



Princess Diana smiles as she receives a bouquet from Christina Riley (L), a daughter of a British embassy staff, while Prince Charles (R) walking with her looks at the other direction in Seoul yesterday.

The togetherness tour

SEOUL, Nov 2: Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana put their marital troubles aside today as they began a formal visit to South Korea, reports Reuter.

The heir to the throne and his future queen, making their first overseas appearance since strains in their relationship were disclosed this summer, arrived by private jet for a four-day visit billed as 'the togetherness tour' by the royally-obsessed British press.

The itinerary takes Prince Charles and his 31-year-old wife on a gruelling round of receptions and visits, some joint and some solo.

But royal-watchers seem more interested in the couple's bedroom arrangements than their tour schedule.

Britain's news of the world said on Sunday that Charles and Diana would be sharing a bedroom for the first time in years in their quarters at a luxury hotel in Seoul.

Indo-Pak troops clash on the eve of Siachen talks

NEW DELHI, Nov 2: India and Pakistan began talks here today on the strategic Siachen Glacier in Kashmir, a day after a fierce border skirmish in the disputed state left an Indian soldier dead, reports AFP.

South Asian rivals frequently clash. The meeting came hours after Pakistani troops opened fire on Indian army positions on their Kashmir frontier, killing an Indian soldier, injuring five and triggering a fierce gunbattle, defence officials said.

Defence secretaries N N Vohra of India and SSA Gilani of Pakistan met for two hours before lunch and were continuing a second session of discussions which are to conclude Wednesday, an Indian spokesman said.

The Pakistani delegation also called on Indian Defence Minister Sharad Pawar midway during the talks, the spokesman added.

The spokesman, however, gave no details of the discussions: over the 17,400-foot (5,800 metre) Siachen Glacier, an icy waste land where massed troops of the two

10 injured as JCD, Maitree workers clash in Jhenidah

JHENIDAH, Nov 2: At least 10 students were injured, two seriously, in a clash between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra Maitree in Kaliganj Mahtabuddin Degree College here today (Monday), reports UNB.

Campus sources said the clash ensued when supporters of JCD attacked Chhatra Maitree activists with iron rods and sticks while they were holding a meeting at the college premises at about 10 am.

JCD boys occupy underconstruction RU hall, name it after Zia

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI Nov 2: Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists of Rajshahi University stormed into and occupied an under-construction hall of the University till mid-night last night.

They named the hall after Ziaur Rahman. During the occasion of 'occupying' and 'naming' of the hall they danced and chanted slogans in favour of JCD, the students wing of BNP.

According to eyewitness the naming ceremony was rounded off with lighting of candles at every corner of the hall and firing of 21 rounds of shots.

They formally announced the name of the hall as Ziaur Rahman Hall amidst rappings and locked the main gate of the hall before leaving the place.

Leaders of Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) informed the Vice-Chancellor of the University about the matter on the following day and demanded action against the unruly students.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the student leaders of taking appropriate measures against the students involved in the incident.

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4 more bills placed in JS

Four more bills were introduced in parliament which the opposition barring Jamaat-e-Islami continued to boycott yesterday, reports UNB.

These are: the Nuclear Safety and Radiation Control Bill, The National Science and Technology Museum Bill, The Supreme Court Judges (Remuneration and Privileges) (Second Amendment) Bill and the Supreme Court Judges (Travelling Allowances) Bill 1992.

The first two bills were piloted by Education Minister Zamiruddin Sircar while the last two by State Minister for Law and Justice Aminul Haq.

Anti-terrorism bill a 'worst' black law: JP

The Jatiya Party yesterday strongly protested the passage of the anti-terrorism bill describing it as the "worst black law", violating all aspect of human rights, reports BSS.

The passage of the bill by the brute majority of the Treasury bench overriding parliamentary practice and ignoring democratic values reflected the undemocratic and autocratic nature of the government, party leader Moudud Ahmed told newsmen at a briefing at the Sangsad Bhaban.

He said the Jatiya Party would play an active role along with other opposition parties in parliament and with people outside the Sangsad for the repeal of this law.

"We are maintaining contacts with other opposition parties in parliament and we would support any collective step" to force the repeal of this law, Moudud said.

The Jatiya Party leader said the amendments, brought to the anti-terrorism bill by the Treasury bench, had proved that provisions defying the Constitution and fundamental rights were incorporated in the bill in its original form.

Kamal

From Page 1 Col 7 posed by a group. Some of the committee members suggested floating of a new party uniting CPB, NAP, Ganotantri Party and other like-minded parties along with Dr Kamal and his supporters in Awami League.

CPB sources said that the proposals in this regard would be considered at the next meeting of Central Committee to be held in December. If the committee decides to change party's name and constitution, then a special congress of the party will be convened sometime early next year to finalise the decision. The decision on CPB's merger into a new party will also be taken, if necessary, at the special congress.

Initiators of the new party said that they were also discussing with some smaller parties, professionals, intellectuals.

The leaders of Bangladesh Democratic Forum, headed by Dr Kamal Hossain, meanwhile, decided not to convert the Forum into a party and maintain its present entity. However, the Forum members will have the right carry on their party activities outside the Forum.



Awami League brought out a torch procession in the city yesterday in support of its today's public meeting.

Opposition: Boycott

From Page 1 Col 7 back any law passed by parliament who voted in favour of re-consideration.

The boycotting opposition parties are scheduled to meet today to decide its next course of action.

The CPB and the NAP were not present in the briefing while the Jamaat and IOJ decided to protest against the law on their own much earlier.

The leaders who spoke to the newsmen included the Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdu Samad Azad, Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim, AL leader Tofael Ahmed, JP leader Moudud Ahmed, Ganotantri Party leader Suranjit Sengupta and JSD leader Shajahan Straj.

Samad Azad observed that it was unimaginable that an elected government could pass a bill affecting the fundamental rights of the citizens despite firm objection from the opposition parties.

Moudud Ahmed said that although the ruling party was technically not wrong in passing the bill with all the opposition members absent in the House, it was contrary to the fundamental spirit of parliamentary democracy.

Force govt to scrap 'terrorist law', Indemnity Ord: Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday called for waging a all-out movement for consolidating national independence and sovereignty, upholding the spirit of the Liberation War and establishing rule of law in the country, reports UNB.

In a message on the eve of Jail Killing Day today, Hasina asked the Awami League workers to observe the day with a vow to force government to scrap the worst 'terrorist law', Indemnity Ordinance, hold trial of the killing of four national leaders and resist the "undemocratic acts of the dictatorial regime."

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Describing the anti-terrorism law as an unprecedented black law, the opposition leader called for resisting at any cost the repressive, law designed to curtail democratic and human rights of the people.

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The opposition leader criticised the government's indifference in implementing the four-point agreement on the trial of "war criminal" Golam Azam.

Hasina also accused the government of failing to deal with the push-in move by India and the Rohingya refugees problem. The weak-kneed foreign policy is responsible for these problems, she said.

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Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP) brought out a procession in city yesterday protesting anti-terrorism bill.

US Election today

From Page 1 Col 4 jected for the first time how the undecided vote would break.

Even grimmer for Bush was a new analysis in the Washington Post of the state-by-state vote — the critical tally in the indirect US election system.

It showed Clinton with a clear edge in 16 states and the district of Columbia that could bring him all but 43 of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. The post also gave the Democrat a slight edge or better in 15 other states with 112 electoral votes.

But there was one key element of uncertainty. If Perot supporters move to Bush or Clinton on election day, the outcome could be very different from current projections even though Clinton would still have an edge.

Bush will vote in Houston on Tuesday and await the returns at a luxury hotel there that serves as his Texas home.

As the moment of truth neared, the mood in the Bush camp swung from cautious hope to deep despair.

But Bush himself seemed to be in good humour despite all the negative signs.

As he shook hands with admirers after a rally in Michigan on Sunday afternoon, he encountered the White House correspondent for NBC Television, Jim Miklaszewski, standing in the crowd and threw back his head and laughed.

"Be annoyed," he said, playfully punching Miklaszewski in the arm.

has been: "Annoy the media — re-elect Bush." His supporters charge that the US news media haul slanted their election coverage in favour of Clinton.

AFP adds: The presidential election will cost taxpayers 173.7 million dollars, according to figures published today in Washington by the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Democrat Bill Clinton has been the biggest spender, running up a 78.8 million dollar tab. President George Bush has spent 76.4 million dollars of public funds.

New alliance candidate Lenora Fulani will get two million dollars from the FEC if she wins at least five per cent of the vote on Tuesday.

However, independent Ross Perot has not been given a cent of public funds, but that has not hurt him — He has spent 60 million dollars of his own so far.

In the primary round of elections, the FEC gives qualified candidates who agree to limit their spending "matching funds" — a tax funded bonus on top of their private fund raising.

When Clinton was seeking his party's nomination in the primary elections, he raised 25 million dollars and received 12.5 million dollars in matching funds during the primaries.

In addition, the two leading candidates have each begun given 55.2 million dollars from the FEC and their parties have been given 11 million dollars each to pay for their campaign conventions.

The President's war-cry in home stretch of the campaign Editorial on page 4

SKOP

From Page 1 Col 7 under the law.

The law was enacted not to curb terrorism but to curb trade union activities, it feared. It will be used to strengthen and extend ruling party position in the labour front through oppression, SKOP further observed. "We have gained experience from the use and misuse of the Special Powers Act."

With the passing of this bill, it said, the ruling party betrayed its promises to the people and the joint declaration of the three alliances.

Jail killing

From Page 1 Col 8 will wear black badges and garland the portrait of Sheikh Mujib at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 7 am and visit the Banani graves of the late leaders, lay wreaths, offer Munajat and hold Milad Mahfil there at 8 am.

At 3 in the afternoon, a public meeting will be held at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city. AL Chief and Leader of the Opposition in Jatiya Sangsad Sheikh Hasina will chair the meeting. Central leaders of the party will also address it.

AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman in a statement last night called upon all the party units across the country to observe the day taking vow to force the government repeal the Indemnity Act to pave the way for trial of the killers of Bangabandhu.

Meanwhile, Bangabandhu Parishad Chairperson Begum Sufia Kamal and General Secretary Dr S A Malek in a statement strongly demanded of the government to annual the 'notorious' Indemnity Act.

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BSU protests building PM's residence

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Students' Union (BSU) Monday brought out a procession in the capital to protest the construction of the Prime Minister's palatial residence at Hare Road in Dhaka.

The procession also protested the proposal for increasing tuition fees threefold and stoppage of grants to the educational institution.

The BSU organised procession which started from the Aparajeo Bangla of Dhaka University was halted by police in front of the National Broadcasting Authority at Shahbagh.

Earlier at a rally, the BSU leaders said that the autocratic government in 1989 decided to construct the PM's residence at 30, Hare Road which was cancelled by the interim government headed by Acting President Justice Shahbuddin Ahmed.

The present government has taken up the venture afresh and the building is being built at a cost of Taka 10 crore and 60 lakh, they said. Spending of such an amount for the residence and increasing tuition fees and suspending grants to the institutions amount to betrayal with the 10-point demands of the students, the BSU leaders said.

BSU President Nasiruddin and General Secretary Ruhin Hossain, Prince spoke at the rally.

The Midnight File

OIC to hold special meeting on Bosnia

JEDDAH, Nov 2: The Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) will hold a special meeting here to discuss the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina, OIC Secretary General Hamid Algabid said today. Algabid said he hoped the meeting of delegates from Islamic states, which will be held "soon at the request of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, will allow the OIC to mobilise efforts" in the former Yugoslav republic. Bosnian Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic said during a visit to Abu Dhabi, in the United Arab Emirates, last month that the session will be held November 23, reports AFP.

US N-submarine may enter Gulf today

DUBAI, Nov 2: A US nuclear submarine will enter the Gulf in the next day or two at a time of increased tension following Iran's purchase of a submarine from Russia, Western naval sources in the Gulf said today. President George Bush on Friday refused to comment on a US television report that an American submarine was on its way to the waterway, conduit of almost half of the world's oil trade, reports Reuter.

School students

From Page 1 Col 3 persons were injured and over 100 vehicles and shops were damaged when school boys demonstrated here to protest the government's decision.

Sporadic clashes between agitating students and police broke out in the port city and its surrounding areas in the morning.

The demonstrators blocked the Dhaka-Chittagong highway at Mirasari at around noon and police had to resort to baton charge to disperse the unruly students and remove the barricade at 5 pm, witnesses said.

Police did not confirm any arrest till filing of this report last night.

The agitating school students also clashed with the police at Momin Road, Anderkilla, Station Road, Tiger Pass, Agrabad and Chawk Bazar.

The students damaged shops and vehicles there, witnesses said.

Our Natore correspondent adds: Natore-Bogra and Natore-Dhaka Highways were closed to traffic for an hour following the school students demonstration here yesterday.

The students brought out a large procession and submitted a memorandum to the Deputy Commissioner.

The processionists put barricade on both the highways at around 12:30 pm and withdrew after an hour, witnesses said.

Our correspondent from Rajshahi reports: At least 20 students were injured and eight others were arrested when police swooped on the agitating students in the city.

Witnesses said during demonstration they damaged at least five vehicles including a police truck.

Our correspondent from Bogra adds: Agitating school students today damaged six vehicles in the town.

Police immediately went into action and arrested two of the rampaging boys — Rumi and Babu.

UNB Manikganj correspondent blocked the Dhaka-Aricha highway for about two-and-half hours since 10 am, causing sufferings to thousands of passengers of hundreds of buses stranded on the highly busy road.

They allegedly damaged three buses, including a BRTC bus, and assaulted at least 10 passengers during the hold-up at Dhulvita in Dhamrai

Scrap all black laws: BCL (M-I)

Leaders of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League yesterday (Monday) demanded immediate cancellation of all 'black laws' including the Anti-Terrorism Bill, reports UNB.

BCL organised a rally in front of the Madhu's Canteen of Dhaka University protesting the Anti-Terrorism Bill, passed by parliament on Sunday night.

The rally was addressed by DU unit leaders K H M Lizu, Pankaj Devnath and Afzalur Rahman Babu. They alleged that the BNP government passed the 'black laws' to fulfil its evil designs and to harass political rivals.

By passing the 'repressive' laws, the BCL leaders said, the government proved itself to be autocratic. They called upon people from all walks of life to build up a movement to repeal all anti-people laws.

The BCL leaders termed the law as 'terror law' to snatch away the fundamental rights of people and to curb oppositions movement against the government.

They said BNP, before coming to power, had promised to repeal black laws including the Special Powers Act. But after assuming power, it retained the Special Powers Act as well as brought in other 'black laws'.

Earlier, leaders and activists of the BCL brought out a procession on the campus chanting slogans against the new anti-terrorism law.

SSC students call strike, hartal

Agitating SSC students yesterday called strike in all educational institutions of the country on November 5 and a half-day hartal in the city on November 7 to press home their demands, reports UNB.

The call was given at a student rally outside the Jatiya Press Club Monday afternoon.

Their demands include cancellation of the examination system 1993 and retention of the examination system '92.

On the third day of their agitation, the unguarded students burst crackers and damaged dozens of vehicles in different parts of the city, including Press Club and Tophkhana Road areas.

Chakmas

From Page 1 Col 5 Bangladesh tribal refugees in Tripura after the deadline," the paper quoted the central government to have told the state government.

Steps to send back the tribal refugees from South Tripura camps have already been started by the state government as per direction from the centre, the weekly added.

During Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's recent trip to New Delhi, India agreed to send back all the Chakma refugees as soon as possible.

Bangladesh government, meantime, has initiated dialogue with the tribal insurgents for a political solution to staggering CHT problems.

An estimated 26,000 tribals have crossed the border in the wake of armed insurgency by the outlawed Shantibahini since mid-1970s, and many of them are already reported to have returned home.

Strike for TV station

From Our Correspondent NATORE, Nov 2: A thirty-minute strike was observed here demanding setting up of a full-fledged TV station.

The strike was observed in response to a call given by Natore TV Studio Punaruddhar Parishad.

The parishad has also taken up a programme to continue half-an-hour strike till November 11.