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Gunfights at Adamjee continue: 50 hurt

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 12: More than 50 persons were injured in fierce gunfights between the ruling BNP-backed Kashem and the opposition AL-backed Rehan groups in the Adamjee Jute Mills areas Saturday.

Witnesses said that both sides exchanged hundreds of gunshots in a day-long battle that halted all normal activity in the area and stopped traffic on the Narayanganj-Demra Highway.

Police, however, could not give any figure on the injuries.

From Our Correspondent,

At least 12 public buses were damaged by the feuding groups leaving about 15 passengers, including women injured.

Police lobbed tear gas shells and fired rubber bullets to disperse the warring groups. The clashes eventually spread outside the mills premises including Kadam-tali, Moonlight Cinema Hall, Sona Mia Market, Karim Market, SO Road, Sumil Para, New Colony and the DND canal areas.

Till the writing of this re-

port late last night cracker blasts and gunfire were continuing.

The authorities rushed additional police and paramilitary forces but the clashes could not be contained.

Today's clashes followed the death of a worker's wife, Gulshanara Fatema, last night (Friday). Fatma 25, was hit by a bullet in her head in a cross-fire between Kashem and Rehan groups. She later died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Friday's fight also left

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Golam Azam being taken to High Court yesterday.
 —Star photo

Golam Azam's detention extended

**By Supreme Court
 Correspondent**

Controversial Jamaat-e-Islami chief Golam Azam's detention has been extended by 120 days.

The detention was recommended yesterday morning by the Advisory Board comprising Justice DM Ansaruddin, Justice Ansar Ali and Additional Secretary of the Cabinet Division Abdul Hamid under the provisions of the Special Powers Act (SPA), Supreme Court sources said.

Golam Azam, detained at the central jail, was produced before the Advisory Board at 10.30 am in the Supreme Court building.

The Jamaat leader was arrested March 24 this year under the Foreigners Act and detained under the SPA.

Golam Azam was arrested 48 hours before the Ekattarer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee tried him for war crimes in a people's court at Suhrawardi

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Yet another youngman stabbed to death

By DMCH Correspondent

A youngman Panna 25, was stabbed to death at Sheikh Shaheb Bazar road in the city Saturday morning following a rivalry between two groups of the locality.

A rickshawpuller Golam Ali brought Panna's body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at around 11:30 am yesterday.

Lalbag Police detained the rickshawpuller for questioning. Witnesses said Panna stabbed another youngman Rocket first, who in turn stabbed Panna severely on his abdomen and right chest and then ran

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Hartal in Cox's Bazar for repatriation of Rohingyas

By Staff Correspondent

Waving brooms, about 300 women marched through a muddy road Saturday to enforce a hartal in Cox's Bazar-Ukhi-Teknaf region to demand an early repatriation of 265,000 Rohingya refugees to their homeland Myanmar.

The dawn-to-noon shutdown in Cox's Bazar-Teknaf region along the frontier with Myanmar halted traffic and relief operations, shut businesses and educational institutions, officials at Cox's Bazar reached by telephone said.

Local residents enforced

the strike to demand a specific timetable for the refugees repatriation to Arakan province.

The refugees have fled to Bangladesh during the past year to escape ill-treatment by the Myanmar military junta.

The demonstration by peasant women took place near Ukhi court Sadar, 10 miles south of Cox's Bazar. The region where the refugees are living in makeshift mud-and-straw huts and canvas tents has a 450,000 population.

A police official said that

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3 foreign ships detained at Ctg Port

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 12: Three foreign vessels have been detained at the Chittagong Port on court orders, port officials said.

The detained ships include a Romanian flag carrier MV Mehedin, another Liberian flag carrier MV Miramer and the other one Pakistani flag carrier MV Saffnai Haider.

MV Mehedin was detained September 2 when it arrived here with general cargo, MV Miramer on arrival September 6 for taking a load of export cargo and MV Saffnai Haider September 9 on arrival here with garments cloth, Port officials said.

The officials added that the court orders for detaining the ships were issued as some private parties lodged admiralty suits against the vessels.

Dhaka will voice Third World cause at UNGA

Star Report

Bangladesh will play an active part in the 47th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session in promoting the interests of the Third World in line with the deliberations at the 10th Non-Aligned Movement summit.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman left Dhaka in the early hours today to attend the UNGA session that begins Tuesday. He is leading a 10-member delegation.

There is a strong demand for democratisation of the United Nations system that came up at the NAM summit, the Foreign Minister told newsmen at his residence yesterday, hours before his departure. "And we'll follow the developments."

Rahman said that he would speak on the situation in troubled Bosnia-Herzegovina and other global issues. He is scheduled to address the 179-member Assembly in the last week of this month.

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Earlier, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia dropped her plan to address the world body apparently due to her preoccupations at home.

Diplomatic analysts also cited the probability of a small congregation of world leaders that would not permit Begum Zia the customary public relations activity. The leaders have met each other at a number of international conferences this year.

Rahman will also attend a NAM Foreign Ministers' meeting scheduled October 2 in New York. The conference is to discuss the status of the truncated Yugoslavia in the movement.

"The meeting will decide whether the two-republic state (composed) of Serbia and Montenegro should be the successor to the former Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia in the NAM", the Foreign Minister said.

Seven jute godowns gutted

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 12: Seven jute godowns and several shops were gutted in a devastating fire tonight at Sarachar Bazar in Bazilpur thana, nearly 30 kilometre from here, reports UNB.

At least 70 people were injured, most of them in trying to extinguish the fire which, according to witnesses, originated from an oil depot in the bazar at about 8.30 pm, initial reports reaching here said.

Losses from the blaze might run up to Tk 4 crore, according to preliminary estimates.

Fire Brigades from Kishoreganj town and Bhatrab Bazar reached the spot at 10.30 pm and were still fighting to bring the blaze under control till writing of this report at 11.15 pm.

There were reports of looting from some shops of the bazar.

'Govt, Opposition should join hands to combat terrorism'

By Staff Correspondent

The government and the opposition political parties should immediately hold talks to take joint measures against terrorism.

This was the focal point at a discussion held Saturday with speakers terming terrorism a national curse and suggesting tougher laws to combat it.

Liberty Forum organised the open discussion on "Terrorism: Cause and Remedy" at the auditorium of the Iranian Cultural Centre in Dhanmondi.

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury presided over the discussion, addressed among others by Deputy Leader of Parliament Dr AQM

Babruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad, Vice Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Dr M Innas Ali, former vice chancellor of the Chittagong University, Nurul Islam Moni MP, Dr MA Naser, former Vice Chancellor of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Dr Syed Ali Ashraf of the Darul Ehsan University.

Dr Babruddoza Chowdhury said that terrorism was the number one problem in the country and that "The present situation of the country is terrible no doubt."

He said that the government was determined to eliminate violence from the society.

Without referring to the arrest of Ilias Ali, former General Secretary of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, he said, "You have noticed that the government has recently taken some steps and hopefully it will help return peace in the minds of people."

Dr Chowdhury identified slack administration and political interference as the major causes for the rise in violence.

"Terrorism increases when the person in the cabinet responsible for law and order of

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Arms supply to Bosnia UN gives Tehran a week to explain

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 12:

The Security Council's sanctions committee has given Iran one week to explain how an Iranian jumbo jet loaded with weapons made its way to Yugoslavia in violation of an international arms embargo, reports AP.

Croatian officials said Thursday they had seized a shipment of weapons and ammunition from Iran bound for Muslim-led fighters in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It was the first confirmed report of an Islamic nation smuggling arms to the Bosnian government and was likely to feed claims by Serbs that they are fighting Islamic fundamentalism in Yugoslavia. In fact, Bosnia's Slavic Muslims are among the most secular in the world.

On Friday, the Security Council's sanctions committee met and gave Tehran one week to explain the incident, said the body's chairman, Japanese Deputy Permanent Representative Katsumi Sezaki.

Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani, on a visit to China, denied on Friday Iran had sent weapons to the Balkan war zone, where Muslims and Croats have been battling Serbs over the country's break from

Yugoslavia.

But Rafsanjani said Iran will consider sending weapons to Bosnia if diplomatic efforts fail to end the conflict.

The Croatian Foreign Ministry, in a statement, said an Iranian-owned Boeing 747 landed Sept 4 in Zagreb with a cargo listed as humanitarian aid for the neighboring country.

But Croatian inspectors, in the presence of representatives of the UN Protection Force in Croatia, also found "a certain amount of light infantry weaponry and ammunition," the statement said.

The airplane was returned to Iran, but the weapons were impounded in a guarded warehouse, Croatia's Foreign Ministry said.

A top UN official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed the incident.

AP from Sarajevo adds: A senior UN officer said Saturday that Serbs had begun gathering the heavy weapons at UN monitoring points, but other were pessimistic that all guns would be put under UN control.

International peace negotiators insisted again Friday, that Bosnian Serbs keep to a Saturday deadline.

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The Chairman and the Board of Directors of IFIC Bank Ltd. is deeply grieved at the sad demise of Mr. Mushfeq-us Saleheen, Consultant & Ex-Director of the Bank who breathed his last on Friday, the 11th September, 1992 at Brompton Hospital, London (Inna... Rajoun).

Board prays to Almighty Allah for salvation of the departed soul and conveys heart-felt condolence to the bereaved family.

Late Mr. Saleheen was the Founder Managing Director of IFIC Limited.

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