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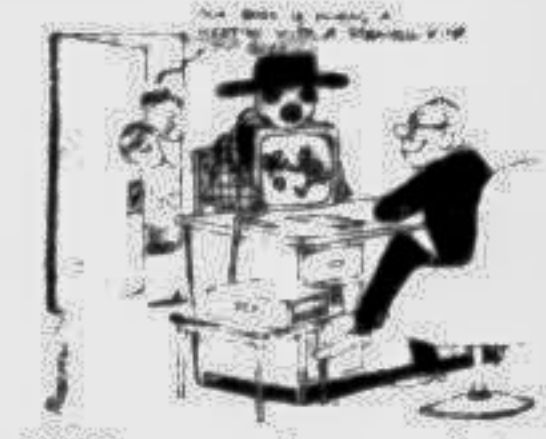
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Holiday Notice

The offices of The Daily Star will remain closed today on the occasion of holy Ashura. Therefore, there will be no issue of the newspaper tomorrow.

NEWS BRIEFS

Hasina goes to Tangail tomorrow

Leader of the Opposition and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will address a public meeting at Tangail tomorrow. District Awami League has organised the meeting to press home the demand for a non-partisan neutral government, reports UNB.

Savar municipal polls June 27

SAVAR, June 20: Election to Saver Municipality will be held on June 27. The Election Commission announced today. The decision was taken following discharge of a case in the Higher Court against delimitation of ward which had forced postponement of the election for six times. The election in the municipality was due in 1992, reports UNB.

Blast kills 70 inside Iranian mosque

NICOSIA (Cyprus), June 20: Seventy Muslim worshippers were killed and 114 wounded Monday when a bomb exploded in a crowded mausoleum in Mashhad in north-east Iran, reports AP.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the Iranians had gathered in the prayer hall of the mausoleum of the Imam Reza, one of the saints of the Shi'ite branch of Islam to observe the Islamic mourning day of Ashura.

That is the anniversary of the 7th century martyrdom of the sect's most revered saint, Imam Hussein (RA), grandson of the Prophet Mohammed (SA), Islam's founder.

IRNA said 70 people were killed and 114 rushed to hospitals in the city, 450 miles

east of Tehran.

It was the worst known terrorist attack in the country since the 1988 ending of the eight-year Iran-Iraq war.

A resident of Mashhad who visited the scene told Reuters that the bomb seemed to go off in the women's section of the mausoleum and that ambulances were still rushing to the scene almost four hours after the blast.

Iranian television, which said the bomb had five kg explosives, showed workers, some in tears, clearing broken glass from a blood-splattered green marble floor.

One wall and the prayer hall's dome had caved in and scores of crystal chandeliers were shattered.

Iranian security sources told IRNA that clues they found

on the scene pointed to the involvement of the Mujahadeen Khalq, the largest Iranian dissident group.

The agency also said it received a call from a man who identified himself as spokesman for the Mujahadeen and claimed responsibility for the bombing.

But in a statement issued from its office in France, a Mujahadeen spokesman 'strongly condemned' the bombing. 'Such criminal actions, which inflict casualties on innocent people, only serve the interests of the mullahs' regime,' the spokesman said.

Several small bombs have exploded in Tehran in recent months and authorities have blamed Iraq, its enemy in the 1980-88 war, and the Mujahadeen.

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Opposition to announce 'common bill' on caretaker govt June 27

By Staff Correspondent

The Opposition parties in Parliament are now drafting a 'common bill' outlining the formula for a caretaker government and will announce it on June 27, Opposition leaders said yesterday.

The Opposition will also announce its agitation programmes after its June 26 'deadline' is over, they said in a press briefing at the Parliament building.

Tofael Ahmed of Awami League, Moudud Ahmed of Jatiya Party, and Latifur Rahman of the Jamaat-e-Islami spoke on behalf of their respective parties at the briefing which was held following a closed-door meeting chaired by Sheikh Hasina.

Tofael said that the Opposition leaders examined different aspects of the Constitution in relations to their demand for a caretaker government to finalise the 'common bill'.

Moudud Ahmed, alleged that the ruling party is holding Parliament session without any quorum and the national budget is likely to be passed in

such a House. In reply to a question on whether the Jamaat is 'partly participating' in the session by submitting notices on different issues, Latifur Rahman said 'one or two MPs submitted such notices on their own.'

Replying to a question, Tofael said the Opposition parties have more or less arrived at a consensus on the modality of a caretaker government. The sub-committee concerned will make a detailed scrutiny of the modality before its final announcement on June 27, he added.

About the agitation programme, he said the Opposition parties will sit separately to discuss the possible programme which will also be announced simultaneously.

Reacting to the government move to pass the national budget without the Opposition, Tofael said this is completely undemocratic. He described the government as inefficient and non-responsive to the socio-economic and political problems.

Appropriation Bill adopted

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) yesterday adopted the Appropriation (Supplementary) Bill, 1994, granting the government an additional amount of Taka 4566 crore, 98 lakh and 42 thousand from the Consolidated Fund to meet the estimated expenditures of different ministries for the current fiscal ending on June 30.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman moved the Appropriation Bill to give legal effect to the supplementary budget.

The opposition parties have been continuing their boycott. See Page 12 Col 8

Bangladesh Bank services declared essential

The government has declared the services of all category officers and employees of the Bangladesh Bank essential, according to an official hand-out in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

The government considers that all categories of services of the Bangladesh Bank are essential for continuation of the functioning of the bank necessary for leading normal life of the people.



Swedish defender Roger Ljung leaps to nod the ball home for his side's first goal during the Scandinavians' World Cup Group B opener against Cameroon at the Rose Bowl Stadium, Los Angeles on Sunday. The ding-dong affair ended 2-2. — AFP photo

'African lions' relive sensation

PASADENA, Calif, June 20: Sweden and Cameroon fought out a 'see-saw' World Cup 2-2 tie Sunday. Thomas Dahlin firing a 75th minute equalizer for the Swedes to capture a point, reports AP.

Defender Roger Ljung headed the Swedes in front after seven minutes but goals by David Embor (31st minute) and Francois Omam-Biyick (47th) turned the game around at the Rose Bowl.

Some calamitous defending by Cameroon set up Ljung's early goal.

Jonas Thern looped over a free kick from the left and Cameroon goalie Joseph-Antoine Bell was totally deceived by the flight. He left his line and no one picked up two Swedish players at the back. Thomas Dahlin didn't get to the ball but Ljung did and he headed in from three metres (yards).

Cameroon may have been weak at the back but looked good going forward.

Omam-Biyick went close with a long-range lob and Louis Paul Mfede shot just wide of the post.

The first equalizer came when Swedish defender Patrick Andersson had a clearance charged down by Marc Vivien Foe on the edge of the penalty area.

Seven minutes later, Swedish goalie Thomas Ravelli produced a finger-tip save to keep out a long-range header from defender Raymond Kalla Nkongo.

Cameroon took the lead in the second minute of the second half when a long high free kick from Hans Agbo put the Swedish defence in a goal.

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TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP MATCHES ON BTV

Group D Argentina vs Greece 22:30 (BST)
Group C Germany vs Spain 02:00 (BST)
Group D Nigeria vs Bulgaria 05:30 (BST)

Ashura today

By Staff Correspondent
The holy Ashura, the 10th of Muharram in the Islamic calendar, will be observed today by the Muslims all over the country with due homage.

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The Muslim world observes the day commemorating the supreme sacrifices made by Imam Hossain (RA) and his followers in the desert of Karbala for establishing truth and justice and upholding the cause of Islam.

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Judgement in Golam Azam case tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court is scheduled to announce at 9 am tomorrow the judgement on the government appeal against the High Court Division's order restoring the citizenship of Jamaat-e-Islami leader Golam Azam.

Led by Justice M H

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আপনার পরিবেশ সুন্দর ও পরিষ্কার রাখুন
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News Analysis

DSE passing thru' testing times

By S Y Bakht

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the lone bourse in the country's fledgling capital market, is passing through some testing times.

In recent days the stock market operators received a dose of both good and bad news amid the ongoing acute slump in stock prices, which forced the daily turnover at the DSE to nose dive to a yearly low of Tk 56.8 lakh on June 6 from an all-time high of Tk 13.1 crore set on January 22 last. The total turnover stood at Tk 56.8 lakh yesterday.

The good news came in the form of fiscal incentives, to activate the capital market, announced in the proposed budget for 1994-95 by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman earlier this month.

Almost at the same time, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) provided a damper by announcing strin-

gent registration regulations for all stock market operators.

The Finance Minister announced a number of moves to boost the country's capital market. He proposed reduction of income tax of publicly traded companies from 40 per cent to 37.5 per cent. He also proposed to withdraw the 15 per cent investment tax credit incentive from the government-issued savings certificate purchased after June 30, 1994, to divert individual investors to the share market.

Strongly resented by the share market operators, the SEC published newspaper advertisements on June 11 requiring all stock dealers, brokers and sub-brokers to register with the commission within the next two weeks.

Gazetted earlier this month, the regulation bars anyone who is also a director of a listed company, from registering as a

stock dealer or broker and lays down detailed book-keeping guidelines for all share market operators.

Currently operating under a very loose set of guidelines with little safeguards to protect the rights of individual shareholders, the DSE members reacted sharply against the above mandatory provisions.

Market observers noted that the members have reasons to be concerned as a number of the existing 195 or so members of the DSE are also directors of listed companies and a system of keeping detailed records of transactions are yet to be developed. However, DSE rules prohibit members from dealing in shares of companies in which they are also directors.

'We do need the rules and regulations but if it is made See Page 12 Col 3

Toab Khan granted ad-interim bail

Advisory Editor of the Bengali daily 'Janakantha' Toab Khan was granted ad-interim bail yesterday by the High Court Division of the Supreme Court comprising Justice D M Ansaruddin Ahmed and Justice Nurul Islam, reports BSS.

Khan was arrested on June 8 on charge of having published an article in his paper allegedly hurting the religious sentiment of the people.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka had earlier rejected a bail prayer moved on behalf of Khan.

UNB adds: The District and Sessions Judge's Court yesterday rejected the ad-interim bail prayer of assistant editor of the Janakantha, ATM Shamsuddin.

Judge Abdus Salam fixed June 25 for hearing the bail prayer.

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate had rejected his bail petition on June 18 when he surrendered to the court and sent him to jail.

Move to amend Printing Presses Act 1973

The government is contemplating amending the existing law providing for minimum 15 years' experience as working journalist for editor of a newspaper or news agency.

Senior official sources told UNB yesterday that a draft bill seeking amendment to the Printing Presses and Publications (Declaration and Registration) Act of 1973 is awaiting approval of the cabinet before taken to Parliament.

The sources said the step is being taken in view of persistent demand of the journalists community to maintain dignity of the editorial institution and the profession of journalism more effective in sustaining democracy.

The draft bill proposed that an editor of a newspaper or news agency must have reasonable qualifications and See Page 12 Col 6

Gunmen kidnap, kill top Kashmiri Muslim leader

SRINAGAR, June 20: Gunmen abducted and assassinated a prominent Muslim religious leader in Kashmir and dumped his bullet-ridden body near a Mosque early Monday, reports AP.

No one claimed responsibility for killing Qazi Nissar, 42, the chief Muslim preacher of south Kashmir.

The government linked the assassination to a rivalry between militant groups fighting for Kashmir's secession from India, some of which support independence while others want a merger with neighbouring Pakistan.

The leader of the most powerful militant organization accused government agents of the killing.

More than 100,000 people carried Nissar's body to a Muslim prayer ground in the town of Anantnag, police said.

Reporters said that along with the normal anti-Indian chants, many marchers shouted slogans against Pakistan which are rarely heard in Kashmir, even among those who support independence for the Muslim-majority territory.

The killing could delay the release of two British tourists who were kidnapped June 6. The militants, holding the Britons have demanded a suspension of military operations in the area, which is less likely in the tumult following the killing.

Nissar was taken from his home in Anantnag, 40 kilometers south of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir state. His body was found outside a mosque in Dylagam, a nearby village.

Ramamohan Rao, a spokesman for the New Delhi- See Page 12 Col 5

BLUE CROSS
SCORE BOARD

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Group E: Norway 1; Mexico 0
Group B: Sweden 2; Cameroon 2

STANDINGS

Group A:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	0	0	3	1	3	0
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
USA	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Colombia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Group B:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cameroon	1	0	1	0	2	2
Sweden	1	0	1	0	2	2
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group C:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	1	3
S Korea	1	0	1	0	2	2
Spain	1	0	1	0	2	2
Bolivia	1	0	0	1	0	0

Group D:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greece	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group E:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	1	1	0	0	1	3
Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	1
Norway	1	1	0	0	1	3
Italy	1	0	0	1	0	1

Group F:

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	1	1	0	0	1	3
Morocco	1	0	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	0	0	0	0	0
S Arabia	0	0	0	0	0	0

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