

Ershad faces two more corruption cases

Two fresh cases were begun yesterday against deposed President Hussain Muhammed Ershad in the Divisional Judge's Court accusing the former president of misuse of power and indulging in corrupt practices causing loss to the state exchequer, reports BSS.

Ershad, who is serving various jail terms, was brought to the court from the Dhaka Central Jail and informed of the charges. The dates for the appearance of the accused in the two cases were also fixed.

The cases relate to reinstating an employee of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare long after he was relieved of his job and spending a huge sum of money for procurement of two sets of ENG (electronic news gathering) equipment for the coverage of Ershad and his wife on BTV news.

Divisional Special Public Prosecutor Abdul Tawheed read out the charges of the two cases one after another in the court of

Divisional Special Judge Mohammad Ali Khan.

Ershad is the lone accused in both cases.

After consulting both sides, the judge fixed October 12 and October 25 for the hearing of the charges.

Ershad, who was seated in the dock attired in a cream saffron suit, was smiling when the charges were read out.

Earlier, at the outset, Yusuf Hossain Humayun, Ershad's attorney, asked the court to see that his client receives facilities allowed under the Jail Code. He mentioned that Ershad, who had exhausted his funds in the jail, is facing problems in replenishment because of complications created by the jail authorities.

Sudhir Kumar Hazra assisted Hossain.

Ershad has been sentenced to 20 years in jail after conviction in three cases. His appeals against the verdicts are pending before the High Court.

Yeltsin predicts

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Friday deputies used candles around the interior of the building.

"We have orders to let people out if they wish to leave but to let no one in except deputies," the commander of one of the units told AFP.

Witnesses in front of the building said the troops, who answer directly to the interior ministry, replaced the police troops who had previously blocked off access to the building at around 3:00 am (2300 GMT Friday).

Meanwhile, at the Kremlin, the constitutional conference also resumed session today, the Presidency said. The body, which includes about 600 political, social and religious leaders, was formed last May by President Yeltsin.

A spokesman said it was not known if any of the deputies from the dissolved parliament were attending the conference, as they had been invited to do by the presidency.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi today briefly left the parliament building where he has been holed up for five days and called on encircling special troops to disobey President Boris Yeltsin.

Shortly afterwards he also reviewed a group of volunteer defenders on the terrace outside the White House, calling on them to back the revival of the Soviet Union. In response they brandished red hammer-and-sickle flags.

"Do not obey Yeltsin, (Interior Minister Viktor) Yerin and the other bastards," he called to the special troops. "I am a soldier like you, I appeal to you to defend the constitution and

Murtaza Bhutto to relinquish 14 seats

ISLAMABAD, Sept 25: Mir Murtaza Bhutto has decided to relinquish 14 national and provincial assembly seats, reports Xinhua.

This was announced on Friday night by Murtaza while addressing a press conference in Karachi on telephone from Syria where he is in exile.

Murtaza Bhutto, elder son of former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who was hanged by late President Ziaul Haq, said that he had to respond to the public appeal of his mother Nusrat Bhutto.

Nusrat called on Murtaza to withdraw from most of the seats in favour of the candidates of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) led by his sister Benazir Bhutto.

"I will now contest for three national assembly and six provincial assembly seats from Sindh province in the October elections," he said.

Nusrat Bhutto, co-chairperson of PPP, said that she wants her daughter to become prime minister and her son chief minister of Sindh.

Condolence

The Officers and Staff of Transcom Group of Companies express their heartfelt condolences at the death of Begum Shakera Rahman, w/o. Late Khan Bahadur Mujibur Rahman.

We pray to the Almighty for Maghferat of the departed soul. May Allah grant her eternal peace and strength to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a delegation of Motawallees of different Mazars, Dargahs, Waqf Estates and Islami-thinkers while they called on her at Sugandha yesterday. Alhaj Syed Najibul Bashar Maizbhan, an Awami League MP is seen on her left.

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Ban-Air to provide amphibious aircraft on charter

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Flying Academy and General Aviation Services (Ban-Air) will shortly allow the chartering of its amphibious aircraft which could operate anywhere in the country.

This was stated by Group Captain (Retd) Saiful Azam, MP, president of the Bangladesh Flying Club Academy (Ban-Air) while talking to newsmen yesterday.

Asam said, Ban-Air was, in fact, the first step towards establishing a private airline in Bangladesh. Seven of its aircraft of different types are already engaged in ferrying passengers to different destinations. It does not however, intend to launch large-scale commercial operations, since its primary area is to train pilots, the academy president said. But the academy also plans to provide casualty evacuation services.

Ban-Air, which was earlier known as the Bangladesh Flying Club Ltd, has entered into joint collaboration with the Swedish Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to upgrade the professional expertise and technical skills of the academy to make it one of the finest civil pilot training academies in the region.

Vice President of MAF, Leif Helgeson and honorary Chief Instructor of Ban-Air, Muratza

were also present at the briefing.

The Flying Academy has about 50 students and each year about ten qualify for a commercial pilot's license.

The Bangladesh Flying Academy aims to award B.Sc degrees in the future and one of its major plans is to provide facilities for aerial survey, an expensive exercise which was previously done by foreign organisations.

President of the Academy Group Captain (Retd) Azam informed that its private charter service operation was picking up gradually and some private companies, individuals and foreign visitors were already utilising the Ban-Air aircraft. He informed that the present costs for chartering an aircraft were Tk 5500 for a 3-seater aircraft, Tk 10,500 for a six-seater, and Tk 15,000 for an eight-seater.

The academy president expressed the hope that with further expansion of Ban-Air's fleet and operation of private airlines, the role of the academy would increase in the coming days.

Testimony of 17 JU teachers recorded

The enquiry commission, constituted to investigate the July 29 incidents of the Jahangirnagar University, has so far recorded the testimony of 17 teachers, reports BSS.

The testimony of the other teachers will be recorded today while, the university officials and employees, police officials and employees and the local political leaders and workers will testify on September 27, 28 and 29 respectively before the commission.

The date of recording the testimony of the students and other concerned will be announced later.

JCD withdraws strike at CU

CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: Students of different educational institutions here today abstained from classes due to a strike called by the All-Party Students' Unity (APSU) protesting Tuesday's Shibir-sponsored violence at Chittagong University, reports UNB.

The minister said this while addressing as chief guest a certificate distribution ceremony of pharmacists who recently completed a training course on Pharmaceutical Marketing.

The function, presided over by the president of the Pharmacy Graduates' Association Mosaddeq Hossain, was also addressed by State Minister for Education Principal Yunus Khan, Director of Drug Administration Prof Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan and president of the Bangladesh Ashudh Shilpa Samity Salman F Rahman.

Kamal Yusuf said the graduate pharmacists would have to play a key role in ensuring drug availability because of their knowledge, understanding and ethical responsibility.

The Vice Chancellor of CU at a meeting with JCD leaders assured that stern action would be taken against the attackers.

CU authorities served show cause notices against eight Shibir men as per the complaint of JCD. The Proctor of the university said that those responsible for the incident would not go unpunished.

CU may lift ban on politics today

CHITTAGONG, Sept 25: The ban on political activities in Chittagong University is likely to be withdrawn tomorrow (Sunday), an official source said tonight, reports UNB.

Authorities imposed the restriction on student politics more than a year ago in the wake of frequent violence on the campus.

The Syndicate of the university today (Saturday) recommended a 'code of conduct' for student politics to avoid clashes. It provides for seeking permission of the authorities to hold any political programme on the campus, the source said.

Fighting continues for control of Sukhumi

which has been under Georgian control.

The Abkhazian sources said Georgian forces suffered heavy losses, in both men and equipment, in fighting overnight.

The Abkhazian Defence Ministry said its forces now controlled 80 per cent of Sukhumi.

Dr Kamal's remark baseless: Nizami

Jamaat-e-Islam Secretary General Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami yesterday described Dr Kamal Hossain's remarks about Jamaat's politics as "completely untrue, fabricated and baseless", reports UNB.

In a statement, Maulana Nizami referred to Gano Forum leader Dr Kamal's news conference on Friday and said his accusation of cutting tendons and slaughtering people is designed to tarnish the image of Jamaat-e-Islam.

Dr Kamal also joined the campaign of "media terrorism" toeing the line of yellow journalism being practised by a section of the press, Nizami alleged.

The Jamaat leader said the way Dr Kamal dictated the government for removing the two ministers and banning Jamaat, demonstrated his "extremely undemocratic and autocratic mentality."

Police attack rally

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of the weekly Khabarer Pata, Morsalin Babla of the Daily Janakantha and Mostafa Karim of the Daily Banglabazar Patrika. Babal was admitted to the Narayanganj hospital while others were treated at different clinics.

The injured also include Prof Nazma Rahman, President of the Narayanganj town Awami League, Uttam Kumar of the Al-backed Chhatra League, Dipak Bhoomik of the Sammilito Sangskritik Jote, Tolaram College student Mihir and two passers-by Hannan and Noor Hossain. All of them needed first aid.

According to witnesses, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), all on a sudden, drove his jeep into the rally during a break for Maghrib prayers at around 6pm. The police official reportedly started throwing away the chairs. The infuriated attendants then began brickbating the policemen whom the ASP ordered to resort to baton charge against the protesters. At one stage the ASP called in additional police from the Sadar thana where the emergency bell was rung and an announcement made ordering the rest of the thana's police force to rush to the troubled spot.

During the clash, police beat up the participants of the rally, newsmen covering the

incident, the shoppers of the area and passers-by. On the other hand, the agitated people hurled brickbats and beverage bottles at the policemen, witnesses said.

Some of the policemen used hockey sticks to beat up the people, witnesses said.

An impromptu all-party protest rally at Number Two rallygate demanded resignation of the Home Minister and action against the policemen responsible for the occurrence.

UNB adds: ASP Habibur Rahman and some other policemen were suspended following the incident.

She was addressing as chief

PM : Religion

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Begum Zia said the government had already decided to repeal the Dargah and Mazar Management Ordinance 1989 responding to the popular demand to rescind the ordinance. She said the process had already been initiated to rescind the ordinance and it would be recorded in the next session of parliament.

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