## Fresh fighting shatters uneasy calm in Kabul

KABUL, July 14: Rockets and gunfire left at least four people dead and 10 injured today as renewed fighting shattered an uneasy week-long peace in the Afghan capital, witnesses and hospital sources said, reports AFP.

At least seven rockets slammed into an Afghan army hospital injuring one person, a doctor said adding that 10 victims of the fighting were ad mitted. Six of them were reported to be in serious condi-

The three hours of fighting broke out near the posh district of Wazir Akbar Khan, where Defence Minister Ahmed Shah Masood and some diplomats live. The still-closed US Embassy and four other foreign missions are also in the

A body was seen lying in the grassy compound of the Public Health Ministry, near the road to the city's civilian airport.

"He was a cigarette vendor caught in the crossfire," a ministry guard told AFP, pointing toward a wooden stool across the road where the man had made his living selling foreign cigarettes.

'A bullet hit him in the chest, killing him instantly', the guard said. 'We do not know who he is, but a boy who was with him has gone to call his relatives.

There were also report of serious tension near the Ministry of Higher Education and Kabul University in the southwestern district, which is controlled by Shiite Mujahedeen's Hezb-I-Wahdat faction.

Most shops in the city. where a relative calm had prevailed for the past several days, had been closed, streets were almost deserted and vehicular traffic was very thin, witnesses

The fighting near Wazir Akbar Khan broke out around 7:45 am local time (0315 GMT) with a flurry of rockets, followed by intermittent ma-

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Telephone Shilpa Sangstha

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Pm: Bahrain

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day trip to Pakistan was fi-

nalised during Foreign Minis-

capital Friday, after attending

the two-day SAARC ministerial

meet in Colombo, and held

talks with Prime Minister

Nawaz Sharif and Minister of

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dique Khan Kanju. The FM also

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chine gun and assault rifle fire. Approaches to the area were blocked by Uzbek militia and troops from the Defence Ministry, but ministry officials contacted by telephone gave no details, saying only that it was 'minor trouble.

People in the area, however, said the fighting involved a Uzbek militia force of northern Commander General Abdul Rashid Dostam and Defence Ministry personnel. Sources said the clashes

were triggered when two Uzbek militiamen were taken into custody and their compatriots arrived to free them.

An officer at the Uzbek militia headquarters in Wazir Akbar Khan said terrorists elements had fired at an Uzbek General's car as he drove through the area, causing the flare-up.

Bodyguards of General Abdul Ghafoor Faryabi were injured, he said, but did not give the number or severity, adding that Faryabi was unhurt.

The rocket hits on the army hospital, some 200 metres (660 feet) from the Public Health Ministry, left holes in the thick walls and smashed windows on two floors. Burnt mattresses and pillows later lay in the compound.

Numerous government buildings in different parts of Kabul have been occupied, without authorisation, by various Mujahedeen groups since fighters from about dozen factions entered the city after the April 28 fall of the communist government.

The Afghan interim gov ernment is raising a security force and an operation aimed at clearing the streets and buildings of unwanted groups.

President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Prime Minister Abdul Saboor Fareed, who belong to the Jamiat-I-Islami and Hezb-I-Islami factions respectively, have vowed to take determined steps to ensure complete security in Kabul.

PM: Telecom system From Page 1 Col 7 and congenial atmosphere in the society to help the present the country and 20,500 digital government carry forward its telephones in the Chittagong

> The function was also addressed by T and T Minister Mohammad Keramat Ali, Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury and Chairman of the T and T. Board Abdus Selim.

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betterment of the people.

Referring to the various demands of the local people regarding telephones Home Minister urged for making the telephone call charge for Narayanganj at per with the Dhaka city.

The T and T Minister said the Telephone Shilpa Sangstha would be able to switch over to digital technology after four months. He said it would be possible to fulfil the demand for the telephone with the

transfer of technology. The Prime Minister inaugurated the exchange by talking to the Home Minister by telephone. Later Begum Zia unveiled a plaque and went round the exchange.

The members of parliament including Begum Shamsunnahar, Ataur Rahman Khan, Prof Mohammad Rezaul Karim and Advocate Abul Kalam also attended the function.

On her way back to Dhaka the Prime Minister planted a sapling of Mehogani at the Eidgah Maiden at Jamtola. The Home Minister also planted sapling on the occasion.

#### 2 rly officials suspended

The Station Master and Inspector of Nirapatta Bahini of Mymensingh Railway Station have been placed under suspension for their alleged failure to discharge responsibility properly, a Bangladesh Railway press release here yesterday said, reports BSS.

Secretary of Railway Division Syed Shamim Ahsan inspected Mymensingh Railway Station and found some unauthorised structures and shops re-erected after eviction. The local railway authority did neither prevent the misdoers nor inform the higher authorities

The suspended railway officers are: Station Master Golam Mortuza and Inspector of Railway Nirapatta Bahini Zainul

Abedin. Railway has undertaken a programme to evict all unauthorised structures from railway premises.

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Democratic League leader Oli Ahad addressing a public meeting at Gulistan yesterday demanding trial of Golam Azam and other war criminals. - Star photo

### Quest for an answer in a seminar

# To whom does the police force belong?

By Staff Correspondent

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"To whom does our police force belong - the govern ment, the state or the people ?" asked a speaker. "Police can be bought the cheapest price", alleged another while vet another added "we now have to consider whether we should let our society turn into a police state or not.

Speakers at an open discussion in the capital Tuesday suggested increased control on the activities of the country's police force for better service to the republic.

They also recommended amendments to certain provisions in the criminal procedure of the country for better and more neutral enforcement of the laws.

The discussion titled Police Activities and Human Rights' was organised by the Bangladesh Human Rights Commission and was participated by people from various sections of society and prolessions.

Those spoke at the discus-

sion included Dr Kamal Hossain, Convenor of the newly-formed Democratic Forum, Barrister Amirul Islam, Convenor of the Lawyers' Coordinating Council, Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, economist Dr Atiur Rahman, Professor Latifa Akhand, labour leader Abdullah Sarker, Bangabandhu Parishad General Secretary S A Malek, Major General (retd) Khalilur Rahman, Advocate Jahirul Islam of the Democratic Forum, Advocate Maleka Parveen, Advocate Muhammad Ali, and Chief Photographer of The Daily Star A K M Mohsin.

All the speakers at the discussion vehemently resented the June 22 police attack on the journalists at the Jatiya Press Club and the subsequent

Barrister Amirul Islam statement of the Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowd Democratic Forum Convenor Dr Kamal Hossain said that even after restoring democracy in the country "we

> He also resented the Prime Minister's comment on the police action at the Club saying that she was victim in a deeprooted conspiracy hatched by the Pakistan Inter-Services

\*Conspirators are within your cabinet and your party, Barrister Islam cautioned the Prime Minister. "If you want to deal with terrorism, elimi-

Dr Atiur Rahman, outlining a welfare state, suggested control of the regulatory system

magistrates were the main hindrance in the government's development efforts, he said.

mentary house committees for better accountability of the state machinery. Advocate Shamsul Huq

present police were controlling the state. "The control which the government had on police during the British pe riod has now gone," he said. Advocate Chowdhury suggested formulating of specific

use of weapons by them. S A Malek of Bangabandhu Parishad commented that po-

Labour leader Abdullah the people ?"

viewed that the June 22 police action at the National Press Club was not an isolated incident but that it reflected the attitude of the state machinery, the ruling party and the police.

Intelligence.

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Dr Rahman also suggested strengthening of the parlia-

Chowdhury pointed out that at

laws on the power and jurisdiction of police, and on the

lice go out of order as a result of a slack state system.

Sarker questioned, "Why, after 21 years of independence, are the police still a nightmare to

#### DCC budget

From Page 1 Col 6

Announcing the budget Abbas said that about Taka 147 crore had been earmarked for the development of the capital city in the new fiscal.

"This allocation is not sufficient for the proper development," Abbas said adding that 'the government should provide more funds for the capital's development."

Abbas said that the suspended work of 'Nagar Bhaban would be resumed soon and Taka 29.12 crore had been carmarked for the project at the budget.

The 48 crore taka project was suspended temporarily in March '91 as the construction firm defaulted with the timeframe for the project and as the authorities detected a number of anomalies in the contract.

The Mayor said that if the funds are available from foreign donors, the DCC would construct six fly-overs to improve the city's traffic system.

He also said that Taka one crore would be spent during the new fiscal year for mosquite control.

"You will not notice any mosquito anywhere in the capital in the coming season, as some modern machines have been purchased," the Mayor said explaining that "the old machine which was bought during Ershad period at a cost of Taka 42 crore has been proved useless."

Mirza Abbas said that the development projects included environmental development, low-cost latrine project, city infra-structure development project at Mirpur, flood control and Dholaikhal project.

The World Bank and Asian Development Bank will provide financial help to this project. The corporation currently

has outstanding bills of Taka 21.38 crore, of which over Taka 11 core is lying with the government and autonomous organisations. The Mayor said that an

electric plant had already been commissioned at the Postagola cremation ground at a cost of about Taka one crore and the Mirpur graveyard would be expanded during the new fiscal. The DCC had to pay Taka

10 crore arrears bill of the contractors, Taka 30 crore bank loans and would be spent Taka 37 crore for the development of city roads and drains. He sought people's coopera

tion for the development and said that "the development works are being hampered by some mastans and toll collec-About the anarchy in four

city bus terminals, the Mayor said that the terminals as well as the transport sector are hostages to some 122 so-called transport union leaders.

### DCC hopes to earn more from second marriages

By Asiuzzaman

The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) authorities expect that more residents of the capital would marry for the second time, one of its prime source of income, during 1992-93.

The "optimism" was ex pressed as the new budget of the corporation was being announced Tuesday by DCC Mayor Mirza Abbas. This year, it was estimated

that the corporation would earn Taka 1,000 from the "second marriage sector." Last year, DCC had expected

to earn Taka 300 on this account but the earning stood at only taka 75. Mirza Abbas said second-

marriages were not properly recorded but did not provide any "indication" for the "optimism" shown this year.

#### Open varsity may be named after Zia

The proposed open university might be named after late President Ziaur Rahman with its main campus situated in the abandoned premises of Islamic University in Gazipur, reports UNB. This was stated by

Education Minister Barrister Zamiruddin Sircar in parliament during question hour yesterday. A total 10 regional centres

under the university will be established, he told the House. Also, he added, a total of

81 study centres would be set up centring existing schools and colleges across the coun-

About the structure of the university, the minister said there would be one vice-chancellor, more than one pro-vice chancellors, 10 regional directors, professors, experts, departmental heads and officers.

Replying a supplementary question, the Education Minister indicated that the proposed university might be named after late President Ziaur Rahman.

## The Midnight File

#### UP admn threatened with dismissal

NEW DELHI, July 14: The Indian government today threatened an opposition-ruled state administration with possible dismissal if it did not protect a 16th-century mosque from being destroyed by Hindu militants. The warning, the toughest in recent weeks, came as authorities deployed additional security around the now crumbling mosque, near which Hindu militants began work on a promised temple on Thursday, reports AFP.

#### Sudanese troops seize SPLA stronghold

KHARTOUM, July 14: Government troops have seized the main stronghold of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), Torit, Sudanese junta leader Omar Hassan El Beshir declared today. Gen Beshir said the army and Popular Defence Forces (PDF) had entered and "liberated" the town of Torit on Monday, in a statement he read personally in Sudanese radio, reports AFP.

#### 29 killed in Russian plane crash

MOSCOW, July 14: Twenty-nine people were killed today when a plane carrying Russian soldiers' families crashed after taking off from the Azerbaijani territory of Nakhichevan, the Russian Defence Ministry said. It said the Antonov-12 plane was carrying 34 passengers when it crashed on a flight from Nakhichevan, near the Iranian border, to the Russian city of Rostov-On-Don, reports Reuter.

#### Erosion leaves 500 families homeless in Pabna

PABNA, July 14: At least 500 families of 14 villages in two thanas of the district were rendered homeless as the rivers Padma and Jamuna continued to erode the banks during the last 24 hours. Seriously affected villages include Gunpotadia, Modhupur, Nakania, Bojoyganj, Nazirganj and Shakhaganj. The worst-hit are Modhupur and Bojoygan where about 400 families have lost their houses during the period.

Thana Nirbahi Officer (TNO) of Bera, Anis Uddin Manju told UNB that 100 to 150 families are being made homeless everyday since the crosion began two months

He said about four thousand homeless people of the two thanas are still passing uncertain life on the Mujib dam. Referring to the insufficient

relief for the victims, the TNO alleged that only three metric tons of rice and taka 20,000 as relief were received from the government after repeated re-It could feed only 20 per

cent of the victims, he added.

#### Rohingya From Page 1 Col 4

fled six months ago. The refugees are all united against going back to Arakan. They say 'if we die here in

Bangladesh we will at least be buried according to Muslim rites. The Maghs don't allow us to practise our religion'," said Salahuddin Mahmud, additional camp-in-charge at Gundum, four miles from the Myanmar border. Repatriation of the Muslim

refugees was due to start May 15 under a Bangladesh-Myanmar agreement signed April 28. But it was postponed following violent street protests by the refugees. Last month two refugees were killed in police firing on anti-repatriation demonstrations. A major demand of the

refugees is that the United Nations supervise their repatriation and rehabilitation in Arakan. Myanmar has rejected the demand. Officials at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) based in Cox's Bazar also believed that the planned repatriation would not take off until their involvement in the process

"I think the refugees will return home if Burma agrees to accept our supervision of the process," said a UNHCR official

The repatriation standof continues with the monsoon rains compounding miseries of the refugees spawning diarrhoea, malaria, dysentery and fever. According to international relief workers at Cox's Bazar the deaths from these diseases are occurring at a rate of 2 persons per 1,000 refugees, which means at least 50 people are dying every day.

This is alarming even in a refugee situation," said a foreign relief official who wanted anonymity. "We are still on a knife's edge. It's not good, but it could still be worse," he said.

Khandaker Shahidul Islam, the Relief Commissioner, said that the health situation "has been brought under control. This is not alarming."

Refugees don't always report deaths to the authorities for fear of losing rations. Every refugee irrespective of age, gets 500 grams of rice, 68 grams of lentils, 28 grams of

Relief officials interviewed in several camps said that monsoon-spawned diarrhoea had subsided. But they fear it may return again as the monsoon is likely to stay for at least another two months.

salt per day.

### **Bastille Day** celebrated

PARIS, July 14: Proud of French peacekeeping in wartorn Yugoslavia, France mustered troops and pageantry Tuesday in a Bastille Day parade marking the anniversary of the French Revolution, reports AP.

The parade, viewed by hundreds of thousands of French citizens and tourists, celebrates the July 14, 1789, storming of the hated Bastille prison that propelled the French Revolution and gave birth to France's first republic. Celebrations began Monday with dancing and fireworks in nearly every French city and

#### Drug smuggling From Page 1 Col 5

according to police.

Eliada was arrested with about three kilograms of heroin on her way to Zurich, Switzerland at Zia International Airport (ZIA) in Dhaka on February 25 this year.

Later DB police arrested Blankson and Goddy. All of the arrested persons in separate confessional statement to the magistrates admitted their involvement in the drug-traffick-

### Manuscripts

From Page 1 Col 5 manuscripts of plays by him either already performed on the television or on radio and many other works.

A grief-stricken Chowdhury said that the lost materials were his life-long works.

The playwright filed a case with Muhammadpur police, Tucsday.

No stolen manuscripts has vet been traced or none has so far been arrested.

#### Pak opposition

From Page 1 Col 4 processions to commemorate the sacrifice of their saints by beating themselves with chains and sometimes knives.

It is the first time that the two sections adopted such a dangerous course to settle their religious problems in the history of Peshawar.

Chief Minister of the province has condemned the unfortunate incident and called upon the people of the province to keep calm and exercise restraint.

#### Hill Tracts From Page 1 Col 5

ing the interests of the tribal people of the Hill Tracts. The leader also expressed surprise at the way the committee was The proposal to restructure

the committee, according to sources, would take few more days to be implemented. The government leaders were trying to convince their counterparts that a government committee was a 'better option' than a parliamentary one as a parliamentary committee was a ime-consuming affair.

Sources further said that the government was more interested in restructuring the committee formed earlier by including one of the opposition MPs elected from the Hill Tracts. The Opposition was yet to respond to this suggestion.

The Committee formed on

July 9 with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed as Convenor has the following members: Shahjahan Chowd hury, MP, Cox's Bazar-4, Syed Ohidul Alam, MP, Chittagong-5, Mohammad Shahjahan, MP, Noakhali-4, Barkat Ullah, MP, Noakhali-2, Shahjahan Chowdhury, MP, Chittagong-14, Rashed Khan Menon, MP, Bakerganj 2, Mostaque Ahmed Chowdhury, MP, Cox's Bazar-3 and Abdul Matin Khasru, MP, Comilla-5.

The Committee was asked to submit specific recommendations to the government within the next two months.

## **Executive Editor: Mahfuz Anam**

DHAKA

### not our police." Biman launches second flight

to Japan With the inauguration of Dhaka-Nagoya route, Biman Bangladesh Airlines launched its second flight to Japan yes-

terday, reports BSS. A wide-bodied DC-10 left Dhaka last evening with 197 passengers in its maiden flight

to Nagoya. A munajat was offered at the

Zia International Airport on

the eve of the inaugural flight. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan attended the function. Nagoya will be the 27th destination of the Bangladesh national flag carrier in its international

network. From now on Biman Bangladesh Airlines will operate two flights to Japan every week. Biman has been operating one flight a week between Dhaka-Narita since November,

### JS adopts RMP bill

The Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday night adopted the Rajshahi Mctropolitan Police Bill, 1992 for establishment of a separate police force for a time-befitting administration, suppressing crimes and maintaining law and order in the divisional headquarters of the northern part of the country, reports

After three hours of discussion the House rejected all the amendments to the bill moved by the opposition members. Thirty -six members took part in the discussion while moving their amendments.

sury Bench, the Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury who piloted the bill told the House that the present government was determined to climinate those who had indulged in terrorism and looting during past one decade.

Amid cheers from the Trea-

## Khmer Rouge takes control of 2 villages

PHNOM PENH (Cambodia), July 14: In a major truce violation, about 250 Khmer Rouge guerillas attacked and seized two villages in northern Cambodia Tuesday, a spokesman for the UN peacekeeping op-

cration said, reports AP. The guerillas seized the government-held villages near Phum Kulen town following artillery shelling, said spokesman Eric Falt. Members of three Khmer Rouge divisions were involved in the at-

tack, he said. Falt said one civilian was killed and another was wounded. He had no information on military casualties or

other details. There have been less serious clashes reported in recent weeks near Phum Kulen, in the province of Preah Vihear, about 300 kilometers (180 ntiles) north of Phnom Penh. The UN military command has said some people fled the area in anticipation of a Khmer

Rouge attack. The Khmer Rouge, which signed a peace accord last October, has been fighting smallscale, sporadic clashes with government forces and has refused to join the other Cambodian factions in sending all troops to UN . - supervised holding areas. The one-month operation was supposed to have been completed last Sat-

urday. The Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of people during a fanatical attempt to restructure Cambodian society in the 1970s.

1978 to end its rule. The

Khmer Rouge, which claims to

have 25,000 guerillas, contin-

ued fighting from the jungles. In a statement distributed to the UN peacekeeping authority and to reporters on Tucsday, the Khmer Rouge promised to send all its

guerillas to barracks within a month if the Vietnamese-in-

ter previous demands the Khmer Rouge has said must be met before it will rejoin the peace process.

The government has redemands it be dissolved.

#### reforms and not in the sense of fundamentalism. "I am an Islamic Social Democrat," she declared, say-

Replying to a question regarding the dismissal of her government, she said it was instigated by President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, carried out by Gen Aslam Beg — the then Chief of Army Staff — with the support of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI). The ISI emerged as a powerful organisation dur-

would still oppose her return to power she said, the Army under Gen Asif Nawaz - the present Chief of Staff - had distanced itself from 'old dirty tricks' and that it was now "neutral. She expressed her confi-

"What is the IJI? It is nothing but the creation of General Zia, with the help of the ISI." (See page 4 for details of the interview)

#### stalled government is dissolved during that period. Although more detailed, the proposal does not appear to al-

Benazır From Page 1 Col 7 to keep the Muslims a backward section. Islam, she said was a great religion in terms of

other "face of Islam - the face of liberty, prosperity and advancement.

ing she would advocate an-

ing General Zia's rule. Asked whether the Army

dence that the PPP would Victnam invaded in late sweep any free and fair polls as, she said, the leaders of the present coalition, the IJI, did' not enjoy the support of the people.