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Serbs ignore a second NATO bombing, continue assault

SARAJEVO, Apr 11: NATO aircraft struck at Bosnian Serb positions around Gorazde for the second straight day Monday, after Sunday's bombing raid apparently did not deter the Serb advance upon the Muslim enclave, reports AP.

At least two tanks and personnel carriers were struck in the 2:24 pm (1224 GMT) bombing run by a US F-18 jet based with NATO forces in Aviano, Italy, the Pentagon said. That was in contrast to earlier reports, which mentioned two jets.

The United Nations said three bombs were dropped, destroying a Serb tank firing directly into the town.

But Monday's raid appeared to have no immediate effect. Lyndall Sachs, a spokeswoman of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Belgrade the Bosnian Serbs were still shelling Gorazde in regular intervals after Monday's air strike.

And Esad Orhanovic, a city official in Gorazde said via ham radio that the Serbs continued pounding the city center with shells, leaving many buildings in flames.

The latest air raid occurred just hours after Bosnian Serbs froze ties with the United Nations and struck anew at Gorazde with artillery, tanks and heavy machine gun fire in

a defiant response to Sunday's NATO raid.

Sunday's NATO attack came after Bosnian Serb forces overran government defenses to reach the outskirts of the besieged town of 65,000, which lies 35 miles southeast of Sarajevo. It was the alliance's first attack on ground positions in its 45-year history.

The UN commander for Bosnia, Lt Gen Sir Michael Rose, said earlier Monday he would not hesitate to call air strikes again if shelling resumed a position supported by UN Secretary-General Boutros-Ghali.

President Clinton told reporters Monday the air strikes

were an 'entirely appropriate' response.

What the United Nations wants is for the Serbs to stop the shelling and to withdraw, and to resume the negotiations" Clinton said.

Bosnian government radio said attacks on Gorazde intensified overnight and reported "fierce battles" along confrontation lines. Those reports were echoed by international aid workers.

Spokesman Ron Redmond, quoting UNHCR workers in Gorazde, said 25 shells hit in a little more than an hour Monday. UN officials in Belgrade said 200 refugees

AL leaders determined to increase agitation

By Chapal Bashar

The Awami League will finalise the strategy of its anti-government agitation at the full-fledged meeting of the party's working committee (AL WC) on Friday. The decisions of the committee will be discussed and endorsed at its extended meeting, likely to be held on May 2.

Party insiders are attaching much importance to these two meetings because these will decide the AL's future course of action in its struggle for realising the demand for the next parliament elections under a caretaker government.

Talking to this correspondent yesterday, some AL topnotchers expressed their determination to strengthen and carry forward the agitation

they have initiated through the siege programme on April 7 and a dawn-to-dusk hartal Sunday.

The AL has already announced programme to, gherao the district administration offices on April 20 and enforce another day-long hartal on April 26.

"We have no way to retreat from our campaign for a caretaker government. We will strengthen it further until we achieve success," said Zillur Rahman, General Secretary of the AL.

According to him, elections under a caretaker government had become a national demand now since all, except the ruling party, favour such an arrangement.

BNPEC discusses situation

A meeting of the secretariat of the national executive committee of the BNP was held at the party office in Dhaka yesterday afternoon with party Secretary General and Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Abdus Salam Talukder in the chair, reports BSS.

Speakers at the meeting spoke on the present political context and expressed their concern at hartals and violent activities which were obstructing development activities in the country.

They also suggested various programmes to be undertaken at the grassroots level for strengthening the party.

Some decisions were taken after discussing various problems of the party.

Earlier, a minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to Alhaj Azizul Hoq MP who died Sunday. The party leaders prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

A namaz-e-janaza of the late Parliament member was held at the BNP office premises. It was attended by the party Secretary General, ministers, MPs, leaders and workers of the BNP and its front organisations.

A milad mahfil will be held at 4 pm on April 13 at the BNP central office.

Non-govt school teachers' grand rally today

By Staff Correspondent

Teachers of about 11,000 non-government schools and colleges will hold a grand rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the capital today at 10 am.

The rally is being organised to announce a package of programmes of the teachers who are agitating to press home a 15-point charter of demands including the implementation of the national pay-scale for them.

The grand rally will be addressed by the leaders of the Central Action Liaison Committee of six different organisations of the teachers of non-government schools and colleges.

The committee leaders met last night to draw up their fresh programmes.



A group of students of the Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University, preparing for the Bengali new year celebrations on April 14. — Star photo

Rule upon govt for non-payment of Ershad's MP remuneration

A division bench of the High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government to show cause within three weeks why Hussain Mohammad Ershad should not be paid remuneration and other allowances which he is entitled to as a Member of Parliament, reports UNB.

The bench comprising Justice Ismailuddin Sarkar and Justice Hamidul Haque issued the rule on a writ petition filed by former president Ershad, now serving 20 years' jail terms for corruption and possessing unauthorised arms. Ershad was elected a Parliament Member from his home constituency in Rangpur in 1991.

The petitioner said he has not received his remuneration and allowances despite a recommendation by the parliamentary committee on privileges. The financial benefits to him were withheld with an ulterior motive by a vested quarter in the government, he further said.

Ilias Ali released

Ilias Ali, former general secretary of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was released from Mymensingh jail yesterday afternoon after 19 months of detention, family sources said, reports UNB.

Ilias was arrested on September 10, 1992, in connection with the killing of two JCD members.

JCD members Mamun abd Mahmud were killed at Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University on September 4 following intra-party conflicts.

After the killings, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia dissolved the central committee of JCD and suspended its activities on the Dhaka University campus.



A firmman trying to resuscitate one of the two workers who were retrieved in unconscious state from inside an underground water tank at Khilgaon Chowdhury Para in the city yesterday. Anwar Hossain, 22, and Abdul Maleq, 28, fell sick while cleaning the tank. Both were, however, revived and sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment. — Star photo by Enamul Haq

Mahmud on 3-day remand

By Staff Correspondent

The suspected murderer of Habibur Rahman Milon was remanded yesterday to the city's Kotwali Police Station for three days' interrogation.

Mahmud Hasan was arrested for his alleged involvement in the murder of Milon.

Milon and Mostafa Aminur Rasul Paran were shot dead near Kaptan Bazar on April 7 during the Secretariat siege programme of the A.L.

20 more killed, 73 hurt in Afghan fighting

ISLAMABAD, Apr 11: Some 20 people were killed and 73 wounded in Kabul today, in a bombing raid by a jet belonging to the forces of Uzbek General Abdul Rashid Dostam, state-run radio Kabul said, reports BSS.

The forces of Dostam and Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar also targeted different parts of the capital with rockets, the radio said in a broadcast monitored here.

The attacks destroyed at least six houses and four shops, the radio said.

It claimed that 'state forces' repulsed two ground attacks by Uzbek militia over two days, killing 10 enemy troops and wounding 16.

There were no reports of any fatalities from an earlier jet strike against the strategic television tower in central Kabul.

The local security commander Near Bibi Mahuru said his men carried away 14 severely wounded from the Pulverised pharmacy, none of whom he expected to live.

The bodies of four brothers who owned the east Kabul Pharmacy, which took direct hit though the roof were completely vaporised while many others — mostly young children — were dismembered beyond recognition.

Stunned locals who survived the attack dug into the blood-stained wreckage in search of relatives still buried inside.

FM leaves for China tomorrow

Dhaka to press Beijing for better access of products

By M Anwarul Haq

Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman who leaves for Beijing tomorrow would emphasise the need for better access of Bangladeshi products to the Chinese market.

The items include jute, jute goods, tea, leather and fertilizer.

During his visit Dhaka will also seek reduction of tariff on export of these and other traditional items. In recent years, there has been a growing trade imbalance between the two countries.

Diplomatic circles feel his five-day trip to China to be 'very significant'.

Chinese Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, who paid a four-day visit to Bangladesh in February, extended the invitation.

Mostafiz will lead a three-member delegation. The others are Director General of the Far East Desk in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Anwar ul-Alam and Vice Chairman of the Export Promotion Bureau Anisul Haq Chowdhury.

The official trip of the Foreign Minister to China from April 13 to 17 also includes a visit to Shanghai.

Diplomatic sources indicated that the Foreign Minister will take up bilateral, political and trade issues with his Chinese counterpart. Matters of common regional and international interest will also be discussed.

The Foreign Minister is scheduled to meet the Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng and hand over a personal message from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Dhaka exported goods worth 168.19 million US dollars during 1981-91 while its import from Beijing was to the tune of 697.2 million dollars. Dhaka may also explore the

WB-financed jute sector reform

Spinning mills left in the cold

Star Report

Thirty-four private jute spinning units, employing 25,000 people and smarting under a huge debt burden, face the threat of closure because they have been excluded from the World Bank-financed massive restructuring plan for the jute sector.

Their exclusion is being seen as an act of oversight on omission.

Since July 1993, the government has been implementing a programme to restructure its jute industry under the WB's 250-million US dollar jute sector adjustment credit (JSAC).

The restructuring involves downsizing the jute industry, writing off and rescheduling of

past debts, concessional interim financing arrangement and retrenchment of surplus workers in the public sector jute mills. The programme is seen as a way of bailing out the jute industry from the chronic financial crisis it is facing today.

But the jute spinning mills, contributing 50 per cent of the total private sector jute goods export earnings, have been left out of the JSAC programme although they come under the category of jute mills by definition of the government's Jute Ordinance.

Against this backdrop, the Jute Ministry and the World Bank are holding a two-day credit launch workshop on the

JSAC today. But without the spinners' inclusion in the JSAC, the whole programme may fail to achieve its objectives, observers feel.

Under the restructuring programme, one third of the accumulated debts of the private jute mills have been written off and the remaining two thirds of the dues have been rescheduled for repayment over 15 years. The repayment of the rescheduled debt will commence after three years and there will be no interest charge on the outstanding amount during this time. The repayment of the rescheduled debt will start from the fourth year and interest charge on

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