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CHEHLUM



Chehlum of late Mr Abdul Baten, Ex-State Minister for Education, will be held today (Saturday), April 9, 1994 at House No 13 (old) 10 (new), Road No 5, Dhanmondi R/A, after Asr prayers. Relatives, friends and admirers are requested to kindly attend the milad to pray for the departed soul.

Family Members
 of late Mr Abdul Baten

Hosokawa resigns over financial scandal



Japanese workers watching a giant television screen showing Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa at a press conference in Tokyo yesterday announcing his resignation.— AFP photo

BNP has forced us to go for agitation : Hasina

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the people to observe a dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal tomorrow to express no-confidence in the corrupt, vote dacoit and terrorist BNP regime, reports UNB.

"Our agitation is aimed at protecting the people from terrorism and vote dacoits as well as ensuring economic emancipation of the masses," she told an extended meeting of Dhaka city unit of the Awami League at 29, Minto Road, her official residence.

Criticising the 'autocratic' behaviour of the government, Hasina said, "the BNP government has forced us to launch agitation without which people's right to vote, work and food cannot be realised."

The Awami League chief said, "Despite a lot of criticism we tried to help the BNP and its official residence."

She alleged that Ziaur Rahman had introduced the politics of killing and terrorism in the country. "Zia captured power by using the armed forces and later killed some of them to stay in power... During his rule, many army officers and jawans were killed."

Hasina said the BNP has again started the politics of killing. "Not a single day passes

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AL brings out mourning procession

By Staff Correspondent

Amami League leaders and hundreds of party workers yesterday marched through the city streets to protest the killings during Thursday's siege of the central Secretariat.

The AL staged the programme to press home its demand for immediate resignation of the government, holding the next general elections under a caretaker government and cancellation of

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Paran Organising Secy of Lalbagh ward, claims BCL

The Bangladesh Chhatri League (BCL M-II) claimed yesterday that Aminur Rasul Paran belonged to their organisation, reports UNB.

Paran, a second year student of the New Model Degree College was shot dead during the Awami League's siege programme Thursday. Another victim Milon, an SSC examinee, was also gunned down at Kaptan Bazar on the same day.

Rejecting the claim that the dead were the JCD activists, BCL President Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury said that Paran was a bona fide leader of

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TOKYO, Apr 8: Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa announced his resignation at a news conference today after calling an emergency cabinet meeting to endorse the decision following persistent charges of impropriety, reports AFP.

"I have just met with the leaders of the coalition parties and also have convened a cabinet meeting," Hosokawa said.

"I have expressed my intention to leave the post of Prime Minister and it was approved." Hosokawa said he was resigning because of a "certain legal problem" not linked to charges of receiving a dubious loan and making questionable stock market transactions.

AP adds: Hosokawa's sudden resignation threw the country's already volatile political world into even deeper confusion, and sent stock prices plummeting. The market later bounced back.

He would be the fourth of Japan's last five prime ministers to step down because of scandal. Ironically, he came to office only eight months ago

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BNP holds janaza of Paran

By Staff Correspondent

The ruling BNP held a nazm-e-janaza of Aminur Rasul Paran, reportedly a leader of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatri Dal, in front of the party's Naya Paltan central office in the capital yesterday.

Paran was one of the two killed during the Awami League's siege programme Thursday.

According to JCD leaders, Paran was the Publicity

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Paran was jt convener of Lalbagh Thana unit: JCD

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatri Dal (JCD) yesterday accused the Awami League (AL) of killing two youths during the siege of the secretariat on Thursday.

At a press conference at the Jatiyatabadi Chhatri Dal (JCD) yesterday, Fazlul Haq Milon criticised the AL for claiming that Md Aminur Rasul Paran, killed during the siege on Thursday was an Awami League activist.

He said Paran was the public

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THE PICTURE THAT SAYS IT ALL: Yesterday we published a cropped version of the above photograph. Today we publish the full frame of the photograph, taken by our Staff Photographer on the spot, which deals with the incident refuted by Md Nasim in his rejoinder. We believe the picture is self-explanatory.

— Editor

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Govt college
 teachers' ultimatum

By Staff Correspondent
 The government college teachers will go on an action programme from April 25 unless their demands were met by April 24.

The programme includes rallies and demonstrations on April 25 and on May 3, and token strikes on June 6, 7 and 8. President of the teachers' association Dr Q A T M Habibur Rahman and secretary general Md Abu Yusuf in a joint statement yesterday alleged that the standard of the educational management of the country had deteriorated due to their appointment and transfer on personal choice during the last three years.

The association urged the government to materialise its 16-point charter of demands which includes removing of anomalies in respect of senior

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Saifur criticises opposition for calling hartal

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman was highly critical of the opposition yesterday for calling hartal tomorrow, the day fixed for laying the foundation stone of the long-cherished multipurpose bridge over Jamuna, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will open the nearly 700 million US dollar bridge over the river Jamuna connecting the eastern and western regions of the country.

"Mere hartal or damaging public property in a bid to capture power will not bring development to the country. We shall simply be bogged down... no foreign investors will come here. We must not commit suicide in such a manner," Saifur Rahman said.

Addressing a prize giving ceremony of the Livestock Exhibition '94 at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city, the Finance Minister emphasized on maintaining peace and order for overall economic development of the country.

Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al-Noman was the special guest at the function.

Nothing can be developed without discipline, not even the livestock sector, the Finance Minister said and urged the people to unitedly resist such "disturbing" activities.

IBM Information

Technology Seminar '94

This is to inform all the invited guests to the IBM Information Technology Seminar '94 that due to unavoidable circumstances, the Opening Ceremony & Cocktail Reception are being shifted to April 11, 1994.

Similarly, instead of April 10-12, the new seminar schedule is April 11-13.

The venue and daily seminar agenda remains unchanged.

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