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PM attends dinner

LIMASSOL, Oct 21: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia tonight attended the dinner hosted by Her Majesty the Queen of England Elizabeth II at the royal yacht Britannia for heads of delegation and their spouses.

Khaleda greets Pope Paul II

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted Pope John Paul II of the Vatican City on the 15th anniversary of his coronation. In a message of felicitations, Begum Zia wished good health, long life and personal happiness of the Pope.

Hasina condoles Asmat Ali's death

Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday expressed her profound shock at the death of former MP Moulvi Asmat Ali Khan. Asmat Ali, 87, ex-president of Madaripur district Awami League, died of brain haemorrhage at the P G Hospital at 4 pm yesterday. He was elected MLA in 1954, MCA in 1970 and MP in 1973. Hasina went to the hospital and paid respect to the late leader of her party, reports UNB.

Train dacoity

NARSINGDI, Oct 21: A train dacoity was committed in the Noakhali Express train near Tongi Railway Station on Sunday night. The dacoits attacked the passengers of the two compartments when the train bound for Noakhali from Kamalapur was heading towards Tongi station and looted cash and valuables worth about Taka two lakh, reports UNB.

Khaleda speaks at CHOGM working session

Dhaka repeats call for fair solution to water issue

LIMASSOL, Oct 21: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today reiterated Bangladesh's stand for fair solution to the water scarcity problem with its neighbour which has become a life and death question for the people of the country, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister said this while making an intervention on the global review at the first working session of the five-day

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) at the conference room-of Le Meridien Hotel.

Begum Zia said an agenda for peace was clearly linked to an agenda for development. Physical security cannot be divorced from the human security, food security and job security, she said. Non-military dimension of security was a major cause for strife across the

world, she added.

"The concerns are real and the potential for conflict great," the Prime Minister told the working session, participated by different heads of government. She said the world community had a duty to be seized of these problems and do its utmost to contribute to a solution.

The Prime Minister said economic deprivation and disparity undermine political and social

stability and erode human security. Yet the world remains indifferent to the plight of a billion people on the margins of survival and despair, she said. The Prime Minister pointed out that we continue to ignore the basic cause of environmental degradation, namely, poverty.

Begum Zia said the Commonwealth's task was to act as a catalyst in promoting the ends of drawing upon the combined strength of its member countries through meaningful cooperation.

She said the Commonwealth's role revolved around promoting defined global agenda, fixing result-oriented and not merely action-oriented targets and moving away from past stereotypes and adjusting to the future.

Speaking on the defined world agenda, the Prime Minister pinpointed three vital areas that needed priority attention — like a world conference to comprehensively review the issue of refugees, economic migrants and displaced persons; a world conference on monetary reform and development financing; and a summit on global humanitarian order, as envisaged by the Commonwealth.

Begum Zia said inputs had come from a variety of sources — individual countries, NGOs, regional and sub-regional groups and major international organisations such as the NAM.

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia seen among the Heads of Government attending the opening session of the 29th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) at the International Conference Centre of Nicosia in Cyprus yesterday. — PID photo

'C'wealth still vulnerable to the charge of hypocrisy'

NICOSIA, Oct 21: Commonwealth leaders were challenged at the opening of their summit here today to set their own houses in democratic order and to fight for peace in the former Yugoslavia, reports AFP.

"The Commonwealth always remained vulnerable to the charge of hypocrisy, the allegation that while it advocated democratic freedoms globally, it condoned their absence among its own membership," Secretary-General Emeke Anyaoku told the opening session of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

"That dilemma became harder to resolve as the erosion of political freedom in some of our Commonwealth countries became evident," he said, in a veiled reference to Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Malawi, where democracy is seen as threatened.

The delegates also heard an impassioned plea from Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad for an end to "the incessant slaughter of innocent people" in Bosnia-Herzegovina "for the sake of territorial aggrandisement and ethnic superiority."

The bloody massacre turns even the most sturdy of stomachs, said Mahathir. "Enough is enough... we in the Commonwealth must help find an equitable and just solution to this holocaust."

Commonwealth should take up the plight of Bosnian Muslims as they had that of South African blacks, he said.

"In Bosnia-Herzegovina, where ethnic cleansing involves blatant murders and rapes of Bosnian Muslims by Bosnian Serbs... the righteousness that some of us display over minor infringements of human rights is remarkably absent," he said.

As the opening ceremony concluded, a dispute was brewing between two member countries.

Pakistan's newly named Prime Minister, Benazir Bhutto, accused India of continued human rights violations in the disputed region of Kashmir, and vowed to raise the issue when she arrived here later today.

"Pakistan will stress that continued human rights viola-

tions of the people of Kashmir contravene the fundamental values of the Commonwealth," she said before her departure from Islamabad.

The CHOGM also faced the thorny problem of its host nation Cyprus, divided since Turkey invaded and occupied the northern third of the Mediterranean island in 1974.

Greek-Cypriot President Glafos Clerides asked the delegates to "consider the plight of my own country... for 20 years forcibly divided. The human rights of its people continued to be flagrantly violated... by Turkish forces."

"Repeated resolutions by the United Nations calling for withdrawal... have both been ignored and violated."

But Anyaoku delicately skirted the question, making clear that while the Commonwealth "remains firm in its support of the United Nations efforts" to resolve the Cyprus question, it would take no action on its own.

Tens of thousands of Cypriot women meanwhile formed a 70-

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Police in riot gears patrol campus

Students vacate CMC hostels

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: All resident students of the Medical College here, except the foreign students and MBBS final examinees, vacated the hostels as the college was ordered closed since today following the expulsion of five students yesterday.

The announcement of the closure of the college and expulsion of five students including the VP and GS of the students union of the college came after a marathon meeting of its Academic Council last night.

The college was earlier closed since die on August 9 following a gunfight between the supporters of the Chhatra League and the Chhatra Dal but was reopened on September 20 last, campus sources said.

The Principal of the college, Syeda Nurjahan Bhuiyan, who chaired the Academic Council meeting, told The Daily Star that the decision for closing the college was taken following instability on the campus after Monday's raid by gunmen on the doctors' cafeteria at the hospital that left three persons including a doctor killed.

The five medical students expelled by the college authorities for their alleged involvement in Monday's incident included Md. Faisal Iqbal, VP, a student of 5th year, Md. Rabul Karim, GS, 4th year, Shahrier

From Staff Correspondent

Morshed, 4th year, Abul Hasnat Mohammad Rezaul Hossain, 3rd year, and A. Z. M. Mahfuzur Rahman of the 4th year.

The expelled students were earlier issued show cause notices by the disciplinary committee of the college asking them to reply within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, police have arrested nine suspects so far in connection with Monday's carnage.

BCL activist kidnapped, killed in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: A Chhatra League activist was allegedly shot dead by a group of gunmen today half an hour after being kidnapped from Fatikchhari, 30 miles from the city, police said.

Kala Meah, 25, was kidnapped from his house by seven gunmen at 10:30 am. The victim was brought to the Nazirhat Bridge where he was shot and killed at 11 am, police said.

The assailants went to Kala Meah's house by two autorickshaws and after dumping his body fled from the spot, police added.

Police blamed the killing on inter-caste quarrel inside the Chhatra League.

CMC strike to continue till arrest of killers

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 21: Doctors of the Medical College here, at a meeting today in protest against Monday's tragic incident at the hospital cafeteria, have announced fresh programmes demanding immediate arrest of the accused involved in the attack.

The programmes included the continuation of the doctors' strike in the Chittagong Medical Hospital — except in the emergency department — until the arrest of the accused mentioned in the case, wearing of black ribbon, exchange of views with the professionals on Oct 23, submission of a memorandum to the Prime Minister by the central BMA on October 27, a country-wide strike in all hospitals, clinics and stoppage of private practice on October 28 and hunger strike by the doctors in Chittagong on November 1.

The speakers alleged that police instead of arresting the real culprits were hunting for some suspects.

They demanded immediate arrest of the accused.

Doctors in Chittagong started a 72-hour strike from 6 pm since October 18, the day of the occurrence. Besides, doctors throughout the country observed a strike on Wednesday protesting the attack.

Public sector fails to invest available funds

By a Special Correspondent

Although the figures are yet to be firm up, the government's estimate of realised Annual Development Programme (ADP) for 1992/93 is Taka 7400 crore. This estimate includes a spending of Taka 400 crore in 1991/92 which has been reported in 1992/93.

If appropriate adjustments are made, the 1992/93 figure for realised ADP is Taka 7004 crore. This is only a little over ten per cent of realised ADP in the preceding year and nearly 20 per cent short of the yearly target.

Poor ADP performance has cast a very dark shadow over Bangladesh's immediate growth prospect. During the Eighties growth of the GDP has averaged a little over four per cent. In his last two budget speeches Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman blamed the decline in investment level in relation to the GDP for such disappointing economic growth.

In 1992/93 total investment in the economy was an estimated 12.7 per cent of GDP. Although higher than the figure of 11.5 per cent for 1990/91, this is low compared to the 16 per cent level achieved in 1981/82. Compared to the need of investing 13 per cent of the GDP to achieve a growth rate of 7 per cent, the current investment performance is dismal.

The poor ADP performance has a background of sharply contrasting performance of different organs of the government. Until 1990/91 the realised ADP has almost always fallen short of target because the government never had enough Taka. The government

chronically faced what was called the 'counterpart fund problem': Owing to shortage of domestic resources, many projects could not be allocated the Taka fund needed to pay import taxes and duties, local wages, land acquisition cost, etc., and suffered implementation delay. These projects were routinely carried over into the subsequent year's ADP.

At the turn of the Nineties, starting with 1991/92, the situation became reversed. With introduction of the VAT the government is successfully diverting money out of the consumers' pockets to the exchequer. But, the same ministries which begged the Finance Ministry for money, are now failing to utilise the aid and Bangladesh tax payers' money made available to them. Thus, the highly successful performance of the Finance Ministry is sharply contrasted by lacklustre implementation performance of the development ministries.

The problem is that right at this moment the ministries' ability to realise the ADP investment targets in their respective areas is extremely crucial. As in other countries, the private sector will wait for some time to be reassured of the government policy intentions. During this interim it is mostly the government's investment that can create jobs, income and growth. But, with the implementing ministries' poor investment performance it is unlikely that there will be a dramatic improvement in growth in the immediate future.



S M Ali's qul today

By Staff Correspondent

The qul khl part of late S M Ali, the foundng Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star, will be held today after Asr prayers at the Old DOHS Community Centre located at Road Number 2.

All friends, relatives and admirers have been requested to attend the qul khuani and pray for the departed soul.

S M Ali passed away due to kidney failure in a Bangkok hospital on Sunday last. He was buried at the Bariani graveyard on Tuesday.

PLO-Israel talks deadlocked

TABA, Egypt, Oct 21: PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath said negotiations with Israel on the Palestinians self-rule were going nowhere and would continue to do so until Israel agreed to release the Palestinian prisoners, reports Reuter.

"We are not satisfied with the way things are proceeding. I do not see that there will be any way we can make an agreement unless there is a basic change in the Israeli position on prisoners," he told reporters after a stormy meeting with the Israeli delegation adjourned for lunch.

The talks would reconvene later in the day but neither side has spoken of any postponement.

Saifur urges leasing cos for more active role

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said the leasing companies should come forward in providing funds for capital investments.

Rahman was speaking as chief guest in the opening session of a day-long seminar on lease financing at a city hotel, organised jointly by the Industrial Development Leasing Company of Bangladesh Ltd and United Leasing Company Ltd.

He observed that as foreign investors are now showing keen interest in investing in Bangladesh, it is necessary to expand the capital market as well as lease financing.

"The economic indicators are very encouraging," the minister claimed, "We have now a very

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Curfew in Srinagar to thwart today's protest

SRINAGAR, Oct 21: Indian authorities today beefed up security in the Kashmir valley to foil mass protests planned for Friday to seek an end to the siege of the Hazratbal Mosque here, reports AFP.

Srinagar resembled a fortress by evening after thousands of paramilitary forces rushed from elsewhere in India began patrolling the streets and lanes of this tense city, armed with automatic weapons and anti-riot gear.

An estimated 25,000 federal troops were posted in this summer capital of Kashmir, besides the 10,000 army and paramilitary personnel who have ringed the lakeside Hazratbal, the holiest Islamic shrine in the state.

Police sources said a curfew clamped in parts of Srinagar was extended indefinitely all over this Muslim majority city of 700,000, and it was expected to cover the whole of Kashmir valley from midnight Thursday.

The sweeping security blanket came as Kashmiri leaders urged Muslims to march to the Hazratbal after Friday prayers

UNICEF chief Grant calls on Khaleda

LIMASSOL, Oct 21: Unicef Executive Director James P Grant today called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the VIP suite at the Hotel Le Meridien, reports BSS.

The Unicef Director discussed the Unicef activities with the Prime Minister who is now in Cyprus to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting to be held from October 21 to 24.

Grant discussed the Unicef plans to hold a conference of nine most populous nations this year in Indian capital of New Delhi. The Unicef Director also proposed to hold a meeting in Dhaka of all the development bodies of the United Nations which is usually held in Geneva or New York. This is for the first time that United Nations is planning to hold the meeting in another country.

The Prime Minister appreciated the activities being carried out by the Unicef for the development of children around the world especially in Bangladesh. She hoped that the activities of the Unicef will be strengthened in Bangladesh.

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