

7 peacekeepers, 15 Somalis killed in Mogadishu

MOGADISHU, Sept 5: Seven Nigerian UN peacekeepers and at least 15 Somalis, some of the women and children, were killed today when a patrol tried to shoot its way free from gunmen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed, residents said, reports Reuter.

Somali gunmen also captured two Nigerian peacekeepers in the worst attack on the 25,000-strong UN army in Somalia since August 8 when four American UN Troops were killed in an ambush using a remote-controlled mine.

The Nigerians, who had been surrounded by angry Somalis along a city road, were killed before they could retreat one km (half a mile), the residents said.

Nearby Italian troops and other UN contingents were prevented from helping them by burning barricades and mobs.

JP programmes

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According to meeting sources, JP's student wing, the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj, boycotted yesterday's session of the meeting because the central leaders rejected their demand for funding the Chhatra Samaj with a view to strengthening the organisation.

The deliberations of the district and thana-level leaders concentrated on the launching a movement aimed at ousting the Khaleda Zia government.

The extended meeting was held at a time when the Huda-Matin faction of the party was preparing to split the organisation and was readying to launch a new party.

In his concluding speech at extended meeting, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury blamed the government for its failure to salvage economy, curb terrorism, boost industrial and agriculture production, stop smuggling and ensure fair prices of farm products.

"BNP has failed to fulfil its election pledges and proved its inefficiency in governing the nation", Mizan Chowdhury said. "Every politically conscious citizen is now wondering where the nation is heading to."

No classes held at DU

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Meantime, the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Associations (FBUTA) yesterday alleged that some quarters within the government were harbouring the terrorists.

The FBUTA leaders, at a press conference, also urged the political parties including the ruling BNP, the Awami League, the Jamaat-e-Islami and the Jatiya Party not to shelter terrorists in their organisations.

The press conference, held at the Dhaka University Club yesterday afternoon, was addressed by the federation presi-

PM's directive

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The meeting which discussed possible pragmatic measures for the speedy and proper implementation of the decisions, has given the responsibilities to 12 ministries to coordinate the follow-up actions categorised into 20 subjects.

The meeting also formed a working committee with Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister as convener to monitor the progress of the follow-up actions. The secretaries of the concerned 12 ministries are the other members of the committee. It has been decided that the working committee will sit at least once in a month to review the progress.

The sub-committee which met for the first time decided to sit at least once in every two months at the initial stage which later may be extended to once in every three months.

Yesterday's meeting laid emphasis on taking up a common programme for the SAARC nations for the alleviation of poverty. The programme may be chalked out after reviewing the respective on-going programmes in different SAARC countries, the meeting observed.

The progress in the field of SAPTA, trade liberalisation, South Asian Development Fund, increase of investment and social issues particularly that of empowering women and children were also reviewed.

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed, Commerce Minister M K Anwar, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Khondker Mosharraf Hossain, Industries Minister Shamsul Islam Khan, Planning Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan, Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister K M Rabbani and Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman attended the meeting among others.

The latest attack raised the UN death to 46 since June 5, when Aideed's supporters killed 24 Pakistani UN troops at the start of a campaign against UN control of the country's economic and political rehabilitation from famine and war.

The UN says it has no record of Somalis killed in fighting and disputes allegations by Aideed and his allies that several hundred have been killed in UN raids or violent demonstrations since June 5 in Mogadishu alone.

Private organisations estimate that the least 150 have been killed since June 5 but say the figure could be higher.

Today's attack underlined the dangers faced by the 27-nation UN army from the fugitive Aideed, who feels he has been robbed of power by UN attempts to bring democracy to Somalia. Nigeria has about 500 troops in Somalia.



Former prime minister and co-chairperson of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Benazir Bhutto addressing a public meeting Saturday in Karachi. — AFP photo

Another Biman flight to Japan from Sept next

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Bangladesh will have the rights to operate Biman flights to Japan with one weekly flight to Osaka in addition to the existing regular flights, from September next year when the under construction Kansai International Airport will be opened for international air services, reports BSS.

He was bitterly critical of repression on opposition, including the JP leaders and workers, and warned of grave consequences should the ruling party continues such hostile attitude.

"Remember no government is the last government," Mizan Chowdhury reminded the ruling BNP.

The acting chairman of JP demanded release of former President Ershad and said the government kept him detained in jail in fulfilment of its political revenge.

He also demanded separation of judiciary from the executive and cancelling the Special Powers Act and the Anti-Terrorism Act.

Expressing concern at the absence of academic atmosphere on the campuses, the JP leader called for eliminating terrorism in educational institutions. He also asked for strengthening the student wing of the Jatiya Party.

Under the existing agreement Biman was permitted to operate only two flights a week to Japan: one to Narita (Tokyo International Airport) and the other to Nagoya.

Syria, Jordan and Lebanon

PLO-Israel deal

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— made by PLO chairman Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Rabin — before the end of this week.

Israel Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said the declaration of principles was independent of PLO-Israeli recognition and there was no reason why the Gaza and Jericho first accord should not be signed on September 13.

Both Peres and Arafat said there was no turning back from a deal that could end one of the world's bitterest conflicts.

Arafat arrived in Syria on Sunday in an attempt to win public approval from a reluctant president Hafez al-Assad.

"I will listen to his good and valuable advice on all what concerns our Palestinian cause and our march," Arafat told the official news agency SANA.

Getting Syria — Israel's strongest foe — behind the deal could relieve pressure on Arafat from radical Damascus-based Palestinian groups opposed to the self-rule accord and from other hardliners within his PLO.

Arab diplomats said the visit to Syria, which has shown signs that it does not like the agreement, would be the most important stage in an Arab tour to muster support.

Syria, Jordan and Lebanon

have complained the Palestinians had not consulted them on the agreement, forged in secret talks with Israel. But King Hussein of Jordan said on Saturday that once he saw it he was fully in favour.

In Tel Aviv's main square on Saturday, tens of thousands of Israelis danced and sang in support of the draft agreement.

In Riyadh, six Arab Gulf state announced today that they supported a PLO-Israeli accord for limited Palestinian autonomy.

In a statement, the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council said it "welcomed the draft accord as a first step on the path to a just, durable and comprehensive settlement of the Palestinian cause and Arab-Israeli conflict."

AFP from Islamabad adds:

Pakistan's interim government today ruled out recognition of Israel in the wake of a possible handshake between the PLO

and the Jewish state.

"We have no plans to recognise Israel," interim Prime Minister Moeen Qureshi told reporters here.

However, he said Islamabad would support any step that would lead to the recognition of the Palestinians rights and would extend support to any arrangement that reduces the suffering of the Palestinian people.

PM opens Zia Museum in Ctg today

CHITTAGONG, Sept 5: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the Zia Memorial Museum tomorrow at 11.30 am at the old Circuit House in Chittagong where President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated in 1981, reports UNB.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Prof Jahana Begum arrived here this morning to look after the preparations for the formal opening of the museum.

Deputy Leader of Parliament Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, Communications Minister Col (Retd) Oli Ahmed, Planning Minister Am Zahiruddin Khan, and Forest and Environment Minister Abdullah Al Noman are expected to be present at the inaugural function.

After necessary repair works, the Public Works Department handed over the museum building in August this year to the National Museum authorities who completed the remaining renovation work.

Marcos' body arrives in Laoag tomorrow

LAOAG, Philippines, Aug 5: Imelda Marcos said Sunday all arrangements are in place for the return of her husband's body from Hawaii, nearly four years after he died there in exile, reports AP.

The body of former President Ferdinand Marcos is to arrive Tuesday by chartered jet in Laoag, capital of his home province, Ilocos Norte.

Burial is set for Friday in a stone mausoleum built in the garden of his family home in Batac, 15 kilometres (9 miles) to the south.

BEPZA activities to be evaluated

A meeting of the board of governors of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA) in its meeting yesterday decided to evaluate the overall activities of the BEPZA to identify the projects to be set up on priority basis in the zone, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, who is the chairperson of the BEPZA, presided over the meeting held at the International Conference Centre. The meeting reviewed the progress of the decisions of the board of governors' last meeting.

Barisal division: New recruitment suspended

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 5: Fresh recruitment in the divisional offices of the newly formed Barisal Division remained suspended, according to official sources.

Necessary recruitment may be continued only in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, the sources said.

Banglar Bani reporter granted bail

Faruk Quazi, senior reporter of the Banglar Bani against who a warrant of arrest was issued Saturday in a defamation case filed by Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Khan.

He was granted bail yesterday when he surrendered before the court of Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, reports BSS.

Additional CMM A K M Kamaluddin granted bail to Faruk Quazi on a deposit of Tk 25,000.

Advocate Sahara Khatoon moved the bail petition and 24 other lawyers also stood for Faruk Quazi, court sources said.

Besides issuing of warrant of arrest against Faruk, Additional CMM Md Nazrul Islam also summoned Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Sheikh Fazlur Rahman, Editor and Managing Editor respectively of the Banglar Bani, on charge of causing defamation to Khandoker.

Moving the bail petition, Advocate Sahara Khatoon said she found no ground of defamation as the reporter concerned only published account of the criminal case lodged against Khandoker by Bangladesh Shilpa Bank.

Advocate Khatoon said even the complainant also admitted institution of a criminal case by the BSB. The complainant (Khandoker) was granted stay after he challenged the case in the Session Judge's Court, she added.

Faruk Quazi's lawyer submitted that the stay does not mean that the case has been disposed of. The criminal case has been pending since 1985. So the question of defamation does not arise, she said and added that the reporter only stated the facts.

The court fixed October 25 for next appearance.

The Midnight File

5 shot dead in Pakistan

KARACHI, Sept 5: Five people including a senior police official were shot dead by unidentified snipers who opened fire in Karachi and nearby Hyderabad city today, police sources said. The sources said the gunmen ambushed the jeep of Allah Bakhsh Jiskani, Hyderabad's Deputy Superintendent of Police, killing the officer and a police constable who was driving the vehicle. Two pedestrians also died in the attack which took place near a movie house, police said, reports AFP.

Hunt for Ayub Afridi

PESHAWAR, Sept 5: Authorities have launched a hunt for a former member of parliament, wanted as one of Pakistan's biggest drug lords and hiding in tribal areas of the North West Frontier Province, officials said today. An arrest warrant was issued in July for Ayub Afridi, a tribal leader elected to parliament in 1990, after an extradition request from the United States was received by the Interior Ministry. Additional Deputy Police Commissioner Tahir Sarfraz said in an interview, reports Reuter.

4 killed, 52 hurt in two road mishaps

New Bogra Road as a Nagarbari-bound truck ran over her on way to school at 10 am.

Shahjapur police chased and seized the truck, but the driver managed to escape. A case has been filed with the Kamarkhanda police in this connection.

In the other accident, Bilkis Banu, the daughter of Habibur Rahman of village Baradhan Jarapara in Ullapara thana, was hit and killed on the Bogra-Nagarbari highway while going to school.

Bid to kidnap girl student from DU campus

Fariza Karim Shams, a student of Dhaka University, escaped a kidnapping attempt on the university campus here yesterday, reports BSS.

Witnesses said, a former student of Dhaka University in collaboration with some mastans had tried to pick up Fariza, a student of second year Philosophy.

The former student and the mastans tried to pick up Fariza in a car near lecture theatre when she came to sit for her second year examination. But Fariza, a daughter of Additional Secretary (retd) ABM Karim Shams escaped the attempt, as a group of students came to rescue her.

Those mastans earlier had also tried to kidnap her from her Bakshibazar residence, family sources said adding they were threatening the family.

Fariza said that she did not know who were the former student and mastans.

Canal digging

From page 1 col 7 which often led to digging the canals on strategically unimportant places, sources said.

There were also reports of an unhealthy competition existing among the union parashad chairman for securing digging work in their own areas. This has resulted in taking up of less prioritised projects instead of the most needed ones.

Moreover, the report has found that the criteria of volumetric digging are also flared since canals were often found to be wide but not deep enough to channelise the water.

Based on these findings the report has proposed a master plan for canal digging which will facilitate smooth, timely and serialised implementation of projects.

The report also suggested that since the rural people are too poor to participate in voluntary work, the system should be changed for quality project implementation.

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