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Two killed following Jamaat, Nirmul body rallies

By Staff Correspondent

Two persons were killed and about 30 others injured as shots, bombs and tear gas shells shook downtown Dhaka Saturday following two separate meetings of the Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Samannay Committee and the Jamaat-e-Islami.

Jamaat claimed that the victims Atiqul Islam Dulal and Syzuddin were its activists from Munshiganj district and blamed the Nirmul Samannay Committee supporters for the killings.

Dhaka Medical College Hospital sources confirmed Dulal's death while Syzuddin was declared dead after being taken to the Ibne-Sinha Clinic.

Jamaat in a press release said that the two were shot and killed near the Janata Bank head office when they were returning home after attending the Jamaat rally.

Police or any other independent source could not confirm their identities.

Police fought a two-hour street battle with supporters of the Samannay Committee using tear gas and batons while being stoned in return.

Shibir activists joined the battle and hurled at least 15 bombs from the Baitul Mokarram Mosque compound.

The city unit of Nirmul Samannay Committee organised the rally at the south gate of Baitul Mokarram Mosque demanding execution of the people's court verdict on controversial Jamaat chief Pakistani citizen Golam Azam.

Jamaat held its rally at the north gate of the national mosque demanding release of its Amir, now in jail for violating the country's citizenship laws.

The trouble erupted when police stopped a post-rally procession of the Nirmul Committee supporters heading



People running helter-skelter as police lobbed tear-gas shells at meeting venue in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Govt supporting fundamentalists: Nirmul body

By Staff Correspondent

Convenor of Ekatturer Ghatok-Dalal Nirmul Samannay Committee Jahanara Imam, accused the government of collaborating with fundamentalists — Jamaat — and warned that people may start an anti-government movement if Golam Azam was not tried and Jamaat banned.

"Police and your ministers cannot save you if the people start agitation," she told the rally held near the south gate of Baitul Mokarram Mosque making an oblique reference to the Prime Minister.

"Even Jamaat will start campaigning against you (PM) if it gains ground as it does not believe in female leadership," she said adding, "Jamaat is now silent against you because of strategic problems."

She also stated the government for its autocratic attitude and using the police to repress the sympathisers of the committee. She demanded

Militants oppose repatriation Three Rohingya refugees hacked to death

By Staff Correspondent

Militant Rohingyas opposing repatriation to Myanmar hacked three fellow refugees to death, cut their bodies into pieces and dumped them deep inside a jungle in southern Ukhaia upazila, officials said Saturday.

The dismembered bodies of Muntir Ahmed, 40, his wife and a newly-married son were recovered Saturday from a hastily-dug grave in the jungles, half a mile from Balukhali-2 camp for Rohingya refugees, according to Daud-uz-Zaman Chowdhury, Deputy Commissioner of Cox's Bazar.

Chowdhury, present when the bodies were recovered said that police arrested 109 refugees for questioning in connection with the killings that occurred Thursday night.

The three were killed apparently for agreeing to return home in response to a Bangladesh-Myanmar repatriation agreement signed last April.

They were inmates of Balukhali-2 camp which houses more than 11,000 Rohingya refugees who have fled into Bangladesh to escape persecution by Myanmar soldiers.

Officials reached by telephone in Cox's Bazar said that

Next round of Dhaka-Yangon talks July 23

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

Bangladesh and Myanmar will hold official-level talks in Yangon's border town of Maungdwe July 23 to discuss repatriation of Rohingya refugees, an official source said yesterday.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Omar Faruq and Myanmar Immigration Ministry Director General Maung Aung would lead the respective teams at the talks, the source said.

The meeting was scheduled for July 16, but deferred as Myanmar declined to take part citing non-availability of its officials.

At the June 8 meeting in Maungdwe, the two sides had agreed that the senior officials would sit once a month and the field-level officials "as and when necessary" to deal with the problems in the way of repatriation of more than quarter a million Rohingyas.

Govt gave in to leftists, pro-Ram forces: Jamaat

By Staff Correspondent

Acting Ameer of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Abbas Ali Khan, yesterday accused the BNP government of repeated 'wrongdoings'.

Explaining his accusation, Khan said this government had surrendered to a 'rejected party' and the 'gana adalats' whom he branded 'leftists and pro-Ram forces' and who, according to him, did not believe in the country's independence.

Speaking further on the 'wrongdoings', the Jamaat leader alleged that the government had 'shaken hands' with those charged with sedition instead of bringing about people's well being. It (government) had signed an agreement with the 'rejected party' bypassing the country's judicial system, he added.

Addressing a public meeting at the north gate of Baitul Mokarram in the capital, Khan warned the ruling party that

People to discard those who defame country: PM

By Staff Correspondent

Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia said here today that the people would again discard those who defame the country abroad, reports BSS.

"The patriotic and nationalist people of the country like the past will reject the quarters totally who want to create anarchy, resort to conspiracy and speak evil of the country on the foreign soil," Begum Zia told a huge public meeting organised by local BNP at the Belkuchi college ground.

Begum Zia said the cooperation and assistance from all quarters irrespective of affiliation to any party or opinion were necessary to rebuild the country from the debris left by the autocrats.

She said "we will supplement every effort for the development of the country."

The Prime Minister said the people of this country are nationalist and they can recognise the elements who want to disrupt the development of the

BCL factions trade fire on campus again

By DU Correspondent

Several rounds of gunshots were exchanged between the two feuding factions of the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League staying at three residential halls on the Dhaka University campus Saturday morning.

Campus sources said that at about 5 am yesterday, gunshots were heard from the Zahurul Huq Hall, a stronghold of BCL's Mantu faction, Jagannath Hall, and Salmullah Hall, the control of which was recently taken over by the Barisal and Gopalganj groups.

Sources said that the incident was a sequel to Friday's gun battle between the same factions of BCL.

Hall sources said that in another incident, a group of angry youths assaulted a resident, Faedul Amin Tuhin, of F Rahman Hall at about 5 in the evening yesterday.

Discussion on budget in JS Reflects hopes of commonman: BNP WB, IMF prescription: Opposition

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday hailed the national budget as a development-oriented one while the Opposition criticised it as a document prepared on the advice of the World Bank (WB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

A systematic discussion on the proposed national budget began in Parliament when it resumed at 10 in the morning Saturday with Speaker Shaik Razzaz Ali in the chair.

Besides raising local issues, the participating members tried to make the deliberations interesting.

The Treasury benches defended the budget saying that it had reflected the commitments in the Party's 19-point programme.

The Opposition members, in their turn, criticised the budget for being dependent on foreign ideas and threw light on the deteriorating law and order situation. They observed that such a situation was not conducive to the much expected foreign investments.

The Opposition members also criticised the tariff proposals and urged the government to review them.

BSS reports: Participating in the general discussion Mahbubul Alam Tara whip of BNP said that the budget contained all provisions to fulfil the BNP's election pledges and the 19-point programme of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. Implementation of the budgetary provisions would take the country on the road to progress, he added.

Throwing light on different aspects of the national budget, Mahbubul Alam said that some concrete steps had been suggested in it to reduce system loss, realise arrear dues, and check corruption.

In this connection he pointed out that the present

Anti-corruption Bureau submits reports against 22 officers

By Staff Correspondent

The Bureau of Anti-corruption had taken up investigation into 862 cases, including 22 against class one government officers, in 16 months till May 30, reports UNB.

This was stated by LGRD Minister Barrister Abdus Salam Talukdar, in Charge of Prime Minister's Secretariat, in reply to Hajj Rashed Mosharrar (AL) during question hour in parliament yesterday.

Investigation reports were submitted in 166 of the cases, including those against the class one gazetted officers, during the period.

The accused gazetted officers are former Industries Secretary AKM Mosharrar Hossain, Chief Accountant of Dhaka City Corporation Abul Kalam, Secretary of Dhaka City Corporation Abdur Rouf Salek, former T&T Board Chairman Maksud Ali Khan, former Chairman of RAJUK late SHM Abul Bashar, former RAJUK Chairman MM Rahmatullah, former Chairman of Civil

3 killed, 44 hurt in road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

At least three people were killed and 44 others injured in five separate road accidents in Dhaka and Mymensingh Saturday.

Our DMCH Correspondent reports: Three people were killed in three separate road accidents in Cantonment, Tejgaon and Azampur in the city yesterday.

A unidentified man was knocked down by a train — Ekota Express, near Dhaka Cantonment rail crossing at around 9:30 am and died on the spot.

A rickshawpuller died as a speeding truck rammed into his rickshaw in front of BG Press at Tejgaon at around 3 pm.

The fatally injured rickshawpuller was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to injuries at about 6 pm on the same day.

In another road accident at Azampur, Uttara, a motor-cyclist, Jalal Ahmed, 25, was killed as his motor-bike collided with a private car at 4 pm yesterday.

Grievously injured Jalal was rushed to the DMCH where he succumbed.

All the three bodies were sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

Our Gazipur Correspondent reports: At least 35 people were injured, 12 of them seriously, when a passenger-bus collided with a truck at Barabari on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at around 10 am Saturday.

The ill-fated bus, on its way to Dhaka from Kishoreganj, turned upside down when it collided with the truck coming from the opposite direction.

Twelve critically injured others were admitted to the Tongi Hospital.

The truck driver managed to escape along with his vehicle.

Sohearto's emissary in city

A special envoy of President Sohearto of Indonesia arrived here yesterday to extend invitation to Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia to attend the forthcoming summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, reports UNB.

Jakarta will host the 10th NAM summit scheduled for September 1-6.

The special envoy, A Sulastikin Murpratomo, who is the Minister of State for the Role of Women, was received at the airport by State Minister for Women's Affairs Begum Sarwari Rahman.

Bangladesh Ambassador to Indonesia Muhammad Farooq, Indonesian Ambassador to Bangladesh Air Vice Marshal Sumkno Iswadi and Malaysian High Commissioner in Dhaka Ahmed Fuzi were present.

She is expected to call on the Prime Minister today (Sunday) to convey the invitation.

During her 4-day stay in the capital, Murpratomo is likely to call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas, besides meeting Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf.

VHP vows to go ahead with temple construction

AYODHYA (India), July 18: Hindu militants rejected an appeal by a provincial Indian government today to halt an explosive drive here to build a temple which threatens an ancient Muslim mosque, reports AFP.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP, World Hindu Council) said it was prepared for a "long struggle" and dared authorities to implement a court order, calling for an immediate halt to the construction of a temple for the Hindu God Rama.

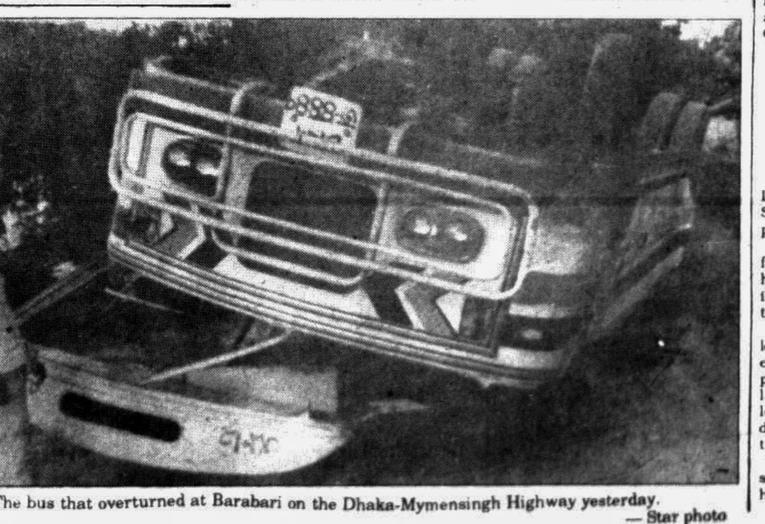
"We are not going to budge an inch from here," said VHP Organising Secretary Purshotam Narain Singh. "We don't care for orders from Chief Minister or Prime Minister.

Only Lord Rama's wishes can be implemented here."

He said some 10,000 Hindus were working on the proposed multi-million dollar shrine, and more and more volunteers were pouring into this small river-side town every day in response to appeals from the VHP.

The VHP leader spoke shortly after Faizabad district Magistrate R.N. Srivastava told reporters he had requested the VHP to stop the temple drive in line with a court ruling Wednesday.

Srivastava made the comments after an unexpected visit to the site where thousands of Hindus began raising the temple on July 9 as part of



The bus that overturned at Barabari on the Dhaka-Mymensingh Highway yesterday. — Star photo

Smith elected Labour Party leader

LONDON, July 18: The Labour Party elected John Smith as leader Saturday, reports AP.

Smith, 53, a Scottish lawyer from the party's right wing, had been expected to win easily and polled 91 per cent of the votes.

The party's electoral college, which consists of unions, elected lawmakers and local party organizations, was voting later Saturday for deputy leader Smith's choice for deputy, Margaret Beckett, was tipped to win.

The party's treasury spokesman since 1987, Smith has promised a thorough re-

DESA realises Tk 13 lakh as fines
 Dhaka Electricity Supply Authority (DESA) has realised about Taka 13 lakh as fines between October '91 and June '92 from greater Dhaka district during drives to contain system loss and stop power pilferage. The DESA sources said that a total of Taka 12,63,642 were realised as fines and 408 persons convicted and sentenced to jails for different offences. The sources said 6,140 cases were instituted and 22,908 power lines were disconnected during the drives, reports BSS.