

Suu Kyi free to leave for Britain : Junta

YANGON, Oct 24: Myanmar's military junta has no plans to release Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi but top officials here reiterated that the opposition leader could leave house arrest here for Britain anytime she wanted, reports AFP.

"We cannot foresee yet when she will be released, Colonel Ye Thut, a member of the ruling Junta's information committee, said in an exclusive interview with AFP Friday in which officials said the consolidation of national unity would be placed above any moves towards democracy.

Myanmar Minister of Information Major General Myo Thant said in the same interview that Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been detained here for more than three years, could return to her permanent address in the British city of Oxford.

"She can go back to her permanent address if she wants, Myo Thant said of the 47-year-old 1991 Nobel peace prize laureate who is married to a British Professor and returned to Myanmar in 1988 to look after her ailing mother before emerging as an opposition leader.

But the opposition leader, the daughter of Myanmar's independence hero Aung San, has refused to go and remains under house arrest in what has become a major irritant in relations between Yangon and western nations.

Auranga arrested

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from hotel on charges of murder and possession of unauthorised weapon, said a press release of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

The member of the parliament is being interrogated at the Minto Road Detective Branch Office in connection with the charges against him, it said.

Police sources said that Hemayetullah, widely known as Auranga, was arrested on charge of killing a military intelligence personnel in front of Sakura restaurant at Shahbagh on January 28, 1980 and two other arms cases.

He may be produced before the court today (Sunday), they said.

Auranga, 45, fled to India during the late 1980s and stayed there until the interim government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed took over in December, 1990.

He returned home and contested the February 1991 parliamentary polls from Shariatpur-1 Constituency on Awami League ticket and won.

Following arrest of the Awami League MP, activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League took to the streets of Dhaka at about 7 pm Saturday demanding immediate release of Auranga.

The procession ended in front of the Jatya Press Club where a rally was held.

Show cause

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Manufacturing Company, Dhaka Vegetable Oil Company and the Chittagong Cement and Clinker Factory. The other company, Aramit, is a private sector concern.

Earlier this month, the CCI issued separate show cause notices on the four companies saying the DSE had informed them that the companies have recently published advertisements in newspapers offering to sell shares through tenders. Which, the CCI said, is a violation of Clause III of the Securities and Exchange Ordinance.

Thirty-five per cent of the shares in the three BCIC companies were subscribed by the public when the government released 49 per cent of the shares a couple of years back as part of the ongoing privatisation drive.

The remaining 15 per cent were allocated for subscription by the employees of the respective firms.

The government is off-loading the remaining 51 per cent of the shares in a bid to completely privatise the companies.

The tenders were floated without any formal discussion with either the Ministry of Finance or the DSE, sources said.

Market sources also pointed out that the steps taken may fail to provide protection to the minority shareholders of the companies.

The CCI letter asked the companies to respond to the show cause notices immediately.

PM : Anti-terrorism

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saying, "We will make the country self-reliant ... we will initiate development in all spheres of national life."

Recalling the development programmes of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman, the Prime Minister said, "We have reintroduced the politics of production and we will increase output in fields and factories."

She said self-sufficiency is possible through united efforts and proper utilisation of national resources.

Begum Zia mentioned different development programmes of her government and said they were aimed at making the country self-sufficient.

Referring to local problems, she assured that the government has laid top priority to development of roads for improving the country's communication network, supply of power for setting up new industries, improvement of education and women uplift.

Begum Zia warned that the government will take stern action against any quarters indulging in corruption and asked people to remain vigilant against corrupt elements.

She also urged the people to discard foreign goods and use local products to encourage more industries which will generate employment and improve national economy.

Communication Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, State Minister for Irrigation Mosharrif Hossain Shahjahan, members of parliament Major (Retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed and Nurul Islam Moni and local BNP leaders also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier in the morning, Begum Zia addressed two other rallies at Lalmojon High School ground in Lalmojon thana and Tazumuddin Stadium in Tazumuddin thana.

The Prime Minister announced opening of honours degree at the Bhola College, construction of a road to connect Bhola with other parts of the country and bringing the district under national power grid-line.

She also planted a chamber sapling at Lalmojon Dak Banglow premises in the morning.

Kashmir : March today

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control."

India holds the southern two-thirds of Kashmir, while Pakistan holds the rest. The two countries have fought two wars over the territory's ownership.

An ongoing Muslim secessionist movement on the Indian side has claimed several thousand lives in recent years.

The marchers here said the crossing into Indian-held Kashmir would be attempted on Sunday and not Saturday as originally planned.

Their plans had been upset by the arrest of a top leader and difficulties created by the Pakistani authorities, march leaders Khalid Ibrahim and former General Hayaat Mohammed said.

Sardar Mohammed Ibrahim, chairman of the four-party Jammu Kashmir Democratic Alliance (JKDA) and who has called on marchers to dismember the LAC, was arrested overnight.

Sardar Abdul Qayyum, Prime Minister of the Pakistani-held Azad (free) Kashmir, confirmed the arrest and said the 80-year-old leader had been taken into custody to protect him against a terrorist attack.

Chaudhry Nur Hussain, who led a second march from Mirpur, was also arrested Saturday, party sources said.

They said some people had been injured after clashing with security forces outside Mirpur who fired tear gas and baton charged the marchers.

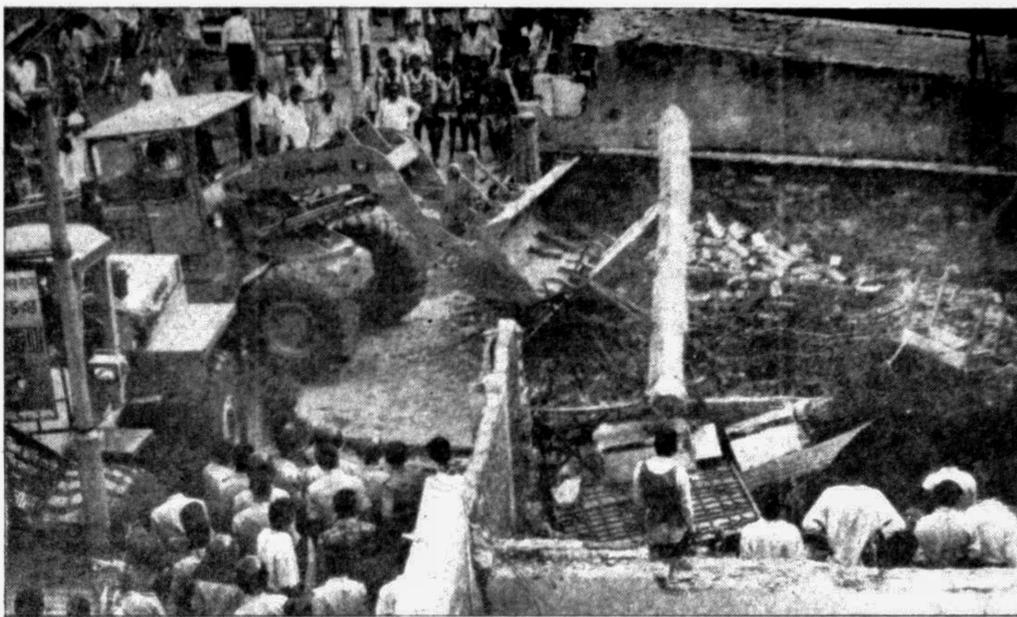
The JKDA had scattered Kashmiris into three marches: one from Muzaffarabad, the other from Mirpur and the major one from Rawlakot. Sources said the other two marches had covered almost similar distances by sunset.

JKDA leaders said the crowd estimated at about 10,000 people would spend the night in this small town, 12 kilometers (seven miles) from the frontier.

Reporters and people were constantly warned to stay away from the barricade erected by troops while signboards read: "no one is allowed beyond this point."

Chanting "freedom freedom," and waving white flags, the marchers set out around midday from Rawlakot on foot and in some 130 buses, trucks, vans and other vehicles.

They say they want to hoist their flag on the Indian side in a symbolic rejection of the partition of their homeland since independence from Britain in 1947.



Rajuk demolishing some unauthorised shops near Malibag crossing in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

20 more die of diarrhoea

By Staff Correspondent

At least twenty persons died of diarrhoea yesterday at the affected areas raising the death toll to 817 since August last, official sources in Dhaka said.

The worst-hit areas, according to officials, are Brahmanbaria, (death-63), Habiganj (death-54) and Kishoreganj (death-47).

Unofficial sources however, claimed the death toll to be higher than the figure released by the authority.

According to officials, diarrhoea claimed 20 lives and attacked 1500 more in 13 districts where the disease had spread in an epidemic form over the last three months.

Of the dead, eight cases were reported from Habiganj, three each from Brahmanbaria, Tangail and Khagrachhari, two from Kishoreganj and one from Comilla during 24 hours ending 12 noon yesterday.

A total of 682 government medical teams, 20 others of different Non-government Organisations (NGOs) and some of the ICDDR,B employees are working the affected areas, officials said.

Travel agents

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strike of the travel agents started affecting the airlines operating from Dhaka and most of the Saturday's flights took off under-loaded, Aviation sources said.

Some 17 on-line airlines including Biman were operating from Bangladesh, among which, the national carrier was worst affected by the strike, Biman sources admitted.

The Dhaka-London flight on Friday night and the Dhaka-Karachi-Doha flights on Saturday also took off under-loaded.

In the Dhaka-London flight only 212 passengers on a 274-seat DC-10 aircraft while Dhaka-Doha flight carried only 169 passengers due to strike, a Biman source admitted.

Some Biman officials apprehended more crisis during the next few days although a section of travel agents were reportedly issuing back-dated tickets.

A section of Biman employees were allegedly helping the said agents secretly as the strikers kept a watch on the movement of the agents.

Rohingya held with pistol

COX'S BAZAR, Oct 24: Police today arrested a Rohingya refugee and recovered a country-made pistol from his possession at a relief camp at Gundoom in Naikhongehhari thana, officials said, reports UNB.

Push-in drive

BCL (Inu) stages sit-in near Indian HC

Pro-JSD (Inu) Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) yesterday (Saturday) staged a sit-in demonstration near the Indian High Commission here to protest the Indian "push in" drive, reports UNB.

During the sit-in, a rally was also held near the gate of City College this (Saturday) noon when they were intercepted by riot police who stopped them from going to the High Commission.

The rally was addressed by the party general secretary Abdullah HU Quayum and organising secretary Rokonzaman Rokon.

Earlier, a number of activists of the organisation brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus shouting slogans against the Indian "push in" drive.

40 missing as 2 trawlers sink into Bay

By Staff Correspondent

CHANDPUR, Oct 24: At least 40 people have been missing since two trawlers sank in to the Bay near Charfashion island in Bhola district on Monday, survivors reaching here today told reporters and officials, reports UNB.

According to them, about 169 fishermen in two trawlers started for Sundarban on October 19 from Chittagong for fishing in the deep sea.

Kalu (35), a crewman of MV Riadh, told reporters that MV Dulari sank into the Bay amidst strong waves whipped by gusty winds when they reached 'Dalgar' near Charfashion. The fishermen of the sunken watercraft hurried to MV Riadh.

Riadh, heavily loaded with bamboos, also capsized.

In a frantic struggle for life, fishermen of both the trawlers caught hold of the floating bamboos and drifted in the sea for two days.

On October 21, more than 100 fishermen were rescued by another trawler and dropped them on Charfashion thana headquarters, Kalu said.

Next day, about 55 fishermen reached Bhola on foot, from where they came here this morning.

They said 40-50 seafarers remained untraced, but could not say whether they had drowned.

The administration along with Rotary Club and Red Crescent Society distributed relief goods, including food, among the half-naked fishermen.

JB officials

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The committee has also asked the Secretary of the Parliament Secretariat to collect all the relevant documents on the cases from the present Managing Director of the bank, Mohammad Taheruddin, the sources added.

In the meantime, the Parliament Secretariat has issued a letter to the Managing Director of Janata Bank Md Taheruddin asking him to send documents on 12 industrial and business units implicated in cases. The 12 industrial and business units are, Al Amin Brothers, Fuleshwari Traders, Khaleda Enterprise, Noor Traders and Giasuddin and Sons of Dhaka Huq Commercial Syndicate and Bangladesh Optical Industries Ltd of Narayanganj National Electronic Company and Educ Ltd of Dhaka, Palash Rice Mill, Lucky Enterprise Ltd and Saiful Islam Flour Mill of Gabandha.

The letter issued by Abul Khair, Assistant Secretary of the Parliament Secretariat asked the MD of Janata Bank to report on the measures, if any taken on the basis of the report of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption and of the verdict of the cases with Al Amin Brothers, Fuleshwari Traders, Khaleda Enterprise, Noor Traders and Giasuddin and Sons.

UN Day observed

The United Nations Day was observed in Bangladesh as elsewhere in the world with renewed determination to re-invigorate the world body to enable to create a tension free atmosphere where mankind's best hopes would prevail upon all kinds of uncertainty, turbulence and anarchy, reports BSS.

Various United Nations systems here and non-governmental organisations yesterday celebrated the day through elaborate programme that included meetings, discussions and exhibitions, highlighting various achievements and goals of this world body which began its journey on this day in 1945.

The Chief Executive of this world body Boutros Boutros Ghali, on the eve of the 47th birth anniversary of the United Nations, gave a clarion call to all to dedicate themselves anew to the UN charter for ensuring a new and better era for making the world safe abode of the mankind.

In a message on the occasion, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia reaffirmed the country's total and unwavering commitment to the principles and purposes of the United Nations charters.

In a similar message, President Abdur Rahman Btswas called for unity of the world humanity to make the earth a peaceful abode for the people, irrespective of their status and colours.

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Leather policy SOON

The committee on leather approved the proposed leather policy at a meeting held here yesterday with Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan in the chair, reports BSS.

The policy is expected to be announced soon after final approval, an official handout said.

The government formed the committee to prepare a draft leather policy recently aimed at raising export earnings from this sector and to develop the country's leather industries.

The committee studied the possibilities and prospect of the sector and prepared a draft policy accordingly.

The Midnight File

SAARC cultural festival ends

TRIVANDRUM (Kerala), Oct 24: The first ever South Asian Cultural Festival which began in the Indian capital New Delhi on October 9 was formally declared closed here tonight with the artistes from the seven member SAARC countries presenting a rich cultural pageant of the region. Declaring the festival over the Vice President of India KR Narayanan said regional cooperation in South Asia which had been possible because of SAARC had to be nourished with care and understanding, reports BSS.

Hardliners form political bloc to oust Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Oct 24: Russian hard-liners formed a new political bloc Saturday to unite opponents of Boris Yeltsin ahead of an expected showdown with the reformist president at a key parliament session in December. More than 3,000 members of hard-line, pro-Communist and ultra-nationalist factions packed a Moscow auditorium to found the "National Salvation Front." They vowed to oust Yeltsin and save the nation from ruin, reports AP.

Mostafiz : SAARC tour

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lems that cropped up", the sources said without elaborating.

According to some sources, discontent among some of the ruling party high-ups over the Foreign Minister's handling of the so-called Operation Push Baek issue may have contributed to the surprise development.

These sources hinted that at least a couple of top party leaders raised questions about the Minister's ways of doing things as far as the "Push Baek" issue was concerned and expressed upon the Prime Minister to "act" before his meeting with the Indian leaders.

The Foreign Minister was scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narasimha Rao October 26.

The Foreign Minister came under attack during the general discussions in Parliament for what the Opposition MPs said admitting the presence of a large number of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants in India through the joint communiqué issued after PM's visit to New Delhi.

After the postponement Rahman cited the necessity of his presence at home for some

important legislative business to be taken up by Parliament during the period of his visits.

"I've just postponed, for some important things would come up in the House ... some important bills during the time," the Minister, also a senior leader of the ruling party, had told The Daily Star after meeting the Prime Minister late Wednesday night.

He said that the meeting with Prime Minister had discussed "important" party matters.

The Parliament is to deal with the controversial Anti-Terrorism Ordinance during this session, but Rahman did not specify the other "important" bills that would be fourth coming necessitating his presence.

According to the scrapped schedules, the Foreign Minister was to go to Colombo and Male in the second phase, beginning November 5.

Officials at his office said that the Minister was now planning to start with Colombo in a redrawn itinerary and then proceed to Male as scheduled.

They said that the Foreign Minister in that case would begin his trips to the four countries on November 14.

'দি ডেইলী স্টার' পত্রিকার সম্মানিত এজেন্টদের প্রতি আবেদন

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