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## Khaleda, Khalifa hold talks: 2 accords signed Bahrain to treat Bangladesh as 'most favoured nation'

MANAMA, Aug 8: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today led very fruitful talks in Bahrain during which the two sides decided to form a ministerial level Joint Committee to strengthen further the bilateral relations, reports UNB.

Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman briefing newsmen after the hour-long talks said the talks heralded 'a take off point' in strengthening bilateral ties with the oil-rich Gulf state.

"The talks, held in a very warm and cordial atmosphere, will certainly give a major impetus to future bilateral relations," he said.

He said the proposed ministerial level Joint Committee will supervise the implementation of the two agreements signed earlier in the day and work for further fostering bilateral cooperation in economic, commercial, technical and cultural fields.

Bangladesh will get 'the most favoured nation' treatment under the two agreements signed in the fields of economic cooperation and cultural exchanges.

The Bahrain side at the talks, held at the Qudh Albiya Palace, was led by Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa.

Reaz said the two leaders during the talks stressed on highest-level cooperation and apprised each other of the developments in their countries.

Apart from bilateral issues, they also discussed international, political and economic situation and relations among the Muslim countries, including the Palestinian issue.

Begum Zia raised the Rohingya problem during the discussion. The water sharing problem between Bangladesh and India also came up at the talks. There are similar water-sharing problems among Turkey, Syria and Jordan.

The two sides decided to further expand and strengthen aviation accords and open up cooperation in the health sector, particularly in the field of exchanging medical students.

The possibilities of increasing the export of manpower from Bangladesh was discussed at the talks and the response from Bahrain was quite favourable, officials said. Bangladesh is also exploring the prospects of garments exports to the Gulf State.

Two agreements were signed between Bangladesh and Bahrain to promote mutual understanding and cooperation in the fields of economy and

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia talking to Law Minister Mirza Osman Hafiz at the Zia International Airport on the eve of her departure for Bahrain yesterday. — Star photo

### Amir of Bahrain hosts banquet

MANAMA (Bahrain), Aug 8: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia attended a state banquet hosted in her honour by the Amir of Bahrain Shaikh Isa Bin Salam Al Kalifa at the Hamad palace here this evening, reports BSS.

Members of the entourage accompanying the Prime Minister also attended the banquet.

Begum Zia also attended a lunch hosted in her honour by Prime Minister of Bahrain Shaikh Khalifa Bin Sulman Al Kalifa at the Gudaibya palace here today.

Begum Zia said here this evening that Bangladesh and Bahrain have always maintained the 'closest relations' with interests in the political sphere converging closely.

She said cooperation in the economic field will widen and

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US doubles pair Gigi Fernandez (L) and Mary Joe Fernandez celebrate after defeating the Spanish pair Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 in the tennis doubles final in Barcelona yesterday. — AFP photo

### Spain beat Poland 3-2 for soccer gold Lewis helps rewrite relay world record

BARCELONA, Aug 8: Carl Lewis ran a blazing final leg to lead the United States to a gold medal and a world record of 37.40 seconds Saturday in the men's 400-metre relay, reports AP.

Hosts Spain came from behind to beat Poland in extra time in the football final at the Nou Camp Stadium late last night.

Poland had shot into a halftime lead when W. Kowalczyk steered upon a defensive

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### Germany bag hockey gold

BARCELONA, Aug 8: Germany defeated Australia 2-1 Saturday to take the Olympic men's field hockey gold medal. Australia got the silver, reports AP.

Pakistan defeated the Netherlands 4-3 earlier Saturday for bronze.

### 62.26 pc pass Comilla Board SSC exams

By Staff Correspondent

The results of Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations held this year 1992 under the Comilla Board were announced Saturday.

A total of 80,099 students passed the examinations out of 1,28,655 who appeared. The percentage of pass was 62.26.

Of the successful candidates, 33,752 passed in First Division, 30,856 in Second Division and 15,491 in Third Division.

Mohammad Arifuzzaman of Comilla Cadet College topped the combined merit list securing a total of 899 marks. He was followed by Mohammad Jamil Hossain of the same institution and Fahmida Naoajesh of Fajunnesa Govt Girls High school. Jamil and Fahmida scored 897 and 896 marks respectively.

Fahmida stood first among the female students.

The examinations were held in April and May of the current year.

Of the total number of students who passed 54,066 are male and 26,033 are female. The percentage of pass was 64.77 and 57.67 respectively.

A total of 40,230 students have passed from the general science group and 39,869 from the social science group.

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**Sensation**

**MEDAL TABLE**

BARCELONA, Aug 8: Olympics medals table on the 15th day of competition today (tabulate under gold, silver, bronze):

CIS	42	35	23
United States	33	32	31
Germany	26	19	26
China	16	22	15
Spain	12	2	2
Hungary	10	11	3
South Korea	10	4	11
France	8	6	14
China	7	3	10
Australia	6	9	9
Canada	6	4	6
Italy	5	5	8
Britain	5	3	8
Romania	4	4	7
Japan	3	7	11
Poland	3	5	8
Czechoslovakia	3	3	1
North Korea	3	0	4
Bulgaria	2	6	5
Netherlands	2	3	6
Kenya	2	4	2
Turkey	2	2	2
Indonesia	2	2	1
Norway	2	2	1
Greece	2	0	0
Sweden	1	5	3
New Zealand	1	4	4
Finland	1	1	1
Danzon	1	1	0
Denmark	1	0	3
Estonia	1	0	1
Ethiopia	1	0	2
Algeria	1	0	0
Lithuania	1	0	0
Morocco	1	0	0
Jamaica	0	3	1
Austria	0	2	0
Namibia	0	2	0
South Africa	0	2	0
Belgium	0	1	2
Iran	0	1	2
Yugoslavs	0	1	2
Israel	0	1	1
Latvia	0	1	1
Mexico	0	1	0
Nigeria	0	1	0
Peru	0	1	0
Taiwan	0	1	0
Pakistan	0	0	1

### Bill to try terrorists 'on the spot' soon

By Mahfuz Ullah & Nurul Kabir

A bill providing for the setting up of mobile courts to try terrorists on the spot is 'most likely' to be moved during the current session of Parliament.

Authoritative sources said that the draft of the bill has already reached the Parliament Secretariat from the Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. It has also been vetted by the leadership of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

The proposed bill provides for mobile courts to try terrorists like muggers, mastans, toll-collectors and so on by a pair of magistrates.

The magistrates would be empowered to try the accused and pass judgment depending on the degree of the crime.

The bill, while providing for defence of the accused however says that once arrested the accused persons would not be allowed bail. But on the third day from their day of arrest, a pair of magistrates would try them and the identity of those magistrates would not be disclosed to avoid any type of 'Tadbirs' (manipulations).

Sources further said that once the bill was passed, the city would have a group of 50 magistrates forming 25 pairs.

Defending the bill, a senior member of the Cabinet said that the bill would remove the flaws in the present system where the accused is granted bail, the trial is delayed or enough evidence is not available. The present system also bred corruption, he added.

Incidentally, the mobile court is an age-old system in the sub-continent but it was never deployed to try terrorists.

Authoritative sources said that if the Bill was passed it would stop the deterioration of law and order and restore confidence in the minds of the citizens.

Meanwhile, a substantial amount of money has been allotted and tenders floated to procure different types of transports and modern gear to strengthen the capability of the police force.

Sources further said that the Prime Minister, before her departure on official visits to Manama and Pakistan, had instructed the Home Ministry 'to be more vigilant' so that the situation could improve further.

### 3 killed in city Five killed in Narsingdi road mishap

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 8: Five persons were killed and 20 others wounded when a night coach skidded off the Dhaka-Sylhet highway and plunged into a ditch at Darikandi in Narsingdi district early Saturday.

The Dhaka bound bus from Sylhet was carrying passengers from the Mazar of Hazrat Shahjalal (R).

The passengers, killed on the spot were identified as Mazibur Rahman Mollah, 29, Lalma, 35, Nur Member, 45, Abdul Halim, 45 and Shahidullah, 30.

Of the injured, one was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in critical condition while 10 others were admitted to Narsingdi Hospital and the rest were given first aid.

According to Belabo police, the accident took place when the driver of the bus, Dhaka, Cha-4137, lost control.

Police seized the bus, but the driver and helper however, managed to escape.

Our DMCH Correspondent adds: Three persons were

### 25 hurt as BNP, AL activists clash in Pabna

PABNA, Aug 8: Twenty-five people were injured, nine seriously, as BNP and Awami League activists clashed again today in Bera thana, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the armed clash occurred when 'anti-terrorism' processions brought out by the two rival groups turned violent in a sequel to Friday's encounter between them in a bid to establish respective political hold over the area.

Two AL activists — Mohammad Rafiq and Abdul Latif — were seriously injured in yesterday's clash. They were later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

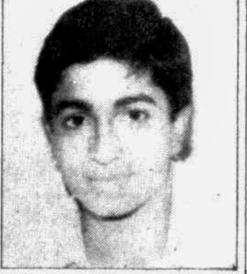
This afternoon, both the groups armed with cut-rifle, pipegun, hockey stick and other lethal weapons took out processions and confronted near the C & B square in Bera town, breaching a late-night truce.

Leaders of political parties, local officials and police in a meeting late last night reached an agreement to maintain peace. Deputy Commissioner of Pabna Abdul Malek Mia presided over the meeting.

About 100 rounds of shots were fired during today's trouble. Police rushed in and lobbed 100 teargas shells to disperse the warring activists.



Arifuzzaman



Jamil Hossain

### Mugging, robbery in city double in a month

By Farid Ahmed

Mugging and robbery in the capital nearly doubled during the last month compared with about 60 cases reported in June.

In July, a businessman was murdered and at least another 25 people were stabbed.

At least 45 more were killed and near about 300 others wounded in separate incidents like murder, suicide, mugging, robbery, clash and road accidents during the last month.

Of the dead, 10 people were murdered, while six committed suicide. Twenty-four were killed in road accidents and five died in other incidents in July.

During the month of June, 52 people were killed and about 450 injured in different crime incidents in the city. Of the dead, 15 were murdered, seven committed suicide, 24 were killed in road accidents and another six died in other incidents, according to the reports published in different national dailies.

Of the total murders in July — Fazlur Rahman Khan Mona, a businessman was shot dead and robbed of Taka 3,60,000 at Agamasi Lane on July 22. Police are yet to make any significant headway in the incidents.

The others, Abdus Samad, a former upazila chairman, was stabbed to death at Fulbaria on July 1, a young man, Nurul

Islam was also stabbed to death at Fulbaria on July 2, another young man Aslam was stabbed to death at Shaheed Nagar on July 6, a minor girl Sheema and a pedestrian were killed in blasts at South Kamalapur and Sayedabad on July 8, Belal Hossain, a leader of Titas Gas Employees Union was pushed off from his office building at Kawran Bazar and killed on July 9, Sajjuddin and Dulal were killed during a clash between the activists of Nirmul Committee and Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh on July 18, a young man was beaten to death at Gabtali and Shafig, a student of Siddheswar Degree College, was shot dead at Gulbag on

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### Nazrul Islam dead

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League MP Nazrul Islam, severely injured in a road accident Tuesday, died at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka early yesterday. He was 40.

Islam, elected from Gouripur (Mymensingh-3), was admitted to the CMH on Tuesday after a truck hit his motorbike at Sripur while he was returning to Dhaka from Gouripur.

Soon after admission to hospital, one of his legs was amputated.

Islam left behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, Prime Minister and Leader of the House Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina expressed their condolences.

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### New phase of movement from Aug 15: Hasina

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina said yesterday a countrywide half-day hartal coinciding the "National Mourning Day" on August 15 would start a new phase of movement for establishing rule of law ending the politics of coup, killing and conspiracy, reports UNB.

"The people will demonstrate their peaceful but cautious protest by observing the hartal against widespread terrorism backed by neo-autocracy," she told a meeting of the leaders of Dhaka city Awami League at the party central office yesterday evening.

Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, said her party had tabled the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill in light of the 19th November historic joint declaration of the three alliances to remove the bar to trial of the

killers and establishing rule of law.

But the ruling clique, she said, backing out from its promise to the people, is showing indifference to repeal of such a black and anti-humanism law.

The opposition leader also accused the government party of dilly-dally in adoption of a bill sponsored by Awami League for separation of the judiciary.

Awami League has called the hartal as part of anti-government movement in and outside parliament, she said.

Hasina alleged the entire nation was hostage in the hands of a section of branded extortionists and terrorists backed by the ruling quarters.

"Life and property of the people are not safe under the rule of this government. Even,

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### Fresh fighting in Kabul

KABUL, Aug 8: Fighting broke out between rival Muslim groups today in Kabul's university area as more rockets fired by a hardline Mujahideen group pounded the city, officials said, reports AFP.

Dozens of rockets and artillery rounds were fired on areas controlled by the Hezb-I-Wahdat, a Shiite Muslim Mujahideen group backed by Iran, but a spokesman for the faction denied they were involved in the fighting.

A Defence Ministry official said the fighting was between the Wahdat and the Ittihad-I-Islami a Sunni Muslim group supported by Saudi Arabia, but Wahdat officials denied it.

Some 15 fires were blazing in the area of Karts Sangi, much of which was devastated last month in clashes between the two groups that killed more than 70 people.

Meanwhile, rockets fired by the fundamentalist Hezb-I-Islami slammed into the centre of Kabul, with one hitting the presidential palace, a Defence Ministry official said without giving details.

The fighting in Karts Sangi flared at around 10 am (0530 GMT) and was continuing more than six hours later as hundreds of residents fled the area and shops shut hurriedly.