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Former FBCCI chief tells JS Budget to turn country into Indian market

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League MP and former chairman of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) Akhtaruzzaman Babu yesterday said that the present budget was drafted to make the country a market for Indian goods.

He reminded that these business people had helped the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) come to power.

Participating in the general discussion on the budget in Parliament, Babu further said that the proposed tariff with India would not only affect the country but there would also be no development of industry and commerce. The measures

were an act of injustice against the business community, he observed.

Referring to the banking sector, Babu said that if this sector was not disciplined the

country would face disaster. He added "no dishonest person should be allowed to become the organiser of any bank. Anybody indulging in corruption in this sector, should be hanged in the interest of the nation."

Participating in the discussion Education Minister Jamiruddin Siraz said that for development, political stability and maintenance of law and order were necessary. "It is not only the responsibility of the government alone. An ef-

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An ideal husband

By Mahfuz Ullah

Mughal Emperor Shahjahan built the Taj Mahal to immortalize the love he had for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. But our State Minister for Aviation Abdul Mannan did no less than Shahjahan while expressing the love he bore for his wife.

When his turn to participate in the general discussion on the budget came yesterday, Mannan politely asked the Speaker whether it could be rescheduled? The reason was simple: his wife was not then present in the House. He gave an indication that she would be there after the Mghreb break and sought leave to speak around that time. The House burst into laughter as Mannan made the confession. Rising on a point of humour, Maudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party said that he had never heard such

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Two robberies in city

By Staff Correspondent

Another daring robbery was committed at a distributor's office of Lever Brothers Bangladesh Limited at Folder Street, Wari in the city Saturday morning.

A band of robbers stormed into the office at 8, Folder Street near the Joykali Temple at around 11 am, looted Taka 52,000 in cash and while escaping hijacked a motorbike near the office at gunpoint.

It was the third major crime that occurred in the old city during the last four days.

Fazlur Rahman Khan Mona, a distributor of Bangladesh Tobacco Company (BTC) was killed and robbed of Taka 3.60

lakh at Agamasi Lane on Wednesday morning and another businessman Hannan Mia was stabbed and robbed of Taka 1.24 lakh near Star Hotel at Thatri Bazar Thursday. See Page 12 Col 8

Dacoity in Agrani Bank : 2 held

KHULNA, July 25: Miscreants decamped with nearly Taka two lakh in cash by breaking the strong room of Agrani Bank in the city late last night, police confirmed here today, reports UNB.

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Section 144 in Tongi

From Our Correspondent GAZIPUR, July 25: District authorities today clamped Section 144 in the Tongi municipal area from 12 noon to today till 6 am tomorrow (Sunday).

Officials said that they imposed Section 144, banning public meetings and rallies at Tongi to avert any possible clash between two labour groups.

The ban was imposed when Bangladesh Jute-Cotton-Textile Mills Workers' Movement Council convened a rally here today at the Mills Bazar area at 4 pm to press for their demands.

Jatityatabadi Sramik Dal, Gazipur unit, also announced to hold their meeting at the same time and venue. The district administration imposed Section 144 as a tense situation gripped the whole area since Friday night. A heavy contingent of police has been deployed at Tongi.

Ukhia residents protest setting up of new refugee camp

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, July 25: Local residents of Ukhia thana, at a protest rally today, demanded the immediate withdrawal of the government order to set up a new camp at Jumma Para for the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar.

Held at the Court bazaar area of Ukhia, the protest rally which began at 3 pm, was presided over by Advocate Ahmed Hossain. Mahmudul Huq Chowdhury and Nurul Islam Chowdhury, both former upazila chairmen, and former union parishad chairman

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Hasina urges US to increase aid flow

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina had a busy schedule during the last three days in Washington, a party press release said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

She met Deputy Assistant Administrator of the USAID for the South Asian Region George Laodator, Deputy Assistant Secretary on South Asian Affairs in the State Department Jhon Mallot, Congressman Li Hamilton and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the senate, Senator Clyburne Pele.

Sheikh Hasina referred to the friendly relations between the United States and Bangladesh. See Page 12 Col 7

Teesta erosion threatens 2 enclaves

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The Tinbigha corridor was formally opened on June 26 last.

The impact of the erosion had been severe particularly in the villages adjoining Wards No 1 and 3 in Angarpota and 2 and 3 in Dahagram.

At least 250 houses in the enclaves, particularly in Syderhat and Haldibari, have been eroded so far.

Many affected people have taken shelter along roadsides following the erosion, specially during last four nights. See Page 12 Col 2

ATP resumes flight today

The grounded ATP aircraft of Biman Bangladesh Airlines will be engaged in scheduled flights from today after necessary repair and replacement of damaged parts, a Biman press release said yesterday, reports BSS.

The test flight of the aircraft that was grounded on July 16 was successfully conducted yesterday, the press release said.

Barcelona Olympics open

BARCELONA, July 25: Bird people flew around the flower people and red, blue and yellow stick figures made a colourful opening to the Games of the XXV Olympiad on Saturday, officially starting the Olympics, reports AP.

Planes flew low over the Olympic Stadium on the Montjuic hill leaving trails of red, green, black and yellow smoke while performers on the field added their touch with canisters of red smoke.

King Juan Carlos arrived and watched the Opening Ceremonies from the stands, and later was to declare the Games officially open.

This city of 1.7 million (m) tried for 27 years to host the Games, and held nothing back when the Games finally opened at a stadium optimistically built 60 years ago for that purpose.

A chant of "Hola! Hola! Hola!" ("Hello! Hello! Hello!") went up shortly after the start of the ceremonies, which in-



cluded a white blimp with the theme of the Games, "Friends for Life" emblazoned on it along with the dog mascot Cobi. Rows of white-clad dancers

formed the Olympic rings and performed the 1,000-year-old dance of Catalan, the sardana.

Catalan is an autonomous region of Spain with Barcelona as its capital.

Organizers arranged the first race of the Games between a towering, mechanized Hercules, the hero of Greek mythology, and some lumbering mortals. Hercules wins, of course, as he did at the first Olympics he organized around 736 BC, as the legend goes.

That was to be the centerpiece of the lavish, three-hour opening ceremony combining legend, history and surrealism into a gaudy show reflecting the spirit of this ancient-modern city.

Singers, acrobats, gymnasts, jets, helicopters, cute kids and sexy high-fashion models all

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Commemorative stamps on Olympics

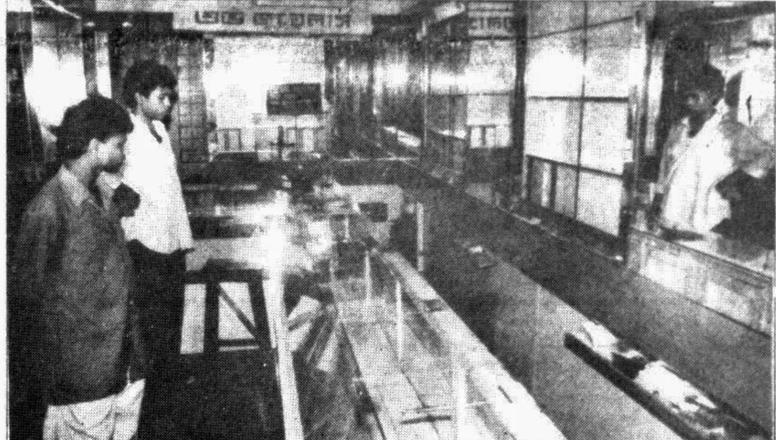
Prime Minister Begum Khalea Zia on Saturday formally released a set of four commemorative stamps brought out by Bangladesh Post Office on the occasion of 25th World Olympics held in Barcelona in Spain, reports BSS.

Begum Zia had released the stamps of denomination of Taka 10, Taka 6 and Taka 4 at a simple ceremony held at her office. A first day cover valued Taka 5 was also brought out along with the stamps. A special cancellor has been used on the occasion.

The stamps will be sold from all the GPOs, head office and post offices at thana level all over the country.



Prime Minister Begum Khalea Zia releasing commemorative stamps yesterday. — PID photo



Search for evidence at the Lever Brothers distributors office (top) and empty showcases at Shova Jewellers (bottom) after robberies. — Star photo

Jaundice takes on epidemic form

By Asiuzzaman

A jaundice epidemic that has been plaguing the capital, is now spreading to neighbouring districts, health specialists and doctors said Saturday.

Dr Mobin Khan, Professor of Hepatology as well as other doctors said that the disease which started in the dry season, and took on an epidemic form over a two-month period would continue until the end of the rainy season.

With reports and complaints of increasing jaundice cases, The Daily Star conducted a survey of doctors and residents of a particular area to find out its magnitude and causes.

Doctors and specialists, including National Professor Nurul Islam and Dr Mobin Khan contacted by The Daily

Star correspondent, said that the number of their jaundice patients had tripled during the past few months.

"There is hardly any family in the capital whose members or relatives have not been affected by the disease," Prof Khan said. His observation was identical to that of the Star survey conducted among 100 families and 30 doctors in Khilgaon area.

Primary symptom of the disease, the doctors said, was the yellowing of the urine, the eyes and sometimes the whole body.

There would also be a discomfort in the upper abdomen and a distaste for food. The patient would initially have temperature and headache and start feeling weak with a vom-

iting tendency.

About the immediate remedy, Dr Khan said "the patient will have normal food drink boiled water and have complete physical rest. It is fatal if not timely treated," he cautioned.

"One should consult a doctor to avoid aggravation of the disease, he added.

He also said that consuming of herbal medicines and conventional treatment like drinking excessive sugarcane juice and glucose may sometimes cause health hazards for the patient.

Doctors said that five types of Hepatitis virus were responsible for jaundice. These were viruses A, B, C, E, and F. Hepatitis A and E virus that

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Fresh clash at Adamjee: 15 injured

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, July 25: A one-and-a-half hour clash between two rival workers' groups at the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) left 15 people injured today.

Witnesses said the clash between supporters of the BNP-backed Khayer group and the Jatiya Party-supported Siddiq Sarder group ensued at 10 am at the Shapla Square area at AJM.

The clash spread to the Dhaka Baji Colony at about 10:30 am, they said.

About 100 crackers were exploded during the clash.

Police fired five rounds of buckshots and lobbed five tear-

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1539 industrial units 'genuinely sick'

By Inam Ahmed

The Sick Industries Revival and Rehabilitation Cell has finally identified 1539 genuinely sick industrial units.

Applications were received earlier from a total of 1889 units claiming to be sick, according to concerned sources.

The applications of these units are now awaiting the Prime Minister's approval and gazette notification.

A meeting of the cell sub-committee held on July 22 has adopted the resolution to formulate guidelines for implementing the recommendations to revamp these sick units.

The five-member sub-committee headed by Dr Mirza

Khairuzzaman, General Manager of Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, has been formed for this purpose. This sub-committee will submit its recommendations to the cell within the next ten days, sources said.

The other members of the sub-committee are: Deputy Secretary, Industries, Shahidul Islam, Md Ishaque, the Director of the Board of Investment, and a General Manager of Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSSCIC).

Concerned quarters feel that there should be better co-

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70 killed in Indonesian plane crash

JAKARTA, July 25: An airliner crashed into a mountain in eastern Indonesia and all 70 people on board were killed, an airline spokesman said today, reports Reuter.

The spokesman for the private Indonesian airline Mandala told Reuters the bodies were being pulled out of the wreckage of the plane on Lalaboy mountain near Ambon town.

He had earlier put the number of people on board the Vickers Viscount aircraft at 71.

There are no survivors, all 70 people on the plane includ-

ing the crew are dead, he said.

AP adds: The four-engine turboprop plane belonging to Mandala airlines crashed Friday, 14 kilometers (eight miles) west of Pattimura airport in Maluku province, said an official, David Rehatta. The airfield is about 2,400 kilometers (1,500 miles) east of Jakarta.

There was no immediate indication of what caused the crash.

Rescuers who reached the rocky, forested crash site by foot had found 20 bodies, the official Antara news agency re-

ported. The rescuers said the plane was destroyed and debris was hanging from trees.

The flight originated in Jakarta, carrying tourists and businessmen. It was en route from the city of Ujungpandang and had made an earlier stop in Surabaya.

The aircraft was a Viscount turboprop made in the 1960s by Vickers of Britain, said Sonny, an official of Mandala airlines. Vickers has since merged with British Aerospace.

Intermittent rains slowed the rescue efforts. Workers planned to spend the night

clearing an area for a helicopter to land and begin carrying the bodies out Sunday morning.

Rescue officials said the rescuers took four hours to reach the crash site, about 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) from the small town of Liliboy, with the help of villagers and a rescue plane.

The plane lost contact with ground control after failing to land in the fog at 4:30 pm (0730 GMT) Friday, said Manurung, an official of the national search and rescue organization.

BCL factions trade fire on DU campus again

By DU Correspondent

Tension mounted further on the Dhaka University campus with the trading of several rounds of gunshots between the two rival factions of the pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday (Saturday).

More than a hundred rounds of shots were fired from the Zahurul Huq, Salmullah and Jagannath Halls of the university in about one-and-a-half hours last morning.

The incident of firing began at about 11:30 am with an

'armed attack', allegedly by the BCL-Montu group from the Zahurul Huq Hall on the Gopalganj faction residing at Salmullah Hall, campus sources said.

According to the sources, the armed activists used several types of firearms, including sawed-off automatic weapons. Witnesses alleged that the police were standing inactively outside the residential halls.

At one stage, another BCL

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