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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 - PID photo monarch.

Ilias group left out from new committee

JCD resumes activity in DU

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of ruling BNP, resumed its activity on the Dhaka University campus yesterday ending about a ninemonth 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 Hug Milon, General Secretary Nazimuddin Alam, Organising Secretary Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Moniruzzaman Monir, Habibul Islam Habib, central leaders Shahjahan Hawlader Sujan, Monwar Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Pintu, Syed Sohrab Tarigul 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

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 Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya leaders and activists by the Chhatra League activists and expressed his solidarity with the GCO programme for containing

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 govern

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.

The dissolution of parlia-

ment is effective with the official publication of Walesa's de cision, likely in several days. The session continued Saturday with debates on mining and the speaker's admonition, "Let us do our work."

The dramatic developments highlight the difficulty of building a functioning democracy in a country ruled by a Communist regime since World War II. Ms Suchocka is the fifth prime minister since the Communists were toppled in 1989.

The political chaos will delay progress on Poland's economic transformation to a market economy and damage its standing with international sources of aid and investment.

The country will likely see a bitter election campaign. However, Walesa is expected to sign a new election law passed by parliament Friday that would limit the parties reaching the chamber to those receiving at least 5 per cent of the popular vote.

Mohammedans win

From Page 1 Col 5 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 Mohammedan's 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 vellow 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), Mamunul Karim, Mamun Joarder (Shakil), Gaus, Rumi and

PM greets new JCD leaders

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia last night congratulated the office-bearers of the newly-formed central committee of the Jatiyatabadi 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

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

He was addressing a discussion on "Youth's Zia," mark ing the 12th death anniversary of President Zia organised by the Dhaka city Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal in Dhaka Saturday evening at the WAPDA audito-

Prime Minister and BNI chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia was present at the meet-

The meeting was also addressed by Information Minister and BNP standing committee member Barrister Nazmu Huda, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin 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 Barrister Aminul Huq and Hamidullah Khan, MP. Jubo Dal Dhaka city president Abu Sayeed Khan presided. Information Minister Ba-

rrister 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, 00, 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 po-

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.

Dr. Kamal also addressed a workers' meeting last night at Shariatpur town hall in Shariatpur district which was addressed by other forum leaders and presided over by Advocate Mohammad Kotwal.



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 coun-

Experts in a two-day second National Conference on Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease in Bangladesh vesterday 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 addre-

ssed, 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

Dr Kamal's call

for consensus on

major issues

Forum chief and former Fo-

reign Minister Dr. Kamal Ho-

ssain today called upon all

politicians and social activists

to reach a national consensus

on major socio-economic is-

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

chief was addressing as chief

guest a workers' meeting here

today at Feni Shaheed Zahir

Rathan town hall. Ganatantrik

Forum leaders Barrister Amirul

Islam, Zahirul Islam and AU

Ahmed also spoke. Feni Bar

president Advocate Khair

Dr. Kamal said that the in-

terest of the country was above

everything and that was why at

this crucial moment of our

history, we should come for-

ward to reach a national con-

sensus on major issues so that

the living standard of the

masses could be improved

within the shortest possible

The Ganatantrik Forum

Dr. Kamal urged a section of

sues, reports BSS.

Independence'.

Ahmed presided.

FENI, May 29: Ganatantrik

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 cooperation 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 experi-

ences with medical experts from all localities of the country and it would enrich the 200 participants with up-to-date knowl edge 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 pro-

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). After the orientation course

the fellows will work on environmental problems in different SAARC countries.

DG of PIB Prof Tawhidul Anwar, Additional Secretary of Information Ministry Moglesur Rahman, Editor of The Daily Star S M Ali, Director of South Asia Regional Programme of the Panos Institute Ms Carmen Miranda also spoke.

Russia for dollar as transaction medium Russia wants to switch over

to the US dollar from the pound sterling as the medium of its trade transaction with Bangladesh, reports UNB. Official sources said Moscow

recently conveyed its intention to Dhaka and requested necessary amendment of the concerned clause in the 1972 trade agreement between Bangladesh and the former Soviet Union.

The Russian Federation has validated that agreement after the break-up of the Soviet Union.

at 5 pm. The central and branch

afternoon.

committees of the Zia Parishad will observe the day through various programmes. The central committee will place wreaths at the mazar at 8 am and hold special prayers. The Parishad will feed the destitutes and hold milad

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The Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi

Shilpakala Academy at four this

Tanti Dal will assemble at the

north plaza of the Sangsad

Bhaban at 7 am today and place

wreath at the mazar at 8-01

am. The organisation will hold

a milad mahfil and discussion

Primary School in the city in the afternoon. The Zia Parishad branch at Rajshahi University, Chittagong University, Islamic University, Mymensingh Agriculture University and Jahangirnagar Uni-

mahfil at the Dayaganj Bazar

cussions and mtlad mahfils. Besides, the Zia Parishad of Jessore will organise a blood donation camp at the sadar hospital at 9 am and hold milad mahfil at the Jame Masjid at 2 pm.

versity will also hold dis-

The Straigani unit will also hold a blood donation programme at the Sadar hospital today from 8 am. It will also hold milad mahfil at Bazar sta tion Jame Masjid. The Zia Parishad units of

Gazipur, Kapasia, Manurhat, Feni, Kushtia, Khulna, Patuakhali, Kurigram, Chandpur will also observe the day in a befitting manner.

In Chittagong, the city units of the BNP and JASAS will open a photo exhibition on the life of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman at the Chittagong Circuit House premises today at 9 am.

Homage will be paid at the first mazar of Shaheed Zia at Rangunia at 9-30 am. Besides, a painting competition of the children, exhibition of documentary films and discussion will be held at the Chittagong Circuit House.

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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.

other agriculturalist, said the government should continue the subsidies on agro-inputs and that steps should be taken to ensure poor and marginal farmers get the benefit of these subsidies. He also said the government should not waive agro-loans on

Prof Moazzam Hossain, an-

a whole scale. "Rather, loans and interests could be waived for farmers of those areas only which are affected by natural disasters at certain times," Prof Hossain said.

S A M S Kibria said subsidy

on agriculture and other sectors must be withdrawn in the long run. "These sectors must stand on their own feet," he said. He also stated that the bu-

reaucratic system of decisionmaking can not contribute to the development of the villages. "Our development can not

centre around the bureaucracy and, therefore, the decisionmaking system must be decen tralised," Kibria said.

The Midnight File

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

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 onemile area around the crossing for at least an hour.

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

The rickshawpullers at tacked the corporation office damaging the windowpanes and doors. Corporation sources said some employees of the licens-

ing section received minor in-

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

The richshawpullers dispersed when police swung into Traffic movement at the crossing normalised around

10:30 am. Meanwhile, in the face of agitation, the corporation re versed its earlier decision and announced to issue driving licences without additional doc-

Arms factory unearthed in Pabna: one arrested

PABNA, May 29 : Police, Ansars and VDP in a joint raid today seized a revolver and some arms-making materials from a village in Sadar thana and arrested one person, reports UNB.

Acting on a tip-off, a joint team of the three forces raided the house of Raihanuddin Mistri at village Shanikdiar this evening and recovered a country-made revolver, some dice and other arms manufacturing materials, police said.

Raihanuddin's son Hasibur Rahman Hasib was arrested from the house and his motorcycle seized.

Police said Hasib had been involved in selling arms in the district and in the capital for some days. They also recovered a letter written to him by a student of Dhaka University named Shahidul Islam, saying he wanted to buy some arms.

'Kokil Bahini' in Pabna creates reign of terror PABNA, May 29: Villagers

fled Haripur-Diarpara in Chat mohar thana for fear of a fresh attack by a terrorist group, dubbed "Kokil Bahini," which created a reign of terror in the village on Saturday, reports

This was stated by president of the Bhumiheen Samity of Chatmohar thana, Ataur Rahman, at a press conference here this morning.

About 50 houses were looted, 20 others burnt down and 200 boats damaged in Saturday's vandalism unleashed by the marauders, the Samity alleged in a written statement.

Meanwhile, a half-day hartal was observed in Chatmohar Thana protesting the killing of a landless farmer, Abul Kashem, of Ratta village last Wednesday by the so-called 'Kokil Bahini.

fighting around other enclaves in eastern Bosnia, reports AP.

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 sit-

Three arrested for kidnapping teenage girl

By Staff Correspondent Police arrested three persons Saturday for kidnapping a teenage girl and unlawfully con-

fining her for four days. Yanur Begum, 16, a garments worker, was kidnaped from East Bhagai under Demra Police Station last Sunday by a group of young men, sources

Food for edn

From Page 1 Col 7 ucation sector had been ears marked for the primary education, she said adding, that the programme for reconstruction. renovation and construction of about 24,000 schools had been taken up in hand during the rourth Five-Year Plan. She said 8,000 more registered private schools were going to be re-

Quoting the Human Resource Development Report '93 of UNDP, the Prime Minister said during 1991 when the present government took the responsibility the adult literacy rate was 32.2 per cent and per capita income was 720 dollars. "After two years, in 1993 the adult literacy rate stands at 35.3 and per capita income rose to 872

constructed and renovated.

"From this it is clear that there is a close link between education and GDP," she said.

The Prime Minister said education was a national issue which needed consensus and united efforts. Later, the Prime Minister

distributed prizes among the best primary teachers at different levels. She also distributed awards among children who took part cultural competition including recitation, acting and painting during the week.

Administration

From Page 1 Col 7 the findings of the studies in conducted on sectorial basis, the sources said.

The overall report is, however, likely to be prepared by July next. Concerned officials of the

government are also reviewing the interim reports. The UNDP committee in-

cluded former bureaucrats Siddigur Rahman, Dr Sheikh Maksud Ali, S M Al-Hussainy, Junayed Chowdhury, Assistant Resident Representative of the UNDP Amanullah Khan, Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelly, Prof Mohabbat Khan and Dr Habib Mohammed Zafarullah of the Dhaka University and Mani-

ruzzaman Chowdhury. The USAID had also conducted a study on administrative reforms during the Ershad regime and submitted a report to the government.

Officials at the Ministry of

Establishment, while talking to The Daily Star, said the government is reviewing the reports and also conducting their own studies at various tiers on the matter.

An appropriate policy of reform will be formulated after reviewing all the studies, they

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