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Dhaka to vie for IDB VP

By Staff Correspondent
Bangladesh will contest for one of the three posts of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) vice presidents to which elections are due towards the end of this year.

Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, the Economic Relations Divisions Secretary, will be Dhaka's nominee, official sources said.

IDB sources said that Pakistan would also vie for the post to be appointed from Asian member nations of the Bank. The three posts are filled up from three regions — Asia, Africa and the Middle-East.

Jamuna Bridge surcharge goes

The government has decided to waive Jamuna Bridge surcharge and development tax on dividend accrued out of investments in various investment programmes under National Savings Directorate from the current fiscal year. A press release of the directorate said that as per decision of the government there would be no reduction from the dividends on account of Jamuna (surcharge and levy) and development tax from investments on saving certificate and post office saving account effective from July this year, reports BSS.

Fresh bloodshed in Ayodhya feared All-party meet to resolve temple dispute fails

NEW DELHI, July 19: A feared confrontation loomed today between hardline Hindus bent on building a temple to a revered God-King in north India and authorities trying to enforce court orders banning the construction, reports Reuters.

An all-party meeting in Delhi failed after 14 hours of talks on Saturday to resolve a dispute over building a grandiose temple to Lord Rama on a site where a 16th-century mosque now stands.

A court in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh last week ordered a halt to the building of the temple, which has ignited bloody religious riots over the past three years and has been a bone of contention for decades.

But Hindu leaders on Saturday rejected attempts by local authorities to get them to abandon the building work.

Leaders of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) which is leading the temple campaign,

NEW DELHI, July 19: Hindus and Muslims clashed in parts of India Sunday in the first outburst of violence over temple issue, news reports said. The government rushed more federal troops to the Hindu holy town of Ayodhya Sunday. Parts of three Indian cities, including the business capital of Bombay, were affected by protests by Muslims as Hindus and Muslims clashed in the textile town of Malegaon in the west coast that left at least 34 people injured. Police arrested 100 people and imposed indefinite curfew on the town. —AP

vowed to protect the site through a round-the-clock vigil by devotees.

"We will not allow the work to be stopped, and if necessary, we will face bullets," said

VHP General Secretary Ashok Singhal after meeting a district magistrate.

The magistrate, RN Srivastava, went to the site in the Hindu pilgrim town of Ayodhya on Saturday with a directive

Prime Minister Narasimha Rao told the meeting in Delhi which broke up after midnight, that if the state government continued to be blocked in its attempts to enforce the court orders it would amount to "a breakdown of the constitution."

"The centre (federal government) is fully aware of its responsibilities and it will shoulder this if and when it becomes necessary, Rao said at the end of the meeting.

Rao has been under pressure from colleagues in his minority Congress Party government to invoke a constitutional provision allowing the central government to dismiss a state government for law and order reasons.

from the government of Uttar Pradesh — India's most populous and politically important state — to stop the work. VHP leaders refused to comply with the order.



Sulastikin Murpratoma, special envoy of President Soeharto, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the office yesterday. — Star photo.

Khaleda invited to NAM summit

The visiting special envoy of President Soeharto of Indonesia Ms A Sulastikin Murpratoma, called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday, reports BSS.

The special envoy, who is the Minister of State for the role of women of Indonesia, handed over a letter of invitation from the President of Indonesia to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia for attending the tenth Non-Aligned Summit beginning on September 1 in Jakarta.

The Prime Minister accepted the invitation with pleasure and thanked the Indonesian President for his kind gesture.

Tk 12 lakh snatched from Joydevpur Agrani Bank

From Our Correspondent

GAZIPUR, July 19: A bag containing more than Taka 12 lakh of Agrani Bank today snatched from the local Joydevpur branch this morning.

Police have arrested the manager, the cash officer and a cashier in an effort to trace the missing bag containing Taka 12 lakh and 62 thousand of the bank.

Top executives of Agrani Bank have rushed to the Joydevpur branch at Battali here after the incident.

Officials said that the money in a leather hand bag, which was scheduled to be set to Dhaka, was drawn from the vault and put on the desk of the cash officer at about 10-15 am.

The officer who was absorbed in a work found that

the bag was missing a short while after. An alarmed duty officer immediately informed the bank manager who ordered to seal off all the exits of the bank.

Gazipur police was also informed of the incident who rushed there and kept vigil over the bank. Employees and some clients were interned inside the bank till 10 pm.

Agrani Bank General Manager (administration) Mustafa Amin Rashed, AGM Kazi M. Yunus and DGM Abdul Halim Bhuiyan arrived here from Dhaka.

The bank transaction remained suspended for the day.

Police arrested the branch officials at about 8 pm tonight while they were put under suspension by the bank.

Huda's statement Journalist-leaders agreed on forming accreditation rule

Information Minister Nazmul Huda yesterday said the present government had ensured complete press freedom and always upheld the dignity of the journalist community, reports BSS.

The minister issued a press statement to dispel confusion in the light of reaction expressed by the leaders of the journalist community on his statement in the Jatiya Sangsad on July 16 last regarding the cancellation of accreditation card of newsmen.

Huda said the decision to cancel accreditation card of a newsmen by the Press Council after issuing several warnings to the concerned newsmen for publishing false and fabricated reports was taken on the basis

No-confidence proposal against LGRD Minister

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League Parliamentary Party (AL PP) yesterday reviewed the no-confidence proposal against Abdus Salam Talukder, Minister for LGRD, raised by AL MP Mirza Azam.

In his proposal, Mirza Azam accused the Minister of misusing power in his constituency, nepotism and trying to politicise the administration. Incidentally, Mirza Azam is an MP elected from the same constituency, and on quite a few occasions brought allegations against the Minister in Parliament.

The AL Parliamentary Party did not take any decision on the proposal and assigned Abdur Razzaq, a leading MP of

Star Special Pakistan favours free trade zone for SAARC

From Mahfuz Anam in Islamabad

Finance Minister of Pakistan Mr Sartaj Aziz proposes a free trade zone for SAARC to enhance trade between its members. Pending which he suggests preferential trade scheme for a certain number of items. "A 20 to 30 per cent reduction in tariff on certain agreed items would greatly improve the volume of trade between the SAARC members," he was speaking to this correspondent in an exclusive interview to The Daily Star, which covered a wide-range of issues, including the radical reforms that the present government has brought about in Pakistan.

"It was the political problems between India and Pakistan, and between India and Sri Lanka which were preventing greater cooperation in the SAARC region," the minister said.

Mr Aziz expressed his keen interest in promoting trade between Bangladesh and Pakistan in such items as jute and tea and suggested greater private sector interaction for this purpose. He advised a more aggressive marketing by Bangladeshi entrepreneurs in Pakistan to promote trade between the two countries.

Mr Aziz underscored the toughening of the international economic relations within

Resistance to Rohingya repatriation worries govt

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh and Myanmar will hold official level talks on July 23 to discuss repatriation of a quarter of a million Rohingya refugees amid concern over growing armed resistance to the process, a Foreign Ministry official said Sunday.

"We are worried about infiltration of firearms and other lethal weapons into the refugee camps," said Additional Foreign Secretary Mahmood Ali at a press briefing.

He did not specify the sources of the firearms. Ali said that although most refugees wanted to return

home "some miscreants and trouble-makers are building armed resistance to the repatriation."

Ali, who looks after the refugee issue at the Foreign Office, said that the government was taking some measures against the anti-repatriation elements.

Sounding optimistic about repatriation of 2,64,887 refugees, Ali said "It is our responsibility to protect those who want to return home."

He said that the government was raising barbed-wire

Armed clash at AJM leaves 30 injured

By Staff Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, July 19: A two-hour armed clash between the rival groups of Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) workers today left at least 30 persons injured, including two with bullet wounds.

Witnesses said the pro-BNP workers clashed with their rivals, Awami League and Jatiya Party-backed workers, on and outside the AJM premises.

Crackers were exploded by both the sides while police fired blank shots to bring the situation under control.

CBA leaders of the mills claimed that six of their members were arrested. However, Siddhirganj police confirmed three arrests.

Road communication between Dhaka and Demra remained suspended for several hours as the armed AJM workers took position on the highway.

Explosion of crackers and gunshots were heard in the AJM area until 9 at night, police informed.

Of the injured, Delwar Hossain and Nurunnabi sustained bullet wounds while Kamruzzaman and Shahabuddin were hurt in explosion of crackers, said mills sources who could not give the political affiliation of the victims.

The series of clashes began on the AJM compound at 10 am and later spread through

'Nirmul body won't succeed unless it raises demand for trial of Mujib's killers'

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League General Secretary Sajeda Chowdhury MP has said the Ghatok Nirmul Samannay Committee will never succeed unless it acknowledges Bangabandhu's contribution to the liberation of the country and demands trial of his killers.

She was speaking at a rally yesterday in the city organized by the city branch of her party to protest the 'tearing of national flag during Nirmul Committee-Jubo Compound clash in Kushtia recently.

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Jamaat sues Nirmul body leaders

By Staff Correspondent

Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh filed a case against 15 leaders and sympathizers of Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Samannay Committee including Jahanara Imam, Dr. Kamal Hossain, Lt. Col (ret'd) Kazi Nuruzzaman and Nayem Jahangir for "rioting and murder," police sources said.

Jamaat filed the case with Motijheel police on Saturday following the deaths of two persons claimed to be the Shibir activists, police said.

A number of political parties and organisations slated the filing of case by Jamaat for, what they called, harassment of the committee members.

Jamaat wants to incite civil war: Nirmul Body

The Ekattarer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee declared yesterday the Jamaat statement on Saturday's violence in the city and demanded judicial inquiry into the incident that left two Shibir activists dead, reports UNB.

"It's totally baseless, highly motivated ... and part of a blueprint to incite civil war in the country," said a statement

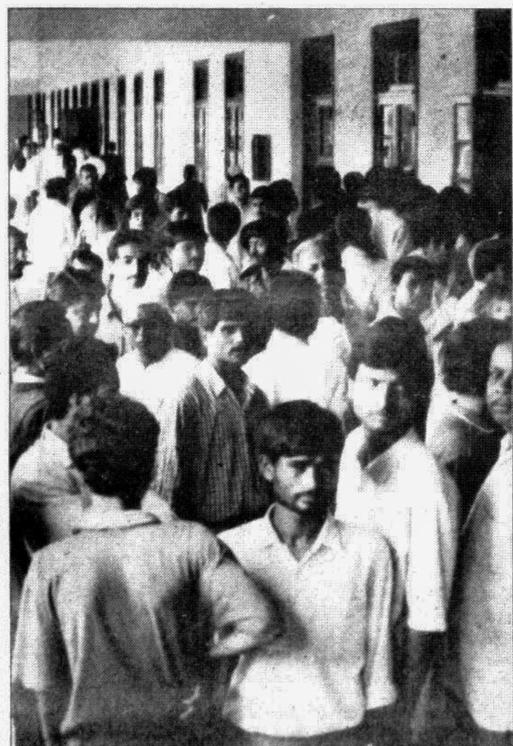
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Tug-of-war over body of Saturday's victim

By DMCH Correspondent
A five-hour tug-of-war over the body of Saturday's violence victim 'Atiqul Islam' Dulal was held at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday with his relatives denying that he had been an activist of the Islamic Chhatra Shibir.

It all started at around 8 am when a group of Shibir supporters went to the DMCH to take Dulal's body for Janaja.

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People crowding the High Court corridor during the hearing of Jamaat Chief Golam Azam's case yesterday. —Star photo.

Golam Azam's lawyer questions Political leaders met a foreigner, or a citizen?

"Golam Azam by birth is a citizen of this country," Barrister AR Yusuf told the court as hearing on a writ on the Jamaat leader's citizenship began yesterday, reports UNB.

Azam filed the writ petition with the High Court challenging a show-cause notice served upon him by the government on March 23 under the Foreigners Act as to why he not be deported from the country as a foreign national.

The government step came in the wake of vigorous agitation sponsored by the Ekattarer Ghatok-Dalal Nirmul Committee which staged a mock trial of Golam Azam on March 26 last on charge of his "war crime".

The hearing began in a High Court division bench comprising Justice Ismail Uddin Sarkar and Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury.

To substantiate his plea, Barrister Yusuf narrated before the court Golam Azam's birth history, his long political career, departure from the country in end 1971, his application for restoring citizenship, his initiative to come back to his homeland, Bangladesh, show-cause notice, arrest and few other things.

ing the petition, said Golam Azam's father, grandfather, mother, all were born in this soil and all his seven children are Bangladeshis. Moreover, he added, one of his sons is serving in Bangladesh Army.

Golam Azam left Pakistan for Saudi Arabia in 1972 and then went to London and applied for restoration of his citizenship when he came to know that he had been stripped of citizenship for anti-liberation role in 1991.

The Awami League government illegally stripped him of citizenship for enmity built up with Golam Azam during the 1970 elections, Yusuf contended.

"If anyone's citizenship lapses for remaining outside the territory, then what about the freedom fighters and the government in exile?"

The lawyer further pleaded that Golam Azam's name had been enlisted twice—in 1983 and 1990—in the voters' list of the country, two presidential candidates and the Prime Minister visited him in 1991, he paid municipal taxes and also addressed press conferences.

He questioned whether these political personalities had met with a foreigner or a

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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প্রশিক্ষণ সম্পর্কিত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মূল্য সংযোজন কর বাবস্থায় নিবন্ধন, হিসাব সংরক্ষণ, মাসিক দাখিলপত্র প্রস্তুতকরণ, রোয়াত প্রতারণা গ্রহণ ইত্যাদি বিষয়ে সমাক ধারণা প্রদানের লক্ষ্যে দেশের নিম্নবর্ণিত অঞ্চলসমূহের উদ্ভূত তারিখ ও স্থানে ব্যাপক প্রশিক্ষণের কর্মসূচী গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে।

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