

Dhaka repeats call for N-free South Asia

Bangladesh on Thursday reiterated its call to establish nuclear free zones to supplement the global objective of a nuclear weapons free world, reports BSS.

Speaking at a UN meeting on international security and disarmament at the UN headquarters in New York, Bangladesh permanent representative to the UN, Ambassador Reaz Rahman said Bangladesh had been, for long, a cosponsor of resolutions calling for the establishment of nuclear weapons free zone in South Asia.

Bangladesh, he said, fully supports efforts aimed at eliminating other categories of mass destruction also.

"We hope, he said, that the chemical weapons convention can come into force during the next year and support the strengthening of the biological and toxic weapons elimination convention with an effective verification system.

Bangladesh, he said, is committed to the concept on and principle of nuclear weapons free zones and also zones of peace.

"It is our view," reiterated Rahman, "That nuclear weapons free zones can supplement global efforts towards this ultimate objective and we welcome in this connection the advances that have been made to establish such zones in Latin America, as well as in Africa," a message from New York said.

Bangladesh shares the view, he said, that the successful conclusion of a comprehensive test ban treaty and an agreement on missile material cut-off

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The Prime Minister told the workers it is not possible to run textile industries through continuous loss and asked them to reduce loss through increasing production.

She said there are huge demands of our goods abroad, but we could not supply due to shortage of production. "Even, we cannot produce to meet our own demand in textile," she added and called upon the workers to work hard for restoring past tradition in this sector.

At the function, the spinning industry leaders raised various problems of the textile sector and urged the Prime Minister to resolve their problems soon.

Begum Zia told them that a committee headed by Textile Minister and comprising workers, leaders, owners from both private and public sectors would be formed for making recommendations to resolve the existing problems of textile sector and turn it into a profitable one.

She said the existing textile mills in the country are not enough and assured the work-

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Dialogue tid-bits

By Staff Correspondent

Officials of the Parliament Secretariat fetched a doctor when opposition negotiator Suranjit Sengupta fell sick during the second-round of formal dialogue between the ruling party and the opposition in Parliament yesterday.

"He had a bad headache and took medicine," the doctor said after attending Suranjit at the cabinet room, the venue of the Commonwealth-brokered dialogue.

The doctor replied in the negative when asked if Gupta's blood pressure shot up.

Later, after the four-hour meeting, the Ganatantri Party leader who recently merged his faction with the Awami League told The Daily Star that he took paracetamol to relieve pain.

The doctor wanted to check his blood pressure but Suranjit reportedly told the doctor that he had no problem with his "pressure."

1.5 lakh new digital phones to be installed

A project for the installation of 1,50,000 new digital telephones is going to be implemented soon with the country's own resources and technical assistance from France, reports BSS.

The project, to be implemented by world renowned telecommunication firm "Alcatel" of France, include 1,00,000 telephones for Dhaka, 10,000 for Chittagong, 15,000 for Khulna, 10,000 for Rajshahi and 15,000 for Sylhet.

A formal exchange of views was held at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday evening. Information Secretary Dr Ekram Hossain, T and T Board Chairman Fazlur Rahman, French Ambassador in Bangladesh Jean Michel Lacombe and executives of the "Alcatel" and T and T board officials took part in the discussion.

10 hurt as rival JCD groups clash

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Oct 22: At least ten persons were injured in a clash between two rival groups of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at the thana headquarters of Kanaighat yesterday afternoon. Of them, two were admitted into the Thana Health Complex.

The two groups have occupied two parts of the bazar namely Dakshin Bazar and Purba Bazar. The Police have been deployed to prevent further clashes. Both the rival groups have declared they will hold a meeting on Tuesday afternoon at the same venue. The Thana Awami League, meanwhile, brought out a procession last night at the thana headquarters in protest against alleged acts of terrorism. A tense situation was prevailing there.

JCD-BCL clash in Bogra: 15 hurt

BOGRA, Oct 22: Student groups of the ruling BNP and opposition Awami League clashed at Government Shah Sultan College here today leaving at least 15 students injured, reports UNB.

District Awami League office was set on fire as a sequel to the campus violence.

Witnesses said the clash started at about 11 am when processions of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) confronted each other on the college campus.

The processionists shouted provocative slogans, exchanged gunfire and blasted crackers. At least 10 rounds of gunfire were heard during the clash.

Five of the seriously injured students, all said to be JCD activists, were hospitalised. They were identified as: Titu, Anwar, Zahedur, Monwar and Nazmul Kadir.

Later, the JCD brought out a protest procession which attacked the district Awami League office at Satmatha crossing at about 3:30 pm, witnesses said.

The attackers damaged furniture of the AL office and set it ablaze. Fire brigade, however, extinguished the fire almost immediately.

CHT council

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Ing peace in the Chittagong Hill Tracts," said president of the Peace Council Saiful Islam Dildar and General Secretary Subinoy Chakma in a statement yesterday.

They said complications arising out of the document of land of the refugees could be sorted out through discussion. On the other hand, at present there is no reason for suspension of the activities of local government councils.

The Peace Council reiterated its demand for a judicial probe into the September 15 Kharagchhari killing and arrest of those responsible for it.



File picture dated April 17, 1961 showing US actor Burt Lancaster with actress Elizabeth Taylor while receiving the Oscar award for his lead role in "Elmer Gantry". Lancaster, who started his career as a circus acrobat, died in Los Angeles late October 20 at the age of 80. — AFP photo

Hamas leader for truce with Israel guaranteed by US

JERUSALEM, Oct 22: A leader of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas proposed today that the group and Israel reach a ceasefire agreement guaranteed by a third party such as the United States.

Sheikh Jamas Salim, who lives in the West Bank town of Nablus, said the purpose of an agreement would be to "halt attacks on civilians" by both sides.

"This accord must be guaranteed by a third international party, such as the United States," he told Reuters.

But other influential Hamas leaders said his statement did not necessarily reflect the overall views of the group, which blew up a bus in Tel Aviv on Wednesday killing 21 people.

Several Hamas leaders in Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank, and Jerusalem said they were not aware of Sheikh Salim's initiative.

Senior Hamas figures have

Elusive Suchitra Sen moves house

CALCUTTA, Oct 22: Suchitra Sen, the Greta Garbo of Indian cinema, shifted to an apartment with supreme concern that is becoming of her nature by leaving behind invaluable memorabilia in the bungalow where she had stayed away from the limelight for the last 20 years, reports PTI.

Her spacious bungalow on 19-kathas of land on Ballygunge Circular Road is being wiped out by promoters to make way for a multi-storied building.

And her admirers are having a bonanza time, busy burrowing into the rubble for her personal belongings and souvenirs, at a price that is almost nothing.

Fumming among her scattered belongings, few lucky fans have bagged a pair of velvet shoes for Rs 50, a specimen of her embroidery for Rs 15 and an inconspicuous salt jar for the same price and floor tiles for Rs five.

Not to be left behind, a middle-aged persons from Tollygunge came in search of the imposing chandeliers which adorned her room.

Luck favoured two young-men from Malda who discovered a citation from among the litter and got it for a mere Rs 500. The citation was presented to the actress at the Moscow Film Festival in 1963. The new owners plan to preserve the citation encased in a

steel frame with flowers around it.

A desperate hunt is on among her things by her fans. A calendar in which the actress used to encircle auspicious dates is now in the possession of one of her fans.

This is perhaps just a way of getting a little closer to the distant myth that is Suchitra Sen, who received accolades for her unforgettable performances with matinee idol, Uttam Kumar, in Bengali films like "Saptapadi," "Pathe Holodari," "Sagarika," "Sabar Upare," "Uttar Phalguni," "Griha Dahan," "Sat Pake Bandha," and "Harano Sur" that would never get lost from cine goers' mind.

The thespian, meanwhile, had quietly moved into a flat in nearby Deodar Street and maintains her elusiveness, as zealously as before.

A society in deep crisis

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nated and led by the older generation and there is no social mechanism to listen to the youths or harness their potential," Prof Khan added.

Prof Hamida Akhter Begum, a social psychologist of the Dhaka University, observed that the recent murder incidents received wide public attention because of their close sequence.

"But murders, violence, sudden reports of people going missing and stories of the recovery of beheaded bodies of youths have been rampant for a long time in our society," she said.

1.5 lakh copies of Pope's book sold in 24 hrs

PARIS, Oct 22: Some 150,000 copies of Pope John Paul II's book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," sold out in Germany in the space of 24 hours, and the French publishers announced Friday their print run would increase to 280,000 due to "colossal demand," reports AFP.

Sales have been brisk in Spain and Italy, while a chaotic supply system in Warsaw had Poles scrambling desperately to secure the rare copies that found their way on to the official market, and unofficial traders in the pontiff's work were expected to make a killing.

One bookseller in central Warsaw said the 100 copies he had received were "A drop in the ocean of demand."

French co-publishers Plon and Mame said an emergency run of 10,000 would supplement the 170,000 already printed and two more print runs of 50,000 each would follow.

In Germany, massive demand for the book saw the first print run of 150,000 copies sold out within 24 hours of its appearance in bookshops, German publisher Hoffmann and Campe said. They said another print run would follow.

Hoffmann and Campe said that worldwide, some 20 million copies of the book would be printed.

Clash leaves 25 hurt in Pabna

PABNA, Oct 22: At least 25 people were injured, six with bullet, in a clash between supporters of the student and youth fronts of ruling BNP in the town today, reports UNB.

Two of the injured, Hirok, 25 and Musa, 28, were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital in critical condition and four others admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Police said the clash erupted when supporters of a Juba Dal faction, known as "Kalugroup" attacked Hirok, and activist of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), at a tea stall at South Raghupur at about 8:30am.

The rivals, armed with pipeguns and cut-rifles, exchanged some 30 rounds on shots during the clash that continued for about half an hour.

The two groups clashed again at the place at about 7 pm.

Police were deployed in the area to guard against further untoward incident. All shops in the locality were closed after the first clash and did not open throughout the day.

JCD activists brought out a procession and held a rally at Indira Pally protesting the attack by Juba Dal supporters. Former general secretary of district BNP Advocate Shahjahan Ali addressed the rally and demanded punishment of the conjunctivitis.

Conjunctivitis

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instead, they go to nearby drug stores and consult private physicians.

"We are getting an average of 20 to 25 conjunctivitis patients everyday in our hospital," said Prof. M Mustafizur Rahman, Director of the Islamia Eye Hospital.

He said that conjunctivitis is caused by a virus called Adeno Virus and the disease is contagious and spreads through handshakes, use of infected napkins, towels and various other forms of physical contact.

Prof Rahman, however, assured that there was nothing to be worried about conjunctivitis since the patients recover from the disease after the virus completes its life cycle in the human organ.

"Only you have to guard against any secondary infection of the eye that may follow a conjunctivitis attack," he said. "In that case you must consult a doctor."

Prof Rahman prescribed antibiotic eye drops or cream for the conjunctivitis patients along with some pain killers.

As prevention, he suggested nutritious food and avoiding physical contact with the patients.

"People will not mind if you refuse to shake hands with conjunctivitis patients," the eye specialist quipped.

Stol service

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these routes.

Introduction of the STOL service operations has been delayed, since the Patol-holders bargained for increasing the length of airstrip — now 2150 ft long — to operate bigger aircraft.

A STOL aircraft can carry 15 to 22 passengers. The service will not be viable in the present Bangladesh market, some sources said.

The authorities had hinted earlier that if the Patol-holders failed to start STOL services, their licences would be revoked.

The Midnight File

Algerian troops kill 47 armed fundamentalists

ALGIERS, Oct 22: Algerian security forces said today that they killed 47 armed Islamic fundamentalists in a series of operations in a four day period between Tuesday and Friday. This is the highest figure given by the security forces since the manhunt last March following the spectacular breakout by about 1,000 fundamentalists from the prison at Tazoult-Lambese in the east of the country, reports AFP.

Arafat to meet Clinton in Cairo Wednesday

GAZA CITY, Oct 22: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is to meet US President Bill Clinton in Cairo on Wednesday, a senior Palestinian official said today. Nabil Shaath, chief Palestinian negotiator at the autonomy talks with Israel, said the Palestinian "cabinet" discussed the meeting today among other issues, reports AP.

Seoul bridge collapse: cabinet shake-up likely

SEOUL, Oct 22: President Kim Young-sam is likely to carry out a major cabinet reshuffle in response to public anger over the collapse of a bridge in Seoul that killed at least 32 people, government sources said Saturday, reports AP.

Government sources, requesting anonymity, said the reorganisation is expected to affect the prime minister, the construction minister and many other cabinet officials.

In South Korea, top officials are often held responsible for major accidents or scandals even when they are not directly involved.

Prime Minister Lee Young-duck, who was appointed only six months ago, already has offered to resign, and Kim is expected to accept, said the sources, from the ruling Democratic Liberal Party.

Russian freighter with 26 sinks

ISTANBUL, Oct 22: A Russian freighter with a crew of 26 sank in heavy storms in the Black Sea and a lifeboat with nine men aboard is missing, port officials in Eregli said today.

The crew abandoned the 3,251-tonne Russian freighter Syrye, taking to two lifeboats, one carrying 17 seamen and the other the remaining nine.

Second round of dialogue

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added.

Tofael Ahmed of the AL argued that the Opposition would not have demanded polls under a caretaker administration unless the government had compelled it to do so by misusing powers in the parliamentary by-elections as well as in certain local level elections, a source said.

The four-hour deliberation were recorded and will be handed over to Sir Ninian Stephen.

DUTA denies injunction

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) yesterday has denied press reports that an injunction was issued against the implementation of its decision to expel Dr Ershadul Bari, Dean of the Faculty of Law, from the DUTA.

LDF

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name of movement and Commonwealth's involvement in the government-Opposition dialogue on the holding of fair polls.

Addressing the LDF demonstrators near the Secretariat, front leader Rashed Khan Menon blamed the BNP and the AL for creating the current political impasse.

The LDF leaders who participated in the sit-in included Hasanul Haq Inu of JSD, Moshed Ali of the CPB, Abdullah Sarkar of BSD (Khaleque), Moinuddin Khan Badal of BSD(Mahub), Dilip Barua of Samyabadi Dal, Iqbal Majumder of Oikya Prokriya, Belayet Hossain Sikdar of Samajbadi Dal, Binol Biswas, Nirmal Sen, Kazi Aref, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Khalequzzaman, AFM Mahbubul Haq, Noyem Jahangir, Haider Akbar Khan Rono, Abul Bashar, Tipu Biswas and Hazera Sultana.

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