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Supreme Court upholds  
HC verdict on Azam

By Staff Correspondent

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday upheld the verdict of the High Court Division restoring the citizenship of Jamaat-e-Islami Leader Golam Azam.

Presiding judge of the four-man bench Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman announced the order at 9 am in a crowded court room saying, "The appeal filed by the government is hereby dismissed".

The judgement order, dismissing the government appeal against an earlier High Court decision restoring the citizenship of Azam, was unanimous.

Justice ATM Afzal, Justice Mustafa Kamal and Justice Latifur Rahman were the other

members of the bench. The Appellate Division heard the appeal for 12 days between May 4 and June 5.

The written judgement



Golam Azam

would be released to the respective lawyers of the two sides in the next few weeks, after they file applications seeking its copies.

Giving his reactions immediately after the judgement, AR Yusuf, Bar-at-Law, counsel for Azam, said: "I am very happy that an innocent, God-fearing and pious man got complete justice from the highest court of the country. Therefore, I am very happy to have won the case."

Asked if this decision had brought the curtain down over the question of his client's citizenship, Yusuf added: "Yes, this is the final chapter. Only the Attorney General may now

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Accept demand to  
avert crisis: Hasina

TANGAIL, June 22: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today asked the government to bring a caretaker government bill in Parliament to resolve the present political crisis, reports UNB.

"A dangerous situation is prevailing in the country and it can be overcome only through an election under a neutral caretaker government," she told a big rally at the Bindu Bashini High School ground this afternoon.

She said massive rigging and violence in by-elections in Mirpur, Bhola and Magura and killings during and after the city corporation polls clearly proved that polls under the BNP can never be impartial.

People have raised the demand for a caretaker government to ensure their franchise

and end 'corrupt' rule of the BNP, she told the rally.

Hasina, also Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, blamed the ruling party for making Parliament inoperative by disallowing the Opposition to discuss and resolve problems of commonman.

She criticised the government for placing the national budget in Parliament keeping the entire Opposition outside the House. People will not accept this budget ridden with VAT and other taxes, she said.

The Awami League chief said the economy was now in shambles and administration in disarray because of the government's 'inefficiency, corruption and policy of politicisation'.

Hasina also criticised Prime

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Protesters baton  
charged on  
DU campus

By DU Correspondent

Scores of youths were injured on the Dhaka University campus yesterday when police baton charged a student demonstration demanding trial of Golam Azam as 'war criminal'.

Police lobbed some eight rounds of tear gas shells in and around the TSC during a two-hour clash with the students which started at 7:15 yesterday evening.

Besides, hundreds of students and cultural activists including females, were trapped inside the TSC as police charged at them indiscriminately.

Police picked up three persons including a Dhaka University student, Zahidul-Huq, during the clash.

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Ashura  
observed

By Staff Correspondent

The holy Ashura, the 10th of Muharram was observed by the Muslims throughout the country on Tuesday.

The Muslims all over the world observe the day commemorating the supreme sacrifices made by Hazrat Imam Hossain (RA), grandson of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM), and his followers in the desert of Karbala for establishing truth and justice and upholding the cause of Islam.

The day was a public holiday. Different religious and social organisations on the solemn occasion held milad mahafil and Quran Khwani. Special prayers for the welfare of the Muslim Ummah were offered in mosques. Several organisations also served food to the destitutes.

The Shia organisations brought out mourning processions in various places of the country. A large procession was brought out from Hossett-e-Dalan in old Dhaka which marched different streets of the capital.

Many Muslims, observed fast for the peace of the departed souls of Hazrat Imam Hussain (RA) and his followers who embraced martyrdom at Karbala.

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Argentine captain Diego Maradona flies as he is blocked by Greek defenders Panagiotis Tsalouchidis (R) and Nikolaos Nioplias (L) at the Foxboro Stadium outside Boston Tuesday during the World Cup Group D tie. Argentina won 4-0. Story on Page 5.

—AFP photo

## Klinsmann to champs' rescue

CHICAGO, June 22: Juergen Klinsmann came to the rescue of world champions Germany for the second consecutive match when he scored a vital second half equaliser in the 1-1 World Cup draw with Spain on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Klinsmann, whose goal clinched Germany's 1-0 victory over Bolivia in the opening Group C match, got his head to a free kick from midfielder Thomas Haessler two minutes into the second half to cancel out a 14th minute goal from Juan Goikoetxea.

The goal turned the game around for the Germans. They were outplayed in the first half and often made to look sluggish at the back by an inspired Spain who were unlucky not to seal their first victory over the Germans for a decade.

Spain, who managed only a 2-2 draw with South Korea in their opening match, enjoyed a slice of luck with their goal.

Goikoetxea raced down the right flank and whipped over a speculative cross to the far post. It rebounded off the top of the left-hand post and into the net with German goal-

keepers Bodo Illgner off his line and floundering.



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But it was a deserved lead after Illgner had been forced into making two fine saves as the Spaniards stormed forward in the first half.

Spain would have sealed their first victory over the

Although the point gained almost certainly ensured Germany a place in the second round, coach Berti Vogts will be concerned about the way his team failed to create a significant number of chances.

Spain last defeated Germany during the 1984 European Championships in Paris. They will not get any closer to

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'Proposed budget fails to provide  
impetus to sluggish economy'

By Staff Correspondent

The proposed budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year fails to provide any clear indication for accelerating the growth of the country's sluggish economy, observed a panel of experts in a discussion meeting of the budget yesterday.

However, they welcomed the fact that no new taxes were introduced while it was reduced in a number of areas. But the proposed budget failed to focus much attention on the industries catering to the domestic market while providing much needed incentives to the growth of the export sector, it was pointed out.

"Economic growth is not Biman's services essential

The government yesterday declared the services of all employees of the Bangladesh Biman Corporation most essential, reports UNB.

The announcement said this order would be effective for all services of the Bangladesh Biman Corporation under Essential Services (Second) Ordinance, 1958 with a view to ensuring normal activities in public life, says an official handout.

still visible in the country and there is no strong or positive overview of economic growth in the proposed budget," said Jamaluddin Ahmed, a former deputy prime minister and ex-president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

He was talking at a panel discussion on the proposed budget organised by the

Bangladesh-American Economic Forum. Chaired by forum president Forrest E Cookson, the other panel members were Latifur Rahman, President of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dr Wahiduddin Mahmud, Chairman, Department of

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TONIGHT'S WORLD CUP  
MATCHES ON TV  
Group E: Italy vs Norway 02:00 (BST)  
Group C: S. Korea vs Bolivia 05:30 (BST)

**Power plants  
Ministry asked to  
negotiate with  
private sector**

The Cabinet has directed the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry to expedite negotiations with the private sector concerns interested to set up power generation plants in the country, reports UNB.

The decision was taken in the Cabinet meeting held at the Bangabhaban yesterday with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in the chair.

The Cabinet also approved, in principle, the draft of law relating to suppression of crimes against safety of aircraft.

**'Strengthen Press  
Council'**

By Staff Correspondent

The editors and senior journalists of various newspapers at a meeting yesterday stressed the need for strengthening the Press Council to enable it to deal with all the legal matters concerning newspapers.

Speakers at the meeting said since the journalists are engaged in a risky and responsible profession, they should be issued 'summons' instead of warrant of arrest for any legal matter relating to their discharge of duties.

Journalists should also be more responsible in performing their duties so that their reports do not hurt the sentiment of the people or go against the national interest, the meeting said.

The meeting organised by Bangladesh Federal Union of

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**Star Editor  
surprised**

Staff Correspondent

In a letter written to Kazi Shahed Ahmed, President of the Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP), the Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, expressed his surprise at some press reports about his membership of the Shadhinata Brodhi Shakti Protirodh Jatiya Committee which was formed in a meeting at the Jatiya Press Club on 19 June, 1994.

The Star editor said in his letter that he was never consulted nor did he give his consent for his name to be used in such a committee.

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### TUESDAY'S RESULTS

**Group B:** Brazil 2; Russia 0  
**Group D:** Argentina 4; Greece 0  
**Group F:** Netherlands 2; S. Arabia 1

### WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

**Group C:** Germany 1; Spain 1  
**Group D:** Nigeria 3; Bulgaria 0

### STANDINGS

Group A:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Group D:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	1	3	Argentina	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Nigeria	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
U.S.A.	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Colombia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	Greece	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Group B:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Group E:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	Ireland	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sweden	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	Norway	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Russia	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	Italy	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Group C:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Group F:	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	1	1	0	2	1	4	Belgium	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Spain	2	0	2	0	3	3	2	Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
S. Korea	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	Morocco	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Bolivia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	S. Arabia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

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