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## NAM leaders blast West for dominating Third World

JAKARTA, Sept 2: Non-Aligned leaders accused the West today of trying to dominate the developing world militarily and economically, with Iran leading the attack on the 'arrogant powers', reports Reuters.

In a return to the rhetoric which host Indonesia wants to steer the Non-Aligned Movement away from, Iran called for struggle against 'colonialism and exploitation.' North

Korea blasted the West's 'strong-arm tactics' and PLO chief Yasser Arafat warned against attempts to split up Iraq.

But morning speakers on the summit's second day avoided direct reference to the 'no-fly zone' imposed by the United States, Britain and France over southern Iraq.

Does the tyrannised man of the south, for whose deliverance from oppression and

backwardness, the Non-Aligned Movement' was founded. live in better conditions today? asked Iranian President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani.

He urged the 108-member group to confront various forms of domination employed by the 'arrogant powers' — Iran's parlance for the United States and its Western allies.

The West was using military and political threats, improper use of the UN Security Council,

the right of veto, economic sanctions and espionage satellites that are constantly and unlawfully watching us from above our countries space, he said.

Rafsanjani also criticised the failure of the movement, founded in 1961, to achieve its objectives. Whatever the Non-Aligned Movement has so far done on the international arena has been inferior to this movement's 'capacity and capability.'

Delegates said Rafsanjani was leading a 400-member delegation, the biggest to the conference, in an apparent attempt to boost Iran's regional role after years of self-imposed isolation.

Rafsanjani accused the West of exporting its economic ills through inflation, protectionism and propaganda offensive.

He said 23 per cent of the world population living in the industrialised countries possessed 85 per cent of the wealth, leaving the rest to the Third World.

Apparently trying to fend off charges about Iran's human rights records, Rafsanjani said, arrogant powers try to use the human rights issue as a political leverage in order to impose their views and exert pressure on other countries.

At the same time, the West was closing its eyes to violations of human rights in the Middle East and the rumour state of Yugoslavia, apartheid and the deprivation of the man of the South from the right to development.

Rafsanjani, who repeatedly called for the expulsion of founder member Yugoslavia from the Movement, urged the conference to take effective steps to end what he termed flagrant genocide against Muslims in Bosnia.

He said the main cause of crisis in the Middle East was the continuous interferences by the United States and other foreign powers as well as the existence of the (Israeli) occupation regime of Al-Qods (Jerusalem).

He said Israel was using the Middle East peace talks that resumed in Washington last week as a means to create division and weakness in Arab ranks.

But Rafsanjani avoided mention of the 'no-fly' zone, about which what many delegates have privately expressed unease.

May be there are people who will support him (Iraq leader Saddam Hussein) but nobody will be frank about it, one Iranian delegate told Reuters.

One exception was Rafsanjani. See Page 12 Col 1

## Strong security for Attorney General

Star Report

The authorities have stepped up security for Attorney General Aminul Huq after receiving information Wednesday that there may be an attempt on his life.

Sources close to the Attorney General said that a well-wisher came to the Supreme Court building at around noon on the day and warned him of the immediate danger.

The informer reportedly told him that an attempt on his life was being planned for the same day.

After receiving the information on the impending danger, the sources added, the Attorney General himself noticed a group of youngmen, wearing sunglasses following him around the Supreme Court verandah.

Visibly shaken and emotional, the Attorney General instantly called police who assured him that further necessary security measures would be taken soon, the sources said.

Court sources added that an additional number of plain clothes men were deployed to guard the Attorney General during the day.

The Attorney General reportedly stayed in his office till

about 4.45 pm and, as a precautionary measure, was driven out of the Court premises through an alternate route.

Meanwhile, security has also been beefed up at Aminul Huq's Elephant Road residence. The mobile force accompanied him. See Page 12 Col 6

### Attempt on Menon

#### Five on police remand for 2 more days

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday allowed another two days in police remand five youngmen arrested on August 27 in connection with the attempt on life of Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, reports UNB.

Zakir Hossain, Nurul Islam, Jahangir, Nizamuddin and Delwar Hossain were already in police remand for five days.

Rashed Khan Menon MP was shot at by unknown assailants in front of his party office in the city on August 17. He is now undergoing treatment in London.

## Doctors suspect haematoma in Menon's liver

Star Report

Rashed Khan Menon, undergoing treatment at a London hospital, will be operated upon once again, if there is haematoma in his liver as suspected by doctors.

According to a message faxed from London yesterday, ultrasound test of the ailing leader's liver showed signs of haematoma, but another test, Computed Topography (CT), to have been done yesterday would result in a decision by the doctors.

Doctors fear Menon may have to be operated upon again if haematoma is detected in his liver. A final decision will be taken in a day or two, said the message signed by Meshbah Kamal, a leader of the UK unit of the Workers' Party.

The CT man will also prove if there is clotting of blood or pus in other parts of his body, if not haematoma in the liver.

In medical terminology, collection of bleeding blood inside the liver tissue is called haematoma in the liver.

'It's a serious condition. It should be removed as soon as possible', said Fazul Huq, an Associate Professor of Medicine at the Sir Salimullah Medical College.

'It interferes with the normal functions of liver. If it is a big haematoma, it can damage the liver. The bigger, the more dangerous', Professor Huq told The Daily Star explaining the disease.

The London message, however, said that the patient felt better. See Page 12 Col 2



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Indonesian President Soeharto at a meeting in the assembly hall at the convention centre of Jakarta yesterday. — PID photo

## Khaleda asks Rao for short term water arrangements

JAKARTA, Sept 2: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia raised the water sharing issue between Bangladesh and India with her Indian counterpart Narasimha Rao when the two leaders met here today, reports BSS.

During the meeting which lasted for 35 minutes, Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Zia stressed the need for reaching a short-term water sharing arrangement between the two countries.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said that the short-term arrangement would create a psychological climate for moving towards the long-term water sharing arrangements between Bangladesh and India.

Begum Zia said long-term arrangements are most important as far as the water sharing problem is concerned. Begum Zia also informed

the Indian Prime Minister of the adverse effects of the Farakka Barrage on the Bangladesh, northern parts.

In reply to Begum Zia's observations on water sharing, Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao referred to the recent ministerial meetings between the two countries and said India would examine to find ways to resolve the water sharing problem.

On the Chakma refugee problem, Rao said India did not want any Chakma refugee to stay in his country. Rao said he wanted the early solution to this problem. Begum Zia said, she had visited the Hill Tracts several times and Bangladesh had made necessary arrangements so that the Chakma refugees could return to their home.

She also recalled her recent visit to India and invited In-

dian Premier to pay a state visit to Bangladesh.

During the meeting the two leaders also underlined the need for strengthening SAARC for better cohesion among the member nations.

Begum Zia today passed a busy day, meeting several heads of state, government and foreign ministers, who are leading their respective delegations at the 10th Non-Aligned Summit here.

Nepalese Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala was the first to meet Begum Zia at the Assembly Hall of the luxurious Jakarta Convention Centre where the summit is being held.

After Koirala's meeting the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Prince Saud Al-Faisal called on Begum Zia.

Then she met President See Page 12 Col 3

## Rousing welcome to Ali, Batha

FENI, Sept 2: Thousands of local people greeted Ali Ahmed and his Kuwait wife Batha Essa Hamad Al-Anazi when they reached here Tuesday night after being released from police custody following a High Court order, reports UNB.

Batha Essa and Ali Ahmed were taken into police custody from the railway station here on August 24 and produced before the High Court division in the capital upon a habeas corpus petition filed by Ali's father. The Kuwaiti citizen Batha came to Bangladesh and married Ali Ahmed whom she met in Kuwait.

Talking to UNB after reaching here Tuesday night, the couple said that they felt happy and relieved at the court decision and hoped to live happily in their own house in the town.

## Rohingyas willing to return home enter transit camp

COX'S BAZAR, Sept 2: Several hundred Rohingya refugees have been taken into a transit camp in the frontier for sending back home in Myanmar.

Official sources told UNB today that the refugees, who were willing to return home in the Myanmar province of Arakan, had been shifted from six camps to the Rangalkhali transit camp at Teknaf.

The camp is located on the bank of river Naaf demarcating Bangladesh with Myanmar. A large number of refugees have expressed willingness to go back to Myanmar said a relief official on condition that he not be named.

The number of refugees willing to be repatriated voluntarily is increasing gradually, he added.

Some 2,65,000 Myanmar

Muslims fleeing alleged military persecution at home have taken refuge in 19 camps in the southeastern region of Bangladesh.

Bangladesh and Myanmar signed agreements on April 28 after ministerial-level talks in Dhaka for repatriation of the refugees.

It was first scheduled to start on May 15, but couldn't take place as the refugees refused to go back without guarantee to security after return. They also started agitation against the bilateral plan without UN involvement.

Since then, officials of the two countries have held several meetings to clear the way for beginning the much-delayed repatriation.

The latest meeting held here August 22 adopted four See Page 12 Col 8

## Saifur sued for contempt of court

A Supreme Court advocate yesterday sued Finance Minister Saifur Rahman charging him with contempt of court for his 'aspersive' comment on the judiciary, reports UNB.

Mohsin Rashid Chowdhury filed a contempt petition in the High Court division of the Supreme Court against Rahman for his remarks at a seminar on August 23 at the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court Bar Association in a meeting yesterday condemned the Finance Minister's 'un-called for attack on the judiciary.'

Saifur Rahman reportedly said stay orders granted by the High Court and the Supreme Court blocked collection of See Page 12 Col 6

## Saifur suggests joint ventures to bridge trade gap with Delhi

NEW DELHI, Sept 2: The visiting Bangladesh Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman today conveyed Bangladesh's concern over the large imbalance of trade between the two countries to his counterpart Dr Manmohan Singh, reports BSS.

He specifically referred to tariff concession on average of items identified during the trade review talks held here early last month.

The Indian Finance Minister responded that they would do whatever was possible to help reduce the imbalance and mentioned that over the coming years Indian tariff structures would be substantially eased.

Dr Singh mentioned that this would be given special attention during the coming

joint economic commission meeting.

The Bangladesh Finance Minister suggested that successful launching of a few joint ventures would attribute to the reduction of trade imbalance. Bangladesh Finance Secretary Nazimuddin Ahmed and the country's High Commissioner to India Farooq Sobhan accompanied Saifur Rahman during the talks.

The two ministers during the one-and-a-half hour talks exchanged views on trade, industrial cooperation, the programmes of economic reforms and liberalisation being pursued by both the governments.

Saifur Rahman, on a two-day official visit here underlined the sincere desire of Bangladesh to forge close un-

derstanding and cooperation with India.

Outstanding issues could be amicably settled with goodwill and sincerity from both the sides, Rahman stated. Dr Manmohan Singh reciprocated this sentiment.

The Bangladesh minister said, as the biggest country in the region, India should take the initiative for creating an environment of greater trust and confidence among the South Asian countries.

The Indian Finance Secretary Geethakrishnan, Economic Affairs Secretary Montek Singh Ahluwalia and representatives of the Ministry of External Affairs were also present in the meeting.

Earlier, on his arrival in the See Page 12 Col 7

## Baghdad asks its forces not to shoot at allied jets

NASIRIYA, Sept 2: An Iraqi governor in the region, patrolled by allied aircraft said government forces have been ordered not to shoot at allied warplanes policing the zone, reports AP.

Taher Jalil Habush, governor of Zuhrah province, also denied the army is preparing to move ground forces against Shi'ites hiding in the southern marshlands. On Thursday, allied aircraft began patrols of southern Iraq to protect Shi'ite rebels and civilians

from Iraqi bombing raids. Habush spoke Tuesday with foreign correspondents visiting the marshlands on a government-guided trip.

Through an interpreter, he replied 'yes' when asked whether there were specific instructions from Baghdad not to fire at US, British and French warplanes enforcing the protective air umbrella.

It was the first confirmation from Iraqi officials that the government had ordered its forces not to engage the air-

craft.

A US Navy officer aboard the US aircraft carrier USS Independence said no Iraqi planes have violated the exclusion zone. Zuhrah province, of which Nasiriyah is the capital, is 300 kilometers (186 miles) south of Baghdad. It is home to 1.25 million people, 70 per cent of them Shi'ites, Habush said.

US intelligence reports say some eight infantry divisions totalling 96,000 troops are amassed in the region, where

troops loyal to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein crushed a Shi'ite rebellion after last year's Gulf War.

But Habush said no attack was planned. 'We have no military operation ... We actually have decreased the number of soldiers and equipment because we have confidence in our people to confront this conspiracy,' he said.

Iraq says the no-fly zone is a plot to dismember the country and partition it along sectarian

and ethnic lines. The allies established a similar safe haven for the Kurdish minority in the north last year.

Journalists saw no evidence of a major buildup or mobilization. But there were frequent military checkpoints, and some scattered tanks were visible in the desert from the main highway entering Basra, the main southern city.

Reuters adds: Allied bombing during the Gulf War and the subsequent activities of UN weapons inspection teams ha-

ve rendered harmless Iraq's nuclear programme, a senior UN inspector said in Baghdad today.

'It (the programme) stands at zero now' Maurizio Ziffero, leader of the latest nuclear inspection team to visit Iraq told reporters at the end of his second day in the field.

Iraq has consistently denied trying to develop nuclear weapons but admitted carrying out nuclear arms-related research.

## EBL to operate foreign exchange through other banks

By Inam Ahmed

The Eastern Bank Limited (EBL), successor to the now defunct Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) will carry out its foreign exchange (FE) operations through some other banks as it still is legally restrained to operate such accounts.

The main problem posing See Page 12 Col 1