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JS passes budget

By Staff Correspondent

Parliament yesterday passed the national budget for 1992-93 fiscal year approving the Appropriations Bill, 1992.

The Appropriations Bill passed by a voice vote yesterday provided different ministries of the country with Taka 21,018 crore 87 lakh out of a consolidated fund to meet expenditures till June 30, 1993.

The Appropriations Bill, however, incorporated Taka 3850 crore 40 lakh and 37 thousand in non-votable accounts.

Parliament on June 30 this year granted in advance Taka 4203 crore 77 lakh 40 thousand out of the consolidated fund to meet the expenditures of the first two months of the current fiscal year.

The Appropriations Bill was introduced in the House by Finance Minister Saifur Rahman.

Earlier, 127 demands for grants amounting to Taka 17168 crore 46 lakhs and 63 thousand as the expenditures of various ministries for the current fiscal year were passed by the House.

The Finance Minister, immediately after the passage of the Appropriations Bill, thanked all the members of parliament belonging to both the treasury and the opposition benches for what he called cooperating with him in getting the bill passed.

The Finance Minister said that if the treasury bench and the opposition could work jointly, the way they had worked in the last days of the budget session, democracy would definitely get a firm footing in the country. Incidentally, about 6000 cut motions were tabled.

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PM, Jamaat MPs talk law, order situation

A 12-member delegation of Jamaat-e-Islami MPs yesterday met with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and discussed law and order situation particularly the campus situation, reports UNB.

The delegation was led by Jamaat Parliamentary Party leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami.

During the meeting at Prime Minister's office, the Jamaat leaders took up the issue of maintaining peace and discipline in the educational institutions, specially the universities.

They also apprised her of various problems of their constituencies.

Begum Zia asserted that her government is determined to wipe out terrorism and indiscipline from the society as well as the educational arena.

Expressing the government's firm resolve to maintain rule of law, the Prime Minister sought cooperation from all irrespective of their party affiliation to ensure strict enforcement of law.

Everybody should cooperate with the government in maintaining peace in the society and upholding rule of law, she said.

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Changes in cabinet likely

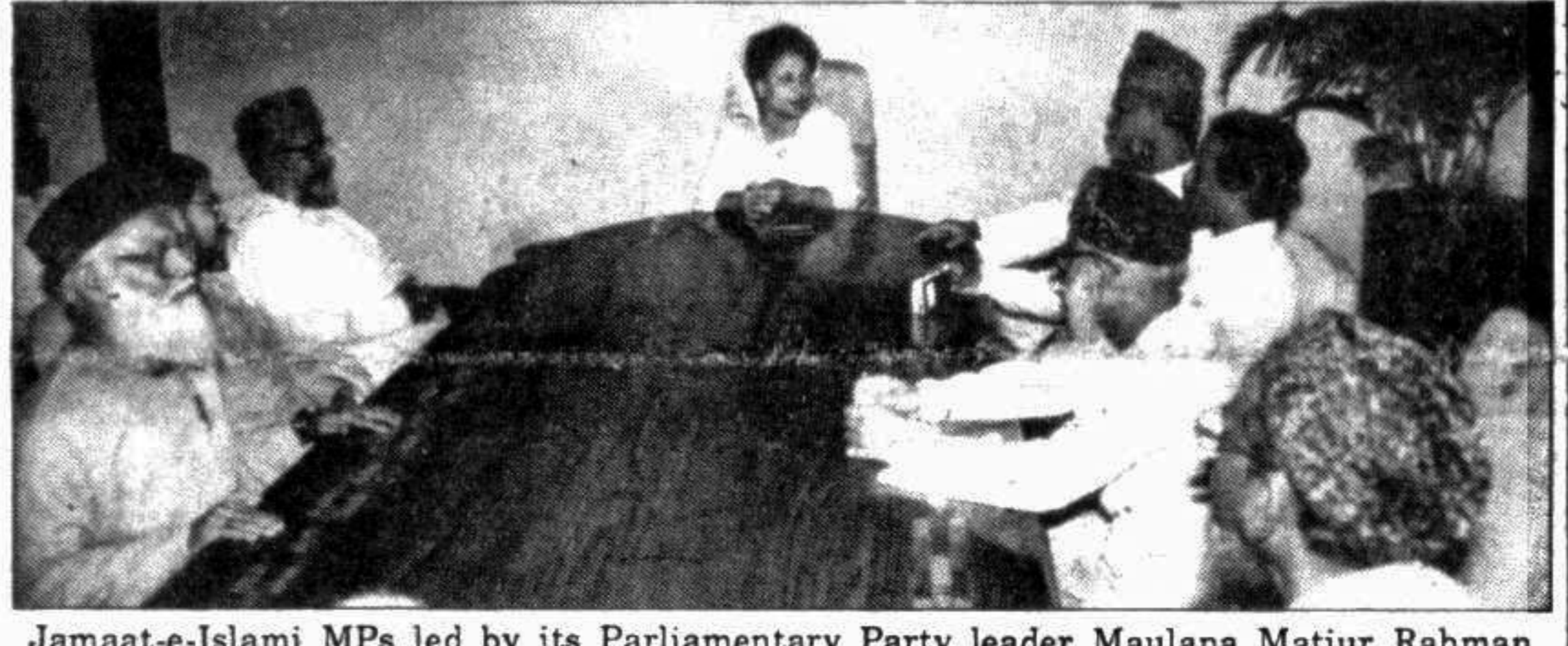
By Special Correspondent

A small-scale change in the Cabinet is likely to be effected in the next few days.

Sources close to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia indicated that she had made up her mind about the change but refused to make any comment on its timing.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party sources said that the change would come either immediately after the current session of parliament or after the PMs return from visits to Pakistan.

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Jamaat-e-Islami MPs led by its Parliamentary Party leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office yesterday. — PID photo

Tension grips Rajshahi town, campus 14 acquitted in Shibir activist murder case

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, July 27: Tension gripped this town and the university campus today following a court verdict acquitting 14 student leaders accused in the murder case of Shaiful Islam, an Islami Chhatra Shibir activist.

Police were seen posted at all important points in the city to thwart a possible outbreak of violence.

On the university campus, large contingents of police and BDR have been stationed.

The law enforcing agency men are asking for identity cards to prevent the entry of outsiders into the campus, witnesses said.

Official sources said that four platoons of reserve police were called in from Bogra to reinforce security measures.

Additional District Judge, Abdul Ilie, in his judgement said that the complainants had failed to prove the allegations. He held that the case was dismissed.

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JCD activist shot dead in city

By Staff Correspondent

A college student, Shaiful Islam Shaiful, 20, was shot dead at Gulbag near Malibag in the city Monday.

Shaiful, a student of first year at Shiddeshwari Degree College, was also an activist of Jatayabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Hossain, a rickshaw puller, the eldest brother of the victim, lodged a case with Motijheel police in this connection.

According to Hossain, Shaiful was kidnapped when he was on his home from the college, by a group of armed young men. They took him to a place near the city.

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Hearing of Azam's writ continues 'Citizenship Act has no guidelines'

The power exercised by the government to strip Golam Azam of his citizenship was not within the purview of any guideline, reports UNB.

Submitting his argument on the 7th day yesterday (Monday), Barrister A R Yusuf said Article-3 of the Bangladesh Citizenship Act is ultra vires of the Constitution, which granted the government very wide powers without any guideline for its application.

The defence lawyer argued "in absence of any guideline, the power become uncontrolled, unfettered and unguided, and it violated Article 27 and 31 of the Constitution and thus should be struck down as law."

Article 27 and 31 of the Constitution which dealt with the fundamental rights of people and made all citizens equal before law and to be treated in accordance with law.

By an executive order on April 18, 1973, the government disqualified Golam Azam to be citizen of Bangladesh applying Article-3 of the citizenship order.

Barrister Yusuf said a parliament is fully competent to make laws and also to give retrospective effect to law, but a delegated authority exercising delegated power can not pass laws.

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Chinese swimmer Zhuang Hong sees her time after winning the women's 100m freestyle gold medal Sunday. Zhuang set a new Olympic record with a time of 54.64. Detailed report on Page 8 — AFP photo

Chinese girls grab golds

BARCELONA, July 27: Zhuang Young grabbed China's first swimming gold medal when the Olympics burst into sporting action on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Zhuang, 19, pulled off the first shock of the Games with a victory in the women's 100 metres freestyle. She pushed US world record holder Jenny Thompson into second place and trimmed the Olympic record mark which Thompson had set in the heats.

AP adds: China's Fu Mingxia won the women's 10-meter platform dive Monday with a victory margin of nearly 50 points in a sport where titles often are decided by 10 points or less.

Elena Mirochina of the Unified Team got the silver and Mary Ellen Clark of the United States in volleyball a day after.

embarrassment to letdowns in swimming and gymnastics.

Elsewhere at the Summer Games, the Unified Team picked up two gold medals in shooting Monday. Yuri Fedkin won the men's air rifle competition; Marina Logvinenko triumphed in the women's sport pistol.

Medal sets also were on the line in five swimming races, men's and women's heavy-weight judo, and weightlifting in the bantamweight (56-kilogram) class.

Japan lost to the defending Olympic champions on Sunday after apparently failing to convert a match point in the fourth set.

But after the US won the fourth and fifth sets, Japanese coach Seiji Oko complained.

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Sensation

MEDAL TABLE

BARCELONA, July 27: Following is a mid-day medal tally for the teams competing at the 25th Olympic Summer Games after three of Monday's 12 medal events: (Tabulated gold, silver, bronze and total medals), reports Xinhua.

	G	S	B	T
Unified Team	4	1	0	5
China	2	4	0	6
United States	1	1	2	4
Hungary	1	1	0	2
Bulgaria	1	1	0	2
Germany	1	0	2	3
Australia	1	0	1	2
South Korea	1	0	0	1
France	0	2	1	3
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Italy	0	1	0	1
IOP	0	0	1	1
Netherlands	0	0	1	1
Finland	0	0	1	1
Romania	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1

Note: IOP stands for independent Olympic participants for athletes coming from Yugoslavia, Unified Team represents the Commonwealth of Independent States (former Soviet Union).

Textile, jute workers postpone programme

By Staff Correspondent

The jute and textile mills workers have postponed their today's rail and road blockade following an understanding reached with the authorities regarding their demands yesterday.

Two separate memoranda of understanding were signed between the leaders of Jute and Textile Workers' and Employees' Federation, and the Minister for Sports and State Minister for Textiles at the BJMC office after two days of talks, federation sources said.

The Federation called the countrywide blockade about two months ago to press home the eight-point demands of jute workers and the six-point demands of textile workers.

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NEWS BRIEFS

AL condemns clash at AJM
 Awami League acting president Abdus Samad Azad and general secretary Begum Sajeda Chowdhury have condemned the attack Sunday on Adamjee Jute Mills workers by what they said goons of the BNP government. In a joint statement, they said mastaans armed with cut rifles and bombs launched the attack in daylight seriously wounding many workers with bullets, reports UNB.

Depression weakens
 The monsoon depression over the north Bay crossed the Orissa coast near Balasore yesterday morning, Met office said. Now lying as a land depression over Orissa-Gangetic West Bengal and adjoining areas, it is likely to move in north-westwards inland and weaken gradually. Under its influence monsoon is strong over north Bay and squally weather is likely to continue, reports UNB.

Shibir-Nirmul Body clash: 12 hurt
 From Our Correspondent
 NERAKONA, July 27: A clash between activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Chatak Dal Nirmul Samannay Committee left at least 12 people injured at Dharampasa this afternoon.

Jakarta summit begins Sept 1 NAM to focus on economic security

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

Amid questions on its relevance following the end of bipolarity, the 30-year-old Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) will seek to shift its focus from political to economic security at its tenth summit in Jakarta beginning September 1.

A Bangladesh diplomat said Monday that the Jakarta summit was to launch a new course of action to tackle the problems of protectionism and trade barriers, South-South cooperation and greater flow of resources from rich to poor nations.

"The end of the Cold War has not ended the economic problems of the developing countries. We need to strengthen the movement more than ever before to fight for our economic sovereignty," he said.

The NAM began its journey in the early 60s, anti-colonialism being its basic approach.

According to the provisional agenda of the summit, the leaders are to review and assess the 'current international political and economic situation'; discuss the strengthening of South-South cooperation and the United Nations system; and accordingly chalk out the role of the NAM in the days ahead.

The provisional agenda, drafted in the May 14-15 ministerial meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the NAM in the Indonesian city Bali, is to be formally endorsed on the opening day of the summit.

The decisions and recommendations styled the Jakarta Declaration would be adopted on the concluding day, September 6.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is to attend the six-day congregation of the developing world leaders. She is expected to deliver the opening address.

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Burglary at Shitol Store

By Staff Correspondent

Burglars decamped with cash and goods worth about Taka 64,967 from a department store at Hatirpool in the city Sunday night.

The manager of Shitol Department Store, M Habibur Rahman, filed a case with Dhanmondi Police Station Monday, stating that when the store was closed.

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17 held from AJM area

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, July 27: Police arrested 17 people from the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) area today in connection with yesterday's gunbattle there.

The BNP backed Khaif group claimed that eight of the arrested people belonged to their group. However, they denied their involvement with the incident.

Production at the units remained unaffected, AJM officials said.

Police and BDR personnel are patrolling the area.

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