

# 12 more killed in South African violence

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 10: Twelve people were killed in volatile black townships east of Johannesburg on Monday night, but police said the overall level of violence was dying down three days after the arrival of troops on the streets.

We found 10 bodies in Tokoza and Katlehong and one in Tembisa, and a gunman was shot dead in Vosloorus after wounding two policemen," police spokeswoman Janine Smith told Reuters.

It was relatively quiet night," she said, adding that the presence of the troops in the townships was having a positive effect.

More than 50 people were killed in townships east of the South African commercial capital during the weekend, belying the initial impression of calm that followed the arrival of the troops and armoured cars early on Saturday.

President F W De Klerk said in an interview that he might

declare a state of emergency with strict limits but he recoiled from this at the moment.

"I still recoil from that at the moment. But I will not allow the whole country to disintegrate into anarchy," the German Welt newspaper quoted him as saying, without giving details.

Police said the sporadic nature of the violence in which 230 people have been killed in the past 11 days made it difficult to curb. The unrest is threatening the transition to black rule.

Ronnie Mamoepa, a spokesman for Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC), said on Tuesday he hoped the worst of the violence was over.

"The presence of soldiers has calmed things down as has the establishment of a joint operations centre, township peace meetings over the weekend and Mandela's call for an end to the violence," he told Reuters.

# Cambodia won't let ethnic Vietnamese return

PHNOM PENH, Aug 10: The Cambodian government on Tuesday rejected an appeal by the head of UN mission here to allow about 30,000 ethnic Vietnamese to return to their homes in central Cambodia, reports AP.

The co-chairman of the newly elected government declined to talk to reporters after a three-hour meeting with Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN peacekeeping operation in Cambodia.

Akashi said co-chairman Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen told him they could not provide adequate protection for the ethnic Vietnamese, who have come under repeated attacks by the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group. He said UN peacekeepers also could not guarantee the group's safe return.

"If you say it is safe, you are responsible for their safety," Akashi said. "They are not prepared at this time to say these people can come back."

The government formed after a UN-organised election in May has been struggling to rein in the Khmer Rouge, which controls about 20 per cent of Cambodia with a fighting force

of about 10,000 men. The guerrilla group has been inciting racial hatred in its daily broadcasts, urging fellow Cambodians to prevent the ethnic Vietnamese from returning to Cambodia.

The group's deep hatred of the Vietnamese dates back to 1978, when Vietnam toppled the Khmer Rouge from three years in power. The Khmer Rouge then retreated to the jungles, from where it fought the Vietnamese-installed government until the elections. It is now at sometimes-violent odds with the new coalition government, which includes members of the previous administration.

The Khmer Rouge has killed more than 100 ethnic Vietnamese during the 17-month UN operation. An increase in attacks in March and April drove tens of thousands of members of the ethnic minority down a river and across the border into Vietnam.

# FBCCI, MCCI

From Page 1 Col 8 decision to extend the banking hours, FBCCI president Mahabur Rahman said this was a long-felt demand of the business community.

"It will be highly beneficial for the banks, business community as well as members of the public in meeting their ever increasing banking needs," he added, while noting that most developing countries also have similar banking hours.

The FBCCI president also noted that the decision to form a 'foreign exchange dealers' association to develop the inter-bank foreign exchange market and allowing the dealers to set the retail rates instead of the central bank was a 'positive step' towards liberalisation of foreign exchange regulations.

Termining the extension of banking hours a 'major step in the right direction,' MCCI president Latifur Rahman said. "The extended period is in line with banking hours followed to nearly all countries of the world." Noting that bank transactions constitute the life-line of the economy, he added "Longer banking hours will be helpful to the national economy and the public at large."

# AL's 6-day mourning

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munajat and stood in solemn silence. Hasina looked visibly moved as the AL leaders garlanded the grave of Bangabandhu covered with a red velvet cloth.

Tears rolled down her cheeks as she tried to control her emotions in vain.

Later, speaking at the condolence meeting, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Abdus Samad Azad called for launching a vigorous movement to force the government to repeal the indemnity Ordinance.

Azad, paying his deep respects to Bangabandhu blamed the ruling party for betraying the joint declaration in 1990 of the three political alliances which promised to repeal the Indemnity Ordinance.

Presided over by Tungipara AL president Laik Ali Biswas, the condolence meeting was also addressed by AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Sheikh Salim, Kader Siddiqui-Bir Uttam.

"Thousands of people of all ages, irrespective of caste and creed, thronged Tungipara

since Monday. Black flags were flying atop all houses and shops of Tungipara as mourning followers of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, huddled in all modes of vehicles, arrived from all corners of the country.

Non-stop Quran Khwani was being performed near the mazar of Bangabandhu as bare-footed people lined up in a queue to pay their respects.

From tomorrow, food will be distributed to the destitute every morning, while discussions will be arranged in the afternoons.

On way to Gopalganj from Dhaka, Hasina spoke at three wayside gatherings at Bhanga, Tekerhat and Gopalganj town. Addressing the gatherings, Hasina said, "The people will register their protest against the 1975 assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman by observing the August 15 hartal."

She also called upon the people to unite to press the demand for trial of the killers and declaration of August 15 as a national mourning day.

"The politics of killings and terrorism will not stop until the Indemnity Ordinance is repealed," she said.



A sheriff's deputy clears the way through a crowd for Heidi Fleiss, (C), the alleged "Madam on the Stars," as she arrives at the Criminal Courts building in Los Angeles for arraignment on five counts of pandering and one count of cocaine possession Monday.

# 'Madam to the stars' pleads innocent

LOS ANGELES, Aug 10: Hollywood's reputed 'madam to the stars' pleaded innocent on Monday to charges that she ran a high-priced call girl ring alleged to have catered to celebrities and show-business executives.

The widening scandal centring on 27-year-old Heidi Fleiss has captivated the entertainment world in recent weeks, sending prominent Hollywood figures scrambling to distance themselves from the lurid tales of sex for hire.

Fleiss, the daughter of a Los Angeles pediatrician, smiled through dark sunglasses as she was mobbed by television-crew and paparazzi outside the downtown courthouse on the way to her arraignment.

Clad in a skimpy taupe-coloured dress, spiked black heels and a thick gold chain, Fleiss stood sombre-faced in a crowded courtroom as her lawyer, Anthony Brooklier, entered, not guilty on five counts of pandering and one of cocaine sale and transportation.

When a prosecutor asked the judge to increase her bail, Brooklier objected: "My client has been a virtual prisoner in her house since all the publicity started in this matter. I have no doubt that she would make all court appearances."

Judge Abraham Kahn allowed Fleiss to remain free on the dollars 100,000 bail set earlier and ordered her back in court on September 10 for another hearing. If convicted, she could be sentenced to a maximum of nearly 12 years in jail.

The case first became the talk of Hollywood on June 9, when Fleiss was arrested in an elaborate undercover operation in which a detective posed as a businessman seeking prostitutes for Japanese clients.

She was accused of running a high-rent prostitution ring from her home, charging up to dollar 1,500 a night. Authorities wasted no time dubbing her the "madam to the stars".

# 50 injured in clashes

From Page 1 Col 3 of a bus in the Gulistan area. But the police could not provide details.

The Janmastami procession consisting of at least 50,000 Hindu devotees from across the country was coming from the Dhakeswari Mandir and heading towards the Rathkhola area in Nawabpur.

One of the organisers of the procession, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), told The Daily Star that at least five to seven crackers were exploded in the area which left hundreds of processionists injured. During the clashes, the police played a silent role, the ISKCON spokesman alleged.

At least 25 persons were given first aid at the National Hospital in Nawabpur while one of the injured was admitted to the hospital, hospital sources said.

Our DMCH correspondent adds: Three persons were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while nine others were given first aid.

Our Mitford Hospital correspondent adds: Ten people were given first aid while one Subhash, 30, was admitted to the

# Rupali Bank DGM dead

Syed Altaf Hossain, Deputy General Manager of the Rupali Bank died of a heart attack in Karachi yesterday, family sources said here last night, reports BSS.

Hossain was the Country Manager of the Rupali Bank in Pakistan. He started his career as a banker in 1963 with the Muslim Commercial Bank which was later renamed as Rupali Bank. He left behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relations to mourn his death.

His body will arrive in Dhaka today.

The Namaz-e-Janaza of the deceased will be held after Zohr prayers today at the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque.



The four French tourists kidnapped last month by Kurd separatists, reading a newspaper after being released near Tatvan, southeast Turkey, early morning Tuesday. From Left, Michel Coudray, Fernand Haron, Pierre Fix, Robert Audouin were released on the road from Tatvan to Van, the site where they were kidnaped on July 24.

# Kurds free 4 French hostages

ANKARA, Aug 10: Kurdish guerrillas freed four Frenchmen today after holding them hostage in southeast Turkey for more than two weeks, a French diplomat said, reports Reuter.

They are in good physical and psychological condition, but a bit shocked and very tired. They had to walk a lot," he said.

The diplomat said Pierre Fix, 43, Michel Coudray, 52, Robert Audouin, 51, and Fernand Haron, 66, had been set free on the road between the eastern towns of Van and Tatvan overnight.

They were now resting in a hotel in Van and would return to Ankara on a Turkish airlines flight later in the day, he said.

Turkish television showed the four men, bearded, smiling and apparently fit, drinking tea in their hotel.

The four Frenchmen were singled out from a party of French tourist travelling by bus July 24.

# BMA's next course of action Saturday

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) will decide their future course of action on Saturday to press for punishment of the killers of Dr Rafiqul Islam.

The BMA had earlier given a seven-day deadline to the authorities for positive action. Dr Rafiq, 36, was murdered recently at Farmgate in the city on August 3 during an altercation with some roadside hawkers.

Talking to The Daily Star, general secretary of the BMA Dr Gazi Abdul Haq hoped that the government would take appropriate steps against the murderers.

"We sincerely hope the killing of Dr Rafiq will not go unpunished like that of Dr Milon," he said.

Admitting that the people

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A contingent of about 200 policemen launched the drive in search of the miscreants in the Agrabad Bastuhara Colony and its adjoining areas.

Local people said more than 100 people, including children, were picked up from the colony for interrogation and detained in the Shishu Hospital. Police also ransacked some houses in the colony during the drive.

Doublemooing police, however, said they arrested seven people from the colony. Earlier on March 3 this year, police opened fire on a procession of the local people demanding resistance against terrorism and the miscreants near the Agrabad police outpost, leaving two people dead.

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The Geeta-Yagna was conducted by Priyabrata Brahmachary and assisted by saints who came from different temples of the country.

In the capital, the Central Janmastami Celebration Committee, the Mahanagar Sarbanajya Puja Committee and other socio-cultural and religious organisations brought out a colourful procession which paraded the main city streets.

Hindu devotees, in colourful dresses, danced and sang devotional songs in praise of Lord Krishna during the procession.

The procession, which began from the Dhakeshwari Mandir premises and dispersed at the Bahadur Shah Park, was led by Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya, Sudhanshu Shekhar Haldar, MP, Maj Gen (Retd) C R Dutta, Dr Durgadas Bhattacharya, Barrister Sudhir Das, K B Roy Choudhury, J L Bhowmik, P K Halder, Anil Chandra Nath and other Hindu leaders.

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# The Midnight File

## China, Liberia restore ties

HONG KONG, Aug 10: China and Liberia reestablished diplomatic relations in a joint communique signed in the Liberian capital Monrovia today, the official Xinhua news agency reported. In the report monitored here, Xinhua said that Liberia also announced it was breaking off diplomatic relations with Taipei in recognition of Beijing's position that Taiwan is an "inalienable part of the territory of China," reports AFP.

## Fresh rocket attack on Kabul: 4 killed

ISLAMABAD, Aug 10: At least four people were killed today and one injured in a new rocket attack and shelling on Kabul, Radio Kabul reported. The broadcast monitored here said two rockets fired from the south of the city hit residential areas also causing widespread damage to property. It said one person was killed and another injured in heavy shelling in another area of the city, reports AFP.

## NATO ready to hit Serbs

From Page 1 Col 5 'forceful action' against Bosnian Serbs if they do not stop their 'intolerable behaviour'.

"With today's decision, the alliance now has in place all the means necessary to take forceful action against the Serbs should they not cease their intolerable behaviour," he said after NATO ambassadors meeting in Brussels approved plans for possible air strikes.

Meanwhile, Bosnian Serb forces blew up a TV tower before withdrawing from a mountain overlooking Sarajevo and refused to budge from a more strategic peak. UN officials said Tuesday.

Thousands of refugees were reportedly fleeing the Serb-held mountain, and mediators suspended peace talks in Geneva until both peaks are under UN control.

"There is no indication of their withdrawal," said Cmdr Barry Frewer, spokesman for UN peacekeepers. "Patrols have reported troop movements and also movements of trucks... We have not been able to ascertain (if it's) withdrawal or redeployment."

Igman and Bjelasnica overlook Sarajevo, and their capture by Serb forces last week locked the Serb ring around the capital, which has been under siege for 16 months.

Under the plan agreed upon with UN officials, Bosnian Serb leaders pledged to withdraw from both mountains. They pulled back Monday from the taller, more distant Mount Bjelasnica, turning over control to UN peacekeepers.

However, Frewer said, "We have not got an indication of where those forces have actually withdrawn to."

Before retreating, the Serbs blew up the TV tower on Bjelasnica, Frewer said. The Bosnian Serbs deny the charge, blaming Bosnian government

## Rafiq refutes Typhoon hits Japan: 5 killed

TOKYO, Aug 10: Typhoon Robyn drenched southwestern Japan with torrential rains Tuesday, triggering floods and landslides that killed five people and left two others missing, police said, reports AP.

The National Police Agency said another 37 people were injured in landslides and floods and by falling objects in Kagoshima and 12 other prefectures (states), mainly on Kyushu, the southernmost of Japan's four main islands.

An agency official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 45 houses were destroyed by landslides and more than 1,000 were flooded.

The typhoon, the seventh spawned in the Pacific Ocean this year, swept through Kyushu Tuesday morning with winds of up to 144 kilometers (90 miles) an hour, the Meteorological Agency said.

The typhoon also disrupted air, land and sea traffic in Kyushu and some other areas in western Japan, officials said.

## Dhaka Dist BNP

From page 1 col 7 should hold any district-level portfolio.

"However, no rigid decision or guideline was adopted in this regard," the source said, adding that there was a strong possibility the Information Minister would return to head the Dhaka District chapter of the ruling party.

The Dhaka District Unit EC, at its yesterday's meeting, also recalled Huda's 'valuable contributions' in strengthening the district organisation and his 'glorious role' in the anti-autocracy movement during the last decade and felt he should remain chief of the unit.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan, DUCSU vice-president Amanullah Aman, MP, Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan, MP, Professor Mohiuddin Ahmed, Advocate Abdus Samad, Bulbul Chowdhury, Abu Taleb, A Sattar, Nazimuddin, Baduzzaman Babul, Refatullah, Zinnat Ali, Omar Master and Abed Khan, among others, took part in the deliberations of the meeting.

Dhaka District BNP vice-president Md Islam Khan presided.

According to the source, the ADB's conditions were not against the interests of the country. However, the government is studying their legal and other implications.

The source mentioned that the existing Companies Act of 1913 is now under review and it is likely to be amended. Therefore, measures like providing autonomy to subsidiary companies under the holding corporations could be adopted under the amended Companies Act.