

Red Cross allowed to visit Serb-run detention camps

SARAJEVO, Aug 9: A Red Cross official said Sunday her organization had received permission from Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina to visit the detention camps at the center of world attention, reports AP.

"We received... authorization to visit the detention centers in Bosnia and we are going to proceed without delay in the coming days," said Claudia Grassi, an official of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Belgrade.

She said she could provide no other detail on the visits. Her comment came a day after the leader of Bosnia's Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, proposed dismantling the camps and exchanging prisoners with Croats and Muslims in an apparent effort to fend off criticism over reported maltreatment of prisoners.

Allegations of atrocities and TV pictures of emaciated inmates has gripped world attention, and increased calls for outside military intervention to halt the fighting in Bosnia.

Serbs charge that Muslims and Croats hold Serbs as well in such camps.

Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, was mostly quiet late Saturday and early Sunday. But fighting was reported around

the edges of the battered republic.

Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency quoted Banja Luka radio in Serb-controlled northwest Bosnia as reporting heavy fighting near Bosanska Gradiska, on the Bosnian-Croatian border.

The radio report quoted unofficial figures that 20 Serb fighters had been killed, and dozens of Croats. Farther east, also along the Bosnian-Croatian border, Croatian officials said 14 people were killed in air attacks by Serb forces on Bosanski Brod.

Serb military sources also were quoted by Tanjug as reporting heavy fighting around Gorazde.

Gorazde is the last Bosnian government town holding out against Serb forces that have captured nearly all of eastern Bosnia. It has been besieged for more than three months and the few reports coming out of it speak of drastic shortages of food and medicine.

President Bush praised the detention camp offer made Saturday but he had harsh words for another Bosnian Serb who threatened "kamikaze missions" against nuclear plants in Western Europe in the event of outside

military intervention.

Bush condemned Aleksa Buha, foreign minister of the self-proclaimed Serbian republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as "reckless" for his threat of suicide strikes.

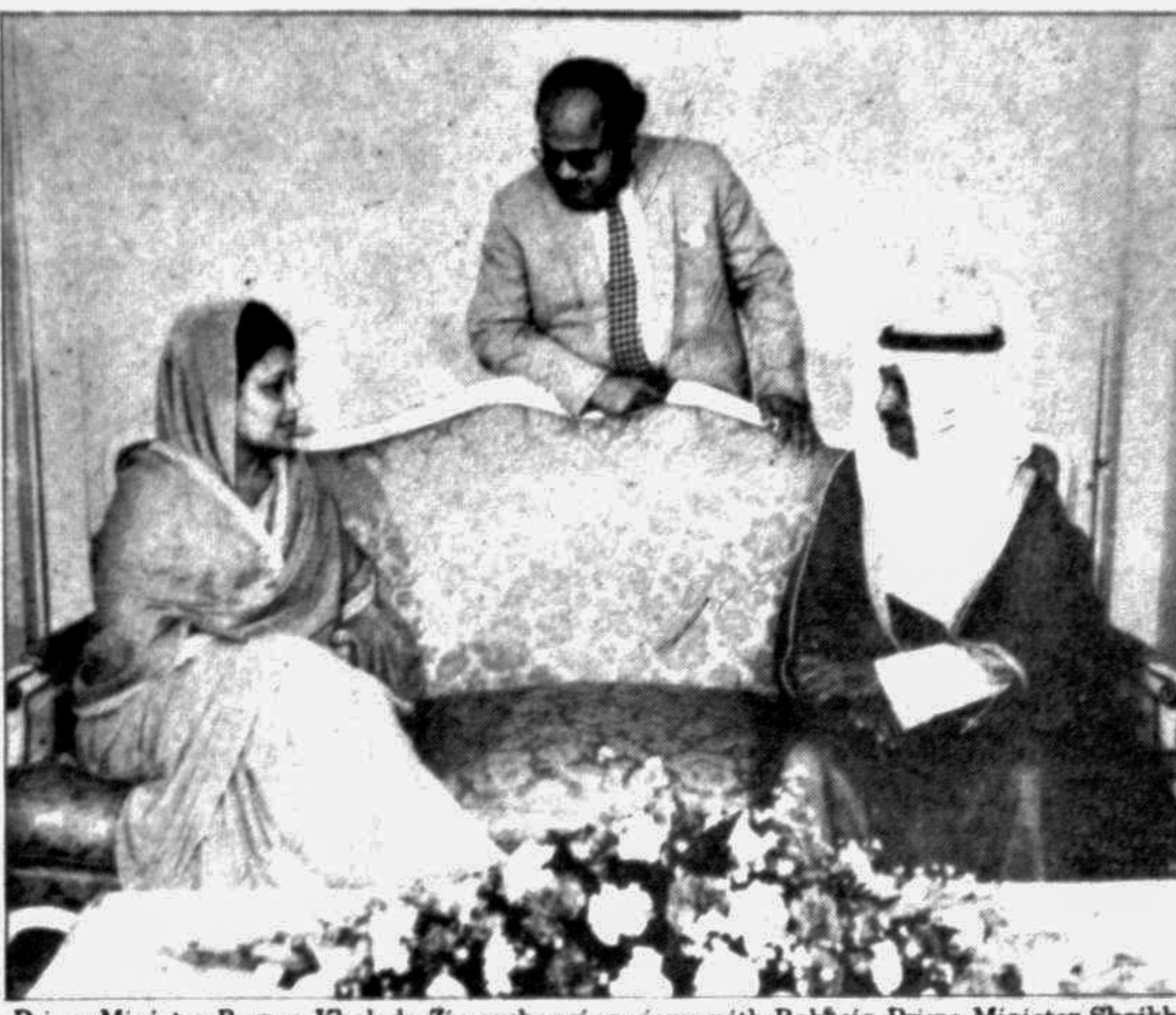
AFP from New York adds: A majority of Americans think the United States should take the lead in seeking United Nations backed air strikes against Serbian forces in Bosnia, according to a Newsweek poll released Saturday.

Fifty-three percent of Americans believe the United Nations should conduct air strikes against the Serbian forces in Bosnia if they continue to block relief efforts, according to the poll in the August 17 issue.

Sixty-four percent of 755 people surveyed would support either UN backed air or ground action against the Serbs in charges that Serbian forces have tortured Bosnians in concentration camps prove true.

And 38 percent of the respondents surveyed August 6-7 disapprove of President George Bush's handling of the situation in Bosnia, according to the poll.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia exchanging views with Bahrain Prime Minister Sheikh Kalifa bin Salman Al Kalifa at the royal lounge of the Manama International Airport when she arrived in Bahrain on Saturday.

Joint communique

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gional and international issues with special reference to problems of the Islamic world. They attached importance to making sincere efforts for comprehensive and lasting peaceful settlement of the Palestinian problem and return of occupied Arab territories.

The two Prime Ministers exchange views on the question of establishment of peace in Afghanistan, resolution of problems in Bosnia-Herzegovina and repatriation of the Rohingya Muslims from Bangladesh to their homes in Myanmar.

The communique said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia briefed the Bahraini leaders on Bangladesh's role in creating cordial and friendly relations among the SAARC countries and also the holding of the seventh SAARC summit in Dhaka.

Both sides expressed their desire to deepen and consolidate the friendly relations between Bahrain and Bangladesh.

The meeting, held in a good cordial atmosphere, also reviewed all aspects of their bilateral relations and the ways and means of strengthening cordial relations between the two friendly countries, it stated.

Prime Minister Begum Zia praised the Bahraini achievements in the economy, construction and cultural fields under the government of the Amir.

Bahrain side underlined the necessity of safeguarding security and stability in the Gulf region for the benefit of its states and the world community.

Prime Minister Begum Zia invited the Amir of Bahrain, the Prime Minister of Bahrain and the Crown Prince to visit Bangladesh, the invitation was accepted and the convenient dates would be fixed conveniently.

BSP ultimatum to govt

A meeting of the Special Sub-Committee of Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad and Bangladesh Sampadak Parishad, in a unanimous resolution, yesterday urged the government to abolish by August 31, the 'centralised' system of distributing newspaper advertisements through the Department of Film and Publications (DFT), reports BSS.

Indian customs

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before Customs officials.

The Customs on suspicion searched their luggage and recovered Bangladesh currency amounting to Taka twenty thousand and a VCP, a contraband item.

They were, however, allowed to go on payment of customs duties for the VCP.

No-confidence motion

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Rafiq said that as the House discussed all the issues raised in the notices about a week back, there was no scope for no-confidence notices on the same grounds.

Citing Article 70 of the Constitution, Rafiq asserted that there was no provision for no-confidence but impeachment. He added that if the Article of the Constitution was read with Article 159 of the Rules of Procedure it would be clear that the no-confidence move was a misuse of power.

He reminded his Opposition colleagues that a no-confidence motion was the last resort in any parliament.

In reply to Rafiq's arguments, Maudud Ahmed, leader of the JP Parliamentary Party commented that his (meaning Rafiq) arguments had substance but were premature and meant to influence the Speaker.

The Speaker took exception to the word 'influence' while BNP members were enraged by the word 'premature'.

Maudud withdrew 'influence' as ordered by the Speaker and apparently seemed cowed down following an angry statement by Ziaul Huq Zia of the Treasury bench.

Maudud in his speech said that the notices were served according to the Rules of Procedure and that the notice seeking permission and the contents of the notice should be considered together.

Bill placed for annulling Jamuna levy

The Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (Surcharge and Levy) (Amendment) Bill, 1992 was taken up for consideration by the House yesterday for its passage, reports BSS.

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed took the leave of the House for consideration of the bill by the House.

The bill sought the approval of the House for annulment of surcharge and levy imposed by the original ordinance enacted in 1985 on investments and interest earned there on account of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge.

Refuting Rafiq's observation, Maudud said that in a parliamentary system no-confidence was not the last resort and added that 'if necessary it would be a continuous process'.

After the break for Asar prayer, the Speaker in his decision on the admissibility of the notices said that permission to move the no-confidence motion was not sought and observed that 'thus the notice was defective'.

Nevertheless, the Speaker said that in the interest of justice he was ready to accept the notice, because he was not in favour of rejecting that on mere technical ground.

Referring to the charges in the no-confidence notices, the Speaker said that all these issues had been discussed in the House in detail. If the notice meant sending any message to the government then there had been enough and in future the same could be repeated, he added.

The Speaker observed that the arguments by the Treasury bench that the notice was a misuse of power had enough justification.

The Speaker added that never in the past, even during the then East Pakistan, was a no-confidence motion moved. But, he added, people today aspire to institutionalise democracy, maintain its continuity and cultivate it.

The Speaker further said that whatever the sponsors had said about the motion he was in favour of allowing it on the grounds of practicing democracy and strengthen the people's desire to reach the cherished goals of democratic culture and tolerance.

After the ruling, the Speaker wanted to know whose notice he would consider. To the query, those who served the notices, one by one, said that they would support the notice entered in the name of Abdus Samad Azad.

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AJM worker's body recovered from Shitalakhya

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Aug 9: Local police today recovered the body of a youngman from the river, Shitalakhya.

The victim was identified as Mostafa, 30, a worker of Adamjee Jute Mills.

Mostafa was missing since the clash between two groups of workers of Jatiya Party and Bangladesh Nationalists Party (BNP) in the mills area on August 6.

Police sent the body to Narayanganj General Hospital for autopsy.

A case has been registered with local police.

Meanwhile, leaders of both the groups claimed Mostafa as their activist and accused each other of the killing.

Ratan Sen's killers identified

KHULNA, Aug 9: The rickshawpuller who was carrying Ratan Sen today identified two young men as killers of the CPB leader in a test identification parade in Khulna Jail, reports UNB.

According to police, Abul Kalam singled out Sagar and Murad from a gathering of jail inmates. The rickshawpuller said Murad strangled him at the time of murdering Sen.

Another eyewitness, Akhlima Khatun, a fruit vendor, faintly when she saw the killers in the gathering during the parade.

Murad said he was given Tk 15,000 by a political leader for killing Sen. Police, however, didn't disclose the name.

Two other accomplices of them, Farid and Ayub, remained at large.

Another four eyewitnesses to the murder, including three women, have been under interrogation, police said.

Khaleda optimistic about positive outcome

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Curtain comes down in Barcelona

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sang the Olympic anthem. To the dying notes of a Catalan folk song performed by soprano Victoria de Los Angeles, the Olympic flame was doused, plunging the stadium into total darkness.

Claps of thunder accompanied by explosions of light and fireworks heralded the next segment, which rose to a crescendo and ended with a great explosion of yellow and red — symbolizing the big bang.

What followed was an extravagant extravaganza symbolizing the creation. It peaked with a volcano into which rockets were fired, making its mouth glow and spew lava into the stadium like a huge sea of fire.

The pyrotechnics continued and devils appeared from all corners of the stadium, their garments glowing, performing leaps, somersaults and jigs.

A wedding feast was held, and a large wedding cake exploded in a messy mix of meringue and fire.

The ceremony concluded with what organizers billed as one of the most spectacular fireworks display ever and tens of thousands of spectators joining the athletes in the rumba.

Reuter adds: Typhoon Cuba swept through the Olympic boxing hall on the last day of the Barcelona Games and brought a golden windfall for the communist Caribbean island.

Olympic champion Felix Savon held up a banner with the words 'Cuba champions as the island's boxers picked up three more golds on Sunday to add to the four — one of them won by heavyweight Savon — scooped by teammates on Saturday.

To underline the extraordinary achievement, super-heavyweight Roberto Balado was awarded the prestigious Val Baker cup as best stylist after he made light work of Nigerian Richard Igbineghu to win the gold medal for his division. He was only the second Cuban to receive the award after legendary heavy-

weight Teofilo Stevenson at the 1972 Munich Games.

The last day of the Games began with thunder, lightning and torrential rain. But the sun came out again in the hours before the closing ceremony and its feast of fireworks.

There were smiles all round from the organisers of the biggest games in history — they declared the Barcelona Olympics a financial success with an expected profit of up to 6 million dollars.

The first wet weather of the sun-kissed games did nothing to dampen the spirits of Germany's Ludger Beerbaum as he rode to a nailbiting finish in the individual Olympic showjumping, snatching gold by just 0.25 of a point.

Berbaum, on classic touch, was the only rider to complete two clear rounds without time faults. He wound up a triumphant games for the German equestrian squad which also took dressage team and individual golds for a third successive Olympics.

And the rain cooled the baking heat of Barcelona for Sunday night's closing medal event — the men's marathon with its 4.6 km haul up suicide hill to the Montjuic Olympic Stadium.

Brazil won their first Olympic volleyball title with a convincing straight sets victory over the Netherlands in the men's final.

Exuberant Brazilian fans, who had been drumming and chanting throughout the match, surged on to the court after the final point to celebrate their country's success.

The Cubans boycotted the 1984 and 1988 Games for political reasons and the Americans missed out Moscow in 1980. The Cuban boxers made up for lost time by outdoing the 1980 squad who won six golds.

Their performance completely overshadowed Germany's two golds in the boxing ring on Sunday. They were the only country apart from Cuba to win more than one title.

The Midnight File

Bosnia seeks Muslim states' intervention

ISLAMABAD, Aug 9: Bosnian Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic on Sunday condemned Europe's apathy toward the bloodletting in his besieged nation and pleaded with Muslim countries to intervene. Pakistan promised Bosnia-Herzegovina an outright grant of 10 million dollar and a loan of 20 million dollar as well as humanitarian aid worth 40 million dollar said Foreign Minister Mohammad Sadiq Kanju, reports AP.

Khmer Party shifts its HQs to Phnom Penh

PHNOM PENH, Aug 9: The Khmer Liberal Democratic Party has moved its headquarters to Phnom Penh from the Cambodian-Thai border, a senior military official of the party said yesterday. Sak Sutsakhan, Commander in Chief of the Khmer People National Liberation armed forces, said at his official residence that the shift was made on June 18, reports Xinhua.

Seen from Gallery

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with the nine points articulated in the Opposition's motion.

After delivering a lengthy "verdict" on the legality of the no-confidence notice, Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali asked all those in favour of accepting the motion for discussion to stand up.

Members of the Awami League and the Jatiya Party formed the two largest blocs of MPs standing up, which produced a great deal of cat-calls from the Treasury bench. Members of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party started pointing fingers at AL and JP members, no doubt alluding to some sort of unholy alliance between the two.

Not to be outdone, AL and JP members responded by pointing fingers at BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami members, who did not stand up, referring cryptically to a same sort of dark entente between them.

Home Minister orders all-out action against terrorists

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury Sunday directed the police personnel to take all-out measures and stringent actions against terrorists and criminals irrespective of their political affiliations or any other identity, reports BSS.

He urged them to work hard with dedication to maintain law and order, peace and discipline in every sphere of society.

The Minister was addressing a conference of high police officials at Rajarbagh Police Line telecom-auditorium.

Home Secretary, Inspector General of Police, all Metropolitan Police Commissioners, all Deputy Inspector Generals and Superintendents of Police posted at the division and district levels attended the conference.

Anwar Hossain MP was accused by the Bureau of Anti-Corruption along with deposed president Ershad and his deputy prime minister Dr M A Matin.

Anwar granted ad interim bail

Anwar Hossain, Communications Minister in Ershad regime, accused in a Tk 40 crore corruption case, was yesterday granted ad interim bail by a division bench of the High Court, reports UNB.

Justice Habibur Rahman and Justice Abdul Mannan on a petition seeking anticipatory bail issued rule and granted ad interim bail pending hearing of the rule.

Oil search

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from various quarters.

Martin left Dhaka Saturday. Meanwhile, Muslim Lakhani, Scimitar's top man in Dhaka, was granted bail Tuesday. Lakhani, a Pakistan national, was given a 120-day detention in a forgery case on June 30. The authorities are investigating into the case.

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The BGMEA president strongly denied charges of fabric smuggling by a section of garments units. Cloth was smuggled the way other goods poured into the country, he said.

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Corrigendum to Sale Notice of M/S Crescent Textiles Ltd, Pabna

It is notified for all concerned that the tender of the mortgaged assets of M/S. Crescent Textiles Ltd., Pabna will be opened on 29-8-92 instead of 28-8-92 as appeared in the sale notice published on 8-8-92.

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