

Heavy shelling in Sarajevo: 5 killed

BELGRADE, Aug 23: Heavy shelling overnight in Sarajevo killed five people and wounded nine others, radio Sarajevo reported, while Muslim forces were reported to be continuing attacks on Serbian positions around the city, reports AFP.

The Belgrade-based Tanjug news agency quoted the commander of Bosnian Serb forces as speaking of fighting all over Bosnia between Serbs on one side and Muslim and Croat forces on the other.

Tanjug said Muslims loyal to Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic early Sunday shelled all Serb positions in southern Sarajevo lying between Lukavica and Vogosca.

Muslim forces attacked the Nedzartec, Vokovic, Ildiza and Rajlovac suburbs in what Tanjug's sources said were "artillery bombardments prior to a ground assault."

The sources said a general offensive by Muslim forces on

Serb positions in and around Sarajevo continued into its third day Sunday.

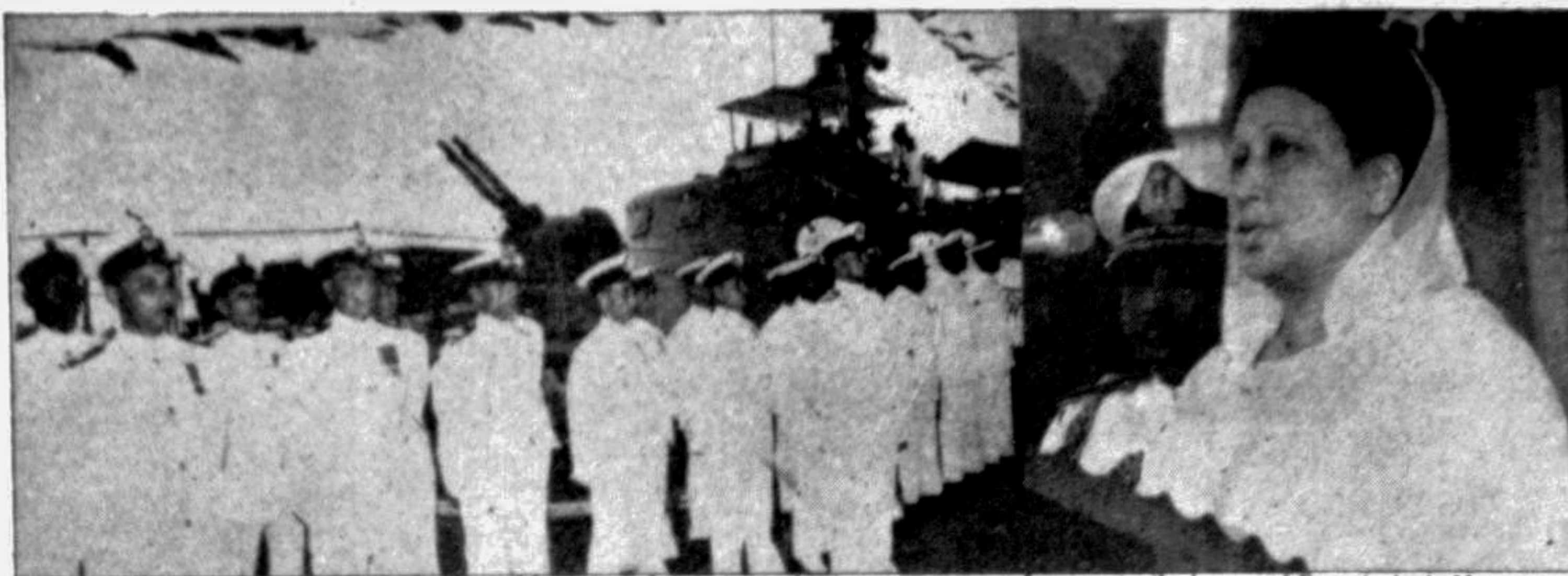
The sources accused Muslim forces of having mortared Saturday the UN headquarters, in an attack which caused no damage but forced UN personnel to take to shelters.

Tanjug, again quoting Serb sources, said Muslims provoked such incidents with the intention of compromising the London peace conference opening Wednesday.

Sarajevo radio said that as a 'security measure' bread would not be on sale Sunday and explosion could be heard in Dobrinja suburb near the airport, the radio said.

The radio said that the overnight shelling led to several outbreaks of fire and that at least 50 shells hit the city centre.

Medical sources cited by the radio said 19 people were hospitalised overnight.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing the commissioning ceremony of two missile boats of Bangladesh Navy at Sadar Ghat in city yesterday.

Afghan groups asked to shift offices from Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Aug 23: The Pakistan government has asked all Afghan organizations to cease their activities inside Pakistan and immediately shift their offices to Afghanistan, local paper The Muslim reported today, says Xinhua.

The step has been taken in keeping with the policy of the government to remain neutral in respect of the prevailing situation in Afghanistan and not to allow its soil to be used by any faction of Afghan Mujahideen against its rivals, the report said.

The government warned all the Afghan groups that if any of them was found indulging in any activity against their rivals, they would be dealt with according to the law and would be obliged to close down their offices in Pakistan.

Reliable sources were quoted as saying that the concerned official agencies had been directed to keep a strict vigilance over the activities of all the Afghan organizations and ensure that none of them sent any equipment, arms or any type of assistance to any of the warring factions inside Afghanistan.

Interim Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani has reportedly complained to the Pakistan government that Hizb-i-Islami leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar continued to receive weapons from Pakistan.

Delhi, Islamabad to talk N-free S Asia

ISLAMABAD, Aug 23: India and Pakistan have agreed to discuss the denuclearization of South Asia and a mutual reduction of conventional weapons, Foreign Secretary Shaharyar Mohammad Khan said here today, reports AFP.

The issues will come up at the next round of talks between the two countries, both of which are believed to possess a nuclear capability, Khan told reporters on his return from talks in New Delhi with his Indian counterpart JN Dixit.

"We had a positive response from India which was inclined to hold discussions on nuclear non-proliferation and other issues, including a mutual and balanced reduction in conventional weapons," Khan said.

Pakistan wants a regional solution to the issue, saying it can not forego its nuclear options because of concerns over the nuclear prowess of India, which exploded an atomic device in 1974.

A proposal by Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in June last year for a five-nation conference to devise a regional nuclear non-proliferation regime was given a cold shoulder by India.

Other proposed participants — the United States, Russia and China — had supported the idea, officials here said.

Khan said there had been "definite forward movement" at the Delhi meeting which was the sixth in a series aimed

at improving strained relations.

In addition to signing some accords to build mutual confidence, the two sides agreed to talks between their Defence Secretaries to implement a 1989 agreement on troop redeployments on the disputed Siachen Glacier, he said.

There have been skirmishes on the glacier — described as the highest battle-front in the world — since 1984.

Khan said the Defence Secretaries along with military aides would be meeting sometime between mid-October and first half of November to resolve the issue of Siachen which borders Pakistan, China and India.

He welcomed India's willingness to discuss Kashmir under the bilateral 1972 Simla Agreement on the issue, which has triggered two wars between the South Asian neighbours since 1947 and continues to cloud relations.

However, he said the "perspectives and interpretations" of the two countries on Kashmir remained "widely different."

He said the 1948 UN Resolutions for a plebiscite in Kashmir and the Simla Agreement "are not mutually exclusive as the UN provided a framework for the settlement while the Simla Agreement offered a means to achieve it."

"I hope that given requisite political will, it should be possible to overcome the divergences and move ahead towards a meaningful dialogue for a final settlement of the dispute, which has bedevilled relations for over four decades," Khan said.

Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao will give a definite response to Sharif's proposal for Kashmir talks

502 more arrested on various charges

Police arrested 502 people on various charges from different parts of the country in last 24 hours. In their countrywide drive, they also recovered 16 illegal arms and 46 rounds of ammunition during the same period. The recovered arms include 11 pipeguns, one revolver and four guns, reports UNB.

BSP, Editors Council warn of movement after Aug 31

An emergency meeting of the special committee of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad and Bangladesh Sampadak Parishad yesterday reiterated its demand to abolish the advertisement distribution system through the Department of Films and Publications by August 31.

Otherwise, a greater movement would be launched, the meeting in a resolution said.

The meeting was presided over by Maimul Hossain, President of the Sangbadpatra Parishad.

26 hurt as police, jatra audience clash in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Aug 23: At least 26 people were injured, one of them seriously, when members of a jatra party, audience and police clashed in Joyenbordulhat village of Kamarkhand thana early this morning, reports UNB.

The clash erupted when police halted a jatra show at Joyenbordulhat at around 3 am and arrested two performers. They also seized some musical instruments of the jatra party.

The arrested are Sayera (15) and Anjoli (14), two dancers of the group.

The seriously injured Abdul (24) was hospitalised in Kamarkhand health complex and is stated to be in critical condition.

The jatra show was organised by the local youth with permission from the district administration.

But police said the validity of the permission expired two days back.

PM-5 party meet

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not welcomed by all the partners in the Alliance.

One of the leaders of the Alliance, preferring anonymity, said that "We should have attended the meeting. After all, she (meaning Begum Zia) is our Prime Minister and we have elected her. There is no scope to hush up the whole thing and we could very well have kept the 'people informed'."

Besides, a section of the BNP leaders also expressed 'unhappiness' on the reaction of the Alliance to the proposal. They, however, added that the BNP was open to dialogue but would not allow "a situation to be created where others could take advantage of it."

BNP policy planners, according to sources, were not in favour of an all-party move to ease the tension but felt that the situation was not beyond the control of the government.

Meanwhile, the former Eight-Party Alliance (led by the AI) sources said that they were not happy over the development of events, "especially the attempted bilateral negotiations between the Five-Party Alliance and the government."

Two Filipinos

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of the accused persons were seized and cases were filed against them.

The Judge examined witnesses during the trial and found the accused persons guilty.

Special Public Prosecutor of the Anti-Smuggling Tribunal Advocate Abdus Salam Mamun and others appeared on behalf of the state while Barrister Amirul Islam with seven other advocates defended the accused persons.

Bus passengers robbed of Tk 11 lakh cash, goods at Sherpur

BOGRA, Aug 23: A gang of seven dacoits robbed the passengers of a night coach of Taka five lakh in cash, goods worth about Taka six lakh and a gun from an AB Bank guard at Sherpur, 15 km off here at around midnight yesterday.

At least 15 people were injured during the dacoity. The condition of one was said to be critical.

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Bolivian cargo plane with 10 aboard crashes

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Aug 23: A cargo plane with 10 people aboard crashed in the Andes Mountains and there were no signs of survivors, the air force reported Sunday. Air traffic controllers said they lost contact with the Convair 4-40 plane on Friday as it was three miles (five kms) north of La Paz on a flight to the capital from Santa Ana de Yacuma to La Paz, 350 miles (563 kms) away, reports AP.

Mexico forms federal reserve to protect rain forests

MEXICO CITY, Aug 23: The government has created a new federal reserve to protect the last remaining tropical rain forest in North America, which contains thousands of endangered animal and plant species. Environmentalists, who have been calling for protective measures for years, praised the government's move over the weekend to set aside about 800 square kilometres (312.5 square miles), reports AP.

Iraq warns of retaliation to exclusive zone

BAGHDAD, Aug 23: Iraq said today for the first time that it would respond militarily if the allies imposed an exclusion zone in the south, reports AFP.

The Iraqi people and its armed forces will gouge out the enemy's eyes if they are tempted to attack Iraq, the Defense Ministry Daily Al-Qaddisiya said after President Saddam Hussein met his Air Force and Air Defense Chiefs.

It gave no details on Saturday's meeting or on the type of military response Iraq would take against an air exclusion zone the United States, Britain and France say they are planning to protect Shi'ite Muslims.

But the paper clearly backed military action, unlike previous Iraqi statements which called for resistance using all the available means or the 'mobilization' of all resources and the Iraqi people.

Hussein also sent his Defense Minister and cousin Ali Hassan Al-Majid to meet with tribal leaders Saturday in the southern marshes in what newspapers described as a mission to rally the population's support.

Iraqi television repeatedly showed Shi'ite inhabitants of the marshes demonstrating against what the commentator said was the 'plot to divide Iraq' and expressing support for Hussein.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi President met Sudan's interim Parliamentary Speaker, Mohammad Al-Amin Khalifa, and

the State Department warned American travellers to avoid Jordan and cautioned against travel in the Middle East, South Asia and North Africa because of mounting tensions with Iraq.

The Jordan warning cited 'the increased risk of possible terrorist acts directed against the US government or US citizens in the area.'

OP-1 winners

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They said that some of the winners had resigned from their jobs and sold off property and other belongings as they were certain about their migration to the United States.

The winners appealed to the US authorities to include them in a similar immigration programme, recently announced from which Bangladesh has been excluded.

The association convenor said that they would hand over similar memoranda to the Prime Minister, the President, the Leader of the Opposition in parliament and the Foreign Minister today (Monday).

He also said that if their demonstrations and agitations proved futile, they would start a hunger strike in front of the US Embassy from October.

Under the OP-1 programme some 20,000 immigrants including 6,324 from Bangladesh were given permanent residency in the United States of America during 1990 and 1991.

Nirmul bodies

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Commissioner.

Central leaders of the committee participated in the hour-long sit-in amid rains, heavy contingents of riot police were posted around the Dhaka DC office to prevent any untoward incident.

Agitated workers hung a copy of the memorandum on the collapsible gate of the DC office after the committee leaders refused to hand it over to anybody other than the DC himself. Officials informed that the DC was absent from his chamber at that time.

Led by the committee convenor Jahanara Imam and other central leaders including Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury, Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury, Maya, Syed Hassan Imam and Kazi Aref Ahmed — a big procession earlier in the morning marched towards the DC office from Bangabandhu Avenue, carrying banners and placards and chanting slogans.

During the sit-in demonstration, slogans demanding hanging of Golan Azam, punishment of the anti-liberation forces, ban on Jamaat-Shibir, Freedom Party-Juba Command were raised repeatedly. Jahanara Imam while addressing

the demonstrators, demanded of the government to fulfill the four-point demand without further delay.

She also condemned the government for not taking legal action against the 'anti-liberation killers circle.' Addressed to the Prime Minister, the memorandum reiterated the committee's demands and for fulfillment of those for the greater interest of the nation and help democracy get a permanent shape. It also mentioned that it's the responsibility of the elected government to materialise the 'people's verdict' on Golan Azam. Criticising the filing of 'conspiratory' cases against the committee workers across the country, the memorandum demanded immediate withdrawal of those.

The four-point demand also include: Ban on Jamaat for violating the country's constitution, stopping politics inside the mosques, temples and churches.

Committee sources said, the District Headquarter Gherao programme was also held in all the districts where demonstrations were held and memoranda to the respective DCs' office were submitted.

Police kill 7 extremists in Egypt

ASSIUT (Egypt), Aug 23: Police battled with Muslim extremists in southern Egypt and killed seven of them in the bloodiest confrontation this year, a police official said Sunday, reports AP.

Maj Gen Abdel-Wahab el-Hilali, security chief of Assiut province, said police surrounded the village of Minqabad in Assiut province Saturday night after they were tipped that Muslim militants were hiding in a house there. Assiut is 380 kilometres (236 miles) south of Cairo.

Rocket fire

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AP adds: The Islamic government on Sunday asked the United Nations to hand over ousted president Najibullah to stand trial for war crimes. Hours earlier, the last foreign UN personnel in Kabul evacuated the city.

The only UN personnel remaining in Kabul, wracked by warfare between forces of the Islamic interim government and a renegade rebel faction, are Afghans. They did not immediately respond to the government's request, and a spokesman at UN headquarters in New York refused to comment.

Ex-JP MP

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other BCL leaders Shafiqul Alam Shafiq and Akhter Hossain, President and General Secretary respectively of BCL city unit (South) were arrested in connection with the attempt on Workers Party (WP) leader Rashed Khan Menon.

Unidentified assailants had shot and wounded the WP leader near his party office at Tophkhana Road in the capital at around 8:35 pm Monday.

Police brought charges against the former JP MP and his younger brother under Sections 326 (for injuring gravely), 307 (attempt to murder) and 34 (common intention) of Bangladesh Penal Code (BPC) on Wednesday while the two BCL leaders were arrested under Section 54 (suspicion).

Meanwhile, Detective Branch (DB) police team returned to Dhaka from Jessore with Shah Nawaz, reportedly an Indian national, early Sunday, a police source said.

Shah Nawaz was arrested from Jessore on suspicion Friday. According to police, he might have a link with Menon's assailant. He was brought to the Detective Branch office at Minto Road in the capital for questioning, said a police official but declined to give any details.

Our Court Correspondent reports: The JP MP, his brother and the two BCL leaders were produced in the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court Sunday.

Solicitors on behalf of the arrested persons moved bail petitions separately. The Magistrate rejected all the petitions.

The court, however, allowed division to the former MP and his brother.

The two BCL leaders were ordered to general custody at the Dhaka Central Jail.



The Duchess of York is seen with her children prior to departing to London from Aberdeen yesterday. According to a Buckingham Palace spokesman she left "as planned" before publication of intimate photographs of the Duchess and her financial advisor, John Bryan, last week. — AFP photo

Ferguson leaves royal retreat

LONDON, Aug 23: The Duchess of York, troubled by the publication of photographs of her smuggling topless with an American friend, Sunday ended a six-day stay with the royal family in Scotland, Buckingham Palace said, reports AP.

The duchess and her two daughters, Beatrice and Eugenie, boarded a scheduled British Airways flight from Aberdeen to London, according to reporters at the Scottish airport.

A palace spokesman, requesting customary anonymity, confirmed their departure from Balmoral Castle, where Queen Elizabeth and her family traditionally gather each August.

The Sunday Express poll also found that 52 per cent believed that the Daily Mirror and other tabloids were wrong to print photographs showing intimacy between the duchess and Bryan.

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