

# US jet fires missile at Iraqi missile site

WASHINGTON, July 25: A US Air Force jet fired a missile at an Iraqi missile site Saturday after the plane was illuminated by radar, the Defence Department said. The Iraqis apparently fired back, but missed, reports AP.

But Baghdad denied Sunday that it had fired at a US plane or that its radar had locked onto the jet in southern Iraq.

Defence department spokesman Col Dave Garner said in a statement Saturday night that US Air Force aircraft saw what appeared to be a single surface-to-air missile launched in the same area. He said all US aircraft returned safely to base.

An Air Force F-4G 'Wild Weasel' patrolling the southern 'no-fly' zone in eastern Iraq fired the HARM missile about 1850 GMT, the statement said.

But Iraq denied the report.

"Iraq categorically denies the reported (radar) illumination or the dispatch of an anti-aircraft missile by an Iraqi anti-aircraft battery in the southern sector against US planes yesterday (Saturday) evening," said a statement distributed by the Information Ministry in

Baghdad.

Iraq also denies that an Iraqi anti-aircraft battery in the southern sector has been hit by an anti-radar HARM missile fired by an American plane," the statement added.

It said that if a US pilot believed that Iraqis fired a missile at his aircraft, it was "an expression of hallucination on his part or that certain parties in the American administration are trying, as usual, to create a crisis for the certain well-known political purposes."

The confrontation was the latest in a string of incidents that have occurred in Iraq since the United Nations established no-fly zones through which Iraqi aircraft are not supposed to fly.

If the Iraqis did fire at a US plane, it would be the first time that President Saddam Hussein's forces retaliated with a missile since the unilateral cease-fire declared by Baghdad in January when President Clinton took office.

US patrols operate under standing orders to fire at Iraqi missile sites if they turn their radars on the patrolling planes.



AL presidium member Abdus Samad Azad addressing a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Opposition

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Mohammad Nasim asserted that no court could overrule the People's Court, which he said, possessed the supreme authority.

Regarding the corruption charges against the Agriculture Minister, Nasim threatened dire consequences against attempts to bypass punishment on any ground.

The meeting was addressed by Nurul Islam Nahid, Kazi Aref Ahmed and Amir Hossain Amu.

## BNP Council

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Ahmed Siddiqui as its Chairman.

The 11 sub-committees are: Reception sub-committee, headed by Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury as Convener, Management sub-committee with ASM Mustafizur Rahman as Convener, Finance sub-committee, headed by M Saifur Rahman, Constitution and Manifesto Amendment sub-committee (Convener Barrister Nazmul Huda), Publicity sub-committee with Fazlur Rahman Patal as Convener, Office sub-committee (Convener Afsar Ahmed Siddiqui), Entertainment sub-committee (Convener Mir Shawkat Ali), Service sub-committee (Convener Mirza Abbas), Cultural sub-committee (Convener Prof Jahanara Begum), Drafts sub-committee (Convener Nazrul Islam Khan) and invitation of Foreign Guests and Management sub-committee, headed by Akmol Ibne Yusuf.

The preparatory committee members are: Col (Rtd) Akbar Hossain, Tariqul Islam, Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Rafiqul Islam Mia, Azizul Huq, Afsar Ahmed Siddiqui, Nazrul Islam Khan, Mir Shawkat Ali, Mirza Abbas, Salahuddin Ahmed, Begum Ahsanullah, Begum Sarwari Rahman, Gayeswar Chandra Ray, Amanullah Aman, Haris Chowdhury, Mofiqul Hasan Tripty, Shamsuzzaman Duda and Zahid Hossain Chunnun.

## SPGRC ultimatum

The Stranded Pakistanis General Repatriation Committee (Ejaz) yesterday urged the governments of Pakistan and Bangladesh to accept its 4-point demand by August 14, reports UNB.

The demands include issuance of Pakistani identity cards and Pakistani passports to stranded Pakistanis, inclusion of the names of eligible stranded Pakistanis in the voter list of Pakistan and allow them to exercise the rights of franchise in October election.

# Fresh floods in mid-region

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eastern hill basin was flowing eight centimeters above the red mark at Narayanpur, according to a bulletin of the Flood Forecasting Centre (FFC).

It said that the Ganges continued to rise at all points. The mighty river recorded a rise by 41cm at Pankha, 30 cm at Rajshahi, 35 cm at the Harding Bridge and three centimeters at Goalando.

The bulletin forecast that the Ganges was likely to cross danger levels at Goalando and Bhagyakul by 6 am today (Monday), because of direct influence of the receding Brahmaputra.

The flood situation in the areas located downstream of the Brahmaputra might aggravate, it said.

In Sylhet, Sunamganj, Moulvi Bazar, Habiganj and Comilla districts, the flood situation might remain unchanged, the FFC bulletin added.

Our Staff Correspondent in Chittagong reports: Four people died by mudslide in Barkal and one at Magban areas of Rangamati districts.

The flood situation in Chittagong improved Sunday which had earlier affected 2.90 lakh people, according to the local district control room.

# Serb leader tells Muslims Accept ethnic division or fight to death

BELGRADE (Yugoslavia), July 25: The leader of Bosnia's Serbs has given his Muslim rival a stark choice to make at this week's peace talks: Accept ethnic division of the republic or fight to the death.

They are militarily defeated, and we have no urgency to negotiate with them," the Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Serbs earlier gave the Muslims a July 20 deadline to accept the division of Bosnia, an internationally recognized country into three ethnic mini-states. But Bosnia's Muslim President 'Alija Izetbegovic, wanting to keep Bosnia a multi-ethnic federation of Muslims, Serbs and Croats, refused to negotiate.

Karadzic's men, who already control 70 per cent of Bosnia, then sharply increased their assault on the biggest remaining multi-ethnic territory, Sarajevo.

And Karadzic spelled out his goal: At the talks which begin in Geneva on Tuesday, Izetbegovic must sign a truce and agree to a confederation of three states.



Food Minister M Shamsul Islam receiving Shri Lankan Minister for Food, Cooperatives and Janasaviya Weerasinghe Mallimaratchi at the Zia International Airport yesterday. — PID photo

# Marin leaves Dhaka

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The Deputy Commissioner of the district told The Daily Star that a total of 96,288 people had been affected.

The overall flood situation in the district remained static, local officials said.

Our Gaibandha Correspondent reports: The flood situation remained unchanged Sunday despite the water receding in the Brahmaputra and the Ghaghat.

The BIWTA authorities said that although all efforts were being made to bring back normalcy by restoring the buoys and replacing the beacon lamps, it would not be possible till the flood waters fell to normal level.

# Special operation against Sarbahara men in 4 dists

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, July 25: Police has launched a special operation against the outlawed Sarbahara Party activists from today in four districts of the Barisal division, according to DIG office sources.

The four districts are: Barisal, Jhalakathi, Pirojpur and Patuakhali.

The operation has been initiated against the backdrop of increased activities of the Sarbahara Party in the districts.

Barisal and Khulna range reserve police and armed battalion police have started the operation jointly.

A total of 1605 activists of the Sarbahara Party were arrested from the six districts of Barisal division since April 1 this year. Of them 245 were arrested from Barisal, 481 from Patuakhali, 211 from Jhalakathi, 184 from Pirojpur, 123 from Barguna and 361 from Bhola districts.

# Indian embassy official ordered to leave Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, July 25: Pakistan today accused an Indian embassy official of spying and ordered him to leave the country within a week, reports Reuter.

Indian High Commissioner (ambassador) S K Lambah denied the charge against mission assistant V L Sharma, who does not have diplomatic status.

The Pakistani action came two days after Indian security officials arrested a Pakistani high commission driver in New Delhi on spying charges.

# DC-10 crash

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has been investigating the causes of the accident of the aircraft now undergoing repair at the Biman's hangar at ZIA.

The committee was due to submit its report within one month but one committee member said that "it will take three to four months to submit the report."

He said that the British air accident investigation branch where the 'black box' was decoded, usually took six months to two years to complete an investigation report.

"It is a complicated and highly technical matter which takes time," the senior official said.

Another Biman source said that the repairing work of the damaged aircraft was going on at the hangar. Structural repairing, engine overhauling, electrical rewiring and other component tests are the four broad-based works to be done to make the aircraft operational.

Insurers of the aircraft, the Lloyds, would bear the expenses of the repair works under the supervision of the manufacturer McDonnell Douglas.

# BCS rules

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The members of the privileged cadres under the amended rules included those of the general education, the judiciary, the technical education, the public works, the cooperatives, the roads and highways, the statistical, the public health engineering, the health and the family planning.

The writ petition was filed by Mofazzal Hossain, a member of the taxation cadre while Barrister Amir-ul-Islam moved the petition.

The petitioner, seeking a rule nisi on the Ministries of Establishment and the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, argued that the said amendments were clearly violative of the country's constitutional provisions that had ensured equal rights and opportunities for every citizen at all level of state affairs.

The petition said, the Bangladesh Civil Service Reorganisation Order 1980, under which all the cadres were reconstituted, provided uniform terms and conditions for both job confirmation and promotion.

The relaxation of the rules for the members of 10 cadres had definitely given rise to discrimination against those of the rest, the petitioner argued, adding that the members of all the cadres had to cross the hurdle of identical examinations, at the entry point, which initially put them on equal footings.

The court, after a preliminary hearing of the petition yesterday, adjourned it for a week.

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# The Midnight File

## LDP looks for new leader

TOKYO, July 25: Just days before the Liberal Democratic Party is to elect its new leader, there isn't a strong candidate in sight — and that could spell trouble for the scandal-plagued party's bid to keep power. In elections July 18, the Liberal Democrats fell short of a majority in Parliament's more powerful lower house for the first time since 1955, meaning their hold on government will end unless other parties agree to join them in a coalition, reports AP.

## Israeli planes raid Syrian position: 2 soldiers killed

DAMASCUS, July 25: Syria said that Israeli planes attacked Syrian positions in Lebanon today, killing two of its soldiers. A military spokesman, quoted by Syria's official Sana news agency, said a third Syrian soldier was wounded in the raids, reports Reuter.

## Attack on UN base in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, July 25: A United Nations military base in Sarajevo was hit by a major shelling attack today just hours after the latest Bosnian ceasefire came into force, witnesses said. Burning vehicles, some still with their engines running, were abandoned during the attack. There was no immediate information on casualties, reports Reuter.

## AL rally in Natore baton charged

NATORE, July 25: Police dispersed a rally of the Awami League here today by baton charge leaving about 50 people wounded.

The police action came immediately before the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rajshahi Range, Raquibul Huda passed the street, adjacent to the local Press Club, where the rally was organised in observance of the 15-Party Alliance's nationwide 'Demand Day' today.

Police said their action was to clear the street, occupied by the demonstrators resulting in a traffic jam. But the organisers of the rally said the police attack came all in a sudden and without any warning.

Indiscriminate baton charges led the leaders and workers run for safety.

Of the injured, Advocate Saiful Islam, district AL chief, Advocate Mohanul Huq, AL leader and president of the District Bar Association, AL-backed Chhatra League district president Masudur Rahman Masud and general secretary Shariful Islam Ramzan and three other party activists — Hazarat, Mona and Jewel were admitted to different clinics of the town.

Natore district unit of the Awami League has called a rally at the Nimitala crossing tomorrow in protest against the unprovoked police harassment.

## Munir

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complications arise, one senior official told The Daily Star on condition for anonymity.

The source said that the body would be handed over to Munir's family on Tuesday morning, and this was reportedly conveyed to his parents.

Family sources, however, expressed their ignorance of any date of execution.

Munir, who killed his wife on April 8, 1989, was convicted and sentenced to death by a District and Sessions Judge Court. The verdict was upheld by the High Court and the Appellate Division also rejected a review petition last month.

The President, who has constitutional power to commute the sentence, also rejected appeals from Munir and his parents.

Among the proposals are also the dissolution of municipal bodies and efforts to restrict character assassination of opponents during the campaign as well as plans to stem the use of "drug money" in the polls.

Sources said the Election Commission was in favour of the proposals on ID cards and might also limit the election expenses of candidates.



An activist of the Jatiya Party in action in the city yesterday. — Star photo

# JP supporters go on rampage

By Staff Correspondent

A group of Jatiya Party supporters went violent and damaged scores of vehicles in the city yesterday, witnesses and police said.

Earlier police broke their procession near Bijoynagar, witnesses said adding that one group ran towards the Dainik Bangla crossing and damaged nearly forty parked and moving vehicles.

After a 20-minute rampage, the unruly JP workers had disappeared before police reached the scene.

Another group went to the Press Club and held a brief rally which was called as part of the observance of the opposition 'Demand Day'.

# Antique smuggling Bail prayers of all 3 accused rejected

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday rejected the bail petitions of Kuwaiti national Tarek D M Saleh and his two Bangladeshi accomplices held for trying to smuggle out precious antiques, reports UNB.

C M M Shahiduddin Ahmed placed the accused under police remand for another two days when they were produced before the court.

# Govt college teachers demand 100 pc selection grade

Government college teachers yesterday demanded of the government to allow 100 per cent selection grade scale on completion of four years' service, reports UNB.

A press release of BCS Education Association yesterday said the recent decision of the Establishment Ministry to provide 90 per cent selection grade to the teachers on completion of four years' service was not acceptable.

# Road, rail links with Sylhet restored

Road and rail communications between Dhaka and Sylhet were restored yesterday after a disruption for five days.

Both rail and road communications were snapped as portions of the highway and the railtracks were submerged by flood water.

Railway sources said that the Upaban Express had left Dhaka's Kamalapur Station at 10 pm last night. The Surma Mail also departed from Dhaka one and a half hours behind the schedule at 10.30 pm.

# Rly subsidy reduced to Tk 90 crore

Subsidy to railway was reduced to Taka 90 crore during 1992-93 fiscal year following stringent measures taken against ticketless passengers and cut in expenditures on various ads, reports BSS.

Subsidy to railway was Taka 105 crore in the preceding fiscal year (1991-92).

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