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King Fahd bin-Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia receiving President Abdur Rahman Biswas at the Royal Palace in Jeddah on May 26 during a reception hosted by the monarch. — PID photo

Ilias group left out from new committee JCD resumes activity in DU

Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of ruling BNP, resumed its activity on the Dhaka University campus yesterday ending about a nine-month moratorium imposed on it after an internecine clash, reports UNB.

JCD activists brought out a procession on the campus Saturday welcoming the new central executive committee, headed by Fazlul Huq Milon and DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam, which was announced on Friday.

Campus sources said the JCD committee was formed with leaders and workers exclusively from one faction while the rival Ilias group was left out.

The central body of JCD was dissolved on September 6 by BNP Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia following the killing of two JCD activists in a factional clash on the campus on September 4.

Its campus politics also resumed with staging a huge rally where the new leaders expressed their determination to run the organisation effectively under the guidance of Begum Zia.

They further vowed to eliminate campus terrorism even at the cost of their lives and called upon all democratic forces to build a united resistance against "hooliganism."

The rally in front of the DUCSU Bhaban was addressed by new JCD President Fazlul Huq Milon, General Secretary Nazimuddin Alam, Organising Secretary Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Moniruzzaman Monir, Habibul Islam Habib, central leaders Shahjahan Hawlader Sujon, Monwar Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Pintu, Syed Sohrab, Tariqul Islam Boni and Awlad Hossain Faruq.

"The formation of the JCD central committee is timely, and Begum Zia once again demonstrated her political prudence," said Fazlul Huq Milon.

He alleged that the Awami League-backed Chhatra League was unleashing terrorism on the campus as part of its "blueprint to destroy democracy as well as academic atmosphere."

The JCD President condemned the attack on Ganatantrik Chhatra Otkya leaders and activists by the Chhatra League activists and expressed his solidarity with the GCO programme for containing terrorism.

PM greets new JCD leaders

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia last night congratulated the office-bearers of the newly-formed central committee of the Jatityabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and asked them to play a constructive role in creating a fair and healthy student politics instead of slogan-mongering, reports BSS.

She was addressing the leaders and members of the new JCD executive committee here at Sugandha.

The students thanked the Prime Minister for forming the new committee and vowed to abide by party discipline and uphold the ideals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. JCD president Fazlul Huq Milon and general secretary Nazimuddin Alam spoke on behalf of the new committee.

DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP, and JCD leader Kamruzzaman Ratan welcomed the new committee.

The Prime Minister lauded the glorious role of the JCD during the anti-autocracy movement and asked the members to stay above greed and injustice.

She underlined the need for strengthening the organisation and asked the members to devote themselves to the service of the students and the people.

Begum Zia said the former central committee of the JCD had been dissolved because it could not function properly.

The JCD should carry out its activities by shunning misunderstanding among members and maintaining friendly relations with other student organisations.

Begum Zia advised the JCD activists to follow the ideals of Shaheed Zia so that they could take up future leadership of the nation.

The Prime Minister further asked them to play an effective role in eradicating terrorism from the campus and maintaining congenial academic atmosphere in the educational arena.

Contributions of Zia recalled

Commerce Minister M K Anwar yesterday emphasized spreading the ideals of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman among the youth for the economic emancipation of the people of the country, reports BSS.

He was addressing a discussion on 'Youth's Zia', marking the 12th death anniversary of President Zia organised by the Dhaka city Jatityabadi Jubo Dal in Dhaka Saturday evening at the WAPDA auditorium.

Prime Minister and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia was present at the meeting.

The meeting was also addressed by Information Minister and BNP standing committee member Nazmul Huda, Planning Minister A M Zahuruddin Khan, Jubo Dal president and Mayor of Dhaka Mirza Abbas MP, Jubo Dal general secretary and State Minister for Environment Gayeshwar Roy, State Minister for Shipping Harunur Rashid, State Minister for Law Barister Aminul Huq and Hamidullah Khan, MP. Jubo Dal Dhaka city president Abu Sayeed Khan presided.

Information Minister Barister Nazmul Huda paid tributes to the Shaheed President and recalled the BNP founder's glorious role in shaping the true identity of our nationality, his declaration of the war of independence on March 26, 1971 and revitalisation of the national economy during 1975-80.

Mayor of Dhaka Mirza Abbas said that Shaheed Zia had pursued the policy of national unity replacing the politics of confrontation for a sustained development.

Suicide attempt in custody

By DMCH Correspondent

One person under police custody reportedly tried to commit suicide Friday night.

Zafar, 40, allegedly tried to hang himself with his lungi at the bathroom of the Demra Police Station Friday night but was rescued by the on-duty police.

Police sources said Zafar, reportedly a drug addict, was arrested with a pipe-gun in his possession on Thursday. He was taken on a day's remand.

Zafar was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital at 10.30 am Saturday in a critical condition.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia inaugurated a photo exhibition organised by JASASS to mark the 12th death anniversary of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Zia's death Rheumatism causes 80pc of heart ailments

By Staff Correspondent

Rheumatism causes heart disease in some 80 per cent of the heart patients in the country.

Experts in a two-day second National Conference on Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease in Bangladesh yesterday revealed that rheumatism was one of the major causes of death or illness in Bangladesh.

The disease is particularly prevalent among children in poor families, largely in the slums and rural areas, and mostly among people living in damp households.

The conference, inaugurated by Health Minister Choudhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf as Chief Guest at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, is jointly sponsored by the Health and Family Welfare Ministry and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The experts said that whereas surgical treatment of a heart patient costs around Tk one lakh, rheumatism — the major cause of the disease — can be prevented at a cost of Tk five hundred only.

The conference was addressed, among others, by Deputy Minister for Health Md Sirajul Haque, Ambassador of Japan in Bangladesh Shigeo Takenaka and Health Secretary Syed Ahmed as guests of honour and Project Director of rheumatic heart disease Prof K M H S Sirajul Haque, while Director General of Health Services Prof Kazi Masihur Rahman presided.

The Health Minister said that four to six out of every thousand children of the country suffer from rheumatic fever.

Kamal Ibne Yusuf announced that the government would establish a centre for

control of rheumatic fever and heart disease with budgetary provisions from 1993 to 1998.

The minister added that rheumatism can be prevented through the proper use of the existing medical manpower and field forces and it would be cost-effective.

The Japanese Ambassador expressed his satisfaction at the success of the rheumatic fever pilot project centre in Dhaka which had been implemented by the Bangladesh government with technical and financial co-operation from Japan.

Takenaka said, "The Bangladesh team in the centre has made several important discoveries in this field. Their achievement suggests strongly their ability to stand on their own feet after June (the date after which Japan withdraws its support for the project)."

He said that the second national conference would help the centre to share its experiences with medical experts from all localities of the country and it would enrich the 200 participants with up-to-date knowledge on rheumatism.

Prof Kazi Masihur Rahman said that in most of the cases heart diseases were reported after severe damage to patients' valves, for which treatment becomes expensive.

Since surgical facilities were limited in the country, he said that primary health awareness should be promoted so that many could reduce the risk of heart disease.

Dr Sirajul Haque said that the plan for establishment of the centre for control of rheumatic fever had been taken up in accordance with the recommendations of the pilot project.

Dr Kamal's call for consensus on major issues

FENI, May 29: Ganatantrik Forum chief and former Foreign Minister Dr. Kamal Hossain today called upon all politicians and social activists to reach a national consensus on major socio-economic issues, reports BSS.

Dr. Kamal urged a section of political parties not to resort to the politics of violence. He told them "Try to come out of violence. Look ahead and try to materialise the dreams of the martyrs of the War of Independence".

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Environment bill to be introduced

A bill relating to environment would be placed in the forthcoming session of the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

This was stated by Minister for Environment, Forest, Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman who was speaking at the concluding session of an 8-day orientation course for environmental journalists jointly organised by the Panos Institute of London and Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB).

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and production of groundnut oil should be encouraged.

Dr Chowdhury said there is a need for political commitment of the government for crop diversification, and added the agriculture officers should also be committed for improvement of the farmers' lot. He further stated that prices of agricultural inputs should be fixed based on crop prices.

Punjab assembly dissolved

ISLAMABAD, May 29: The Governor of Punjab, Pakistan's most populous province, dissolved the provincial parliament today and will swear in a caretaker cabinet later, officials said. No official reason for the decision by the Governor Chaudhury Altaf Hussain was immediately available. But the announcement came after state television said 91 provincial deputies had decided to move a no-confidence motion in Chief Minister Manzoor Ahmed Wattoo, an opponent of newly-restored Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Political analysts said it was essential for Sharif to reassert his authority in Punjab, his longtime powerbase, reports Reuter.

Serb forces attack Gorazde

SARAJEVO, May 29: Bosnian Serb forces on Saturday pounded the government enclave of Gorazde, government radio reported. The city, one of the few pockets of Muslim resistance in eastern Bosnia, is the main obstacle that stands before a complete Serb takeover of the region. Bosnian radio said Serb forces were using tanks and other armoured vehicles on the second day of their attack. It also cited heavy fighting around other enclaves in eastern Bosnia, reports AP.

Ctg rickshawpullers on a rampage

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 29: Some ten thousand rickshawpullers demonstrated and stormed the Chittagong City Corporation office injuring about 40 persons this morning to force the authorities to issue driving licences.

According to police and witnesses, the agitating rickshawpullers gathered at Anderkilla crossing in front of the City Corporation office creating a human barricade at 9.30 am which halted traffic over a one-mile area around the crossing for at least an hour.

Vehicles converging on the Anderkilla crossing were forced to make detours.

The rickshawpullers attacked the corporation office damaging the windowpanes and doors.

Corporation sources said some employees of the licensing section received minor injuries when the mob brickbatted.

As the violence broke out, police in riot gear rushed to the spot and baton-charged the agitators to disperse them.

The rickshawpullers dispersed when police swung into action.

Traffic movement at the crossing normalised around 10.30 am.

Meanwhile, in the face of agitation, the corporation reversed its earlier decision and announced to issue driving licences without additional doc-

uments including health and nationality certificates.

The decision pacified the pullers who immediately stood in queue before the counters, witnesses said.

A City Corporation official, preferring anonymity said, "We have suddenly reversed our decision only to tackle the situation."

Three arrested for kidnapping teenage girl

By Staff Correspondent

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Walesa dissolves parliament

WARSAW, May 29: President Lech Walesa dissolved Poland's first democratically elected parliament Saturday after it brought down the government in a no-confidence vote, reports AP.

He refused to accept the resignation of Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka, deciding instead to disband the parliament where 20-odd bickering parties have made it impossible to form a stable government.

Walesa now must schedule elections within three to four months, two years early. Ms Suchocka will serve in the interim but without a parliament to pass new laws.

Ms Suchocka may yet be able to get the right to rule on some crucial economic reforms by decree. However, parliament must agree to that before closing its final session. If it rejects the special powers, the government will be virtually paralyzed for months.

Mohammedans win

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deadlock the match crawled into the 30-minute extra time. Mohammedans continued to appear the more energetic and powerful outfit of the two Titans of local football and Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib scored the decisive goal a minute before the completion of the first 15 minutes.

Shabbir threw the ball in the Abahani box and Shah Alam's back-volley slipped out of Selim's grip and an unmarked Nakib sent the ball in past a prostate Selim to score his second goal (3-2).

Spurred by the elusive lead Mohammedans poured on Abahani from all sides and the team from Dhanmondi could never create any realistic chance in the remaining period to have a shot at the Cup which remained Mohammedans in the end.

Communications Minister Oli Ahmed gave away the prizes as the chief guest. Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain got introduced with the players of both sides.

Referee S M Mansoor had to caution as many as eleven players of both teams with yellow cards for rough and unsporting behaviour.

TEAMS

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Kanan, Shamim, Kaiser, Jewel, Barun, Titu(Riaz), Roxy(Ekram Rana), Arman, Shabbir, Nakib and Aslam (Shah Alam Babu).

ABAHANI KC: Selim, Alamgir, Munna, Rehan, Masud Rana, Zakir (Swapan), Mamun Karim, Mamun Joarder (Shakil), Gaus, Rumi and Ahmed.

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