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Tanti Dal meets PM

The Convening Committee of the Jatiyatabadi Tanti Dal had a meeting with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her Sugandha office yesterday night. The Convening Committee which was led by its Convenor Shahidullah Khan MP talked to the Prime Minister about the problems and prospects of the textiles sector. They also called for establishing the Mirpur Benarashi village quickly, reports BSS.

Hasina visits Nasim

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina yesterday visited Mohammad Nasim, who is undergoing treatment at the Holy Family Hospital. Mohammad Nasim, Chief Whip of the opposition, underwent a successful operation Wednesday at the hospital, reports BSS.

Comilla Board SSC results

CHANDPUR, July 29: The results of the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examination 1993 under Comilla Board is expected to be announced on next Saturday. According to a circular issued to the local administration said the results of the examination would be announced at 10 am. A total of 1,87,000 students appeared at the examination which began on April 19 and concluded in mid May last, reports UNB.

Students turn violent, assault teachers

VC resigns, JU closed sine die

The Vice Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University Prof Kazi Salch Ahmed reportedly resigned yesterday in the wake of a rampage by unruly students in which scores of teachers and students were injured and valuable property damaged. Following this the University Syndicate, at an emergency meeting last night, declare the institution closed sine die. Students, under the banner of the "General Students Council" brought out a militant procession on the campus Thursday morning protesting the expulsion of a pro-BNP

By JU Correspondent

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader, witnesses said. At one stage the procession turned violent and attacked the Teachers' Club at around 11 am and ransacked furniture, scuffled with some of the teachers engaged in conducting the Syndicate polls, witnesses added. The procession then moved to the academic faculties and chanted slogans against the authorities. They broke window panes and pelted brick-bats at the teachers' rooms, sources added. "We will resign en-masse

...What do they think of themselves?" one professor was overheard shouting at the unruly students in the Arts and Humanities Faculty corridor. The Professor, along with several Syndicate members, soon became the target of the defiant processionists. At least 12 teachers were hurt during the clash that ensued. The procession was ostensibly in protest against the expulsion of a students' representative to the JU senate - Hafizur Rahman - a JCD leader. See Page 12 Col 7



A Teachers' room of the Jahangirnagar University ransacked by unruly students yesterday. - Star photo

No truce, says Rabin: Death toll 110 Israel steps up attacks on South Lebanese villages

SIDON (Lebanon), July 29: Israeli warplanes and artillery stepped up their pounding of villages in South Lebanon today, sending the death toll soaring to more than 110, as Washington tried to broker a ceasefire, reports AFP. Bombers and helicopter gunships increased their strike rate and Israel sent in more guns and armour to its 'security zone' in South Lebanon on the fifth day of an assault to crush the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, security officials said. Correspondents in northern Israel saw a column of tanks and troops rumble into Lebanon. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shot down reports from Beirut that his country had agreed to a US-brokered ceasefire. "We are continuing our military activities," Rabin told reporters in the northern border area, despite mounting diplomatic pressure to call off the assault. There would be no ceasefire as long as the goals of this operation had not been achieved, he said. However he said contacts were underway with the United

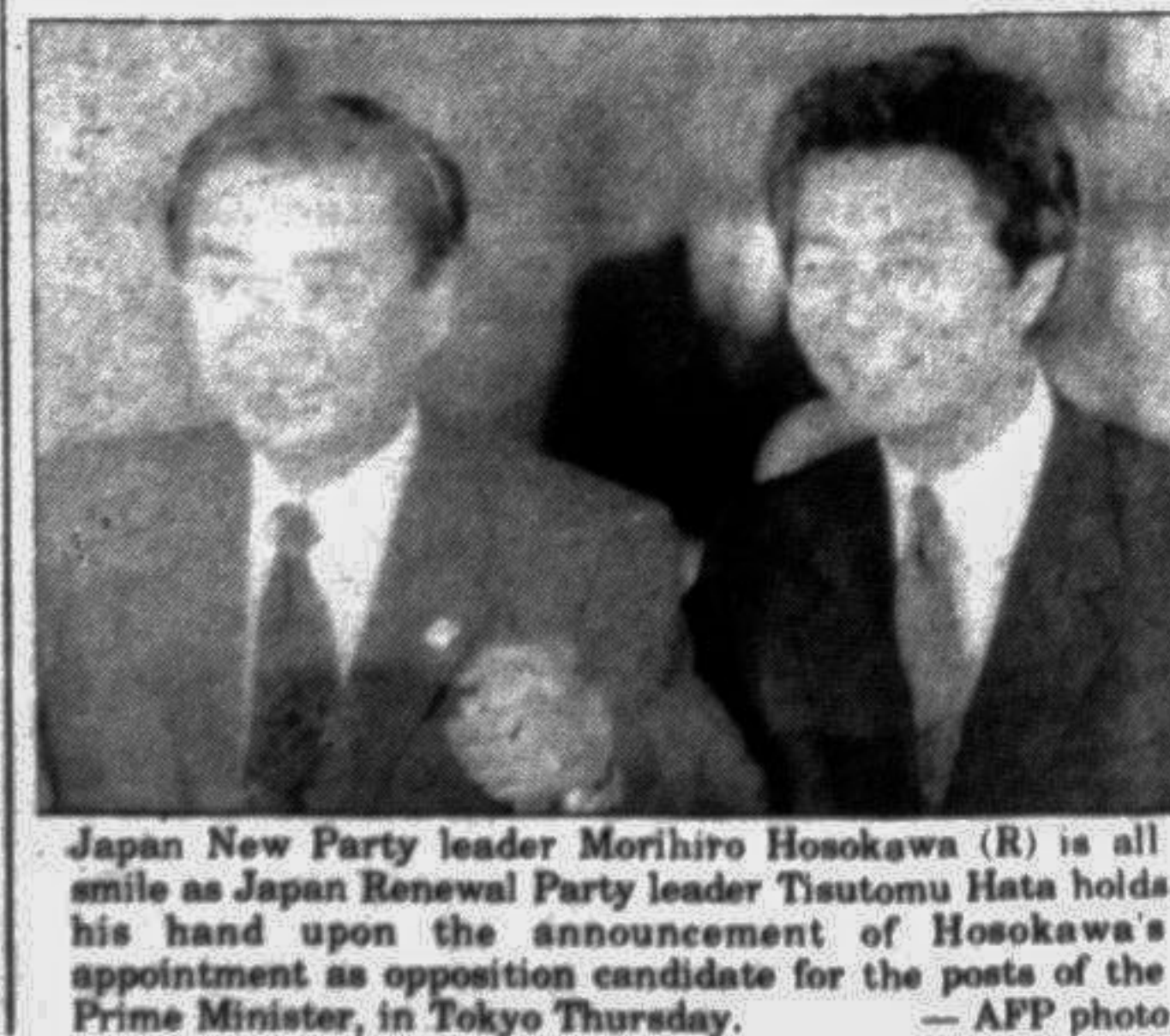
States about a halt to the massive air and artillery bombardment. Israel's heaviest operation since the 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Operation Accountability was launched on Sunday with the declared aim of driving hundreds of thousands of civilians from their homes in Southern Lebanon. Rabin hopes their flight will put pressure on the Lebanese

Dhaka deplors Israeli atrocities

Bangladesh yesterday strongly deplored the inhuman Israeli atrocities against the civilian population of Lebanon and the attack on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of a fellow UN member, a Foreign Office spokesman said, reports BSS. Bangladesh urged the UN Security Council to take all possible action to stop Israel from its mindless violence and to vacate Lebanese territory occupied by them. Commenting on the Israeli See Page 12 Col 7

and Syrian governments to intervene and halt anti-Israeli attacks by Hezbollah and radical Palestinian guerrillas. A government official in Beirut said that US Secretary of State Warren Christopher had told Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri of a ceasefire in a telephone call. However, Information Minister Michel Samaha later said only the Americans are working on a ceasefire which perhaps could go into effect tonight. Israeli air raids and artillery on Thursday killed another 24 people, bringing the total to 114 dead and 422 wounded, mostly civilians, since Sunday, police said. Security officials reported at least 60 air attacks. Hezbollah and Palestinian fundamentalists fired back dozens more rockets at the 'security zone' and across the border in Israel. Three people have died and 33 have been wounded in the rocketing. Two helicopters fired rockets at the Palestinian refugee camp of Baas, on the outskirts of Tyre on the coast, and for the first since Sunday at Rashidiyah camp further south, police said.

Japanese opposition names Hosokawa as next PM



Japan New Party leader Morihiro Hosokawa (R) is all smiles as Japan Renewal Party leader Tsutomu Hata holds his hand upon the announcement of Hosokawa's appointment as opposition candidate for the posts of the Prime Minister, in Tokyo Thursday. - AFP photo

TOKYO, July 29: Japan's non-communist opposition formally announced today it had formed a majority coalition and named anti-graft campaigner Morihiro Hosokawa as its candidate for Prime Minister, reports Reuter. "Our unified candidate for the post of Prime Minister will be Hosokawa," Socialist Party Chairman Sadao Yamahana said in a nationally televised news conference. Parliament convenes next week a special session to name a successor to lame-duck Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, whose Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) lost its majority in the July 18 general election. It now faces a spell in opposition for the first time in 38 years. Yamahana and other opposition leaders made clear that, apart from their solemn com-

JUTA blames JUCSU, JCD

SAVAR, July 29: The Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) blamed the Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for leading a group of "armed miscreants" who launched a barbaric attack on teachers, students and employees of the university today, reports UNB. "We have no words to condemn such a barbaric attack and orgy on the campus damaging property of the university," the JUTA said in a statement signed by its president Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman and general secretary Sharif Enamul Kabir. "This identified terrorist group not only disrupted academic atmosphere on the campus but also held teachers, students, officers and employees hostage," the statement said. Narrating today's violent incident on the campus the teachers' association said the terrorists went on a rampage and destroyed property of different faculties, administrative buildings, and the Teachers' Club. Besides, the statement claimed, a band of masked gunmen assaulted teachers and officers while they were casting votes in the Syndicate and Finance Committee elections at the University Teachers-Officers Club, injuring ten of them, including the JUTA president. The attackers also tried to foil the voting. The teachers' association, in a meeting, demanded punishment of the armed goons and restoration of normalcy on the campus. It also demanded a judicial enquiry into the recent incidents of terrorism on the campus as well as administrative and academic irregularities. In a resolution, the meeting urged the university authorities to lodge cases against the "branded terrorists" under the Anti-Terrorism Act. See Page 12 Col 8

US jets fire at Iraqi missile sites again

WASHINGTON, July 29: Two US Navy warplanes fired missiles at Iraqi anti-aircraft missile sites in southern Iraq today after they were tracked by radar, the Defence Department said, reports Reuter. The Pentagon said there was no immediate assessment of damage in the separate attacks, the latest in a series of such incidents involving US warplanes policing UN "no-fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. "At approximately 12:30 pm and 2:30 pm local time (5:30 am and 7:30 am) today, two separate Navy EA-6B aircraft, after illumination by radar, each fired a single harm missile at suspected Iraqi surface-to-air

missile sites," the Pentagon said in a brief statement. The aircrafts were part of two separate formations of Navy warplanes operating over the southern no-fly zone from the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln in the Gulf, the statement added. Meanwhile, experts for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has arrived in Manama from Baghdad after Iraq agreed to providing all necessary information on its nuclear suppliers, Team Chief Maurizio Ziffero said. Ziffero said Wednesday that the 16 experts had talks with Iraqi Minister of High Education See Page 12 Col 8

Fair weather improves flood situation

By Staff Correspondent The overall flood situation in the country continued to improve with waters receding in all the major rivers, according to reports received in Dhaka Thursday. A bulletin of the Flood Forecasting Centre (FFC) Thursday said water levels in all the rivers in the country continued to fall while the Surma at Kanaighat, the Kushiyara at Amalshid and Sheola, the Meghna at Bhairab Bazar and the Gumti at Comilla were flowing above the danger levels. The rest of the rivers in the Meghna basin also marked further falls, it said. However, the Muhuri and the Haida in the south-eastern hill basin registered a rise and a fall respectively. See Page 12 Col 8

Shrimp cultivators discuss problems with PM

A team of representatives of Cox's Bazar shrimp cultivation group met Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office here yesterday, reports BSS. They discussed the success, future potential and problems of semi-intensive shrimp cultivation in the country with the Prime Minister. They informed the Prime Minister that more than 2,000 kg of shrimps could be produced in an acre of land through semi-intensive process of cultivation whereas only 60 kg being produced through traditional system. The government has already constituted a committee with Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan as convener to increase the production of shrimp. The committee will See Page 12 Col 3

DIG (Prisons) dispels rumour

The Deputy Inspector General of Police (Prisons) Liaqat Ali Khan yesterday categorically dispelled rumours that Munir Hossain alias Suruj was not hanged at the Dhaka Central Jail, reports UNB. "It is a fact that Munir was hanged," said Khan who gave the final signal for the execution by hoisting his handkerchief. When his attention was drawn to widespread rumours about the hanging of a fake Munir, the DIG (Prisons) said, the rumours regarding Munir's hanging are being spread by certain vested quarters, perhaps with an ulterior motive. "I cannot understand how the sense of belief and trust is being eroded from the society," Khan said, adding that it was never possible for an individual or even an institution to suppress such an important matter like an execution. Munir was hanged at 00.30 hrs Tuesday and his body was brought down from the gallows at 1:00 am after the Civil Surgeon had confirmed that he was dead. Khan said the whole exercise of hanging was completed in the presence of nearly 100 people including concerned jail authorities, magistrates, doctors, high police officials, 24 jail guards and members of different intelligence branches. Munir, who was arrested by police and was convicted and sentenced to death for murder. See Page 12 Col 5

Pink Panel wins Dhaka University dean polls

By DU Correspondent Seventeen senior teachers contested for the six faculty posts. In the senate elections, the White Panel (Izuddin group) captured 15 seats; the Blue Panel bagged 14, Pink 5 and the White (Siraj) 1. As many as 137 teachers from the four panels were in the race for 35 seats of teachers' representatives in the 104-member senate. The senators from the White Panel are: Prof ANM Roisuddin (Islamic Studies), Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq (Bengali), Prof AHM Mahbubur Rahman (Applied Chemistry), AKM Nazrul Islam (Botany), M Nasiruddin (Finance), Kamrul Ahsan Chowdhury (Sociology), Prof Zinnatunnessa Tahmidia Begum (Botany). Prof See Page 12 Col 2

JS probe body fails to make any headway

By Staff Correspondent The parliamentary probe body yesterday once again failed to make any progress over finalising its terms of reference to investigate into the Opposition allegations of corruption against the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Development and the minister concerned. Yesterday's meeting, the fourth, ended after four hours of deliberations on the issue without fixing a date for the next meeting. However, it was unanimously decided that the next meeting would be held after the return of Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, chairman of the committee, from the United Kingdom. Shaikh Razzak Ali is scheduled See Page 12 Col 4

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