

SKOP leaders

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 atrocity on the industrial workers, the Minister told the SKOP leaders that the anti-terrorism law would not be applied in dealing with the labour unrest and also the government would show its impartiality in application of labour laws on the workers belonging to the labour wings of both the ruling and opposition parties.

On the question of SKOP's demand for effective measure to protect the sick industries of both the public and private sectors, the Labour Minister proposed that a tripartite committee be constituted comprising representatives from the government, employers and the SKOP to put forward recommendations in this regard. The government would not hesitate to implement the recommendation, the minister added.

The Minister also told the SKOP leaders that the government had already asked the banks to provide industrial loans to the sick industries.

Meanwhile, the workers of the jute and the textile sector, who also announced the 48 hour work stoppage on the

SAARC

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 generate new ideas to give further fillip to the alliance's activities.

The SAARC that began its journey five agreed areas of cooperation now has 13 areas under its Integrated Programme of Action (IPA).
 Rahman said that the preparations and programmes of the summit were aimed at ensuring a "business-like" atmosphere and that the summiters would have more opportunity to hold bilateral among themselves than on any previous occasion.

Former Foreign Secretary Faruq Ahmed Chowdhury who heads the preparatory committee substantiated Rahman's statement by giving a brief account of the physical preparations.

"We have cut down pomp and show as much as possible... there is no airport ceremony... no civic reception... all heads of state and government are staying in one place unlike what we did in the first summit accommodating them in spread out guest houses... so that they can hold bilateral informal chats... anyone can meet anyone," said Chowdhury, who, as the then Foreign Secretary, oversaw the 1985 event that gave birth to the socio-economic alliance.

According to the schedules, there is no programme on December 12 afternoon after the morning-to-noon opening session to facilitate the bilateral meetings among the heads of state and government.

A brief concluding session has been planned the next day, December 13, in the evening.
 A five-hour retreat on board a vessel will be another opportunity for the leaders to talk substantive regional and bilateral matters.

A part from economic cooperation, said Reza Rahman, issues like coordinated approach to the problems of terrorism, environment and natural disasters on which the member countries had conducted studies would come up in the summit deliberations.

Replying to a question, the Foreign Secretary said that the summit was "unlikely" to give recognition to the countries' opposition leaders' informal grouping. The opposition leaders met in Karachi last September.

Fatema

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 fear, but none came to help her.

I could recognise them from the beams of their flashlights," Khatun said. They were Ojullah Sareng, Kalam, Abu Taher Bepari and Karl. She could not remember how long the four stayed in her house.

Her husband Abdul Rab is a sharecropper. The Rab family migrated to Nabagram from Basurhat in Compijanj thana 16 years back.

When asked about the reaction of her husband, Fatema Khatun said that Rab was very reasonable... he knew it was better to remain silent.

She said that cases were filed against the four who had violated her but that no police action was taken and no medical examination done.

"Besides, what can he do against the joddars of boyas... we are poor people."

She said that similar incidents of rape and forced marriage were rampant in Nabagram.

There are also examples of joddars marrying each other's daughters and mutually becoming fathers-in-law.

The Rab family has sent their only 12-year-old daughter to a Madrasa dormitory in the interior of Noakhali.

same days to press their six and eight point charter of demands are bent on carrying out the strike programme.

A bilateral negotiation held between the State Minister for Textile Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan and the leaders of the textile workers failed Wednesday.

12 hurt in N'ganj

Violence follows attack on JCD procession

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 26: About 12 people including a police officer were injured when processionists belonging to district Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) rampaged the town following a cracker attack on their procession.

The procession was brought out from Narayanganj College at 11.30 am protesting toll collection and terrorism in town. When it reached in front of Khaja Market at Chasara, unknown persons hurled two crackers at the procession. Immediately the processionists respond with gunfire.

The angry processionists then reached Bangabandhu Road and hurled crackers at the Jatya Party office.

Hasina

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man," said the Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition.

Addressing a huge rally at Islamia Govt High School ground this afternoon, Hasina said although the Prime Minister and her cabinet colleagues were eloquent about the 'politics of development', there had been no development in the country in last two years.

"People in power and their kins have developed their fortune, become owners of big business houses and ships, but the economic hardship of the multitude aggravated," the opposition leader said in a hard-hitting criticism of the government.

Hasina said the economy was now in shambles, industrial production almost came to a standstill, growers were deprived of fair price, unemployment and corruption plague society due to 'misrule' of BNP.

Criticising the enactment of anti-terrorism law, Hasina said BNP had promised that if returned to power, it would scrap all black laws. But now they framed new "draconian laws" to repress the people and the opposition parties.

She also asked the Prime Minister to let the people know how many 'terrorists of her party' had been arrested under the anti-terrorism law when thousands of opposition workers were being put behind the bars by filing "false" cases under this act.



South Korean envoy to Bangladesh Sung Oh Sin formally handing over 13 luxury cars for the forthcoming SAARC summit to the Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman yesterday. —PID photo

Inflation rate

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 cern of economic policy at the moment, rather increasing the investment and more expansionary policy were the ways for recovery of the economy.

Talking on the line of agricultural factor, Prof Mosharrif Hossain of the same department said low price of agricultural products contributed by the low inflation rate. He viewed that it would have an adverse effect on agriculture as prices of inputs had gone higher.

However, economists feel that the real available production in terms of final consumption, investment and other major factors is still too low.

The real growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is now about 3.3 per cent. When the growth of population is taken into consideration, the growth of real available production is only about 0.7 per cent.

Experts now feel that if this could not be raised, the savings and investments will go down and the country will continue to depend on foreign aid for development.

The BB officials feel that if the production could be improved the low inflation will now act as an incentive for savings as well as for investment.

Islamic Varsity

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multiple stab injuries. His condition was stated to be critical.

In his statement to police, Rokonuzzaman said the assailants numbering about 25 and armed with lethal weapons were activists of Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya and Awami League backed BCL.

The assailants attacked the house where 16 students of the University were living.

Police said the attack was a sequel of clashes between Chhatra Shibir and GCO-BCL on the University campus earlier in the day resulting in injuries to 50 students.

They say the low inflation rate means the money has been able to conserve its internal and external value. So, people will be encouraged towards savings. Economists also feel that the capital market should now be reactivated to induce investments. But they also warn that the high inflation rate may creep back if the economy does not see a considerable face-lifting.

Explaining the reasons for the low inflation rate, the BB officials said this happened owing to a remarkable achievement in government's drive for revenue collection. During the first quarter, the collection stood at Taka 1808 crore exceeding the target of Taka 1797 crore. This, they said, has reduced deficit financing in public sector.

The economists also feel that low credit expansion has also contributed to the low inflation rate. They pointed out that while the total credit disbursement by the banks was Taka 22736.8 crore in 1991-92, it was only 22328.3 crore in July, 1992-93.

Experts finalise recommendations for SAARC Met centre

By Staff Correspondent

A panel of experts unanimously agreed on the need of a SAARC Meteorological Research Centre (SMRC) after a two-day discussion Thursday. Meteorological office sources said.

Members of the seven-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) proposed Dhaka as the possible place for the centre, the source said adding that the summit to be held in Dhaka on December 12-13.

The source said that if the centre was established some one billion people of the calamity-prone region, would be benefited.

Ainjibi Samity notice malafide

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 was "absolutely malafide... it was done to malign the Law Ministry, the Minister and the other persons named in the Notice."

Acknowledging that the aggrieved persons did have a right to appeal, the Minister pointed out that none of them had come forward so far. "The people who served the Notice are not the aggrieved persons and none of the aggrieved persons was named, it is just political manoeuvring and a stunt."

On selecting the panel for promotion, the Minister said that a panel of 30 was initially 'serially' selected and on December 10 last year, the ministry recommended 25 of them for promotion as additional judges and sent the list to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court approved only 19 of the 25 sub-judges for promotion.

At a later date, he pointed out, the Supreme Court "on their own accord and without consultation being sought" recommended another four sub-judges for promotion.

Of the four, he said, two not in the original list of 25, because of their 'highly unsatisfactory' records, were included.

"As the appointing authority did not seek any further consultation," he said "the Constitution does not provide for initiating proposals for promotion."

He was referring to Article 116 of the Constitution, which states: "The control (including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave) and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the president and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court."

Moreover, Mirza Hafiz said,

the Supreme Court could have easily added two more names before sending the approved list of 19 earlier. However, he added "the ministry sent the recommendations in-toto to the Prime Minister's Office as we cannot give our own opinion, we only act as a post-office."

After being held up at the PMO for nearly a month, the Minister said, the Supreme Court recommendation was sent to the President. For further information and clarifications, the President sought the dossiers and the 'original Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs) of the four sub-judges recommended for promotion, he added.

"Only after considering the pros and cons, the President rejected promotions for two of them as per the power vested in him in Article 116."

The Law Minister denied reports that the government turned down the initial recommendation of the Supreme Court. "It is not correct that the initial decision was turned down, but it was acted upon by the ministry honestly and in reverence and respect for the Supreme Court."

Referring to the Full Court of the High Court Division, which took the decision on promoting the four sub-judges, the Law Minister questioned the composition of the Full Court.

The Full Court of the High Court Division which took the decision consisted of all sitting High Court Division judges and was presided over by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

However, Mirza Hafiz pointed out that the Constitution calls for consultation with the Supreme Court and according to Article 94 the Supreme Court consists of both the Appellate Division and the High Court Division.

JCD, BCL clash: College closed

PABNA, Nov 26: Algharia Degree College was closed today following a clash between Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) that left at least eight students injured, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the academic council of the college in an emergency meeting this afternoon decided to close the college for four days to avert further untoward incident.

Dr Milan

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Upsurge: Dr Milan Day'

The sangsad will lay wreaths at the grave of Dr Milan and in the premises of Dr Milan Memorial Monument near the TSC in the morning. The organisation will also hold a discussion at Milan Square near the DU Central Library at 3 pm. Leaders of different political parties, professional groups, student bodies and socio-cultural organisations will address the meeting.

The meeting will be followed by the prize-distribution ceremony of Milan Memorial Chess Competition and a cultural function.

Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association will hold a discussion 'Physicians' Role in the Transition to Democracy' at Dr Milan Auditorium of the PG Hospital at 9.30 am. Works Minister Rafiqul Islam Mia, State Minister for Civil Aviation Abdul Mannan, Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain and Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim are expected to address the meeting.

Khas lands

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acre to compensate cultivation on the state-owned land.

During 1989, the district revenue office announced distributing the land among the "true landless people". After thorough scrutiny, 773 families earlier settled at Nabagram were selected to get allotment of the land.

Every husband and wife of the total 773 families received two acres of land for cultivation which was non-transferable.

Now, the recipients of the land are awaiting an agreement with the government (locally known as kabuliat) giving them ownership.

Meanwhile, a section of rich people arrived at Nabagram following its rise and claimed that the land belonged to them before its being submerged.

The claimants, locally known as "boyas", grabbed the land and also filed cases against the government announcement on making the land 'khas'. The 'joddars' and the 'boyas' are synonymous.

Md Nurul Huda (Shahabuddin), a rich landowner of the neighbouring Chaprasahi Hat Union, interviewed November 16 near a one-acre plot from where his hired labourers were cutting 'raja' shall rice with half a dozen farmers vainly trying to persuade him not to take away their food, claimed that at least 10 acres of land in Nabagram Mouja belonged to him before its being submerged.

He, however, could not give any plot number and said "Ask our tahsildars...they will support my claim."

According to the settlement laws, any land that had earlier submerged and later resurfaced became state-owned and all the land in Nabagram Mouja was recorded in the government's number one khas khatan.

When his attention was drawn to the fact that none could collect rice from a piece of land on which there was a court injunction, Shahabuddin retorted "When I am the complainant...I have the right to harvest."

Asked if he had any idea about who had torched the houses November 4 in Nabagram, he said that the landless farmers themselves set fire to their own houses to blame the boyas.

Janata Tower Case SC rejects leave prayers of Ershad, others

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected prayers of former President H M Ershad and his wife Raushan Ershad seeking leave of appeal against the verdict of the High Court Division which had earlier dismissed their petitions for quashment in the case involving the multistoried Janata Tower, reports BSS.

Returnees

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Bangladesh received remittance of Taka 883 crore in the first three months of the current fiscal year against Taka 678 crore of the corresponding period of last year.

These were disclosed at the sixth meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Labour and Manpower Ministry held yesterday at the Sangsad Bhaban with Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair.

Drawing attention of the committee members towards bare-bodied procession of the repatriated Bangladeshis from Iraq and Kuwait, the Minister gave a brief statement regarding the measures the government had already taken, to solve their various problems.

EUCSU

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captured by BCL (JSD-Inu).

The JCD, however, swept six of the eight halls union elections when two hall remained under the command of the BCU.

JCD won in three halls with full panel and got most of the posts in other four halls.

The VP and GS posts in Nazrul Islam Hall, Dr Rashid Hall, Suhrawardi Hall, Ahsanullah Hall, Titumir Hall and Sher-e-Bangla Hall were bagged by JCD while the BCU swept in the Shaheed Smriti Hall and Ahsanullah (north) Hall capturing the posts of VP and GS.

Of the 96 posts in eight hall unions, 70 went to JCD, 21 to BCU, four to BCL (pro-Awami League) and the rest one was captured by BCL (JSD-Inu).

The name of the EUCSU executives are: Vice President Naimul Huda Khan (JCD), General Secretary, Chowdhury Salauddin Ahmed (BCU), AGS — Forkan Bin Kasheem (BCU), Magazine Secretary — Manjural Huq Manju (JCD), Cultural Secretary — Shahidul Islam (JCD), Indoor Games Secretary — Tonu Murang (BCL-JSD) and Entertainment Secretary — Syed Mahidul Hassan (JCD). A total of 2,475 students out of 2,821 cast their votes in the election contested by the candidates of six students organisations.

The Midnight File

Ban on Benazir's entry goes

ISLAMABAD, Nov 26: The government today withdrew the order banning opposition leader Benazir Bhutto's entry in Islamabad and nearby Rawalpindi, officials said, reports AFP.

'Star Wars' deal cancelled

WASHINGTON, Nov 26: The US Army on Wednesday cancelled a \$94 million dollar 'Star Wars' research contract with McDonnell Douglas Corp in another sign of financial distress and delay for the proposed anti-missile defence programme, reports Reuter.

PM: Nirmul body hartal

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addressing a gathering at several thousand people of Devidwar Thana under Comilla district who called on her at L'er Sugandha Office.

Sixteen Union Parishad Chairmen of Devidwar Thana, local elites and several thousand people of Devidwar Thana made a courtesy call on the Prime Minister last night expressing their solidarity with her leadership and vowing to cooperate with her.

Barrister Rafiqul Islam Mia, Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Manzurul Ahsan Munsi MP, Abdus Sobhan, President Devidwar Thana BNP and Tajul Islam Patan, General Secretary of Devidwar Thana BNP also addressed the gathering.

Begum Zia said a political party which, however, speaks of democracy had now joined hands with autocracy to disrupt the ongoing development process at a time when the people want to see progress of the country.

She posed a question what was the necessity of calling hartal at a time when a democratic government was running the country and had taken up programmes to resolve people's problems.

The Prime Minister said those who had resorted to terrorism in the past had now been patronising the terrorists by providing black money to create anarchic situation.

She said it would not be possible to come to power by resorting to terrorist activities and warned that her government would not tolerate any attempt to create anarchy, chaos and disrupt peaceful atmosphere.

Referring to the Anti-terrorism Act she said it was enacted so that peaceful atmosphere could not be disrupted and added it would be lifted when the terrorist acts would not persist.

Pointing to the opposition's charge that the Anti-terrorism Act would be used to harass political opponents, the Prime Minister said it would be applied to punish those who would disrupt peaceful atmosphere and resort to extortion of money and kidnapping no matter which party they belonged to.

The Prime Minister also refused an opposition allegation that some 27,000 opposition activists were detained by abusing Special Powers Act and said no political activist had been detained.

Obituary

Anisur Rahman, Director, Duncan Bros. passed away Tuesday, Nov 24, 1992. Mrs. Yasmin Rahman requests all well-wishers to pray for his soul and attend his Qul Khani on Friday, Nov 27, 1992 at 5:30 PM at 80/A, Indira Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215.

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