irish order of the Sisters of Loretto. She left the order two decades later to found the Society of the Missionaries of Charities in Calcutta, India, to serve "the poorest of the poor."

In 1950, she became an Indian citizen.

By the time she won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charities had 200 branches in 24 countries.

## Nurul Majid acting chairman of Jubo League

Former MP Nurul Majid Humayun has been given the responsibility of the acting chairman of Bangladesh Awami Jubo League, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at an emergency meeting of Jubo League presidium held at the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament at Minto Road on Wednesday.

Later, the Jubo League leaders called on the Awami League Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina.

Speaking on the occasion Sheikh Hasina called upon the Jubo League leaders to build the Jubo League as a dynamic and disciplined organisation and stand by the distressed and working people.

# Kaunda quits politics next month

LUSAKA, July 9: Kenneth Kaunda, who led Zambia from independence in 1964 until losing its first pre-presidential election last year, will retire as an opposition leader next month and leave politics, his party said Thursday, reports AP.

Kaunda, 68, who said he would quit politics after losing the October election to union leader Frederick Chiluba, was not available for comment.

Keby Musokotwane, secretary general of his United National Independence Party, said at a news conference that Kaunda reaffirmed his determination not to stand for... president at the next party congress, scheduled for August.

Chiluba had refused to pay Kaunda his government pension until he left politics.

Kaunda led a violent struggle for independence in the 1950s and 60s. He founded Zambia as one of Africa's richest nations and left it in economic ruins.

He declared a one-party state, outlawed political opposition and detained his opponents. His leadership was marked by widespread corruption.

Kaunda nationalized copper mines that earned 90 per cent of export income, then saw copper prices plummet.

Zambia's foreign debt soared to \$18.8 billion and the former food exporting nation became a major food importer.

International donors ordered sweeping reforms including a return to Western

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style democracy, cuts in food subsidies and the privatization of state corporations.

Chiluba, 49, promised economic and democratic reforms and to end corruption and human rights abuses.

## CPRS suspends programme

The Committee for Protecting the Rights of the Students (CPRS) Thursday suspended their action programme upon assurances of sympathetic consideration of their 11-point demand by the Dhaka University authorities, reports UNB.

CPRS, a forum of general students of the university, was formed last month to protect student interest and protest the "arbitrary decision, irregularities and nepotism".

A press release of the CPRS said that the authorities had shown deep sympathy to their demand and assured to consider it.

The forum held a rally at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla which was addressed by Golam Mostafa, Kazi Sohel, Harun-al-Rashid and Faruq Ahmed.

Addressing the rally, they said that they postponed the programme of publication of white paper on teacher's irregularities and nepotism and other action programme due to adverse campus situation.

The speakers said that their movement would continue until the limitation of arbitrary decision, irregularities and nepotism of the teachers.

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