

JCD, BCL clash at Tongi Govt College

From Our Correspondent
GAZIPUR, Nov 13: At least three persons including two students of Tongi Government College were shot and injured in a clash between the activists of Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the college campus this morning.

Following the armed clashes, the college authorities had closed the institution for a week.

Huda

From Page 1 Col 5
of the party discipline.

According to BNP sources, Huda, in a three-page written reply to the show cause yesterday, admitted that his action had amounted to violation of party discipline. Seeking apology for this, he, however, hoped that the party standing committee would forgive him for the mistake.

The former minister is also learnt to have made efforts to justify his statement. Huda argued that his formula, if implemented, would not have gone against the party interest. A BNP standing committee member told The Daily Star last night.

If the BNP had agreed to hold general elections under a non-partisan caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice, it would eventually increase the image of the party," Huda reportedly said in his reply. The formula would help the nation resolve the present political impasse, the reply said. This would also add to the good image of the party Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, it said.

Some standing committee members, however, found Huda's reply self-contradictory, a party source said.

Huda handed over copies of his reply to the show-cause to all the standing committee members during yesterday's sitting of Parliament in the House.

Hasina

From Page 1 Col 7
League leaders Iqbalur Rahman and Habibur Rahman Habib also addressed the meetings held at Nagarbari Ghat of Pabna and Baghabari Ghat, Shahjhadpur, Ullapara and Chandaikona of Sirajganj district.

In Bogra, Sheikh Hasina today threatened that a one-point agitation to oust the government would be launched soon if it did not meet the Opposition demand for a non-party caretaker government.

The government must have to concede to the demand for a neutral non-party caretaker government or to quit power," the Awami League president told a huge public meeting at Altafuz ground in Bogra in the afternoon.

Hasina told her audience, the Prime Minister says she believes in the people's power and will step down if the people want it. "If you (PM) truly believe that, then you should quit power forthwith, on the face of the people's demand," she said.

"The people do not want to see this corrupt, inefficient and vote-bought government any longer," the Opposition leader told the meeting, as the stalled Commonwealth-brokered government- Opposition dialogue in the capital to resolve the staggering political crisis over the caretaker issue couldn't yet make a tangible headway.

Release of Nadir Naam Madhumati demanded

By Staff Correspondent

One hundred and seventy one playwrights, performing artists and theatre organisers in a joint statement yesterday resented the Censor Board's refusal to certify the Liberation War-based film "Nadir Naam Madhumati", directed by Tanwir Mokammel.

The statement said that the Censor Board during the last few years had tried to block on various excuses the release of all films based on the great War of Independence. It demanded immediate release of the film, "Nadir Naam Madhumati" without any censorship and "Smriti 71", a documentary film made on the killings of intellectuals in 1971.

The signatories to the statement include Abul Khaer, Raisul Islam Asad, Nasiruddin Yusuf, Dr Inamul Haq, Lucky Inam, Samatazuddin Ahmed, Aly Zaker, Samara Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Towqir Ahmed, Golam Mostafa, SM Rumi, Keramat Mowla, Fatema-tuz-Zohra, Shafiq Sadeqi, Khaled Khag, Jhuna Choudhury, Sumana Sharmin, and Khairul Alam Sabuj.

Editor: Mahfuz Anam

Printed & Published by A. S. Mahmud, Managing Director, on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd, 52, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000, from City Publishing House Ltd, 90 Kakrai, Dhaka-1000. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmandi B/A, Dhaka-1205. FAX: 500092-4, Commercial: 500091 (Direct), Fax No: 88-02-863035, GPO Box No: 3257, Cable: DAILYSTAR, DHAKA.



A TOURISM MONTH BEGINS TODAY: Children are seen searching for pearls among the coral reef of St Martin's Island in the Bay of Bengal, one of the still virgin territories possessing considerable tourism potential. — Star photo by A K M Mohsin

British trade team for lasting ties

From Page 1 Col 3
Choudhury, Director-General of the Bangladesh-Britain Chamber of Commerce (BBCC), referring to the two-day visit called by the Opposition on Saturday and Sunday.

He was disheartened not to find a congenial business climate during the visit by such a high-powered delegation, led by a senior minister, after a gap of about 10 years, he added.

The BBCC director-general urged the local business community to tell both the government and the Opposition that this kind of disruptive activities was harmful to the nation and benefits nobody. "That signal should be sent loud and clear."

The BBCC was formed in 1991 to promote bilateral economic ties between the two countries.

The FBCCI president agreed that the business community was very much affected by the fact that it is an ongoing process and we have to live with it, we are adjusting to it," Salman Rahman, however, was optimistic about the economic growth of the country as the macro-economic indicators were "extremely good."

The private sector is very confident, he told the British team, and there has been a dramatic change in the investment scenario over the last two years as local investors are increasingly coming forward with a lot of investments. "There are lot of potentials for growth and as the domestic investors are also confident, now we can also encourage the foreign investors to come in."

Bangladesh, he pointed out, is one of only three countries in the Asia-Pacific region which allows hundred per cent foreign ownership.

The FBCCI president offered British investors "full-hearted cooperation and assistance."

During the open discussion session, M A Gafur, General

Secretary of the Bangladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association, noted that British-made Bedford trucks were most popular in the country, but it is now losing out to Japanese competitors because of the price and quality factor.

He particularly drew the attention of the representative of Bedford trucks about the poor quality of spare parts available in the local markets.

In response, Rod Hamilton McLeod, Military Sales Manager of the company, said that there was a serious counterfeiting problem of Bedford spare parts in Bangladesh. He noted that the main competitors of Bedford in Bangladesh is the Tata trucks from India and the Japanese trucks, which his company had beaten in a bid to supply trucks to the Bangladesh Army recently.

Salman Rahman offered all possible help from the FBCCI to deal with the counterfeiting problem of Bedford parts.

The British Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka, J R

Nichols, enquired how the FBCCI influences government policies affecting the private sector.

In reply, the federation president said there is a close working relationship between the FBCCI and the government and that the federation is consulted before economic policies are formulated.

The federation's role, he added, is to project the view that it is not the business of the government to be in business and that its new role would be to seek implementation of pro-private sector policies and to create public opinion to neutralise opinions of vested interest groups opposing such moves.

The newly-appointed Secretary General of FBCCI, S M Al-Hussaini, wanted to know how Bangladeshi businessmen should go about to find out the interests of British investors interested in setting up joint venture projects.

The business leader of the mission noted that a list of the areas of interest of British companies would be prepared within a few months after the return of the mission and it would then be made available locally through the British High Commission.

In his concluding remarks, the British Deputy High Commissioner lauded the economic achievements of Bangladesh. "It speaks volumes both of the resilience and entrepreneurial spirit of the Bangladeshi people. A great deal has been done (on the economic front) but a great deal remains to be done."

The mission also had a meeting with leaders of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) at its auditorium. DCCI President A Rob Chowdhury welcomed the delegation and urged them to invest in different sectors either in 100 per cent ownership or in joint venture with local entrepreneurs.

Directors and members of the DCCI were present at the meeting.

blame for turning the House into a "fish market" and arena of hoodlums."

During the session, dozens of opposition MPs waived placards in the House, attacking Leghari and Benazir and the Prime Minister's MP husband, Asif Ali Zardari.

The session followed the arrest Sunday of Sharif's father, Mian Mohammad Sharif, a leading industrialist who was charged with criminal misconduct, financial forgery and evasion of income taxes.

Although Interior Minister Babar denied the arrest had political motives, the opposition called it a "deliberate provocation" ahead of the president's speech.

The younger Sharif said his father's detention was "political victimisation." He said the government was underestimating the opposition and the arrest "will not deter me from completing my mission."

The parliament building was surrounded by armed police and the Islamabad administration banned public gatherings in the city.

In a departure from the past, Leghari's address was not broadcast live, but an apparently edited recording was shown more than two hours later.

Leghari, elected to the presidency in November 1993 as a candidate of the ruling Pakistan People's Party (PPP), called for an end of political polarisation.

Leghari also lauded the "bold and innovative" steps taken by Benazir's government, saying "we can feel satisfied over substantial achievements during the first year" of the government.

Though Congress won a majority in 1990, its reputation has been tarnished by factional fighting.

Historian Dilli Raman Regmi said "The result will certainly be a hung Parliament because I don't think any one political party will have a majority."

Though Congress won a majority in 1990, its reputation has been tarnished by factional fighting.

Aman drive

From Page 1 Col 8

government's food procurement drive is to give price support to the farmers when the market remains dull. "But, this year, the farmers are already getting higher price, so the government is not that keen for procurement," he said.

Meanwhile, the government has decided to buy 100,000 tonnes of Atap rice through internal tender for maintaining adequate food stock. Order for supplying 50,000 tonnes of rice under this tender has already been issued while order for another 50,000 tonnes will be placed next month.

The government's present food stock is about 500,000 tonnes, which is adequate to meet the requirements until next March, said the ministry source.

The Cabinet has also approved the proposal for partial modification of the Textile Trade and Quota Administration Rules 1991.

An official handout last night said the approval was given at the weekly regular Cabinet meeting.

The Cabinet also approved in principle the draft of "Labour Law 1994" which has been framed in the light of recommendations by the National Labour Law Commission 1992.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal for a code of conduct.

"We'll never agree to any formula of power sharing, and don't want elections to be used in the interest of both the parties in power or Opposition," the leftwing lawmaker said while exchanging views with journalists at the Workers' Party office in the afternoon.

Reaffirming the LDP's framework for a caretaker government, he said the President with a non-partisan advisory council would supervise elections after dissolution of Parliament.

"Elections should be held under a caretaker government. Khaleda-Hasina can't take the country hostage to serve their own interests," said Menen, who has also been boycotting Parliament like other Opposition MPs but opted out of the government-Opposition dialogue aimed at resolving the political impasse on the caretaker government issue.

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

Two suicides in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A college student and a vegetable vendor reportedly committed suicide in the city yesterday.

Sudhir Chandra Das, 18, a first year student of Notre Dame College, reportedly jumped off the 12th floor of a government office buildings at Segun Bagicha at 2:30 pm. He died instantly.

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

"In another incident, a vegetable vendor, Azhar Mia, 28, reportedly killed himself by slitting his throat with a knife in the Tejgaon area late Sunday night."

Ninian apprises

From Page 1 Col 5

ther amendment to its proposal made Sunday to the Commonwealth envoy Sir Ninian. Prof Chowdhury is learnt to have told Dr Anafu that the ruling party had neither any fresh proposal nor any scope for further concessions.

The ruling party proposed Sunday that a 10-member multi-party cabinet, headed by incumbent Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, be formed ahead of the next elections to hold the national polls. The proposal further said five of the cabinet members, including the Prime Minister, are to come from the ruling party MPs and five from the Opposition MPs. There is no scope for induction of any technocrat into the mini-cabinet.

"During the period between formation of the interim cabinet and handing over of power to the majority party in Parliament, the interim prime minister would perform only the routine business of the government and state," the BNP formula said.

The BNP negotiators are also learnt to have requested Sir Ninian Sunday that he should now make the proceedings of the closed door parleys public. A top-ranking BNP leader, admitting the proposal, told The Daily Star last night, "If the Commonwealth emissary discloses the proceeding of the parleys, the people would be in a position to know that the ruling party, although not legally obliged, had made adequate concessions to avoid a possible confrontation. At the same time, people would see that the Opposition had so far made no changes in its original position on the caretaker administration issue."

Meanwhile, S A M S Kibria, political adviser to the Awami League (AL) chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina, had a 60-minute talk with Sir Ninian at the state guest house Meghna yesterday afternoon.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

UNB adds: In another development, top-ranking government and Opposition leaders including Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Abdus Samad Azad, Tofael Ahmed, S A M S Kibria and diplomats attended a dinner last night.

The Midnight File

Iraq hands over document on Kuwait to UN

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 14: Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz announced today that he had presented official documents to the United Nations confirming Baghdad's recognition of Kuwait. Aziz made the announcement after he met US Ambassador Madeleine Albright, who currently holds the rotating presidency of the UN Security Council, reports AFP.

UNITA, govt pact ruled out

ABIDJAN, Nov 14: A spokesman for Angola's UNITA rebels today ruled out the scheduled signing of a peace pact with the government and said it will not take place until next week "at best". Jonas Savimbi, the leader of the national Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), will not go to the Zambian capital Lusaka to sign the pact as planned on Tuesday, UNITA representative John Marques Kakumba said, reports AFP.

Six killed, 60 hurt in road accidents

At least six persons were killed and 60 others were injured in separate road accidents in the country yesterday, reports UNB.

Four people were killed and 40 injured in road accidents on the Dhaka-Aricha highway yesterday.

Police said a minibus fell into a roadside ditch at Bathuli in Dhamrai thana about 9 am, killing two of its passengers and injuring 20 others. The dead are Abdul Karim, 15, and Shahadat, 30.

The injured were rushed to different hospitals in Dhaka and to Dhamrai Health Complex.

In another accident, an unidentified young man was killed and 20 passengers were injured when a Dhaka-bound minibus skidded into a roadside ditch about 11 am.

Another unidentified young man was crushed under the wheels of a bus in Manikganj sadar thana at about 1 pm.

A former Deputy Director of the Jute Directorate was killed in a road accident in Brahmanbaria yesterday, police said.

Mohammad Ali Mahbub, 58, was critically injured when a microbus knocked him down at Poniout village in Sadar thana on Brahmanbaria-Sylhet bypass in the morning. He succumbed to his injuries on his way to Sadar Hospital.

Police seized the microbus, but its driver fled away.

Our Correspondent in My-mensingh adds: A minor boy was killed and 20 persons were injured when a bus plunged into a road-side ditch on the Trishal-Balipara road this morning.

Thirteen of the injured were admitted to the My-mensingh Medical College Hospital.

Police said, the bus from Gafargaon skidded off the road near Trishal when the driver lost control of the vehicle.

Sohrab, 10, died on the spot. The dead body was sent to the hospital for autopsy. The driver has fled.