



Professor Muhammad Yunus, Founder-Managing Director of Grameen Bank is seen (first from right) with Tun Rahah Mohammad Noah, the wife of former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Late Tun Abdul Razak, Ms Zinzi Mandela, daughter of Nelson Mandela, representing President Mandela of South Africa and Tan Sri Ahmad bin Mohamed Ibrahim, Dean of Law, International Islamic University of Malaysia. Three awardees of Tun Razak Award, 1994, are holding their gold medals and cash prizes.

By Staff Correspondent

The Grameen Bank was recently awarded the Tun Abdul Razak Award, 1994 by the Tun Abdul Razak Foundation of Malaysia.

Grameen Bank gets Tun Abdul Razak Award

Professor Muhammad Yunus, the founder and managing director of Grameen Bank, received the award on behalf of the bank, says a press release.

Russia for lifting of sanctions on Belgrade

ZAGREB, Aug 30: Russia called on Monday for an immediate lifting of some UN sanctions on rump Yugoslavia to reward it for imposing a blockade on the Bosnian Serbs for their refusal to agree to an international peace plan, reports Reuters.

Murayama may announce war reparations

TOKYO, Aug 30: Japan's Prime Minister is expected to announce war reparations after his just-ended southeast Asian tour, during which he repeatedly apologised for wartime atrocities, Tokyo News reports said today, reports Reuters.

PPP seeks China's support to resolve Kashmir issue

BEIJING, Aug 30: The visiting Pakistan People's Party (PPP) delegation on Monday briefed the Chinese Communist Party officials here on the human rights situation in occupied Kashmir, and sought their support in resolving the issue.

Lanka begins probe into HR violations by past regime

COLOMBO, Aug 30: The new government has begun a probe into one of the worst human rights violations by the previous regime in southern Sri Lanka five years ago during which about 32 school children disappeared, an official said Tuesday, reports AP.

Dialogue

From Page 1 Col 4 contacts with the Jatiya Party also.

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BNP gives its MPs a free hand in voting

By Staff Correspondent The ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) would give its MPs a free hand in voting for or against a bill introduced by treasury bench MP Farida Rahman.

2 top business executives of Sharif held

LAHORE, Pakistan, Aug 30: Pakistani police said today they had arrested two senior executives of Opposition leader Nawaz Sharif's Ittefaq Industrial Group on complaints of forgery, reports Reuters.



A procession towards the Jatiya Sangsad organised by the Sammilita Sangram Parishad, an alliance of religion groups, was intercepted by police near the Bangla Motor in the city yesterday.

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The Midnight File

Rockets pound Kabul: 5 die ISLAMABAD, Aug 30: Rebel forces fired 12 rockets into Kabul Tuesday killing five people and injuring three, Radio Kabul said.

UNITA ambushed US aid convoys, captures 70 workers

LUANDA, Aug 30: About 70 people, including a Portuguese priest and two people linked to a US aid Agency, were missing following an ambush in Angola by suspected UNITA rebels, state media and aid officials said today.

Pakistan, India expel diplomats JS session

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30: Pakistan today ordered an Indian diplomat to leave the country within a week, accusing him of spying, reports Reuters.

A government statement said JJ Singh, Consul in Karachi, had been declared persona non grata for "activities that are incompatible with his diplomatic status."

Pakistan and India each expelled two of the other officials in July in tit-for-tat moves that worsened a spy row between the regional enemies.

Both sides accused the other of spying through local agents, beating up one of its officials to get a confession and violating a code of conduct they signed in 1992 on the treatment of diplomats.

The government statement today gave no details of its case against Singh.

Meanwhile, AFP reports: India today expelled a Pakistani diplomat hours after Islamabad declared its Consul in Karachi persona non grata and gave him a week's time to leave.

Javed Ahmed, first secretary at the Pakistan High Commission here, was asked to leave for "involvement in activities incompatible with his diplomatic status," an official statement said.

The move came hours after the Indian Consul in Karachi, JJ Singh, was asked to leave Pakistan in seven days for alleged espionage.

Pakistan and India had expelled two of each other's officials last month.

US-led nations

From Page 1 Col 7 a nuclear weapon to be used. "In my own view, if a nuclear weapon is detonated in anger in the next five years or so, and one had to guess where is the most likely place for that to happen, it would seem to me personally — this is not an administration judgement — that the most likely place would be South Asia," one official told a meeting of the US Arms Control Association.

ISLAMABAD, Aug 30: A four-member delegation from the International Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) is to hold talks with the Pakistan government here on missile issues, the Foreign Ministry said today.

The delegation, which is due here on Wednesday for a two-day stay, will be led by MTCR chairman, ambassador Rolf Jeker of Switzerland, and will include officials from the United States, France and Japan, reports AFP.

A year ago, Central Intelligence Agency Director James Woolsey expressed similar fears, telling the US senate: "The arms race between India and Pakistan poses perhaps the most probable prospect for future use of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons."

Indian officials say the fear was exaggerated. "We are not yet ruled by mad men" to allow a nuclear war," a senior Indian diplomat said today. "The chances of a nuclear exchange with Pakistan are very, very remote."

Western diplomats said the visiting MTCR team was expecting to persuade India to make some concessions, possibly agreeing to delay deployment of its short-range Prithvi missile.

Foreign capital

From Page 1 Col 4 come here." Cooke's further observed that many countries were watching the actual action of the government in order to decide on investing here.

"For instance, Japan is watching the RAFCO deal. It has stirred a lot of doubts and hopes. Ultimately, if RAFCO becomes a success, Japanese investors will come here."

Drawing an optimistic line, Cooke said that the rural economy of Bangladesh has made significant progress and most farmers now have surplus production.

The previous government did two smart things — one was changing the fertiliser system under which private dealers distribute fertiliser in the country now and allowing import of pumps, which resulted in a sharp drop of price from Tk 4,000 to Tk 20,000 per pump.