# Edn to be standardised to check 'brain drain' : PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon the teachers and students to extend their all-out cooperation to make the non-formal education programmes like mass education a success, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister said: "We have given priority to education and want to farther the sector with the support of all."

Begum Khaleda Zia was addressing a ceremony of bus distribution among different educational institutions at the International Conference Centre in the city. Seven buses, one mini bus and two micro buses were distributed among seven educational institutions of the country.

The Prime Minister said the congenial academic atmosphere would have to be maintained to attain the desired improvement of the educational institutions of the country within the country's available resources.

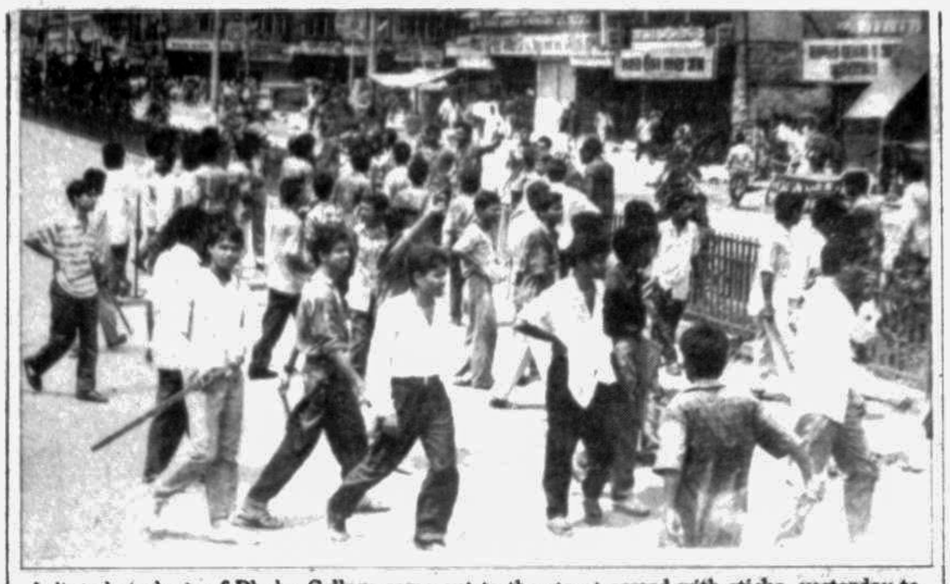
Begum Zia said the government was sincere and determined to improve the standard of education to check 'brain drain'. She said: "We want that our children receive the desired standard of education in the country and contribute effectively to the progress of the nation."

Referring to the government's programme in the education sector the Prime Minister said the government had taken necessary measures to strengthen the education at the primary level for making it effective and help the students achieve desired result at the higher studies.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, Social Welfare Minister Tariqul Islam, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khondokar Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Education Prof Md Yunus Khan, State Minister for Textile M A Mannan, State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal, State Minister for Relief and Rehabilitation Lutfar Rahman Khan and members of parliament attended the function. The student leaders including DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman MP, DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Khokan, JCD General Secretary Elias Ali, JCD Organising Secretary Abdul Malek, Nazimuddin Alam, Shireen Sultana, Habibunnabi Sohel and Ali Akkas Nadim were also present.

The educational institutions which have received the buses include Dhaka Medical College (one bus), Rajshahi Medical College (one bus), Dhaka University (two micro buses for the teachers and two buses for the students), Jahangirnagar University (one mini bus for the teachers), Nawab Sirajuddowla College, Natore (one bus), Dhaka College (one bus) and Shadad University College, Korotia, Tangail (one bus).

The heads of the educational institutions and the Vice Chancellors of Dhaka University and Rajshahi University along with students received the buses from the Prime Minister.



Agitated students of Dhaka College came out to the street armed with sticks yesterday to protest killing of the college student. —Star photo

# College student's death triggers violence

By DMCH Correspondent

Death news of a Dhaka College student triggered violence in the surroundings of the college on the Mirpur Road in the city Wednesday.

Furious students started picketing on the road from New Market to Science Laboratory areas from 10 am to 2 pm yesterday. The college authorities declared all classes would remain suspended today (Thursday).

Farhad Hossain, a second year student of science group of Dhaka College was found dead Wednesday.

According to family sources, Farhad was missing since Tuesday. As usual Farhad went to the college from his residence at South Kafrul, Dhaka Cantonment Tuesday morning but did not return home, relatives said.

In their search for Farhad, relatives rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) Wednesday morning and found the body in the morgue.

A hospital source said, a rickshaw-puller brought the body to the hospital Tuesday afternoon but the body remained unidentified.

The body was brought to the hospital morgue immediately after a clash between a group of students and shop owners and employees of Bakusha Market at Nilkhet Area at around 1:30 pm Tuesday.

The shop owners claimed that the students stormed on them when a tailoring shop owner of the market refused to pay tolls demanded by the students Tuesday.

On the contrary, the students said that they rushed to the market to rescue some of their fellow students who were assaulted and held captive at the market Tuesday.

On Wednesday the unruly students damaged several rickshaws and cars plying on the roads. They also damaged at least a dozen of road side shops during a demonstration in protest against the killing.

The students also marched towards the Bakusha Market in a procession but police blocked them on the way to avert any fresh violence.

Witnesses said, several armed youths were found roaming in and out side the Bakusha Market Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the post mortem examination of Farhad's body was done at the Forensic Department of the Dhaka Medical College yesterday.

A doctor on duty said that they did not find any external bruise on his body. He feared, Farhad received a blow on his head and died following internal bleeding.

Dhanmondi police said, the victim's elder brother, Mahbub Alam lodged a murder case with them Wednesday afternoon. But no arrest was made in this connection till last night.

Police are yet to receive the autopsy report, according to Dhanmondi Police Station.

## One hanged in Khulna for killing cousin

KHULNA, Aug 26: A middle-aged man, accused of killing his cousin, was hanged at the district jail here early hours today (Wednesday), reports UNB.

Akil Siddique (40) was hanged at 1:15 am after being sentenced to death by hanging for killing Rahatullah at Khadempur village in Chuadanga of Kushtia district in March, 1985.

District Session Judge of Chuadanga sentenced him to death by hanging on January 28, 1986. The accused then appealed to the High Court and Supreme Court. Both courts rejected the appeal.

The plaintiff then applied to the President for his life but it was also turned down.

Siddique was brought to Khulna district jail from Rajshahi, Monday.

This is the second case of hanging in Khulna district jail, the first was in 1985.

## Tariff value

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had representations from the private sector.

The committee reviewed, in consultation with chambers, tariff values of a number of items and recommended cuts on 30 importables.

Meanwhile, according to sources in the business circles, the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) has finalised a fresh list of 500 items, tariff values of which are said to be higher than real international price indices.

FBCCI will soon submit the list to the National Board of Revenue (NBR), asking for revision in those cases also, sources said.

Tariff value, set by NBR, reflects the real international price of an importable, and custom duty is determined on the basis of this value. Tariff value is aimed at plugging revenue leakage by restricting over and under-invoicing.

Tariff value has so far been fixed on some 2,300 items, about 60 per cent of the total importables. The values are, however, reviewed and changed, if necessary, every three months.

## Agreed minutes

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cooperation agreement signed by the two ministers.

The two ministers in their inaugural speeches had given directives to their respective delegations for identifying areas of mutual cooperation and promoting common interest particularly in expansion of trade between the two countries, shipping services, joint venture industries and investment, banking cooperation, technical cooperation, cultural relations, recognition of degree of medical colleges in Bangladesh, recruitment of Bangladeshi manpower, tourism, coconut palm, other palm and tree plantation project in Bangladesh and religious matters.

The officials led by Dr A M M Shawkat Ali, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division on Bangladesh side and ambassador Dato Abdul Halim bin Ali, Deputy Secretary General-I of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the Malaysian side had detailed two-day discussions on specific items and reached decisions on mutual cooperation in all of the above areas.

Accordingly, the agreed minutes were drawn up and signed by the two ministers.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Bangladesh-Malaysia Joint Commission would be held in Kuala Lumpur in 1993.

Speaking on the occasion, Mostafizur Rahman said increased cooperation between the two countries would bring two friends still closer to each other.

The Malaysian Foreign Minister expressed deep sastisfaction at the signing of the agreed minutes and the setting up of the Joint Commission.

## 15 hurt as rival JCD groups clash at CU

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Aug 26: At least 15 students were injured in a gunfight today between the two rival groups of JCD activists on Chittagong University campus, witnesses said.

Among the injured Mohiuddin Kader, 24 and Ilias Babul, 22, were admitted with serious bullet wounds to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, doctor on duty said.

Police said today's gunfight between the two rival groups of JCD activists was the sequel to Tuesday's internecine campus clash.

The JCD supporters of Chittagong University were divided over a leadership issue among themselves which culminated into a gunfight for the second consecutive day today, police and campus sources said.

During the gunfight this morning both the groups freely exchanged gunshots and blasted crackers in the chase and counter-chase which took place for about an hour, campus sources added saying it sparked off tension there.

Later, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

## Hasina

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the situation and are now engaged in misleading propaganda to confuse people about the actual situation", she told the rally at Panchapalli High School ground in Gopalpur union of Tungipara thana.

Hasina, now on an organisational tour to her home district, accused Prime Minister Begum Zia's government of abusing power and amassing illegal wealth through corruption.

Recalling the objective of the anti-autocracy movement, the Awami League leader said people did not oust the autocracy to instal a new one. "People want peace and a better future ... at least minimum guarantee of coarse rice and clothes."

But she said the BNP government, it now becomes clear, has bagged votes by bluffing the electorates. "It failed to fulfil its commitment in last 18 months."

Hasina alleged that the irresponsible acts of the ruling party further deepened the socio-economic problems of the commonman.

## Sirajul Alam Khan operated upon

Former student and political leader Sirajul Alam Khan has been operated upon on the spine at the PG hospital in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Sources close to him said Professor Rashiduddin Ahmed led a nine-member medical team in conducting the operation.

Khan has been kept under observation at the intensive care unit after the operation. He is awaiting a second operation for spondylysis.

Sirajul Alam Khan has been suffering from bilateral disk prolapse. As advised by the doctors, the sources have requested all not to visit Khan for the next seven days at the hospital.

## Tk 12cr damage suit against Ershad, Rawshan and 3 others

A 12-crore Taka damage suit was filed against former president Hossain Mohammad Ershad, Begum Rawshan Ershad and three others by Antazuddin Ahmed, a renowned businessman and his wife Hosne Ara Ahmed, reports UNB.

The plaintiffs in their application said their houses in Gulshan and Dilu Road in Dhaka city were illegally declared abandoned in 1988. The Gulshan House was turned into office of the then first lady Begum Rawshan Ershad and the Dilu Road House was allotted to her relative Monsura Mohiuddin.

Moreover, the application said Antazuddin Ahmed was detained under the Special Powers Act and falsely implicated in a number of criminal cases. This has caused enormous loss and mental torture.

He was not released from the detention by Ershad government despite order from the High Court on a writ petition filed by him.

This was done as Antazuddin had refused to carry out an illegal order of the former president, the application said.

Hosne Ara Ahmed who is co-owner of the property declared abandoned by the Ershad government is a resident of America.

The other defendants in the case are SM Rahmatullah, ex-chairman of RAJUK, Mohammad Ali, ex-secretary Ministry of Home and Ayubur Rahman, ex-secretary Ministry of Works.

After hearing both sides, sub-judge of the 1st court Shahidul Haq issued order allowing defence counsels Nitai Roy Chowdhury and Mostafa Jamal to consult Ershad who is now in Dhaka Central Jail in connection with the case.

## Pathakali Trust now Shishu Kalyan Trust

A meeting of the Pathakali Trust was held yesterday at the conference room of the Ministry of Education with Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar in the chair, reports BSS.

The meeting decided to transfer land and building of the trust earmarked for the World Trade Centre to PWD (Public Works Department) and to rename the trust as 'Shishu Kalyan Trust' immediately. It also decided to change the monogram and induct Dr Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin as member of the trust. It reviewed the financial position of the trust and decided to pay financial grant to the teachers and employees of 20 more schools located in different districts.

Education Secretary Shafiul Alam, Director-General of Primary Education Abul Hossain, DG of Technical Education Rafiqul Haq, DG of Health Services Prof M A T Siddique, members of the trust Prof A N Rasheda, F H Abed and Rokunuzzaman Khan attended the meeting.

# Rohingyas' return

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sincere, hard-working and well-behaved.

He also told her that Bangladesh was a potential source of manpower for Malaysia and assured that more skilled and semi-skilled workers would be recruited in future.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman was present on the occasion.

BSS adds: In a meeting with a delegation of Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Malaysian Foreign Minister appreciated the congenial foreign investment climate in Bangladesh and said that after his return he would persuade the private investors of Malaysia to invest in Bangladesh.

The Malaysian Foreign Minister expressed his interest to recruit more Bangladeshi manpower.

The FBCCI president Mahabubur Rahman led the delegation comprising 14 men.

The FBCCI president underlined the need for accelerating the bilateral trade and economic cooperation further through a joint committee on economic and commercial cooperations between the private sectors of Bangladesh and Malaysia.

Rahman proposed more private sector cooperations on the basis of the Memorandum of Understanding between FBCCI and National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Malaysia (NCCIM) signed earlier.

The delegation requested the Malaysian Minister to extend the time for registration of the Bangladeshi workers, waiting for registration to legalise their stay in Malaysia.

The members of FBCCI delegation, among others, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry president M Morshed Khan, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry president M Yunus, Chamber of Industry President M Subid Ali, Bangladesh Garments Manufacturing and Exporters' Association president Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain and Pharmaceutical Industries Association president Salman F Rahman participated in the discussion and suggested specific proposals for consideration of the Malaysian government and businessmen to help expand and strengthen the bilateral cooperations.

Morshed Khan suggested setting up a branch of Bangladeshi private bank in Malaysia and underlined the participation of the private sector representatives in the joint commission.

## Gunmen loot Tk 20,000 from city restaurant

Miscreants ransacked a city restaurant and decamped with about Tk 20,000 at gunpoint today (Wednesday), reports UNB.

Witnesses said a group of 7 to 8 armed miscreants entered Hotel Probash, near Fakirerpool water tank, also damaged its furniture and fixtures before leaving with the booty at about 6:15 pm.

Employees of the hotel alleged that the miscreants demanded toll from the manager and on his refusal fired three rounds of shots. But the manager escaped unhurt. However, one employee was injured when the miscreants struck him with a 'chapati'.

Police visited the spot.

A case was filed with Motijheel police in this connection. None was arrested.

## Menon

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Workers' Party leader showed marked improvement yesterday following the remission of temperature and improvement of jaundice.

A CMH special medical bulletin said that Menon's liver function was showing definite improvement and that his lung status was also better.

Issued after a review of his condition by Consultant Physician Major General Anis Waiz and Consultant Surgeon Major General A M Mohaimen, the bulletin added that the 'slightly' anaemic condition of Menon was being corrected.

CMH sources said that his temperature stood at 99 degrees.

Menon continued to remain on a liquid diet and was also given sugarcane juice in the morning, family sources said.

## Members of special body go to CHT today

The members of the high-powered special committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts will start visiting the hilly districts today, reports BSS.

At the first leg of their extensive visit to the hill districts they will hold series of talks and elaborate discussions with the cross section of people of Khagrachari and chairman and members of the local government council of the hilly district. The committee will also hold meetings with local elite and members of the district and thana administrations.

The nine-member committee, constituted to help find out solutions to the conditions prevailing in the hilly districts met in Dhaka yesterday with the convenor of the committee, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed in the chair.

Members of the committee, who are all MPs representing different parties, Kalpa Ranjan Chakma (AL), Barkat Ullah Bhulu (BNP), Wahidul Alam (BNP), Mohammad Shahajahan (BNP), Shahjahan Chowdhury (Jamaat) and Mostaque Ahmed Chowdhury (AL) attended the meeting. Secretary Special Affairs (Welfare) Division A M Chowdhury also attended. Except Rashed Khan Menon, MP of Workers Party who is undergoing treatment at the CMH (Combined Military Hospital), all the members of the committee will be off for a two-day visit to Khagrachhari today.

The committee finalised the details of modus operandi of the visits in the meeting. In the second phase, the members of the committee will visit the hilly districts of Rangamati and Banderban.

## Dhaka, Yangoon

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In today's flag meeting a 20-member Myanmar team comprising border guard officials was headed by its local Area Commander Col Chit Pe while a 14-member Bangladesh team was led by Sector Commander Col Ali Hasan.

Official sources said different aspects of border security and peace were discussed in this border talks.

BSS adds: An official said that the Myanmar side agreed to release soon three Bangladesh fishermen captured by Myanmar Border Force on July 30.

The two sides agreed to settle all petty incidents taking place at the borders through discussions.

# The Midnight File

## Ammonia leakage leaves 11 dead in Panipat

CHANDIGARH, Aug 26: At least eleven persons died and eight became unconscious as ammonia gas leaked in the national fertiliser plant at Panipat in Haryana today. Relief operations were on and the unconscious workers were rushed to hospitals at Panipat and Rohtak, reports PTI.

## Army-tribal clash in Sanaa: 13 killed

SANAA, Aug 26: Thirteen people, including 10 policemen were killed and 11 police officers wounded in a clash in the Maareb region east of Sanaa, a Yemeni interior Ministry spokesman said today. A tribal chief in the region contacted by AFP said the incident took place Tuesday and warned that further clashes could break out between the army and tribal factions. He said the army was sending reinforcements to the oil-rich area and had already deployed 50 armoured vehicles.

## Nazrul's death

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drama and organise a workshop on Nazrul Sangeet for the trainees.

Nazrul Academy has organised a discussion meeting and cultural function on the occasion today at 5-30 pm at the auditorium of the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB). The function will be attended by noted litterateurs, teachers of the academy and former students.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy has organised similar programme at its conference room today at 7 pm. Dr Mohammad Maniruzzaman, Shahabuddin Ahmed and Poet Al Mahmud will participate in the discussion on Nazrul while noted artists of the country will perform in the cultural function.

## Export credit

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banks for their low interest charges.

Meanwhile, the country's exporters have expressed grave concern over the government decision saying that this would make exports more uncompetitive than those of the neighbouring countries.

Mahbubur Rahman, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) told The Daily Star that this step would hamper exports in Bangladesh.

"When we are adopting export strategies to make our products competitive, this would simply reverse the process," Rahman said.

He said that when the government had imposed such things as half per cent tax at the source of export and withdrawn facilities as XPB and secondary exchange market, this new step would inflict another blow to the exporters.

## "Dui Bangla Ki Ek Hobe" banned

The government has banned sale, distribution and preservation of a book "Dui Bangla Ki Ek Hobe," said an official handout Wednesday night, reports UNB.

## Princess Anne

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scheduled to fly to Dhaka to see the condition of Rohingya refugees encamped in Bangladesh and visit some remote rural areas.

The source said Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, decided to drop her Bangladesh visit because of lack of logistics for her intended tour of remote rural areas and also for her tight schedule in India.

## RMCH

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Earlier, Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners' Association in a statement condemned the attempt on Dr Habibur Rahman. It demanded punishment of the culprits and prayed for early recovery of Dr Habib.

Meanwhile, police arrested three brothers, said to be mastans of nearby Sepoypara, on charge of involvement in the attack. Titu, Biblob and Lipu are also wanted in a number of other criminal cases, police said.

Police and hospital sources said the incident might be in backlash to a case filed against some "miscreants" who assaulted a doctor of the hospital on August 24 for alleged wrong treatment of a patient. The incident occurred at the ward of Dr Habib's wife, also a doctor.

BMA Vice President Prof Abu Ahmed Ashraf Ali and Secretary Syed Amzad Ali Liton addressed the news conference.

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