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BNP will fight back : Talukder

AL, allies and JP to move two no-confidence motions

By Mahfuz Ullah & Nurul Kabir

The Opposition parties in Parliament, barring Jamaat-e-Islami, yesterday reached a consensus about moving a no-confidence motion against the government of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

The parties concerned are expected to meet again this afternoon to decide about the details and timing of the motion.

The consensus came following a meeting of the Opposition parties chaired by Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition. The meeting was attended by Sajeda Chowdhury, Tofael Ahmed, and Rahmat Ali of

Awami League (AL), Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers Party, Suranjit Sengupta of Ganatantri Party, Shahjahan Straj of JSD(Straj), Manirul Huq Chowdhury of Jatiya Party (JP) and Shamsuddoha of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB). Saifuddin Ahmed Manik of CPB was the only non-MP who attended the meeting by special arrange-

Meanwhile, the BNP has decided to fight back the no-confidence motion and not to yield to any dictation from the Opposition. Opposition sources said that Abdus Samad Azad got in touch with Sheikh

Hasina, now in London, last night. She is expected to be back on August 5 and indications were given that the motion could be delayed until her return.

Opposition sources further said that the meeting identified the deteriorating law and order as the main reason for the motion. The meeting was also of the opinion that the government should be reminded that the Declaration of the Three Alliances was not implemented and the government did not uphold the spirit of the 4-point agreement reached on June 30 midnight.

The Jatiya Party, while

agreeing to the pressing need for moving the no-confidence motion, informed the meeting that they would move it independent of others, said the sources.

Talking to The Daily Star, Maudud Ahmed, leader of the JP Parliamentary Party said that they would sit this afternoon to decide their own course of action.

Referring to the discussions in the meeting, Shamsuddoha, chief of the CPB Parliamentary party told The Daily Star that the removal of the Home Minister was the main issue. If he is removed, we will recon-

Watts sets record in 400m semis

BARCELONA, Aug 3: American sprinter Quincy Watts set an Olympic record Monday to qualify for the finals in the 400-metre run, report agencies.

Watts finished in 43.71 seconds, the second-fastest time in history.

It beat the 43.86 set by Lee Evans of the United States at the 1968 Games in Mexico City and was second only to the 43.29 set in August 1988 by American Butch Reynolds.

Meanwhile India eked out a narrow 2-1 win over Egypt here today for their second victory in the Olympic men's hockey league.

Forwards Jagbir Singh and Mukesh Kumar scored one field goal each before the interval for the eight-time champions, shut out of the medal round with three league defeats.

Gamal Mohamed pulled one back in the 38th minute for Egypt, Olympic debutantes who finished the league with five straight defeats.

Gold medal favourite Michael Johnson and 100 metres champion Linford Christie remained on course for an Olympic duel in the 200 metres when they eased through



BARCELONA, Aug 3: Official Olympics medals table as issued by the organising committee at 1200 GMT today, the ninth day of competition (tabulated-Gold, Silver, Bronze):

	G	S	B
CIS	32	23	20
United States	19	19	18
Germany	14	11	20
China	11	17	8
Hungary	10	7	2
Australia	6	8	7
South Korea	6	1	5
Spain	6	0	0
France	5	5	12
Canada	5	1	6
Italy	4	5	7
Romania	4	4	6
Britain	4	3	3
Japan	3	7	7
Poland	3	4	6
Cuba	3	2	6
Czechoslovakia	2	2	1
Turkey	2	1	1
Bulgaria	1	4	1
New Zealand	1	3	3
Norway	1	2	0
Brazil	1	1	0
North Korea	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	0
Greece	1	0	0



Clandestine retailers seen selling petroleum products along the Dhaka-Chittagong highway near Kanchpur. Similar operations also exist in various other places with total disregard to safety standards and, at times, with sales of spurious products. However, they do come in handy for transport owners who run out of fuel and get stranded on the highway.
 - Star photo by Mohsin

Dhaka urges Delhi to reduce trade gap

NEW DELHI, Aug 3: The four-day trade review talks between Bangladesh and India began here this morning, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh side was led by Commerce Minister MK Anwar while the Indian side was led by Indian State Minister for Commerce and Industry, Prof PJ Kurien.

Addressing the opening session, Commerce Minister MK Anwar underscored the need for urgent initiatives for reducing the existing trade gap between India and Bangladesh with a view to reinforcing cooperation between the two friendly countries in the fields of bilateral, regional and global development.

Anwar said despite having institutionalised trade relations between the two friendly countries since 1972 and our joint efforts in the past to balance our trade, the trade imbalance had seen steadily increasing over the years.

He said Bangladesh's exports have undergone some structural transformation over the years and it has now more Rahman, has attained a degree of maturity.

He said SAARC now promised to be an effective goods to offer to her trading partners and some of these goods can match the quality requirement of sophisticated markets.

He recalled the recent visit of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to India and said the visit had opened new opportunities of mutual help and cooperation between the two neighbouring democracies which are now following similar economic policies. He said true appreciation of each other's problems in the spirit of cooperation and the urge to resolve bilateral issues can help iron out the most sharp differences and the same spirit will guide our bilateral trade talks to help us find ways and means for balancing our trade within the shortest possible time.

Referring to the role of SAARC for protection of the trade interest of the economically disadvantaged nations, the Commerce Minister said the regional forum, created at the initiative of our late President Shaheed Ziaur

Rohingya issue France will help build pressure on Myanmar, says Mostafiz

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman said in Dhaka yesterday that France would use its good offices at international level to bring about an early repatriation of the 'Rohingya' refugees, reports BSS.

'International community is greatly concerned over the expeditious return of the refugees from Bangladesh to their homes in Myanmar', he told newsmen on return from a visit to France and Spain.

The visits to both the European countries were first by the Foreign Minister since

JS passes WASA (Amend) Bill

The Jatiya Sangsad mainly devoted to the legislative business for four hours yesterday adopting three amendment bills including one relating to 'WASA' providing for stricter punitive measures to curb illegal water connections, reports BSS.

Piloted by the LGRD Minister, Abdus Salam Talukder, the three bills, which got passage of the House were: The Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (amendment) Bill, the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (amendment) Bill and the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (amendment) Bill.

Several opposition members discussed the bills threadbare while moving their amendments. But the House rejected all the amendments by voice vote.

The House passed amendment to the Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Act, 1963 prescribing a fine of Taka 10 thousand or in default simple imprisonment for 3 months for illegal water connection, al-

teration of meter reading and other offences related with water supply.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukder while moving the bill explained that certain provisions of the original 1963 Act had been amended only to cope with the changing need and to enforce the law strictly for ensuring better water supply in the city.

The Water Supply and Sewerage Authority Ordinance (Amendment) 1992 Bill, passed in the Jatiya Sangsad, provides for stricter punishment for the persons convicted for the second time in the same offences. For the second time offence, the bill prescribes that fine might be extended to Taka 15 thousand or in default with simple imprisonment for a term which might extend to 6 months.

A number of opposition members from Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami moved amendments and demanded eliciting the public opinion about the bill. But all the amendments were rejected by voice vote. The opposition members argued that in

the cases of illegal water connections both the public and employees of WASA are involved. Therefore, they argued, the bill seems to them as partisan one since it has prescribed punishment for the public alone leaving the corrupt officials untouched.

Salam Talukder, defending the bill, said that certain officials of WASA were involved in corrupt practices and necessary actions had been taken against them. But the minister said all the employees of WASA were not corrupt.

The House then passed the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1992.

Barrister Talukder piloted the bill which said the Prime Minister, or a member of the cabinet nominated by the Prime Minister, shall be the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Export Processing Zones Authority.

As many as 45 opposition members took part in the discussion on the bill.

Opposing the bill, they said that the law will help conceal

Primary & Mass Education Div to be set up

The cabinet has decided to establish a new division named Primary and Mass Education Division under the direct supervision of the Prime Ministers, reports BSS.

The decision was taken in consonance with the declaration given earlier by the Prime Minister to create a separate division for primary and mass education at the regular weekly meeting of the cabinet held at Bangabhaban yesterday with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

The creation of the new division is aiming at giving impetus to the commitment of the present government to remove illiteracy through spread of education at all levels.

The cabinet has also approved the proposal of the Ministry of Jute to merge the Directorate of Jute and the Directorate of Inspection for Jute Goods into a single organization to be called the Department of Jute (Paat Adhidafar).

No major crisis, says RU VC

From Hossain Shahid Shuman

RAJSHAHI, Aug 3: The Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University Prof Anisur Rahman said that no deadlock existed in the University and that the recent incident was a temporary problem, fast casing out.

There is no major crisis in the University but press reports exaggerated last Thursday's incident and subsequent developments' Rahman said in an interview with The Daily Star Sunday.

In the interview he explained the situation arising out of the Shibir attack on a hall Thursday and police raids on four halls from where 14 Shibir activists and their outsider accomplices were arrested with rocket-launchers and other heavy weapons.

He said that he had no idea about who were actually involved in the incident and declined comment until the probe body submitted its report.

Rahman said that trouble-mongers must be punished according to the recommendations of the enquiry committee.

He rejected student organizations allegations that the university authorities did not act properly to check the violence.

The Vice-Chancellor said

AL to launch mass movement, says Hasina

Awami League chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, currently on a visit to the United Kingdom, addressed a public meeting at London's York Hall yesterday, according a press release of the Awami League, reports BSS.

She told the meeting that the Awami League fought against the politics of coup, killing and unconstitutional rule for the last 16 years and finally the autocracy was toppled through a mass upsurge in 1990.

But, the Awami League chief said, the future of the democracy in the country is now threatened because of 'the undemocratic and misrule' during the last 18 months.

Sheikh Hasina said the law and order situation took an alarming turn with frustration growing among the people.

She also accused the government of dragging its feet over scrapping the Indemnity Act and said a mass movement would be launched by the Awami League for creation of a happy and healthy society in the country.

Hearing of writ continues 'Azam disqualified by own conduct'

Golam Azam was disqualified to be a citizen of Bangladesh by his own conduct as well as the country's citizenship law that validated the disqualification notice on the Jamaat leader with retrospective effect, said the Attorney General, reports UNB.

Standing for the government on writ petition of Golam Azam challenging the government notification, Aminul Huq further submitted before a High Court division bench yesterday that retrospective effect is admissible as the supreme law (constitution) also admits it.

He invoked the Constitution 11th Amendment which also

gave retrospective effect to the services of Shahabuddin Ahmed as Chief Justice during his tenure in the office of President.

Act-24 passed by the supreme law making body (parliament) and embodied with the constitution gave that retrospective effect, he said.

The most pertinent question, Huq said, is whether a law enacted on June 22, 1973 can validate a notification issued on April 18 that year disqualifying Golam Azam to be a citizen of Bangladesh.

'It can...' as the 11th amendment to the constitution could have retrospective effect, the government pleader

asserted.

He said 'the notification of April 18, 1973 disqualifying Golam Azam as citizen of Bangladesh seemed to have been validated by the amended Act 5/1973 promulgated on June 22, 1973.'

This validation deemed to have taken effect on and from March 26, 1971, because this amendment has been integral part of the temporary citizenship order (PO-149/72) which shall be deemed to come into operation retrospectively on and from March 26, 1971.'

Huq further said law is retrospective and can validate the erstwhile notification promulgated on April 18 in 1973,

although the law was not available earlier.

The amendment to the Citizenship Act promulgated on June 22, 1973 provides that anybody who owes, affirms, acknowledges expressly or by conduct allegiance to any foreign state shall not be qualified to be citizen of Bangladesh.

In this context, he also referred to a law book, 'Statute of Law'.

The Attorney General further pleaded the temporary citizenship order also provides in a clause that this law will operate notwithstanding any other laws for time being in force.

Misappropriation of Tk 40 cr Ershad, Matin and Anwar sued

The Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a case with Ramna thana yesterday against former President H M Ershad, former Deputy Prime Minister Prof M A Matin and former Power, Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Anwar Hossain for misappropriating about Taka 40 crore three lakh, according to a PID handout in Dhaka, reports BSS.

International tender was called on April, 1986, for the implementation on turn-key basis of Asian Development Bank-aided 18 towns power

distribution project under Package-1 under the supervision of Bangladesh Power Development Board (Primary Lc 33/11 KV power sub-station). Eleven supplier firms participated in the bidding. Of the bidders, Messrs China International Water and Electric Corporation submitted their bid for Taka 47,05,34,284 for four lots and became the lowest bidder.

On the other hand, the bid submitted for the same work by Messrs Hiosung Industries

1 major general, 3 other Army officers forced to retire

The authorities have taken action against some senior army officers, including a former chief of military intelligence, for allegedly abetting General Ershad in the latter's desperate bid to cling to power during his final days.

An Army Court of Inquiry headed by Brigadier Aminuddin found them guilty of abusing their offices when they made abortive attempts to foil the popular movement that eventually toppled Ershad, informed sources said.

Two killed in Pabna accident
 PABNA, Aug 3: Two rickshaw passengers were killed when a Iswardi bound speeding truck hit a rickshaw from behind on the Pabna-Iswardi Highway near Maitagachha in Sadar thana this evening. One of the passengers Moslem Uddin (24) died on the spot while the other Lokman Hossain (40) succumbed to his injuries at Sadar Hospital. The truck driver, however, managed to escape the scene, reports UNB.