

SC orders stay in Janata Tower Case trial

The vacation bench of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday ordered stay in the trial courts proceedings against former President HM Ershad and five others in the Janata Tower Case, reports BSS.

The order came in response to the six provisional petitions filed on behalf of Ershad and five others including his wife Raushan with the vacation bench presided over by Justice Latifur Rahman.

The single bench judge refused October 20 for the hearing of all matters relating to the petitions.

The proceedings of the trial court in the Janata Tower Case was stayed earlier also on May 24 following writ petitions filed by the defendants, including Ershad, in the High Court. The defendants sought relief from allegations of their involvement in the Janata Tower Case.

After lengthy hearing of Ershad's criminal revision petition and quashment prayers of Raushan Ershad and four others, the two-member vacation bench of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court rejected all the six petitions. The judgement which began on Wednesday, completed yesterday.

After the quashment prayers were rejected, in all six provisional leave prayers were filed in three days. The petitions of former Minister M A Sattar, Abdur Sukkur Pradhan and Aftara Begum were filed yesterday morning.

Ershad, his wife Raushan and 19 others have been charged in the Janata Tower Case. While Ershad was charged with possessing wealth disproportionate to his income, abetment charge was brought against Raushan Ershad.

Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, additional Attorney General, assisted by Sharifuddin Chaklader appeared on behalf of the state.

Former Vice President Barrister Moudud Ahmed moved the petitions of Ershad, Raushan and two others. The counsels for M A Sattar and Rahmatullah were Khan Salfur Rahman and M A Malek respectively.

Shamsul Haq Siddique and Md Aftab Hossain, advocate on records, appeared as advocates on record on behalf of the defendants.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a function marking the handing over of documents of two markets to DU and BUET at the International Conference Centre in city yesterday. —PID photo

PM : terrorism

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Begum Zia said it was now time for soul-searching. "Why session-jam? Why terrorism?" Buildings and funds are undoubtedly necessary for a university, but its real lifeline and identity are teachers and students, she pointed out.

Reminding that the universities are the highest seats of learning with a "definite pledge, she said they had a national responsibility of innovating and applying appropriate technology to help people acquire advanced professional skills.

The universities, as they are called the seats of basic and applied research, also have the responsibility to nurture the national culture and heritage in order to achieve cherished social progress, Begum Zia said.

The function was also addressed by Dhaka University VC Prof M Maniruzzaman Miah, BUET VC Dr Mohammad Shahjahan and Dhaka City Mayor Mirza Abbas.

Present among others LGRD Minister Abdus Salam Talukder, Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Education Yunus Khan and a number of teachers of the two universities.

Storms lash 3 dists

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Gazipur and Dhaka.

The storm which persisted less than two minutes also uprooted an electric pole and threw it on the Dhaka-Tangail highway disrupting traffic for more than three hours.

When contacted over telephone the Deputy Commissioner of Gazipur Mustafizur Rahman said that the extent of damage was not too great.

He said that the storm also battered a village of the sadar thana causing minor damages.

Rahman said that 18 sarees, 10 lungis and Tk 5,000 had been sanctioned for the victims.

UNB adds: that a storm which lashed the villages of Surjadi and Sutipar in Sherpur also damaged 500 dwelling houses, 50 betel leaf gardens and uprooted huge number of trees. A vast tract of standing crops was also damaged.

Meanwhile, heavy downpour during the last four days inundated low-lying areas of 5 thanas of the district.

The direct road communications between Jamalpur and Sherpur remained suspended from Monday morning as a certain portion of the road was washed away at Puradokan.

Met office recorded 425 mm rainfall during the last four days.

BSS adds: twenty-two people were injured, two of them seriously and many pucca, semi-pucca buildings and dwelling houses damaged when a severe cyclonic storm along with heavy rains lashed Bheramara mid-night Sunday.

The seriously injured persons were admitted to a local clinic. The worst affected areas were Moslempur of Bahirahar Union and Satbaria of Dharampur Union.

The heavy rainfall during the last 24 hours also caused extensive damage to crops.

Many areas of Bheramara pourashava were under knee-deep water due to the rains which also disrupted normal life.

Ninth round of Dhaka -Yanong talks today

The ninth round of official-level talks between Bangladesh and Myanmar on the repatriation of Rohingya refugee will be held today (Tuesday) in Akyab, reports UNB.

The stalled repatriation of nearly 2.65 lakh Myanmar refugees has already started with 49 sent back on September 22 under bilateral agreements signed by the two countries in April.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Omar Farooq will lead the Bangladesh delegation at the talks while the host Myanmar side headed by Director General of Immigration Aung Maung, sources said.

Floods hit 5 thanas in Sirajganj

SIRAJGANJ, Sept 28: Intermittent rainfall for the last three days flooded low-lying areas in five thanas of the district and disrupted normal life in the district, reports UNB.

Officials at Water Development Board said yesterday most areas in 18 unions of Tarash, Ullapara, Chowdhali, Kaziur and Sadar thanas were inundated by the downpour.

The worst affected areas were four unions in Tarash, Lahiri Mohonpur, Durganagar and Dilpashar unions of Ullapara thana and Chalanbil where people were seen moving by boats as roads went knee-deep water.

Meanwhile, prices of essentials has gone up due to disruption in communication.

Bangladeshis

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the territorial administrations and other agencies that the extension of the stay of Bangladesh nationals could be granted for a maximum period of one month at a time.

But the extension, according to an Indian Express report, would be limited to a total period of three months "over and above the period of visa originally granted by the High Commission" in Dhaka. This would however, be applicable for reasons like illness.

At present, these agencies can grant extension for upto one year.

The Indian government has also ordered the High Commission that a copy of each the sponsorship certificate and the visa application form be attached with the visa to enable the relevant authorities "verify the place and purpose" of the visit of the visa holder and take necessary action in case of an overstay.

The Indian Express yesterday said that at least "ten per cent of the sponsorship visa applications which are handled by the High Commission should be sent on a random basis to the Union Home Ministry for prior clearance in addition to the existing 'prior reference' category cases".

New Delhi has also said that travellers from Bangladesh must continue to use the same checkpoint, mentioned in the visa, for entry into and exit from India.

The Midnight File

Russia beefs up more troops in Tajikistan

MOSCOW, The Russian military on Monday ordered more troops to the troubled Central Asian republic of Tajikistan, where fighting threatens to spill into Russian bases and across the Afghan border. Russia's Defense Ministry was increasing its troop strength reportedly to as much as 10,000. A ministry spokesman said the forces were only there to defend Russians. A virtual civil war has erupted in the poor, mountainous republic bordering Afghanistan since democratic and Islamic groups began taking power from former Communist President Rakhman Nabiyev in recent months, reports AP.

Croatia, Bosnia object to Y'slav flag flying outside UN Hqs

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 28: Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina on Monday objected to Yugoslavia's flag flying outside UN headquarters with 178 other nations' banners, saying it does "not represent anything or anybody any more." The flag riddle has provided a mini-metaphor for the dissolution, confusion and anarchy gripping the former Yugoslav republics. The General Assembly voted 127-6 on Sept 22 to bar Yugoslavia — now comprising only Serbia and Montenegro — from voting or speaking in its chambers or committees, effectively ousting the Serb-dominated state, reports AP.

Shantibahini

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Besides, the authorities had suspended all military activities in and around the venue of the meeting, three days before it was held.

UNB adds: The six-member liaison body was headed by tribal leader and former UP Chairman of Khagrachhari Hangshodaza Chakma. Other members of the committee are Mathuralal Chakma, Mukul Chandra Tripura, Mohammad Shafi and Aranta Behari Khisa. Names of the Jana Sanghati men who attended the meeting could not be known.

Earlier meetings between the two sides had failed to produce any positive results.

According to a report of the Bangladesh Human Rights Commission, some 7,377 people have been killed and 2,769 wounded in destructive activities unleashed by outlaws, operating from across the border, since 1976.

The tribal insurgents also kidnapped 2,389 people besides unleashing a reign of terror in the three hill districts, including 579 incidents of arson, it said.

Meanwhile, the Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace

Memo to PM

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Polytechnic Institute and Technical Teachers Training College in front of the Press Club, sources said.

Later a delegation of polytechnic teachers submitted the memorandum to the Prime Minister through the Education Minister.

Teachers' representatives were Mohammed Ali Miah, Shakhawat Hossain Molla, Shahabuddin Ahmed, Haripada Das and SMA Rahman.

Another memorandum was also submitted to the PM through the DC of Dhaka district.

The teachers also held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Addressing the rally the General Secretary of the Bangladesh Polytechnic Shikshak Samity (BPSS) Md Shamsur Rahman expressed deep concern over the government's not taking any positive step to meet their demands and urged the Prime Minister to take necessary action in this regard.

A BPSS press release yesterday said that the leaders of the 20 polytechnic institutes would gather in the capital October 1 and announce a greater movement to strengthen their ongoing one.

India : Border

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Meanwhile, reports trickling in from across the border said that the Indian authorities have assembled more than 1,000 people at a BSF camp at Haridaspur for forcibly pushing them into Bangladesh.

Up to 5,000 Bangla-speaking Indians have reportedly been collected at different camps in India in last few days.

Those people, who include women and children, have been sheltered at temporary camps in Nadia and Bangaon area.

A Satkhira report says: Twenty-one Bangla-speaking Indian nationals were forcibly pushed into Bangladesh territory today through the border here.

Official sources said 16 men, three women and two children, were deported to Bangladesh by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF) early in the morning. All of them were detained.

The government has banned the import of "Desh" an Indian periodical, an official source said, reports BSS.

The import of the periodical has been banned under the 1991/93 Import policy order.

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Nuclear inspections China opposes move to force North Korea

BEIJING, Sept 28: South Korean President Roh Tae-woo asked Chinese President Yang Shangkun on Monday to encourage North Korea to allow deeper nuclear inspections, saying Pyongyang's atomic programme is a security threat to all of Asia, reports AP.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency said Yang responded that using international pressure to try to force North Korea to agree to mutual inter-Korean inspections of nuclear sites "is undesirable."

A Chinese "government spokesman refused to give details of the discussions on nuclear issues between Roh and Yang during their historic summit, but reiterated that China supports denuclearization of the neighbouring Korean peninsula.

Roh and Yang met for nearly two hours in the Great Hall of the People. It was the first summit between the former Cold War enemies, which established diplomatic relations last month.

"My visit and the summit meeting will serve as a monumental turning point toward the promotion of peace and stability in Northeast Asia," Roh's press secretary, Lee Jung-ha, quoted the president as saying in the meeting.

"The key to Northeast Asia's stability is peace on the Korean peninsula."

The two Koreas, divided at the end of World War II into the Communist North and capitalist South, have been negotiating for several years on ways to reduce tensions between them. Although the North insists it has no nuclear weapons program, the South wants to make inspections of the North's atomic facilities. It insists that inspections begun this year by the International Atomic Energy Agency are not deep enough.

"North Korea's suspected nuclear development is not only the largest stumbling block between North and South, but it also is a threat to stability and peace in Asia," Lee paraphrased Roh as saying. Lee said Roh stressed the importance of mutual nuclear inspections by the two sides and said he "expected a positive role for China in this respect."

China fought on the North's side in the 1950-53 Korean War and remains a close ally of the hard-line Communist leadership in Pyongyang.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin said China hoped the two sides would settle their problems through dialogue.

He added, "We will continue to make our efforts and contributions to the relaxation of the situation."

Both sides stressed that disputes between North and South Korea must be worked out by the Koreans themselves, Chinese and South Korean spokesmen said.

The presidents also agreed to hold regular Cabinet-level meetings to promote trade and cooperation between China and South Korea.

Roh and Yang met after a formal welcoming ceremony featuring a 21-gun salute for Roh, who arrived Sunday night in Beijing.

Moudud demands clear govt statement on Indian pushback

Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday asked the government to come up with a clear statement on the Indian pushback and said the issue should be thrashed immediately through diplomatic channel.

Moudud, leaving for India today to visit Azmir Sharif, told UNB that the Indian authorities had so far tried to give an impression that they were implementing its plan following an "understanding between the two governments."

"But we don't know when, where and with whom such understanding was reached ... if not, then our government should let the people know about its position".

Under the so-called Push Back Operation, Indian Border Security Force (BSF) is pushing Bengali-speaking people into Bangladesh in a humiliating away.

"This kind of situation should not arise between the two friendly countries, the dispute should be resolved through diplomatic channel," said the former Vice-President of the deposed Ershad regime.

To a question, Barrister Ahmed said his visit to India would be "exclusively a private one." He brushed aside the idea of any political connotation in his fortnight tour when he along with his family will offer fete at the mazar of Hazrat Khwaza Mafnuddin Chisti (R).

Moudud will come back on October 12.

2 nabbed under anti-terrorism ordn in Sylhet

From Our Correspondent

SYLHET Sept 28: Kotwali police on Sunday arrested two persons reportedly under the newly promulgated anti-terrorism ordinance.

A police source said the two persons namely - Arif Ahmed Khan and Fattah Miah were arrested on charges of terrorism, hijacking and illegal toll collection.

11 hurt as Chhatra Moitree, Shibir clash in Kushtia

KUSHTIA, Sept 28: Eleven students of the local Government College were injured in a clash between Shibir activists and those of Chhatra Moitree, backed by Chhatra Union and JSD (Inu) Chhatra League, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the clash between the rival student groups erupted when the Moitree group launched attack on a procession brought out by the Islamic Chhatra Shibir to welcome the newly admitted students.

Chittagong port resumes activities

CHITTAGONG, Sept 28: Chittagong port resumed normal activities at 8 pm today when Dock Sramik League, Stevedores Association and Port Contractors Employees Union resolved their dispute through mutual discussion, a port press release said tonight.

Chittagong port authority Chairman AKM Amanul Islam Chowdhury was also present at the discussion, re-ports BSS.

Zillur's call to strengthen AL

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman has called upon the secretaries of his party to work out a plan with a view to strengthening its structure.

He was presiding over the first secretarial meeting of the new committee at the Awami League central office at Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday.

He also said that the new committee would work with concerted efforts under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina.

Among others Abdul Jalil, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Begum Matiya Chowdhury MP, Obaidul Kader, Professor Abu Syed, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Mamtaj Hossain, Abul Hassan Chowdhury MP, Begum Ivy Rahman, Abdul Mannan, Siddique Rouf Khan, Alamgir Kumkum and Advocate Shahara Khatun were present at the meeting.

Meanwhile, Communist Party General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid and NAP leader Pankaj Bhattacharya met the new secretaries and, exchanged greetings with them.

Rao arrives in Paris

PARIS, Sept 28: Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, arrived in Paris Monday on a three-day visit in which he plans to solicit French investment, discuss weapons purchases and ensure continued supply of nuclear fuel, reports AP.

Nurses begin strike

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The meeting was continuing till writing of this report at 11 pm Monday.

Distraught patients were seen helplessly waiting for medicare at the 850 seat Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while doctors and a small team of emergency nurses were struggling hard to cope with the situation, hospital sources said.

"We are completely helpless now (because of the stoppage)" said one patient at the DMCH. "There are doctors in this hospital alright but you need nurses for injections, pulse checks and other purposes".

DMCH sources said that many of the patients in the hospital had left Monday.

The out-door unit of the DMCH, which normally admits 70 to 80 patients a day, got only half the number Monday, they said.

According to the BDNA leaders, the strike was being observed at all the state-owned hospitals and clinics throughout the country.

The leaders said that if their talks with the government Monday failed, the country's nurses would start non-stop work abstention for an indefinite period from October 3.

However, they regretted the inconveniences caused to the patients.

The 72-hour work stoppage was the latest in a series of programme by the nurses.

A meeting between the government and the leaders of the striking nurses had taken place last Tuesday ending without results.

Our Sylhet Correspondent reports:

10 injured as N'ganj college girls clash

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Sept 28: About 200 students of Narayanganj Government Women's College today fought a hand-to-hand battle after two rival student leaders of the college bumped into each other.

Ten students were also injured in the incident.

According to witnesses the incident occurred after the Vice-President of the College Students Union, Amena Begum Shampa of the Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) bumped into the Chhatra League (BCL) President of the college, Mahmuda Begum Mala on the college verandah.

The two leaders then got into a brawl that soon spread among the students of the two groups.

The combat started at around 11 am and continued until police intervened at 11.30 am.

Those injured in the clash were Sumana and Kakali of the JCD and Putul and Bananya of the BCL.

Classes in the college were not held on the day.

Mohammadullah hospitalised

Former President Mohammadullah, MP, a BNP leader, was admitted to the Suhrawardy Hospital Monday evening following a heart problem. He is under treatment of Prof Amanullah in the intensive care unit, reports BSS.

Cases withdrawn

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The meeting held a threadbare discussion on the recommendation of sub-committee of the Standing Committee for withdrawing eleven other cases and remission of punishment of eight.

It was also informed that the Home Ministry has so far received a list of 224 cases, from 103 MPs after it the Home Ministry issued the second circular.

The meeting decided to ask the concerned Deputy Commissioners to send reports of pending political cases which have been submitted by members of parliament.

It constituted a three member sub-committee on road traffic problem.

The committee proposed to set up a police out-post at Char Janaja Ferryghat on Dhaka-Mawa road.

Decision on NCL

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ducted an investigation into the operations of the company to take a decision on its prayer.

Sources said that the meeting of the Cabinet Committee was likely to take some more major decisions on other financial matters including the new banking company act.