

UN team gets no evidence of weapons Saboteurs bombing UN agencies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, July 29: UN weapons inspectors wrapped up a search of Iraq's Agriculture Ministry today and said they had found no evidence directly relating to weapons of mass destruction, reports Reuters.

But team leader Achim Bismann of Germany, whose inspection ended a standoff laced with threats of US military action against Iraq, held out possibility that relevant materials could have been removed from the buildings. AP adds: Baghdad boasted that Saddam Hussein's "dignity" had been restored by standing firm during a three-week confrontation over the inspections programme.

Iraqi television showed a smiling Saddam taking a symbolic swim in the Tigris River near his hometown, and Iraqi news reports said Western leaders were losing sleep over pro-Saddam demonstrations in the country.

The UN experts apparently concluded what has been described as "systematic" search of the ministry.

The team and commission head Rolf Ekens were to fly Wednesday evening to Bahrain, the commission's regional

headquarters. Another report says Saboteurs are bombing UN agencies and international aid organizations in northern Iraq to force relief workers to leave the area, a UN official said Wednesday.

UN officials suspect that Saddam Hussein's government is behind the attacks, and Kurdish opposition leaders say they are sure Baghdad is the culprit. There have been at least a dozen bombings since June 25, the official said. Two UN guards have been injured, and a Fijian UN guard was shot and killed in his sleep on July 16.

The UN official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the attacks as attempts to create insecurity and intimidate international aid workers helping Kurds in northern Iraq. He said his car was seriously damaged by a bomb placed underneath the vehicle. In Washington, Secretary of State James A Baker is holding an unprecedented meeting with a delegation of Iraqi dissidents who are seeking US support for their efforts to bring down President Saddam Hussein.

The six-member delegation,

comprising Kurds, Sunnis and Shites, planned an afternoon meeting Wednesday with Baker amid growing administration frustration with Saddam's refusal to abide by UN Security Council resolutions nearly 500 days after they were approved.

Officials have not ruled out use of military force against Iraq but they insist that option is not likely over the short term.

Reuters adds: The United States has decided not to send a third aircraft carrier to the Gulf region as previously planned because of a reduction in tension between Iraq and the United Nations, defence officials said on Tuesday.

The senior officials, who asked not to be identified, said the decision was made after UN and Iraqi negotiators reached an agreement on Sunday which cleared the way for international inspection of a building in Baghdad.

Earlier on Tuesday, the Defence Department announced that US troops will hold 17 days of war games in Kuwait beginning next Monday to emphasise commitment to security in the Gulf.



Jahanara Imam, addressing a rally organised by the Dhaka city unit of the National Coordination Committee of Nirmul body, held in the city yesterday. — Star photo

6 killed, 41 injured in road mishaps

By Staff Correspondent

At least six people were killed and 41 others injured in separate road accidents in Dhaka, Bogra and Sirajganj during the last 48 hours.

M Munkir Hossain, 25, a PWD employee, was killed when a speeding minibus ran over him near the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the city late Tuesday night.

In another accident in the city, Guljar Hossain, 22, a garments employee was killed as he was knocked down by a running train near Tejaon Rail Crossing Wednesday morning.

Fatally injured Guljar was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries.

Both the bodies were sent to DMCH morgue for autopsy. Our Correspondent from Bogra reports: Four people were killed and another eleven injured in three separate road accidents in Bogra Tuesday.

Two unidentified men were killed and 11 others injured when a night-coach bound for Dhaka from Rangpur collided with a truck near Kunduria on the Nagarbari-Bogra road Tuesday.

Following the collision, the night-coach skidded off the road and plunged into a roadside ditch.

In two other road accidents Tuesday Abul Kashem and Abdul Malek were killed on the Bogra-Sonatola road near Amjhuki Bherberay Bridge, and the Bogra Rangpur road respectively.

Abul Kasem was run over by a passenger-bus while Abdul Malek fell under the wheels of a speeding truck.

Our Correspondent from Sirajganj writes: At least 30 passengers were injured, three of them seriously, when a night coach skidded off the road at Srikola village in Ullapara Tuesday night.

The ill-fated bus was on its way to Bogra from Dhaka. The injured persons were admitted to Sirajganj Sadar and Ullapara Hospitals.

Nirmul body's preparatory programme for Aug 23 gherao

By Staff Correspondent

Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Samannay Committee has announced a 15-day preparatory programme to make the August 23 district 'gherao' (besiege) programme a success.

As per the programme, the committee will hold public meetings in all the 13 thanas of the capital from August 6 and organise a torch procession on August 22. The committee would hold a rally at Gulistan Square at 11 am on August 23 before laying siege to the Deputy Commissioner's office in the city.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the committee with Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya in the chair. It was addressed, among others, by committee Convener Jahanara Imam, leaders Kazi Aref Ahmed, Prof Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Syed Hassan Imam, Golam Mahmud, Sirajul Huq Shahjahan, and Aminul Huq Mantu.

The committee urged all its units to make the programme a success.

Bodies recovered from Mirpur, Rampura

By DMCH Correspondent

Police recovered two bodies from Mirpur and Rampura in the city Wednesday.

A young man aged about 17 years was found dead behind the beauty Cinema Hall at Mirpur at 6 pm yesterday.

Another 40-year-old man was found dead under the Rampura Bridge in the city last morning.

The bodies could not be identified immediately and were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue.

Two separate cases of unnatural death were lodged with Mirpur and Sabujbag police in this connection.

Cracker blasts leave 3 hurt in Bogra

From Our Correspondent

BOGRA, July 29: At least five people reportedly belonging to Chhatra Dal were injured in cracker blasts in front of the Chhatra Dal office at Nawabbari Road at around 8 pm yesterday night.

Four of the injured, including Lavlu, Tipu and Samad, were reportedly admitted to local clinics.

According to sources, activists of the ruling party affiliated Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) allegedly hurled crackers on a procession of the pro-Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) earlier on July 27.

The incident is believed to be a sequel to the earlier one. Tension is prevailing among the activists of the two students' organisations.

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Those who participated in the discussion included Sajeda Chowdhury (AL), Maulana Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat), Shahjahan Chowdhury (BNP), Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury (Jatiya Party), Rashed Khan Menon (Workers Party), Amanullah Aman (BNP), Fazle Rabbi (JP), Sheikh Selim (AL), Alamgir Kabir (BNP), ASM Firoz (AL), Abdur Rab Chowdhury (BNP), Manirul Huq Chowdhury (JP), Dipankar Talukder (AL), Jamiruddin Sircar (BNP), Akbar Hossain (BNP), Joyal Hazari (AL), Suranjit Sen Gupta (Ganatantri Party), Mujibur Rahman (BNP), Shahjahan Siraj (JSD), Mozahar Hossain (CPB), Tofael Ahmed (AL), Shahjahan Khan (AL), Matjur Rahman Mizami (Jamaat), Maudud Ahmed (JP), Mir Shawkat Ali (BNP), and Nazmul Huda (BNP).

The House was adjourned at five minutes past midnight to resume at four this afternoon. Today is the Private Members Day.

JCD-SCS clash: 2 injured

JHENIDAH, July 29: Two people were injured in a clash between activists of Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Sangrami Chhatra Samaj SCS in Kaliganj thana today.

Mob attacks PDB officials in Chittagong

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, July 29: An unruly mob attacked a PDB 'disconnection squad', assaulted a Magistrate, the leader of the squad and damaged at least five PDB vehicles at a place near Chandgaon Thana, several kilometres off the city.

Two PDB officials including an engineer and several other members of the squad were also injured.

Witnesses said that angry mob started brickbattling when the squad reached Miakhambazar under Chandgaon Thana to disconnect illegal power connections. Police resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the crowd. The incident foiled the disconnection drive.

BL College incident JCD, Shibir file separate cases

KHULNA, July 29: Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) today filed three separate cases against 19 activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir including its Assistant General Secretary of Daulatpur BL College, reports UNB.

On the other hand, Chhatra Shibir filed two cases against 45 activists of JCD for Tuesday's incidents which forced the college authorities to close it down for an indefinite period.

Chase and counter chase took place in different parts of the town today between Shibir activists on one side and BCL and JCD ones on the other mounting the tension.

The National Board of Revenue collected Taka 465 crore as VAT on manufactured items and Taka 1400 crore in the form of excise duty on items outside VAT, which also exceeded the target of Taka 1360 crore by about three per cent.

AL-led Opposition walks out

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On the oft-repeated Opposition allegation that the government was violating the Agreement signed by the three alliances, Matin Chowdhury said that it was not written in the Agreement that it would be a national government.

Participating in the discussion Samad Azad alleged that the government was maintaining a double standard in dealing with the problem. He reminded the government that if a special parliamentary committee was not formed the Opposition would walk out.

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Flag on car

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porations enjoy the status of a State Minister following an executive order, the Flag Rules of 1972 will not be applicable for them.

According to the Flag Rules, "Ministers of State and persons accorded the status of a Minister of State while on tour outside the capital within the country or abroad, shall be entitled to fly the Bangladesh Flag on motor cars and vessels."

But the privileges committee report said the essence of the provision of the Flag Rules will not be maintained on the question of Mayors of Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna City Corporations.

The report further said the privileges committee took unanimous decision that the Mayors of these three corporations are not entitled to use flag in their respective work places (within their respective cities).

They are not also entitled to use flag cars in the capital.

First triple gold

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Soviet republics added the gold to ones he won earlier in the 200 freestyle and in the 800 freestyle relay.

In springboard diving, Lenzi succeeded his hero Greg Louganis, taking the lead on the seventh of his 11 dives off the 3-metre springboard and holding on. Tan Liangde of China was left with his third consecutive silver medal while Dmitri Sautine of the Unified Team took the bronze.

Lenzi, who started diving after watching four-time gold medalist Louganis at the 1984 Olympics, benefited when German veteran Albin Killat lost the lead on a poor dive.

In tennis, Russian Andrei Chesnokov and slow red clay took the sting out of Stefan Edberg's serve-and-volley game as the second-seeded Swede was eliminated in the first round, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain and American Jennifer Capriati, the second and third seeds, breezed through first-round women's tennis matches in straight sets. Sixth seed Pete Sampras of the United States did the same in early men's action Wednesday.

In related non-event news, the American basketball team lost Magic Johnson to injury for at least a game because a strained muscle in the back of his right knee. The United States, which features a lineup off all but one NBA All Stars, was not expected to be affected greatly.

Johnson was ruled out for Wednesday night's game with medal hopeful Germany, but should be ready for Friday night's game with Brazil, team officials said.

Hearing of Azam's writ

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der a pre-constitutional legislation even if under an invalid law could not be reopened because the transaction already passed and closed.

Replying to defence argument that Article 3 of PO 149, 1972 was discriminatory, the Attorney General submitted that it is not discriminatory as the act provided guidelines for applying the act to disqualify a person to be citizen of Bangladesh.

Presumption, assumption and supposition that Golam Azam applied for citizenship of Bangladesh by so-called operation of law on and from March 26, 1971, as submitted by the defence is completely erroneous, he added.

The Attorney General quoted from Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's book, "If I Am Assassinated," that "The eastern wing was subjected to inhuman brutalities of western military mind which had become so callous as to be able to boast that 'to rape a Bengali woman was only to purify the Bengali blood.'"

He also quoted from Fazle Mukim Khan, a former Pakistani General, who described the battle at Rajarbagh

US swimmers win relay gold

BARCELONA, July 29: The United States team of Joe Hudepohl, Matt Blondi, Tom Jager and John Olsen won the 400-metre freestyle relay Wednesday in 3:16.74, reports AP.

The Unified Team won the silver in 3:17.56, and Germany got the bronze in 3:17.90.

Stevan Pletkosic won a second bronze medal for Yugoslavia, which has been barred from team events because of the UN sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro.

Moroccan track great Said Aouita's chances to reach Barcelona dimmed due to a thigh injury suffered in training.

Aouita remained entered in the 1,500 metres — one of three classic distances where he holds the world record — but a Moroccan Olympic official cited "a strong possibility that he is not coming."

Aouita, 32, won the 5,000-metre gold medal at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and bronze in the 800 at the 1988 Games in Seoul.

On the night of March 25, 1971, as "wild Bengali ferocity". And on that night, the Attorney General said, it was further heard that Pakistani officers were given instruction on wireless network in loud voice "wherever you are in difficulty please take the help of native people."

"This native people" subsequently became Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams, the Attorney General said, and the petitioner Golam Azam was associated with them.

He said there are certain matters highly secret concerning the surrendering of the Pakistani passport Golam Azam used in entering the country. These secret papers and documents will be produced to the court for perusal only. "Court can comprehend it but cannot use it," the Attorney General submitted.

Earlier in the morning, the defence lawyer Barrister A R Yusuf concluded his argument before the High Court division bench comprising Justice Ismailuddin Sarkar and Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury.

The hearing will resume today (Thursday) at 10 am.

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Honecker leaves Moscow

MOSCOW, July 29: Former East German leader Erich Honecker left his refuge Wednesday in the Chilean Embassy here, apparently ending a 17-month battle over his extradition to Germany to face manslaughter charges. Honecker raised his first in an old-style Communist salute before speeding away in a six-car motorcade headed to Moscow's Vnukovo-2 airport. Later, German government sources said his plane had taken off, reports AP.

Ex-US defense secretary indicted in BCCI scandal

WASHINGTON, July 29: Former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford, a pillar of the Democratic Party establishment and an adviser to presidents as far back as Truman, was indicted along with his law partner by a federal grand jury Wednesday in the BCCI scandal. The Justice Department announcement was coupled with the disclosure in New York City that Clifford and colleague Robert Altman were indicted by a New York state grand jury in the same alleged conspiracy, reports AP.

Shady land deal scandal

Cong-I men, BJP demand dismissal of Pawar

NEW DELHI, July 29: Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, who just got through a row with Hindus over a temple, now faces demands from his partymen and the Opposition for the dismissal of his Defence Minister, Sharad Pawar, reports AFP.

Thirty-six MPs from two parties, one rightwing and one centrist, demanded in a letter the dismissal of the 51-year-old Defence Minister earlier this week, on grounds that a Bombay High Court had found him guilty of shady land deals, reports said.

We plan to take up the issue in parliament, said today a spokesman from the Hindu-Revivalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) or Indian People's Party, adding that Pawar had "no right" to remain a minister in Rao's cabinet.

The BJP with 119 MPs is the largest opposition party in the federal parliament. It is backed by MPs from the centrist Janata Dal (People's Party) in its anti-Pawar campaign.

The Bombay Court in a recent 70 page judgement held Pawar guilty of allotting out-of-turn land to officials in the 1980s when he was Chief Minister of Maharashtra, which is administered from the state capital of Bombay.

The term out of turn refers to the act of illegally jumping the queue of people entitled to receive land.

The High Court has passed severe strictures against Pawar, the then Chief Minister which no Court has ever done against any Chief Minister. In spite of this, Pawar is still a member of the Council of Ministers in the Central Government, said the joint opposition letter, which was released to the press.

BPC : Corruption

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near of Jamuna, Ahmed Syed and Abu Jahur, bulk Duty Officer of Jamuna respectively.

Inspector Tofazzel Hossain of Chittagong Anti-Corruption Bureau filed the case after a thorough investigation.

Anti-Corruption office sources said the diesel oil imported by BPC by the end of last April were misappropriated by those officials at the time of lighterage.

France for UN role

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field of foreign relations as well as major domestic issues. He mentioned the priorities fixed by Begum Zia's government in development activities in Bangladesh.

Welcoming the Foreign Minister, Dumas said France would continue to provide assistance to Bangladesh for its economic development and at the same time diversify the areas of cooperation between the two countries.

Both the ministers reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations and agreed to adopt measures to strengthen the existing ties for mutual benefit of the two peoples, officials said.

Dumas said the visit had provided an opportunity to establish high level political contact between the two countries after the democratic transition in Bangladesh.

Reiterating the importance that Bangladesh attached to its relations with France, Rahman recalled the role played by French President Francois Mitterrand in mobilising international support for the

Flood Action Plan (FAP) for Bangladesh. He also briefed the French Foreign Minister about the progress in the implementation of the plan in the light of decisions taken at the last review meeting.

Mentioning the positive role and contribution of France in the last aid consortium meeting in Paris, Rahman thanked the French government for providing debt relief upto 1988 and the decision to extend grants instead of grants and loans from 1991 onward.

Both the ministers agreed that there should be more exchanges between the two countries and expressed satisfaction at the growing cultural exchanges and expanding trade relations.

Rahman also briefed the French Minister about the regional cooperation among the South Asian countries in the framework of SAARC.

Dumas accepted an invitation extended to him by the Foreign Minister to visit Bangladesh and indicated that the visit may take place at a date later this year.

গ্রাহক জরিপ সম্পর্কিত

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পানির সুবন্ধ বন্ধন ও অপচয় রোধ করে সরবরাহ ব্যবস্থার উন্নয়ন সাধনের জন্য ঢাকা ওয়াসা কর্তৃক নিয়োজিত জরিপ কর্মের মাঠকর্মী প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্যাদি ও উপাত্ত সংগ্রহের জন্য সরেজমিনে কাজ করছেন। আপনার নিজের ও সম্বন্ধিত গ্রাহক সাধারণের সাথে কর্তব্যরত মাঠকর্মীদেরকে সর্বাত্মক সহযোগিতা দিন।

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