

# US newsman killed as sniper hits Panic convoy

**SARAJEVO, Aug 13:** A television producer for the US ABC network died today after snipers opened fire on a convoy carrying Yugoslav Prime Minister Milan Panic from Sarajevo airport, reports Reuters.

Doctors said David Kaplan died on the operating table at the headquarters of United Nations peacekeepers in the besieged city. He had been shot in the back and was not wearing a flak jacket.

Kaplan, 45, was working with ABC Correspondent Sam Donaldson to film a day in the life of the Yugoslav premier.

"No one knows who did the shooting. I guess it was just a random shot", Donaldson said in a broadcast.

US embassy officials in Belgrade said they believed he was the first American to die in Sarajevo in four months of

bitter ethnic fighting.

AP adds: Panic arrived Thursday in Sarajevo in an apparent last-minute peace bid ahead of UN Security Council vote on the possible use of force to protect relief shipments.

Before Panic's arrival, one woman was killed and four people were injured in overnight shelling that hit the main hospital in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, local officials said.

The city was otherwise relatively quiet as the Yugoslav premier, a US businessman, embarked on his unannounced mission to Sarajevo.

Panic said earlier this week he wanted to discuss an 'all-for-all' exchange of prisoners, and the possibility of opening a new route for humanitarian aid to Sarajevo, from Belgrade, the Serbian and Yugoslav capital.

The Security Council, which acted so decisively to crush Iraqi aggression in the Gulf, is exercising caution in trying to end hunger and atrocities in Bosnia's civil war.

The council was scheduled Thursday to overwhelmingly approve a vague resolution authorizing "all measures necessary" — meaning military action — to ensure that humanitarian shipments can be delivered to besieged supporters of Bosnia's government.

The resolution would be the boldest UN action to date in the Balkan crisis and the first time the Security Council has authorized military action as part of a mercy mission.

But it was to be only a warning, not a call to arms.

The council also will demand access to detention camps and set the stage for possible war crimes trials.



Bhasani Smriti Sangad staged demonstration in Bangla Academy premises yesterday in protest against dropping Bhasani's name from the academy biography series. — Star photo

## Three BCL (M-1) leaders held in Chittagong

**CHITTAGONG, Aug 13:** Police arrested three activists of Chhatra League (ML) for their alleged connection with the murder of two Juba Dal activists, reports UNB.

Shahidul Islam Shamim (20), Khokan Chandra Pathi (20) and Sadekur Rahman Romel (23) — activists of BCL, were arrested from the city's Shabuj Bag area during the last 24 hours, Chittagong police said.

Nazmul and Babul, activists of Juba Dal, were allegedly shot dead in a procession by the Chhatra League supporters on Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, Chittagong City Chhatra League leaders today in a protest meeting at Shahid Minar in the town condemned the arrest of the three BCL workers and demanded their immediate release.

The BCL leaders warned that they will launch a greater movement if the administration do not stop 'harassment' of their workers.

They claimed that about 12 activists of BCL were injured in separate attacks allegedly by the JCD and Juba Dal activists in Halishahar area in the last 24 hours.

Presided over by the City BCL president Mafzur Rahman, the meeting was addressed by Chandan Bhounmik, Giasuddin Hero and Asif Iqbal.

# The Midnight File

## Five more arrested in Ratan murder case

**KHULNA, Aug 13:** Detective police today arrested five more people in connection with the murder of district CPB leader Ratan Sen. Golam Rahman, Nasir, Mahbub, Ayub and Alamgir were picked up by the plainclothes police from Hossainpur in Rupsa thana in a continued hunt for the killers. Golam Rahman, as HSC candidate, confessed to the police that he was involved in the daylight killing near the stadium here on July 31. Police have so far arrested eight people in this connection, reports UNB.

## Stalin approved execution of an American

**MOSCOW, Aug 13:** Soviet dictator Josef Stalin approved the execution of an American and a cover story saying he has died of disease, a US-Russian commission announced Thursday. The group, which is searching through Soviet secret police and military archives, released the names of eight additional American civilians who were marooned in the former Soviet Union during World War II or the Cold War, reports AP.

# Nine die at RMCH for want of treatment

**RAJSHAHI, Aug 13:** Nine patients died at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital Wednesday-Thursday as the medical strike dragged on the third day, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said more than 150 patients had already left RMCH for want of treatment as the doctors and employees remained on the non-strike protesting attack on them.

Nine people, including an on-duty physician of RMCH, were injured in the attack on the emergency ward by jail guards Monday night.

Meanwhile, the prison authorities have suspended 10 employees of the Rajshahi Central Jail, including Jailer Rezaul Karim and Head Warden Khondaker Ashraf Ali, for their involvement in the attack, according to a concerned high official.

Local administration today had a meeting with BMA to sort out the dispute but failed as the strikers stuck to their demand — dismissal of the DIG (Prison) and the Jailer.

Meanwhile: Doctors at Pabna sadar hospital today called off their strike after submitting a memorandum to the Superintendent of Police.

They demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for yesterday's incident at the hospital.

Doctors on Wednesday began an indefinite strike after one of their colleagues was attacked by what they called, mastans.

Some local people assaulted a senior consultant at the emergency department of the hospital after alleging that three patients died due to non-attendance by the doctors.

They also alleged that the consultant charged extra charges from the patients.

Police arrested one Muhammad Alam on charges of attacking the doctor.

## Kabul

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the capital Kabul, under blistering rocket bombardment by the guerrillas since Monday.

We will accept a ceasefire for one day if the other side accepts, a spokesman for the dissident Hezb-i-Islami group said by telephone from the Pakistani border town of Peshawar.

The foreigners will be allowed to leave Kabul but not by air, the spokesman said.

Fundamentalist Hezb leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar set down certain conditions for a temporary ceasefire, the spokesman said.

He demanded the three-month-old Islamic government in Kabul release all Hezb prisoners and said the captives should leave the city with the foreigners. The spokesman estimated the interim coalition government was holding about 1,000 Hezb fighters.

He requested a strong and reliable force to guarantee the temporarily ceasefire.

The spokesman said the ceasefire offer was in response to a United Nations Security Council statement on Wednesday demanding a halt to hostilities in Kabul to let foreigners leave.

Two staff in the Russian embassy commercial section were killed and one seriously injured when a rocket hit their building in the south of the Afghan capital on Wednesday.

Cluster rockets fired by the Hezb into central Kabul killed at least 87 people on Thursday in one of the most vicious attacks in four days of fierce battles.

## BCCI

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former Managing Director (MD) of Krishi Bank, Rajshahi branch, will be the MD of the new bank.

Eastern Bank will have Taka 100 crore as authorised capital with Taka 60 crore as paid up capital.

The government will buy 20 per cent of the shares while 40 per cent shares will be subscribed by other banks and financial institutions. The remaining 40 per cent will go to former depositors.

"I don't think this will work out. I have a feeling this will never happen. We have been hearing this ever since we came here", said Yasmin with a wry smile. She has been living in this camp with her family for the last 16 years. Staying in a room, approximately seven feet by three and a half feet, she is not too discontented with her present situation. "It doesn't really matter whether we go to Pakistan. No matter where we are; we have to work hard to earn our living." Yasmin does not expect any drastic change in her life.

Surprisingly, 22-year-old Mohammad Mushtaq, a tea-shop owner in the Geneva Camp heard nothing about the most recent and much talked about repatriation agreement. When told about it, he did not seem too enthusiastic. But unlike Yasmin, he hopes to work out miracles if the red-letter day ever arrives, and ultimately takes him to Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh is spending about 10 crore taka a year for rations to the stranded Pakistanis. The Urdu-speaking Pakistanis, commonly known as Biharis, have been stranded, after they opted for Pakistani citizenship following the 1971 Liberation War.

## Ship deal

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Dhaka suspended the deal early last year and was about to scrap the contract as it found the rates quoted for the vessels — under construction at the Karachi dockyard — much higher than the prevailing international prices. Bangladesh also objected to the high down-payment, stipulated in the contract.

According to officials, Bangladesh agreed to the Pakistan proposal to revise the entire deal through negotiations, considering the 'friendly relations' between the two countries.

Last year, the government ordered an investigation into the affair, resulting in the filing of cases against four persons including a former minister.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption sued former Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam and three senior officials of the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation for their alleged involvement in getting the uneven deal through.

## Pending cases

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The shortage of law officers created by the termination of services of two deputy attorneys general and 14 assistant attorneys general late last month has further aggravated the situation, one source said.

Now there are 13 law officers including seven deputy attorneys general, four assistant attorneys general, one additional attorney general and an attorney general.

He added that although panel lawyers are being appointed, shortages of law officers are acute despite claim by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mirza Golam Haifz, that the number of existing law officers are adequate. "His statement is not based on the fact," he noted.

An authoritative source at the attorney general's office said that the removal of the law officers "created a crisis" at the peak season between June and August.

He pointed out that in some instances filing of an appeal was delayed as the law officers were busy with other cases, while noting that the presence of more than one law officer is needed during the hearing of important cases.

Even the attorney general has to remain busy with court cases and is left with little time to look after his administrative and other duties, he added.

Some government appointed panel lawyers are also showing their reluctance to join as the remuneration is inadequate, the source said.

# SSC results out

**successful.**

A total of 54,744 of these students secured first division with at least 600 marks, 40,856 got second division with a minimum of 450 marks and another 10,397 received third division with at least 330 marks.

In Jessore Board, 1,04,421 students sat for the examinations and out of them, 61,408 succeeded in securing the passing grades.

Of the successful candidates in the Jessore Board, 26,076 secured first division, 27,291 second division and 8,041 others secured third division.

The other students who secured a position in the top ten of the combined merit list of the General Science Group in Dhaka Board are: Shamim Kabir Chowdhury of Government Laboratory High School and Birul Shah of St Joseph's High School jointly stood fourth, Najmus Sakib Jamil of St Joseph's High School and Mehboob-ur-Rahman of Ideal School jointly stood fifth, Muhammad Mussaddiq Hashemi of Mirzapur Cadet College came out sixth, Muhammad Abdul Muqit of Ideal School and Farah Farzana of Vigarunnessa Noon School jointly stood seventh, Zishan ibne Hossain of St. Joseph's High School stood eighth, Upal Nath of Udayan Biddalaya, Ayesha Iluq of Mymensingh Cadet College, Md Rezwani Islam of Mirzapur Cadet College jointly secured the ninth position and Shamsi Tamara Iqbal of Vigarunnessa Noon School secured the tenth position.

## Discipline is key to success: Omar

**By Staff Correspondent.**

It was a dream come true for Omar Sirajul Hasan. A student of St Joseph's High School, Omar expected a good position in the SSC examinations merit list. But he never thought that he would top the combined merit list. Hasan obtained 922 in the examination and bagged seven letters.

Talking to The Daily Star at their home at Sangsad Bhaban Complex on Thursday, Hasan revealed the secret of his success and said that regularity and discipline were the key to every success.

"I think a disciplined life is very important for a student who wants to do real good in the examination," a beaming Hasan said.

Omar Hasan is the son of Dr Scrajul Islam Director of the Orthopaedic Hospital. Talking about his son, a proud Dr Islam confided that he expected the best possible result from his son. "But I was scared to disclose it."

When asked to comment on the best side of his son, Dr. Islam said it was his inquisitiveness, a desire to know everything.

Hasan's mother, however, said that she was so happy that she could not talk.

The first boy of this year's SSC examinations said that he never put pressure on himself with studies. After returning home from school, Hasan used to study from six to ten or seven to 11, and that was a rule. He never studied after 12.30 at night.

## Eagleburger to replace Baker

**WASHINGTON, Aug 13:** President Bush said Thursday he has asked James A Baker to resign as Secretary of State and replace Sam Skinner as White House chief of staff. The move, widely expected, was designed to reinvigorate Bush's troubled re-election campaign, reports AP.

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Tamara studied in groups under seven private tutors. She studied for at least eight hours every day after the pre-test at her school.

## SSC examinee commits suicide

**JESSORE, Aug 13:** A student, knowing that he has failed the SSC examination, allegedly committed suicide here today, reports UNB.

Police and local people said Asadul Islam, son of Ahmad Ali of Muthapur in Kotwali thana, poured poison into his mouth at his house after the examination results of Jessore Board were announced this morning.

The body of Islam, who appeared at the examination in Humanities Group from Abdus Samad Memorial Centre School, were sent to the Sadar Hospital.

Later, Islam was buried at his village graveyard on permission from a magistrate, the sources said.

## 50 examinees hurt in clash over results

**By DMCH Correspondent.**

At least 50 SSC examinees were injured as thousands thronged the Dhaka Board office premises seeking results, turned violent and then clashed with police for four hours.

Police teargassed, lathicharged the curious students and finally fired rubber bullets to disperse the impatient gathering, witnesses said.

They said that the law enforcing agency men picked up six identified result-seekers during the clash that began at around three in the afternoon. Police said none was arrested.

The police action caused serious injuries to at least six, identified as Abdullah al Mamun (16), Shahidur Rahman (16), Akbar Babul (15), Palash (23), Mozammel Haq (18) and Abdur Rashid (18).

The six were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, hospital sources said. At least seven others were given first aid at the hospital, they said.

## Determination makes the good results, says Kabir

**By Staff Correspondent.**

A 11 Hasnat Kabir stood second in the combined merit list of the SSC examinations of 1992 obtaining 920 marks out of a total of 1000 from the Government Laboratory High School, Dhaka Board.

Kabir obtained letter marks in Bengali, English, mathematics, geography, Islamic studies, general science and higher mathematics. "I am happy with my result," Kabir said. However, his father, Munshi Ahsan Kabir, Assistant Director of Radio Bangladesh and her mother, an announcer in the same organisation, said: "We consider our son to be the best student in his exams. He deserved the first position, but God knows what happened during the tabulation in the Board Office."

To achieve good results, strong determination is enough," Kabir said. He used to study for 12 to 14 hours every day. He had one private tutor to teach him maths. He also studied in groups under private tutors.



Shamsi Tamara Iqbal 3rd among girls

## I expected such a result: Tamara

**By Staff Correspondent.**

Shamsi Tamara Iqbal secured the third position among the girls in the General Science group of the SSC examinations this year with a mark of 907 out of a total of 1000 from the Vigarunnessa Noon Girls High School, Dhaka Board.

She obtained letter marks in Bengali, English, Mathematics, Geography, Islamic Studies and General Science.

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# Indemnity: Hasina

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in the way of establishing rule of law in the country," at the Institution of Engineers auditorium.

The discussion was organised on the second day of a three-day programme to observe 'national mourning day' August 15, the death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Addressing the meeting as chief guest, Sheikh Hasina said that her party was struggling to bring about people's economic emancipation through establishing democracy. "But democracy would never take roots with the black law, the Indemnity Act in the Constitution that opposed the rule of law, a precondition for democracy," the opposition leader explained.

This black Act has been depriving me of the right over the past 17 years to demand trial of my father's killers, she said adding that this black law was bound to curb people's fundamental rights.

Hasina reiterated the demand to repeal the Indemnity Act paving the way for the trial of Bangabandhu's killers to ensure rule of law and help democracy flourish.

Speaking on the law and order situation in the country, the AL chief said that terrorism could not be stopped without putting the killers of Bangabandhu on trial.

Referring to the controversy over the proclamation of the country's independence, the ex-Chief Justice quoting the Constitution said even after the Fifth Amendment it was constitutionally proved that Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman proclaimed independence on March 26 in Dhaka.

Begum Sufia Kamal in her presidential speech called upon all democracy-loving people to unite against all the injustices the nation was facing.

## Nasim Khan

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The cost of repatriation is estimated to be between US \$ 200 to 300 million.

Nasim Khan, 74, gave a breakdown of the number of people expected to be repatriated this December. According to him, each family in this camp in Mohammadpur has on an average about five members. Hence as the repatriation agreement states to take 3,000 families at the first go, the number of people comes to around 15,000. There are now about 17,000 people living in this camp. So, if all goes well about 88 per cent of the refugees in this camp in Mohammadpur are likely to be repatriated.

Residents of Geneva Camp, largest of about 70 camps in the country, did not appear as enthusiastic as Nasim Khan. Yasmin, a resident of this camp is not moved at all. At 43, she is paying the toll for her old husband Haider Ali, who is too frail to work. She maintains her family of three daughter by working as a cleaner in a private organisation.

## Farzana was independent in choosing her subject

**By Staff Correspondent.**

In the Elephant Road home of Farah Farzana lives three people with outstanding academic results — her father, an engineer, her brother and her elder sister.

Farzana stood first among the girls in the general science group of this year's SSC examinations. She was seventh in the combined merit list.

Talking about their daughter, Farzana's parents said that they never forced their likings in selecting her group in the SSC examinations.

# JS prorogued

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special thanks for running the House effectively.

Maudud further said that the session was not only interesting and significant, but also would be "considered a landmark in the democratic system in Bangladesh."

Thanking everyone responsible for making the session successful, Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the Opposition said that the budget failed to fulfil the expectations of the people.

Sheikh Hasina alleged that despite signing an accord of understanding no effective steps were taken to implement it.

In an oblique reference to the Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition said that the Chair of the Speaker was a sacred one and added that a neutral role of the Speaker was expected.

Shamsuddoha, leader of the Parliamentary Party of the Communist Party of Bangladesh said that the session would be treated as a historic session.

Speaker Shaikh Razaque Ali, in his valedictory statement, said that the no-confidence motion was the most important business of the House. He thanked everybody for making the session successful.

A total of 270 members were present in the House when the Speaker read out the proclamation from the President made under Article 72(1) of the Constitution declaring the House prorogued.