



Rebellious BNP MPs seek ban on Jamaat politics

By Staff Correspondent

More than a dozen ruling party members spoke in a rebellious tone in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday and a number of them even offered to vote with the Opposition to ban the politics of the Jamaat and the Shibir.

"I will even vote against my party decision if you (Opposition) bring a bill proposing banning Jamaat-Shibir politics," Maj (Retd) Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury, a ruling party MP, said amid thundering cheers from the Opposition members.

Professor Badruddoza Chowdhury, the Deputy Leader of the House, urged the House to study certain provisions of the Constitution before bringing any proposal to ban the Jamaat, but Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar and Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury did not make any comment on Chowdhury's proposal.

Akhteruzzaman said that for the past 18 years none of the freedom fighters had become home minister in the country.

He regretted that it was only to cling to power that they had to join hands with the anti-independence forces.

He urged all to boycott the

Jamaat under fire

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fore the issue was taken up in the House for discussion at 8:20 pm, Jamaat leader Maulana Matur Rahman Nizami also managed to condemn the killing at the Rajshahi University.

Earlier, the Jamaat also moved an adjournment motion to discuss the issue on the floor but the Speaker decided to accept the one moved by AL legislator Rafiqul Islam.

However, the MPs of both benches observed during the four-hour discussion that the Jamaat had for long been sponsoring different terrorist activities at different educational institutions of the country and the government must take actions against the party's 'inhuman and irrational' activities for the sake of democracy.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House, observed that the Jamaat activists, who 'enjoy killing people,' were psychopaths. 'Psychopaths are not even eligible for voting, then how come they indulge in politics?' he observed.

Chowdhury also said that the demands for banning the Jamaat's politics deserved consideration because the Constitution, although allowing every

Matin tells JS, culprits will be brought to book

The Home Minister last night held out a categorical assurance that persons responsible for the killing of three students in Rajshahi and Khulna would be brought to book and punished in accordance with the law, reports UNB.

Abdul Matin Chowdhury appealed to the members, including those of the Jamaat-e-Islami, to support the government in dealing with the culprits and refrain from asking favours for them.

Speaking on the adjournment motion on the incidents at Rajshahi University Sunday, the Home Minister said in unequivocal terms that none of the culprits would escape the long arm of law.

Seeking unqualified support of all members of the House, he said it is not the responsibility of the government alone but of all to make the country free from terrorism.

Matin Chowdhury regretted that a trifling matter — leading the prayers at the Rajshahi Medical College mosque — had resulted in the tragic incident Sunday after it spread to the campus. Three students lost their lives in Rajshahi and Khulna in two days.

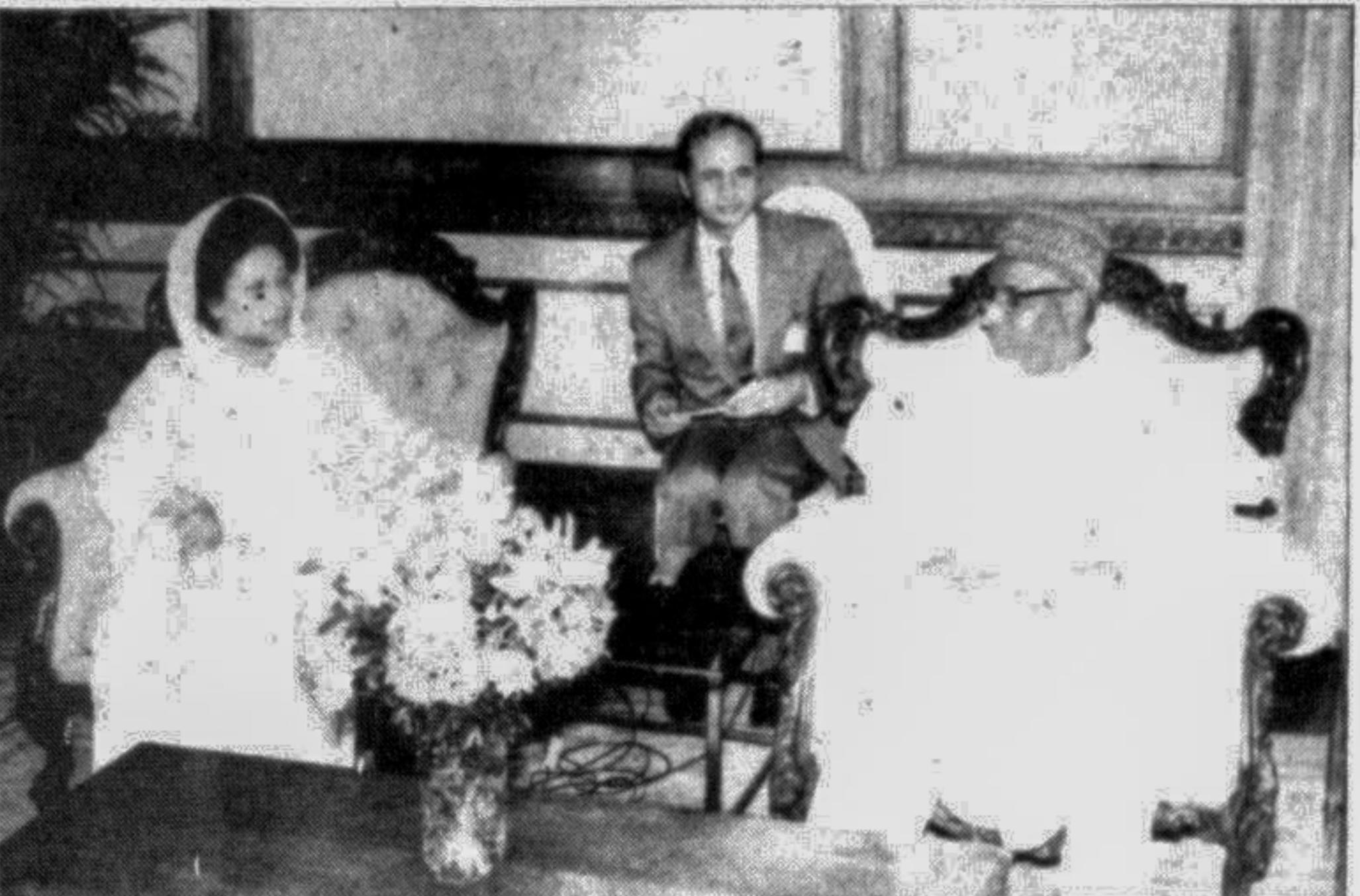
He strongly denied the Opposition charges that police remained silent spectators and failed to contain the trouble.

The Home Minister denied that some 2,000 JCD activists had resigned protesting the failure of the government in dealing with the Jamaat-Shibir activists. "This is not true," he said.

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OIC Secretary General Dr Hamid Al-Gabid talking to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at Sugandha yesterday.

—PID photo

Student bodies condemn Jamaat, Shibir

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tries are likely to sit during the UNGA in New York to discuss the prevailing international relations, especially issues relating to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afghanistan and Palestine.

While referring to the recent peace agreement between Israel and Palestine the OIC Secretary General said the OIC had supported the peace agreement as a first step towards solution to the problem. It laid emphasis on the solution of Al-Quds problem, he said.

Discussing the Rohingya refugees issue, the OIC Secretary General praised Bangladesh's role in giving shelter to the refugees despite its resources constraints. The OIC will continue to give support to Bangladesh in finding a permanent solution, he said.

The OIC Secretary General lauded the Bangladesh role in the activities of the OIC.

He informed the Prime Minister that the OIC was going to hold a conference on children to motivate the Muslim world for children's development. Dr Gabid thanked Bangladesh for extending its cooperation and support to the ICTVTR.

Provosts, Proctors concerned over incidents at DU

A joint meeting of provosts of the residential halls and proctors and assistant proctors of the Dhaka University was held yesterday with acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Wakil Ahmed in the chair, a university press release said last night, reports BSS.

The meeting expressed its concern about some undesirable incidents at two residential halls of the University Sunday night and at the Arts building yesterday morning, the press release added.

RU violence victim buried in Satkhira

From Our Correspondent

SATKHIRA, Sept 20: Hundreds of people here mourned the death of Zubayer Chowdhury Rimu, killed during the violence at the Rajshahi University yesterday, and buried him at the government graveyard here this afternoon.

Rimu's body reached here from Rajshahi early in the morning. The namaj-e-janaza was held at the Shaheed Abdur Razzaq Park.

Rimu, 22, a second year student of Management Department was killed in the violent incident on the Rajshahi University campus early Sunday. He was the eldest son of Abdul Motaleb Chowdhury, an associate professor of Physics at the Satkhira Government College.

Different political parties held a protest rally near the Satkhira post office in the evening. The speakers demanded a ban on Jamaat-Shibir politics and punishment of the killers.

The mourners also brought out a procession in the town. Three shops were damaged by the mob during the procession.

"Only arrests of the culprits and withdrawal of false cases against ten teachers can restore congenial academic atmosphere on the DU campus," the meeting reiterated.

The meeting also condemned the killing of Zubayer Chowdhury Rimu, allegedly by the Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activists, at the Rajshahi University Sunday and demanded punishment of the involved.

The meeting was addressed by Dr Majibul Rahman, Kawsar Hussain, Prof Enamul Haq Khan, Dr Shah Newaz, Prof Nurul Alam, Prof Dantul Haq, Prof Abdul Baes and others.

I explained to Her Majesty that, notwithstanding the deep respect and warm affection felt towards her by the Australian people, there was a growing feeling that Australia should make the necessary constitutional changes to allow the appointment of an Australian head of state," he said.

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Indian scientists in the southern city of Bangalore, where the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is based, are analysing the data to find out what exactly went wrong," PTI said.

A visibly dejected ISRO chairman U R Rao said at Sriharikota that Indian scientists would continue their space programme, and the next PSLV flight would be on schedule after about one year.

"Today was a mixed bag of success," he said.

"For the first developmental flight, today's efforts were extremely good, although the mission objective was not fully met," Rao said. "The lift off was perfect."

But few Indians appeared to share Rao's optimism.

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Today's mission was to be the precursor to the three-stage geostationary satellite launch vehicle (OSLV), which the Indian scientists had vowed to build on their own after Russia refused to part with a cryogenic engine.

RU incident protested

Four beaten up on DU campus

By DU Correspondent

A group of unidentified youths beat up at least four persons on the Dhaka University campus suspecting them of being Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activists yesterday.

Agitating youths also damaged the seminar room of the Department of Islamic Studies yesterday noon.

Another group of young men damaged at least three motor vehicles near the High Court to protest the violence at Rajshahi University (RU) on September 19.

Besides, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) and different students' organisations yesterday condemned the terrorist activities at RU in which a student was killed and another 40 were injured.

Campus sources said a group of unidentified youths brought out a procession in the Arts building and assaulted one Beduzzaman, a student of the university, in front of the Department of Islamic Studies for his alleged involvement with the ICS, the students wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh.

The group also beat up another two persons in front of the Madhvi's Canteen and the Arts Faculty building.

Another group assaulted a person near the Doel Chatkar near the Curzon Hall.

The pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a procession and held a rally near the Aparajeyo Bangla at DU to protest the RU violence.

The pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) held a rally at the DU building and protested the incident.

Normal situation was prevailing on the campus where a large contingent of police has been posted.

UNB adds: The proctorial body of the Rajshahi University tendered resignation Monday for failing in their attempt to check violence on the campus.

Proctor of the university Mamunul Keramat, along with six Assistant Proctors, submitted their resignation letters to Vice Chancellor Prof Anisur Rahman in the morning. Their resignations were, however, not accepted by the university authorities.

In the capital, outraged students beat up a number of Shibir activists and damaged vehicles on the Dhaka University campus giving vent to their anger.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent says that a half-day hartal from 6 am to 2 pm was observed by the alliance of eight student organisations to protest the killing of a Rajshahi University student.

All business and educational institutions in the town were closed.

Meanwhile, police arrested

Senior Pan Pacific executive due today

By Staff Correspondent

A vice president of the Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts arrived in Dhaka today for troubleshooting while the workers and employees of the Sonargaon Hotel deferred their planned hunger strike for two to three days.

Leaders of the Sonargaon Hotel Workers' and Employees' Union said they had deferred their programme in view of the assurance given by the Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury as well as the visit of Y Hamano, Area vice president of the Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts, the operating company of the Sonargaon Hotel.

Union leaders called on the Home Minister late Sunday night. They had earlier decided to stage a hunger strike at the hotel today.

Workers and employees of the hotel observed a nine-and-a-half hour wildcat strike and confined the General Manager in his room Saturday.

The case stirred uncertainty about the elections, in which Bhutto and Sharif are the main contenders. Twana had cautioned against their disqualification.

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The Midnight File

By DU Correspondent

Jewish settlers denounce accord

YERUSALEM, Sept 20: Jewish settlers are staging a four-day campaign to try and overturn the Palestinian autonomy accord which goes to the Israeli Parliament this week, the organizers said today. Under a banner reading 'Israel is in danger,' settlers have built a stage outside parliament for speakers to rally demonstrators from Tuesday when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin opens the debate, reports BSS.

Wei to continue to fight for democracy in China

BEIJING, Sept 20: China's most prominent dissident Wei Jingheng said today he would continue to fight for democracy in China. In his first appearance since being paroled last Tuesday after 14-1/2 years in prison, most of them in solitary confinement, Wei said his health was rather poor, but his spirit was strong, reports AFP.

Bosnia talks end in failure

ZAGREB, Sept 20: Urgent talks between the warring parties in Bosnia-Herzegovina aimed at saving the stalled Geneva peace plan ended in failure late today, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman said. The talks on the British aircraft carrier Invincible broke down over demands by Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic for a land corridor linking a proposed Muslim mini-state to the Adriatic coast, said Tudjman, cited by the official Hina news agency, reports AFP.

Partial hartal observed at Raozan, Rangunia

By DMCH Correspondent

A businessman was shot and allegedly robbed of Taka 50,600 at Sonargaon under Narayanganj district Sunday.

The 40-year-old victim, Matur Rahman, now under treatment at the Dhaka Medical College, claimed that he was stopped by a group of muggers when he was going to Keraniganj from Balalpur by a rickshaw Sunday evening.

Matur was shot in his back with a pipe gun and was robbed of his cash and wrist-watch. He was rushed to the DMCH in a critical condition.

Businessman shot, robbed

By DMCH Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 20: A half-day hartal was observed partially at Raozan and Rangunia thanas, 30 miles off the city, today.

The National Democratic Party, Chittagong unit, called for this hartal in support of their demand for release of its leader Abu Bakar Chowdhury.

Police and local sources said most of the vehicles could not ply at Raozan and Rangunia points of Chittagong-Rangamati and Chittagong-Kaptol roads during hartal hours.

But life was almost normal.

Most of the local shops and markets were open. No untoward incident was, however, reported during hartal period.

ADB downgrades

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about the government's delay in taking decision about appointing the consultant and said that despite several reminders, it was only in February 1993, after a delay of over eight months, that the project director communicated to the Bank the result of the evaluation and the