



Sushmita Sen

Sushmita Sen in Cairo to attend UN confce

CAIRO, Sept 1: Miss Universe 1994, an 18-year-old Indian model, arrived here Wednesday to take part in the UN World Population Conference, reports AFP.

Brown-haired Sushmita Sen told journalists at the airport that she was coming to work and then for holidays.

She added she had decided to lend her support to the controversial conference because India "has a big population problem."

According to experts from the World Bank, India with its 896 million inhabitants could overtake China and become the planet's most populated country by 2035 if its current population growth rate continues.

Sen also brushed off threats by the outlawed Jamaa Islamiyya militant group which told delegates they were risking their lives by attending the conference saying "They don't matter."

The conference has come under fire from Islamic groups and the Vatican for its draft action plan for stabilising population growth which they say condones abortion, homosexuality and premarital sex.

Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Sudan are among countries which are to boycott the meeting which starts Monday until September 13 and is expected to be attended by about 155 countries.

Jamaat urges UN to withdraw draft document of Cairo confce

The Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh has urged the United Nations to withdraw what it called the horrifying, sacrilegious and harmful draft document of the Cairo conference on population and development, reports UNB.

Party chief Golam Azam in a memorandum to the UN Secretary General alleged that the world body in its document for the forthcoming conference had suggested extra-marital sex, homosexuality, abortion or honouring of illegitimate children.

It will only plunge the whole world into sexual anarchy, to the peril of humanity, he said in the memorandum submitted to the UN office here yesterday for conveying to UN Secretary General Boutros Ghali.

The memorandum said if the UN draft document is put into operation, it will only cause great repercussions, leading to the eventual destruction of the two oldest institutions — family and marriage — highly cherished by humanity from the very dawn of its history.

"It can be termed as a crusade against the human civilisation," the Jamaat leader said urging the UN "not to play with the sentiments, moral values and faiths of the people anywhere."

He also urged world leaders of all faiths to boycott the Cairo conference and reject the document to ensure onward march of human civilisation with all its moral values and sanctity.

Shantibahini

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few, he added. Welcoming the current repatriation of the Chakma refugees, he called for a durable solution of the issue through peaceful process.

Assigning the reasons for his return to normal life in his homeland, Tridip said that the misguided tribals who were still in the Shantibahini have no future and they were gradually getting frustrated.

JS boycott case: Hearing of writ Nov 8

The High Court Division yesterday fixed November 8 for hearing of the writ petition regarding the Opposition's boycott of Parliament, reports UNB.

A bench comprising Justices Kazi Shafiqul Hossain and Kazi AT Monwaruddin heard both sides and fixed the new date for the hearing after the Supreme Court's vacation beginning September 6.

The court had earlier decided to hear the case yesterday.

But Moudud Ahmed, Bar at Law, sought time to submit a reply to the rule issued upon

Doctors' rally

By Staff Correspondent

All administrative sections in the Health Directorate in the city remained closed yesterday as part of the doctors' agitation for realisation of their 21-point demand.

The doctors held a rally at the Health Directorate in Mohakhali.

DU classes

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Hossain, Dr. Moslehuddin Ahmad and Dr. Nazrul Islam.

The Syndicate also prayed for the salvation of the departed soul of Kamrul Islam, who died yesterday and expressed sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a statement yesterday condemned the terrorist activities on the campus and demanded a judicial enquiry into the incidents.

The DUTA alleged that the university authorities did not take timely measures to ensure the security of the teachers and students. The teachers also criticised the police role during the violence.

Dialogue

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He also declined to elaborate the outcome of yesterday's meeting of the opposition leaders.

The closed door meeting was attended by Awami League leaders Mohiuddin Ahmed, Tofael Ahmed, Sajeda Chowdhury, Matiya Chowdhury, Rahamat Ali and Sudhangshu Shekhar Halder, Jatiya Party's Moudud Ahmed, Anwar Hossain Manju, Nonirul Huq Chowdhury and Dr Faez Rabbi, Jamaat's Sheikh Ansar Ali and Latifur Rahman, Ganatantri Party's Suranjit Sengupta, and NDP's Salauddin Kader Chowdhury.

Mohammad Nasim urged the Opposition workers to make the scheduled September 10 Dhaka siege success.

Meeting sources said that the opposition parties accepted the proposal in principle but bidding would wait for Sheikh Hasina who is likely to return on September 3 after performing Umrah.

The meeting also discussed the formation of the team of negotiators for the proposed dialogue.

Soccer fans

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shutters around 8:30 last night.

Three people were picked up from the scene.

Motijheel police also received complaints of the vandals damaging two private cars.

The injured persons were treated at different city clinics and hospitals. No major casualties were reported.

Tributes to Osmany

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respect that Osmany had left the Awami League in 1975 for his belief in parliamentary democracy. "Bangabandhu accepted his resignation with due respect," he said.

Dr Kamal Hossain said elections that cannot be accepted by the people cannot be desired by any quarter also.

People have bitter experiences with elections in the past; so all practical and legal measures should be taken into consideration to ensure free and fair election, Kamal said.

"This can be ensured through consensus of the ruling and opposition parties in Parliament," he said and urged the Opposition to join Parliament.

Suranjit Sengupta said the political system in Bangladesh is one of parliamentary democracy. So if Parliament remains inoperative the whole state would collapse, he said, and urged the ruling party to take the pioneering role to put to an end to the existing crisis.

him, alongwith leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Moulana Matiuir Rahman Nizami on June 28.

KS Nabi, lawyer for Sheikh Hasina, also pressed for time in filing the reply on the plea that his client is outside the country and he needs her instruction to conduct the case.

Appearing on behalf of petitioner Anwar Hossain Khan, Mohammad Ali, Bar at Law, submitted that at this initial stage of the case the respondents may be allowed to submit the affidavit in opposition within Sunday.

"We can at least start the hearing of the case," he added. After hearing both sides, the court fixed the fresh date for the hearing.

Earlier Moudud Ahmed had argued that the case, being political in nature, should be settled politically. Moreover, he said, a dialogue between the government and the Opposition had begun in a bid to end the present impasse and the matter was likely to be settled within a short time.

Counsel Mohammad Ali countered that the people had sent their representatives to Parliament to look after their interests and it is immaterial whether the case is political or not.

He said, "We are neither in favour of the government nor the Opposition. We have come here with grievances as citizens. The MPs were not elected to take to the street demanding a caretaker government by boycotting the Sangsad sessions."

The petitioner alleged that the respondents had been boycotting Parliament in violation of constitutional obligations.

WB suggests

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structed projects. A clear demarcation of authority between the two wings was suggested with specific deadlines for implementation.

For improving the quality and speed of project implementation, pre-qualification of all contracts exceeding Tk 25 lakh was also proposed. A system of feedback on contractors' performance was also advised so that any contractor who performed poorly on a BWDB contract would be precluded from future contracts for three years.

Improved monitoring and supervision of projects during implementation period have also been specified.

Systematic inventory of completed BWDB projects was suggested for reforms in the O&M wing, to be initiated from October 1 next. Annual survey of the conditions of all completed projects, as well as people's participation and inclusion of NGOs in the planning process of the Board were also mentioned.

The WB mission also advised that the promotion procedure of the BWDB be based primarily on merit on the basis of qualifying examinations and evaluation of performances.

Suggesting a recasting of the present policy of appointing Chairman and Members of the BWDB, the aide memoire said that persons in these posts should have an expected term of at least three years.

According to a World Bank source, the reforms proposed in the aide memoire are in the main the product of analyses and recommendations of the BWDB's own staff. The action plan was prepared jointly by the BWDB and the WB mission followed by drafting of the aide memoire.



Some 200 members of the news media in Taiwan braving strong wind and heavy rain, march down Taipei's streets yesterday, demanding that media owners refrain from formulating editorial policies. The banner unfurled by the protesters read: 'Editing and news coverage are not independent in Taiwan.'

Fresh gunbattle at DU

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some unidentified gunmen, allegedly BCL (B-K) activists, opened fire from near the lecture theatre area when a procession of the BCL (M-I) was crossing the nearby road, eyewitnesses said.

The BCL (M-I) brought out the procession at about 11:50 am to drum up support for its national council on September 7.

Following the firing, the processionists dispersed and took position in and around the Arts Faculty building.

Later, the BCL (M-I) activists also started firing, witnesses said.

At one stage, the BCL (M-I) activists started chasing the rival BCL workers.

The BCL (B-K) militants then took position near the Commerce Faculty and the International Hostel and continued firing.

Later police started lobbing tear gas shells in and around the lecture theatre, Arts Faculty and IBA building areas.

Meanwhile, BCL (M-I) brought out another procession from near the Arts building chanting slogans against terrorism.

Witnesses said that police lobbed shells to disperse the BCL (M-I) procession when it reached near the DUCSU building at around 12:20 pm.

The BCL (B-K) too, brought out another procession from the lecture theatre area which was also dispersed by police near the IBA building. Police

chased them and lobbed tear gas.

The BCL (B-K) activists then took shelter inside the IBA and lecture theatre, witnesses said and added that police then entered the Madhu's canteen and asked all to leave the place.

At about 12:30pm, a group of riot police lobbed shells in front of the university library to disperse the BCL (M-I) activists. One of these shells hit Kamrul Islam in his windpipe. He was standing in front of the main library gate, eye-witnesses said.

The students present there rushed Kamrul to the DMCH where doctors declared him dead.

Later, at about 1:30pm, the activists of BCL (M-I) brought Kamrul's body to the Jagannath Hall.

Witnesses said that the police also lobbed tear gas shells near the Central Shaheed Minar and the Jagannath Hall when the students were bringing the body.

The BCL (M-I) activists later returned the body to the DMCH at about 2:45 pm. By then some relatives of Kamrul had rushed there, sources said.

Some sources alleged that the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) backed the BCL (B-K) in yesterday's violence.

Meanwhile, huge contingents of police were seen patrolling the campus yesterday and all roads leading to the DU campus were closed to traffic last night.

BCL groups blame each other

By DU Correspondent

The Awami League's student front, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), has called a strike in the Dhaka University tomorrow demanding trial of those responsible for the killing of a student on the campus yesterday.

The BCL (M-I) announced the strike and other programmes at a press conference at the Teachers' Students' Centre (TSC) yesterday evening.

The JSD's student wing, Bangladesh Chhatra League (B-K), also held a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday evening to protest the terrorist activities on the DU campus and the killing of Kamrul Islam, a student of the Library Science Department.

Both organisations blamed each other for the deteriorating campus situation and demanded arrest of the rival leaders.

The other programmes announced by the BCL (M-I) include a *gayebana Janaza* for Kamrul at the DU mosque after today's Juma prayers and a demonstration in front of the National Press Club this afternoon, country-wide demonstrations tomorrow and a mourning procession on September 5.

The BCL (B-K), on the other hand, blamed the terrorists of the BCL (M-I) for the violence on the DU campus and criticised the government for its alleged failure to arrest the miscreants.

The BCL (B-K) leaders urged the Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina to expel the terrorists from the party and said, "Otherwise she would have to face the same consequences as the BNP faced for terrorists like Obhi and Niru."

Israel, Morocco set up ties

JERUSALEM, Sept 1: Israel and Morocco established low-level diplomatic relations Thursday, making the Maghreb kingdom the second Arab country after Egypt to have formal ties with the Jewish state, reports AP.

A Foreign Ministry statement faxed to The Associated Press said the countries would establish liaison offices in Tel Aviv and Rabat.

BNP celebrates

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Ahmed and pro-VC of the National University Dr Mahabubullah.

Other ministers, MPs and leaders of the party and its front organisations attended the function which highlighted the successes of the BNP.

It was followed by a colourful cultural function. At the same venue, the Prime Minister inaugurated a two-day photo exhibition organised by the Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik Sangstha (JASAS).

She went round the exhibition which depicted various development activities initiated by Ziaur Rahman.

A truck procession was also brought out in the city. Begum Zia witnessed the colourful event participated by ministers, leaders and thousands of workers of the party and its front organisations.

With dozens of decorated trucks depicting the national culture as well as posters of various development programme, the procession began from Chankharpool and passed through the main city streets.

From the first floor balcony of the party's Naya Paltan central office Begum Zia cheered the jubilant workers by waving at them.

Similar programmes were drawn up in the major cities and towns of the country.

In Chittagong, wreaths were placed at the place in Rangunia where Ziaur Rahman was first buried after his assassination. A procession and discussion meeting were also held.

The Midnight File

Armed clashes leave 11 dead in Chechnya

MOSCOW, Sept 1: President Dzhokhar Dudayev's forces clashed with opposition units in the separatist Russian region of Chechnya on Thursday, and up to 11 people were killed in the fighting, news reports said. The clash involved troops loyal to Beslan Gantemirov, an opposition leader and ex-mayor of the Chechen capital of Grozny. He commands about 200 armed men in Chechnya's Urus-Martanovsky district, the Interfax news agency said, reports AP.

Quake shake N California

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 1: Several strong earthquakes shook northern California today, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries. A spokesman for the California office of emergency services told local radio that preliminary reports were of three earthquakes measuring between 5.4 and 6.9 on the Richter scale located in the Pacific Ocean off the northern California coast, reports Reuter.

Talks only if BNP admits

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principle, the need for holding national polls under a caretaker administration," the Opposition leader reportedly told Chowdhury during their talks.

On the other hand, the ruling party leader is reported to have requested Samad Azad to consider the proposed dialogue a means of finding out a foolproof electoral system.

Chowdhury, however, expressed once again the ruling party's readiness to discuss the proposed Opposition bills on the issue of a caretaker government and the treasury bench bill for strengthening the Election Commission, it is learnt.

According to sources, Samad Azad was stressing a position reached by the Opposition leaders at a closed-door meeting Tuesday evening.

That meeting resolved that the Opposition could go for a dialogue if the ruling party was ready to discuss a specific outline for a caretaker administration — either the one already proposed by the Opposition on June 27 last or a fresh one coming from the government side, insiders said.

Admitting this, Suranjit Sengupta told The Daily Star the Opposition had been boycotting Parliament proceedings to 'evolve a mechanism for a fool-proof electoral process.' Holding of elections under a caretaker administration was the answer to the problem, he added.

"Why should we go for a dialogue if the ruling party does not even admit the necessity of such an idea?" Sengupta, who attended the closed-door meeting, asked. However, during Wednesday's meeting between the deputy leaders, Prof Chowdhury did not consent to the Opposition idea that the dialogue should be held only centering round an outline of a caretaker administration.

Chowdhury told his Opposition counterpart that before committing anything in

this direction he needed to consult the issue with his party high command.

Badruddoza Chowdhury is learnt to have communicated the Opposition views to the BNP high command.

Meanwhile, a section of the ruling party leadership had earlier agreed to a particular type of caretaker administration for conducting the national polls.

According to that formula, all the cabinet members except the Prime Minister would resign a few weeks before the polls and the prime minister would run the government as well as conduct the elections, with the cooperation of a cabinet comprising those not taking part in the elections.

According to ruling party sources, this concept of a caretaker administration is likely to be included in the agenda for any dialogue with the Opposition.

ROK PM

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against the backdrop of the global changes in both political and economic scenario.

On Saturday morning, Lee will be given a ceremonial reception at the state guest house Korota where Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will formally greet the Korean leader.

Later, Prime Minister Lee will fly to Savar where he will lay wreaths at the National Mausoleum to pay homage to the martyrs of Bangladesh's War of Liberation.

The Korean leader is coming to Dhaka on the last leg of his tour of three Southeast Asian countries.

During the visit, Lee will call on President Abdur Rahman Biswas. He will also hold formal talks with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia covering the entire gamut of bilateral relations, and regional and international issues of common concern.

The two leaders are expected to discuss increasing Korean investment and technical assistance to economic projects in Bangladesh.

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