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Koreas agree on summit

SEOUL, June 18: South Korean President Kim Young-Sam today accepted a proposal from his North Korean counterpart Kim Il-Sung for a historic inter-Korean summit to discuss unification and the nuclear crisis, reports AFP.

"President Kim Young-Sam readily accepted the proposal and expressed his wish to meet with North Korean President Kim Il-Sung at any place at any time," a presidential spokesman said.

The meeting — in the midst of the nuclear standoff — would be the first ever between presidents of the two hostile Koreas. Which have been locked in a tense truce since the 1950-53 Korean War.

With the two Koreas agreeing on the summit, moves at the United Nations to impose sanctions on the North over its nuclear standoff were now expected to be suspended, analysts here said.

The Kim Il-Sung proposal was conveyed by former US President Jimmy Carter, who crossed from North Korea back into the South earlier today after a four-day visit aimed at defusing the crisis over the North's nuclear programme.

"I want to meet with President Kim Young-Sam at an early date, at any place, without any conditions," the North Korean President said in the message, the spokesman said.

The South Korean President responded, "I readily accept President Kim Il-Sung's proposal. The sooner, the better."

Kim Young-Sam said he was ready to discuss the nuclear and all other pending issues, including reconciliation and trade, Kim Young-Sam's spokesman said.

"As President Kim Young-Sam accepted the proposal there will be working level talks for the inter-Korean summit talks," presidential spokesman Choo Don-Shik said.

At a press conference later today, Carter quoted Kim Il-Sung as saying that resolution of the nuclear issue could "open a new opportunity for rapid progress between North and South Korea."

"He would like to pursue this idea and wanted me to relate to President Kim Young-Sam his hope that, without further delay, this direct meeting between the two leaders could be arranged without extensive delays caused by arguments among subordinate officials," Carter said.

Since the war, the two Koreas have been virtually cut off from each other, without maintaining even mail exchanges or telephone links.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the launching ceremony of the programme of stipend for girls at secondary schools and madrassahs in the country at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. — PID photo

The Midnight File

France will intervene to halt slaughter in Rwanda

PARIS, June 18: Despite a lukewarm response from potential partners, France prepared Saturday for imminent intervention to halt the slaughter of civilians in Rwanda. "Every hour counts," declared President Francois Mitterrand, who said France would act without waiting for a UN peacekeeping force to be assembled, reports AP.

N. Yemeni troops pound Aden

ADEN, Yemen, June 18: Northern Yemeni troops today pounded Aden on the third day of a siege that has killed at least 54 people, as Egypt announced the failure of UN efforts to start peace talks in Cairo. Shelling killed three civilians and wounded 26 more in the Aden area on Saturday, hospital sources said after reporting a total of 51 civilians killed and 135 wounded Thursday and Friday, reports AFP.

Hosts hold Swiss

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into the left side of the area.

But instead of shooting the Bayer Leverkusen player chose to chip over Pascolo and the Swiss goalkeeper saved comfortably.

Meola was in action again soon afterwards, denying Thomas Bickel with his legs from close range in the 72nd minute.

AP adds: Under pressure to vindicate the choice of their

Angry Bolivians

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the game.

Many Bolivians believed Germany's goal by Jurgen Klinsmann after 61 minutes came from an offside position. Mexican referee Arturo Brizio and the linesman allowed the play to continue.

Bolivia came close to scoring several times and pressed the highly favoured German team after Klinsmann's goal.

Once the game was over, thousands of fans took to the streets in La Paz to cheer their team's play and after a few minutes headed toward the Mexican embassy.

National Police Commander General Luis Rocha, said many of the building's windows and some doors were smashed, but that no one was injured. Police dispersed the crowd peacefully.

Thailand keen to boost economic cooperation

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PM: Stipend

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14 unruly WC fans held on opening day

CHICAGO, June 18: Fourteen people were arrested for unruly behaviour at the World Cup's opening game between Germany and Bolivia, police said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

They said this was about the same number of arrests usually made at a game involving the Chicago Bears of the National Football League (NFL).

More than 63,000 people watched Friday's match at Soldier Field Stadium, won 1-0 by champions Germany.

Forty-five people were treated for heat exhaustion during the game, which was played in sweltering conditions.

Six arrested in Jaj Mian murder

By Staff Correspondent

Six persons were arrested by police late Saturday night wanted in connection with the murder of a street hawkker Jaj Miah on June 16.

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Jaj was brutally murdered in broad day light in front of a shoe store in Gulistan area by a group of musclemen.

Motijheel police arrested the six persons from Folder Street and Malitola areas.

Those taken into custody are Jamal alias Zaman, 25, Aslam, 30, Shahadat, 30, Musa, 32, Abdul Malek, 32 and Kabir, 25.

Bangla-Thai JEC

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ces told BSS and added that the meeting went off very well.

Two sides discussed the political issues and agreed to cooperate with each other in lessening global tensions and promote peace and stability.

Both sides had a broad overview of the global political and economic situations and agreed to work in concert for the benefits of the developing countries.

Foreign Minister Rahman was assisted in the talks by Foreign Secretary Muffeh R Osmany, director general in the Foreign ministry Kazi Anwarul Masud and Bangladesh ambassador to Thailand Major General (ret'd) MA Mannaf.

The Thai Foreign Minister was aided by Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Foreign ministry Saro Chavanaviraj and ambassador in Bangladesh Sunthorn Vidhyemeth.

In the economic field, Bangladesh stressed the need for reducing the trade imbalance which is in favour of Thailand. Thailand assured Bangladesh of efforts to increase import from this country.

Thailand imports fertiliser.

Demand for caretaker govt undemocratic: Huda

SATKHIRA, June 18: Information Minister Nazmul Huda today said that the demand for caretaker government amounted to no-confidence in the electorate, when an elected democratic government was in power, reports BSS.

The Information Minister was addressing as chief guest the Satkhira Zila conference of the Chhatra Dal and a public meeting at Kolaroa.

He said a government elected by the people was the best caretaker government. No other government can be greater than the government which is directly elected by the people, he held.

He said a caretaker government could not be formed ignoring the basic pillars of the Constitution. The scope of changing the basic character of the constitution by amendment is very limited unless it is backed by the people's verdict, he asserted.

The functions were also addressed by Farida Rahman MP, Ashraf Hossain, Whip, DUCSU Vice President Amanullah Aman, MP, DUCSU AGS Nazmul Alam, senior vice president of Chhatra Dal central committee Habibul Islam Habib, president zila BNP Shamsul Roq, general secretary Kamrul Islam Farooq.

Huda said non-attendance of the parliament session by opposition parties could not be welcomed when the people gave them mandate to discuss in the session the welfare of the people and give a sense of direction to national economic policy by evaluating different aspects of national budget.

They do not care for the people's welfare, he said questioning: Which government is greater, the elected government or the caretaker government.

The Information Minister said the political party which

Meeting venues

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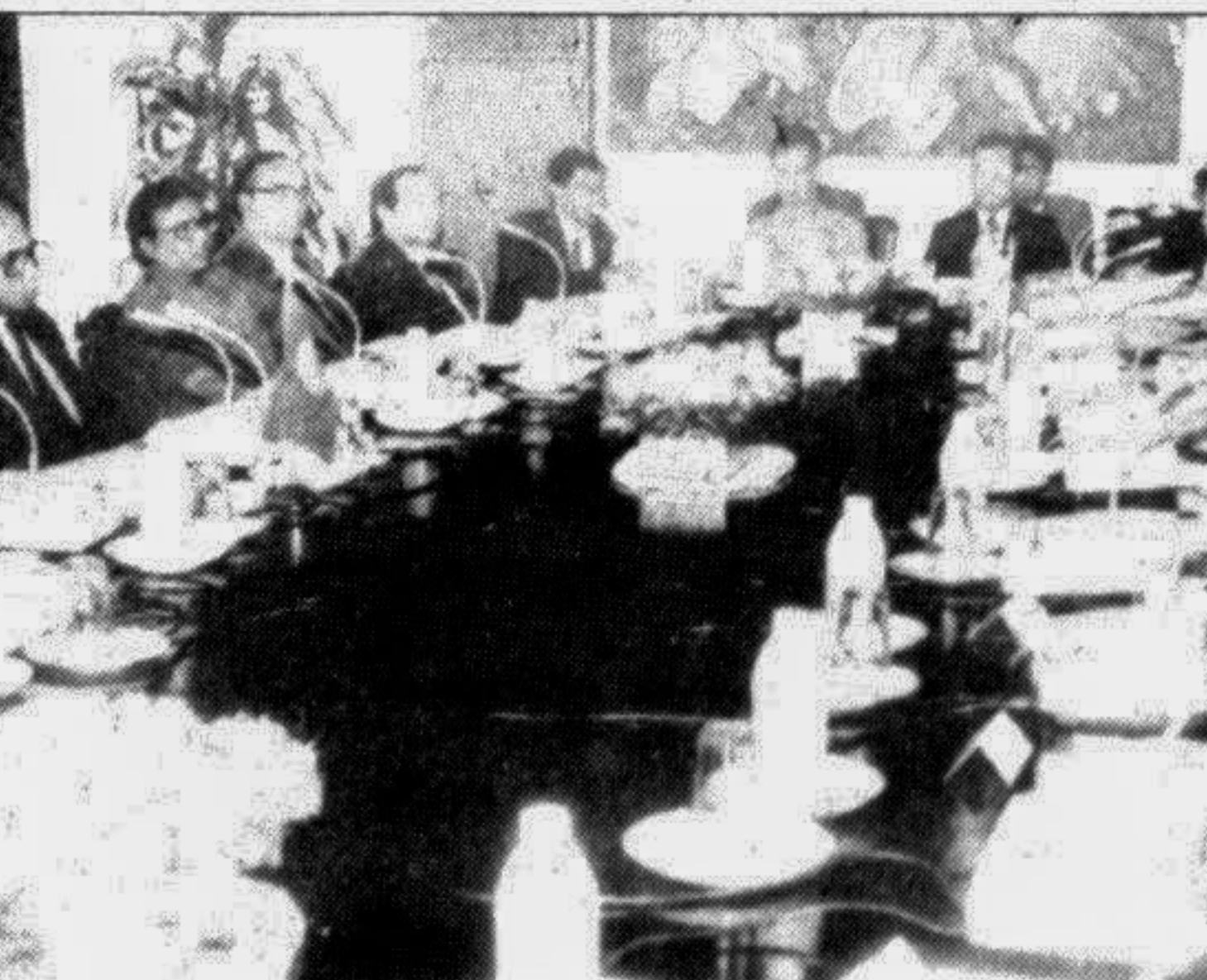
the authorities to allow public meetings in the places so that the DCC could ban rallies on the streets.

Admitting that holding of public rallies would result in damages to the three spots, Hanif said, "We will have to accept the losses for ending traffic jam being caused by free-flow arrangements of public functions on the city streets".

The Mayor also told the journalists that unregistered rickshaws plying on the city streets were being detected by the DCC for action. These rickshaws would be legalised but no new one would be given registration, he added.

Hanif estimated the number of rickshaws running in the city at about 2.5 lakh and said, of these only 78,000 are registered.

The Mayor quoting from a survey of the DCC said, about 75 per cent shops in wards had no trade licence. The commissioners were now working to identify such shopkeepers to bring them to book immediately, he said.



The fifth session of the Bangladesh-Thailand Joint Commission held at the state guest house Meghna in the city yesterday. — PID photo

Tk 367.29 cr DCC budget

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crore for construction of offices and library for the commissioners. Tk 3 crore for development of play ground and physical training centres. Tk 2 crore for construction of flyovers, Tk 1.5 crore for fountain construction. Tk one crore for development of city parks, Tk one crore for expansion of grave-yard and Tk 30 lakh for the development of cremation ground. In the new budget, Tk 27 crore was allocated for building new markets and developing the old ones and Tk one crore for setting up a mother and child care centre from the donors' funds.

The new budget estimated that Tk 40 crore would be earned from the DCC markets. Tk 95 crore from holding taxes. Tk 40 crore from advances of the markets. Tk 10 crore from trade licences, Tk 8 crore from rents of markets and the Nagar Bhaban.

In the budget, the government contribution has been shown at Tk 70 crore and Tk 10 crore from the sale of non-usable assets.

The mayor said the amount allocated in the new budget was too insufficient for providing various essential services and other civic amenities to the city-dwellers and appealed to the Prime Minister for additional government allocation for the DCC. In this regard, he

thanked the Prime Minister for her assurance of more financial assistance.

Hanif mentioned that various government, semi-government and autonomous bodies owed the DCC Tk 17 crore and the general taxpayers Tk 25 crore in taxes. He urged those bodies and individuals to clear these dues for the sake of continuing the development activities of the DCC and increasing civic amenities.

In his budget speech, the mayor said he along with the elected commissioners had identified the problems facing the city-dwellers in each of the 90 wards of the DCC. Replying to a question, he said a 20-member in committee in each ward headed by the commissioners were being formed to 'identify the terrorists' and sought the cooperation of the Home Ministry in bringing the terrorists to book.

The ward commissioners need some legal powers to deal with the terrorists," he said.

Replying to another question, Hanif said he would meet the chiefs of those political parties which are occupying the DCC lands illegally, and ask them to vacate those.

The DCC would not evict the hawkers from the footpaths unless alternative arrangements were made for them, he said in response to a question.

Hasina

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doors for the Opposition to go back to Parliament and not allowing them to discuss various problems of the farmers and the people.

Hasina was critical that when non-government teachers were observing hunger strike, the Prime Minister hosted an expensive dinner and set up her new office at Hare Road. This was a sheer wastage of people's money, she added.

She alleged that the Prime Minister, during her visit to India, had sold out the country's interest by signing an agreement with Indian Prime Minister Narasimha Rao. She even did not discuss the crucial issue of sharing water of the Ganges river, Hasina said.

Recalling BNP's campaign against Awami League, which they branded as pro-Indian, Hasina said the people have now realised who was selling the country's interest to India.

On the 25-year Friendship Treaty with India, Hasina said if it comes to power, the Awami League will not renew the accord in view of the changed global and regional situation.

"Although the Awami League cleared its position on the treaty, BNP that once used to criticise it as a bond of slavery now remained mum about the treaty," she said.

The Awami League chief also criticised Begum Zia, the leader of the third largest Muslim country, for her failure to meet the Saudi King during the Hajj this year.

Presided over by Netrakona Awami League leader Fazlur Rahman Khan, the meeting was addressed by Zillur Rahman, Zubed Ali MP, Samsul Haq MP, Adv Mosharraf Hossain MP, Altaf Hossain Golondaz MP, Principal Matur Rahman and Jalaluddin Talukdar.

On her way to Netrakona, Hasina had earlier addressed a wayside rally at Bhaluka.

One killed in Hathazari clash

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 18: One person was killed in an exchange of fire between police and an armed gang in Hathazari thana this morning.

The gang attempted to snatch away an accused, Md Shahinawaz, who was arrested in connection with several criminal cases from Dalai village of Hathazari thana.

Police said as the armed elements opened fire on them, police returned the fire.

The victim, identified as Md Jasim (30), was killed in the crossfire, sources said.

Later, the armed gang also gheraoed a nearby police camp but escaped when police went into action.

ZIA clash

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According to sources, some members of the Bangladesh Biman Sramik Union (BBSU) and the Air Workshop Technical Workers Union started clash around 6.30 pm yesterday. They pelted stones and wielded sticks.

The incident was a sequel to tension between members of the two unions over the arrest of the former President of Air Workshop Technical Workers on June 17.

Cantonment police said they had arrested K. Khasru following a written complaint by one Solomon on June 16.

Police said they were not asked to intervene when the clashes occurred yesterday.

The Airport authorities confirmed the incident but declined to give details.

Speaker

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virtually be a caretaker government as demanded by the Opposition and it will have no scope to influence the electoral process," said the BNP leader.

Meanwhile, the Opposition, which has given an ultimatum to the government to bring a bill regarding caretaker government by June 26, is now preparing to wage a movement to realise the demand. The opposition parties have been discussing the possible agitation programmes to be announced after the expiry of the 'deadline'.