

'Demand for caretaker govt absurd'

Speakers at a discussion yesterday described the demand for a caretaker government as an absurd proposition sure to disrupt the present democratic process, reports BSS.

Organised by the Nationalist Lawyers' Forum, the function was chaired by its convenor Justice TH Khan.

Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, former president of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Dr. Mahbubullah, Province-chancellor, National University, Dr. M Ershadul Bari, Dean, Faculty of Law, Dhaka University, Mahbub Anam, Editor, the Bangladesh Times and Abdul Wadud Khandaker, member-secretary of the Forum spoke on the occasion.

Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed said the demand for a caretaker government was a political stunt, a ploy to undermine the elected government. He said the prime responsibility of the political parties was to uphold country's Constitution. The present Constitution did not have any provision for a caretaker government.

He suggested that the four main political parties should convene an extra-ordinary session of Parliament and thrash out the current stalemate.

Dr. Mahbubullah ruled out the possibility of forming a caretaker government and said it was unfortunate that the

demand was being raised by a political party which had a long tradition of struggle for the establishment of democracy in the country.

He said the political parties had only expressed no-confidence in themselves by demanding the formation of a caretaker government to hold polls. "It clearly shows that they have no confidence in themselves to hold free and fair elections," he said.

Dr. Ershadul Bari said the Opposition demand for a caretaker administration during the present democratic government was not tenable.

He said the context of a caretaker government in 1991 and now was totally different. The opposition parties had virtually expressed their no-confidence in the Election Commission, which tantamounts to a violation of the Constitution provision, he said.

Mahbub Anam said it seemed that the entire nation had become hostage at the present moment. He said the demand was uncalled for and was designed only to belittle the democratic government.

Giving statistics of the various by-elections held under the present government, Anam said out of 18 by-elections, opposition candidates won in 10 seats while the ruling party bagged eight seats. This clearly shows how free and fair the pollings had been, he added.

Anam said if the government had wanted to influence the polling, it could have done so during the mayoral polls. He said there was no short cut to power.

Justice TH Khan said the country was being divided by some people who were making an issue out of a non-issue.

He said a caretaker government cannot be an alternative to an elected government.

Press Council

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Journalists (BFUJ) resented the recent attacks on some newspaper offices.

The speakers demanded amendment to the Printing Press and Publications Act for ensuring appointment of professional journalists as editors. A responsible editorial institution can emerge only under the leadership of a professional editor, they said.

Presided over by BFUJ President Gias Kamal Chowdhury, the meeting was addressed by, among others, Editor of the Sampradika Birodhi Chhatra Samaj, an alliance of pro-liberation student bodies.

Police chased the demonstrators when they pelted stones at a police van.

Later police entered the TSC and abused the students engaged in various activities, creating panic among them.

The Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, condemning the police 'atrocities' said that more than 50 cultural activists were attacked and injured by the police inside the TSC. The jote also urged the government to disassociate itself from the 'razakars'.

The Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) condemned the action of police on the students.

Our JU Correspondent adds: The Jahangirnagar University unit of the Ghatik Dal Nirmul Committee put up a barricade on Dhaka-Aricha highway for one hour from 8 pm demanding trial of Golam Azam as 'war criminal'.

The committee activists also brought out procession and held rally on the campus protesting the activities of extremist circle in the country.

repeating the feat than they did at Chicago's Soldier Field.

A large German contingent in the 63,113 crowd was silenced for most of the first half as the Spanish took the game to the world champions.

Golkotexa was a constant danger down the right wing in the early stages. Twice Illgner had to turn the ball around his left-hand post to keep out shots from Sergi and Josep Guardiola in the 10th and 13th minutes.

The Germans were restricted to one chance in the first half when midfielder Stefan Effenberg headed a free kick over the bar in the 30th minute.

They looked much more determined in the second half but the inventive Spaniard continued to pose them problems.

Jose Luis Caminero was a constant danger in midfield and sweeper Fernando Hierro, who marshalled the defence well, was also dangerous when he got forward.

Illgner had to make another fine save to his left to stop Hierro for scoring from a long-range free kick in the 70th minute.

But four minutes from time Klinsmann had great chance to steal victory for the Germans. After breaking clear the Monaco striker pulled his shot fractionally wide of the right-hand post.

Klinsmann was by far Germany's most dangerous player. Midfielder Andy Moeller failed to impress beside him and Vogts brought on veteran Rudi

Voeller in the second half in an effort to improve the German attack.

"It was a tough match and both teams should be happy with the draw," Vogts said. "The Spanish goal was a bit lucky... but I can't blame Bodo Illgner. He made two great saves."

Spanish coach Javier Clemente said that with three points being awarded for a win his team needed to win their last group match against Bolivia to be sure of a place in the second round.

"We had two or three chances to win it but we did not take advantage if them," Clemente said. "In the old system we might have qualified already. A draw could be enough against Bolivia but we need a victory."

MATCH STAT

Match statistics for Tuesday's Germany v Spain World Cup, Group C game:

	Germany	Spain
Goals	1	1
Shots on goal	13	16
Fouls	12	18
Corners	6	5
Offsides	2	2
Yellow cards	1	1
Red cards	0	0

STANDINGS

	World Cup, Group C standings after Tuesday's Germany v Spain match (tabulate under played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):
Germany	2 1 1 0 2 1 4
Spain	2 0 2 0 3 3 2
South Korea	1 0 1 0 2 2 1
Bolivia	1 0 0 1 0 1 0

Editor: Mahfuz Anam



Bangladesh Muktiyoddha Sangsad brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding Golam Azam's trial for 'war crimes'. — Star photo



The Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh brought out a procession in the city celebrating the verdict on Golam Azam's citizenship yesterday. — Star photo

Golam Azam

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file a petition for a review of the decision.

Attorney General Aminul Huq, who represented the government in the case, declined to give his reactions on the judgement. Asked if the government was contemplating filing a review petition, he said, "I would not like to comment about the review petition without seeing the copy of the judgement."

Both he and Yusuf said that they would file applications for copies of the judgement today.

Last year, a single bench of the High Court Division restored the citizenship of the Jamaat leader following a writ challenging the government order cancelling his citizenship.

Comprising Justice Anwarul Huq Chowdhury, the single bench was constituted by the Chief Justice after a division bench consisting of Justice Ismail Uddin Sarkar and Justice BA Chowdhury had given a split verdict on the writ in 1992.

The government notification cancelling the citizenship of Golam Azam was issued on April, 1972. After staying April, 1972. After staying April, 1972. After staying April, 1972.

Azam was earlier detained under the Foreigners' Act on March 24, 1992 and was released on July 15, 1993 when the Appellate Division rejected a provisional stay petition filed by the government seeking stay of operation of the High Court judgement which declared his detention illegal and ordered his immediate release.

Akbar Seth murder: 3 get life terms

Three persons were awarded life term yesterday in the judgement of the sensational Akbar Seth Murder Case, reports BSS.

Additional Sessions Judge Third Court Dhaka Shaukat Hossain while delivering the judgement, found Alijan, Fazlu and one Ataur (tried in absentia) guilty of murder and awarded them life imprisonment. The Judge also ordered them to pay a fine of Tk 10,000 each in default to suffer further two years of rigorous imprisonment.

Akbar Seth, a prominent businessman of old city was murdered on the night of August 13, 1991 at Armanitola area of the city while he was returning from his office at a

nearby paper market. Prosecution story said he was coming in a rickshaw and was inflicted with multiple gun shots and chappati(chopper) blows and died instantly.

Four other accused have been acquitted. However, one Ratan, a businessman of Badamtali also charged with the murder has recently been murdered when the case was being argued.

Prosecution in all examined 24 witnesses. Advocates T M Akbar, Ozair Farooq and others defended the accused.

Public prosecutor Abdur Razzak Khan assisted by APP Mahbub Ahmed, stood for the state.

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Dhaka refutes allegations in foreign press

Bangladesh yesterday asserted that laws of the land fully protect and uphold the fundamental rights of all Bangladeshi citizens, reports UNB.

The assertion came in response to some news items appearing in a section of foreign press about the alleged denial of fundamental rights to some individuals who have been at the centre of recent public controversies.

A spokesman of the Foreign Ministry refuted the allegation and expressed disappointment about the 'selective and negative presentation of facts' by that section of foreign press.

He pointed out that someone absconding and running away from the law cannot obviously claim the legal protection.

In recent days, the spokesman said, it has been evident in this particular context that those who sought the protection of the law duly enjoyed their fundamental rights.

3 hurt as police, muggers trade fire in city

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including a baby, suffered bullet wounds when police and muggers traded gunshots in the city's Mohammadpur area yesterday.

Police identified one of them injured as a mugger. Two other victims were Anwar Begum, 30, and her four-year-old son, Khokon.

Two constables chased the muggers when they were fleeing by an auto-rickshaw after snatching gold chains and rings from two women near Lalmita Girls College around 12:30 pm yesterday.

The two women — Sigma Alam Awa and Parul Bashir — were returning home from Mohammadpur Town Hall Bazar by a rickshaw.

Police arrested two muggers — Faruk and Manul Hasan alias Sakil — and recovered the gold ornaments and a revolver from them.

Road barricade demanding Comilla Divn today

From Our Correspondent

COMILLA, June 22: The Comilla Division Implementation Council has called a six hour Dhaka-Chittagong road and rail blockade tomorrow (Thursday) demanding a separate Comilla Division.

The organisers called for a complete traffic blockade from 6 am to 12 noon.

At a meeting held this (Wednesday) evening at Comilla Town Hall, the organisers, including representatives from political, social and professional organisations, expressed their determination to make the blockade programme a success.

The organisers decided to put up rail blockades at Chandpur, Comilla and Brahmanbaria. Besides, ten spots in greater Comilla district have been selected for the barricade programme. The places include Mia Bazar, Poduabazar, Laksham, Eliotganj, Comiganjan, Talsahar and Chandura.

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The Midnight File

UN Council okays French-led intervention in Rwanda

UNITED NATIONS, June 22: The UN Security Council today authorised a French-led multinational military operation to intervene in Rwanda to protect civilians against massacres. In a resolution adopted here, the Security Council authorised the multinational force to use all means necessary to assure the protection of displaced persons, refugees and civilians in Rwanda, where hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in civil strife since April 6, reports AFP.

Fresh clashes in Kabul

KABUL, June 22: More than 50 civilians were wounded in fresh clashes in South Kabul, hospital staff said today, as peace talks collapsed between Rabbani President Burhanuddin Rabbani and Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. In the past 24 hours 51 civilians were admitted to South Kabul's Karte Se Hospital after being wounded in clashes between Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami faction and the pro-Rabbani Shite Harakat-i-Islami faction, reports AFP.

Dhaka must improve nutrition standard

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh ranks ninth among the developing countries of the world as regards family planning efforts. It has also made significant progress in the fields of safe drinking water and immunisation, according to the UNICEF.

A UNICEF report on the Progress of Nations released yesterday at a press conference in the city, however, pointed out that the level of malnutrition and disparity concerning girl child in Bangladesh were much higher compared to other developing countries.

The second issue of the UNICEF report highlighted achievements of over 160 nations as regards child health, nutrition, education, family planning, child rights and progress of women.

The press conference was addressed by, among others, acting chief of UNICEF, Bangladesh, Dr Dilwar Ali Khan, UNDP country representative Emie Watanabe and Anis Salem of UNICEF, among others.

The fertility rate in Bangladesh now is 4.8 births per woman, the report said.

"In Bangladesh, where the expanded programme on immunisation has achieved a near miracle, the percentage of children under one year of age immunised against the major childhood diseases has increased from 2 per cent in 1985 to almost 75 per cent today," Dr Dilwar said.

He also said that 85 per cent of the rural population now had access to tubewell water.

"One area which requires immediate attention is the control of malnutrition. Studies show that a staggering 93 per cent of Bangladesh's children are malnourished and 65 per cent of children under the age of 5 are severely stunted," Dr Dilwar said.

Related issues such as

Para-medical students go on rampage

By Staff Correspondent

A group of students of Para-Medical College went on the rampage on the streets at Mohakhali in the city yesterday afternoon.

They exploded crackers and damaged several vehicles near the Mohakhali bus terminal for half an hour beginning around 11 in the morning.

The students were protesting the alleged assault on one of their fellow students by transport workers at Mohakhali Tuesday evening.

According to the students, the transport workers earlier took Fazlul Karim inside the terminal and beat him up following an altercation over bus fare.

Hasina

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Minister Begum Zia for her failure to realise due share of the Ganges water from India in her government's three and a half years of rule.

Explaining the Awami League's policy and programme, she said if returned to power, her party would ensure basic needs of the people, increase agricultural and industrial production, create new jobs in rural and urban areas, eradicate illiteracy and enhance medicare facility for the common people.

The meeting was also addressed by Awami League central leaders Abdul Mannan, Amir Hossain Amu, Tofael Ahmed MP, Zillur Rahman, Abdul Jalil, Shamsur Rahman Khan Shajahan, Abul Hasan Chowdhury MP, Rahmat Ali MP and Qader Siddiqui.

Earlier, Hasina addressed wayside rallies at Mirzapur and Delduar.

She went to the residence of Chhatra League leader Shahed Chowdhury, killed by his political opponents recently. She also opened the Tangail Chhatra League office.

Student bodies call hartal on June 30

By DU Correspondent

The Sampradayaeka Birodhi Chhatra Samaj (SBCS) at a meeting yesterday called for a dawn to dusk hartal in the country on June 30 demanding trial of Golam Azam and all other communal forces and ban on religion based politics.

The meeting held at the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) was presided over by the President of Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K) Ruhul Qudus Babu.

The meeting also decided to hold a meeting of representatives of all the member-organisations of the SBCS at the Madhu's Canteen of Dhaka University to make the hartal programme a success.

JP office case

Trial of Ershad, 2 others resumes

The trial of deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad and two others, including a minister, in a corruption case known as JP office case resumed yesterday in the court of Additional Sessions Judge (first court) and Special Judge, Dhaka Mr Zinat Ara after gap of a fortnight, reports BSS.

Besides Ershad, other accused persons are former Works Minister Mostafa Jamal Haider and former chief engineer of the PWD and acting Works Secretary MA Rouf.

During nearly two-hour long trial yesterday, the evidence of prosecution witness Shahid Ahmed was recorded partly. Ahmed who is PW-2 in this case is a former executive engineer of the PWD and at present project director of the Housing and Settlement Directorate. He is expected to complete his deposition when the court meets next on July 6.

3 killed, 18 hurt in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

At least three people were killed and 18 others were injured in separate road accidents in the city Tuesday.

Ratan Kumar Das, 25, and a woman aged about 30, were killed and 18 others injured when three minibuses collided at Shahbagh Tuesday morning.

Of the injured 13 were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while five others were given first aid from there.

In another accident, a garments factory worker, Rina Akhter, 22, was killed when she was run over by a minibus at around 7 in the evening. She was a staff of Daina Garments.

Ashura observed

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Newspapers brought out special articles while Bangladesh Television and Radio Bangladesh put up special programmes highlighting the significance of the day.