

Speaker asks Home Minister

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 motion. Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury informed the Jatiya Sangsad that neither Hazera nor her guardians had lodged any case with the local police against anyone for the allegedly raping her. Following media reports, the police investigated the incident and filed a case against seven persons, the minister said. Of the seven, two had already been arrested. The minister assured the House that the accused would be duly tried by the court.

Visibly not satisfied with the minister's reply, Farida Rahman wanted to know what measures were being contemplated by his ministry to stop the issuance of decrees by the Jatiyabaz who frequently take the law in their own hands.

At this point, Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali came to help Farida Rahman, one of the BNP whips, and asked the home minister to let the House know if separate actions are being taken against the rapist and the Jatiyabaz for the two separate offences.

JU students

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 the country, have been feuding for several years over domination of the campus.

No classes were held in the university yesterday as the students belonging to the non-local faction locked the gates of the academic buildings in protest against Tuesday's attack on their activists. The JU units of the pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL S-P), the Chhatra Union and the Samajtantrik Chhatra Front brought out processions protesting the violence. In separate statements, they condemned the incident and urged the authorities to arrest the terrorists.

The non-local students of the JCD also brought out a procession under the banner of 'general students' protesting the incident. They submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor requesting him to take steps to oust and arrest the terrorists.

In a general meeting of the teachers of the university yesterday, the VC reviewed the situation on the campus and urged the authorities to ensure security for all.

The Speaker said it is an important matter and the House should know about the details. The minister had no immediate reply. He would come up with details Sunday.

Fatema Begum Paru, a BNP member from Sylhet, took the floor and demanded strengthening of the cell designed to monitor repression on women in view of the rising incidents of crimes against women.

She alleged that culprits involved in repression against women were often getting away due to inefficiency of the police and pressure exerted by powerful quarters.

The House also disposed of another call attention notice by treasury bench member Miah Abdullah Wajed on what he described as discrepancy in the rates of interest on industrial credits and working capital.

The sitting was adjourned at 8.05 pm to resume at six this evening.

Standard Chartered Bank officials in city

By Staff Correspondent

Two directors of Standard Chartered plc arrived in the capital on a two-day visit yesterday.

The directors David Brougham and AWP (Cob) Stenham of the London-based bank would meet the governor of Bangladesh Bank and distinguished business personalities.

Hasina rejects

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frauds. Referring to the government's 'no' to the caretaker government idea, Hasina warned the people of the ruling party's ulterior motive of rigging next election. 'Vote is one of your basic rights, but the government is trying to deprive you of your right.'

The Opposition leader said the people were starving to death in the North Bengal and alleged indifference of the government to the situation. She also alleged misappropriation of relief goods.

The Awami League leader also blamed the government for what she said, sufferings of the farmers resulting from increase in price of inputs, including fertiliser.

Bihac situation

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deployed in Bihac were under the UN command and that they would make all necessary efforts to ensure their safety and security.

The UN sources have further confirmed that the situation in the region was calm at present and the UNPROFOR making arrangements to ensure fresh supplies to Bihac town for Bangladeshi battalion and other troops.

At present, says the official handout, Bangladeshi troops have sufficient food, fuel and medical supplies which will see them through till new supplies are made available to them by the UNPROFOR hopefully in the coming days.

Retarded

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area of disability from the USA, UK, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, India and Pakistan will attend that seminar, the theme of which is 'From Awareness to Action'.

Explaining the objectives of the seminar, Dr Sultana Zaman said it would emphasise ways to develop a method to identify, treat and rehabilitate disabled children, a vast majority of whom are living in the country's rural areas.

Speakers at the press conference pointed out that the facilities for care and education of the disabled children were scarce and no arrangement were there to screen and identify such children.

There was also an urgent need to train the special teachers, and physiotherapists as well as community workers and parents of the disabled children; they said.

The regional seminar on childhood disability plans to kick off the process of consultation among the neighbouring countries which share common cultures, traditions and experience, the organisers said.

They indicated that a regional centre for human resources development might be set up following the seminar.

Members of the seminar organising committee Professor M R Khan, Prof Naushaba Khatoun, Shirin Z Munir, Dr Shamim Ferdous and Dr Sharmin Huq were present at the press conference.



A Hemanta Mela held at Sheraton Hotel in the city yesterday as part of the Tourism Month '94. — Star photo

Clash at N'ganj

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The nearly two hour clashes during which at least 50 cock-tails were exploded and five buses were damaged.

The Narayanganj Zila Krira Sangshata later suspended the football league for an indefinite period.

The clashes spread to the nearby Isdayer area and the Dhaka-Narayanganj road causing suspension of traffic movement for about an hour.

Linesman of the match Shahadat Khan and an official of Suktara Krirachakra -- Ibrahim Chengis -- were seriously injured in the clashes. They received treatment at the Narayanganj Hospital and the others were given first aid.

Witnesses said the supporters of Mohsin Club terrorised people in the stadium area by exploding cocktails from the beginning of the match at 3 pm. Just one minute before the final whistle the ball, kicked by a player of Mohsin Club, crossed the line at the Suktara Krira Chakra side and linesman Shahdat Khan declared it out.

The players of the Mohsin Club reacted to this decision by attacking the linesman. At this stage, the match was one-one draw. The clash then spread among the supporters of the two teams.

Witnesses said some 20 to 25 policemen were on duty at the stadium at the time but they made no effort to check the violence.

Bhasani

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cratic rulers both in undivided India and erstwhile Pakistan.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in separate messages on the eve of the day, have called upon the people to be imbued with the ideals of the late leader who dedicated his life for the service of the masses.

President Biswas, in his message, recalled with gratitude the contribution of Bhasani to the country's Liberation War and urged the people to build up the nation upholding the spirit of patriotism and nationalism.

Begum Zia said the late leader faced repression from vested quarters but never deviated from his own political belief and ideology.

Various organisations have taken elaborate programmes to observe the day and pay tribute to the leader.

BSF chief against use of force in Kashmir

TEKANPUR, India, Nov 16:

The head of India's paramilitary Border Security Force (BSF) said today that use of force will not end a four-year-old separatist revolt in Kashmir and called for a political initiative to end it, reports Reuter.

'Use of force can end in excess use of force which in turn leads to alienation and has a snowballing effect,' BSF Director General Daya Kishore Arya told a symposium organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Navratilova

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where the 'once invincible Navratilova had won seven of her unrivalled 167 singles titles, she was simply outplayed by the 24-year-old Sabatini from beginning to end.

'I got blown off the court tonight by someone who was playing in another zone,' said Navratilova of the 6-4, 6-2 defeat during an emotional ceremony honouring her long and illustrious career.

'I will miss this game, but I'm ready for my new life,' she said.

Foundation of permanent Haji camp laid

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday inaugurated a Taka 40-crore project for construction of a permanent Haji Camp near the Zia International Airport (ZIA), reports UNB.

The Haji Camp at Ashkhona in Uttara area of the city is designed to accommodate more than 1,550 Hajj bound pilgrims.

BCS officials

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alleged that Section 5 of the BCS recruitment rule is violative of Article 140 (1) of the Constitution as well as it suffers excessive delegation without providing any guidelines or yardstick either for the formation or the power of the ministerial Council Committee on Promotions.

The petitions also contended that constitution of the Superior Selection Board on August 19, 1991 and the Council Committee on Promotions on October 10 of the same year were ultra vires and violative of the constitutional provision as contained in Part IX of Chapter 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

After the pronouncement of the verdict yesterday, Attorney General Aminul Huq, on behalf of the government, prayed for a certificate under Article 103 (2) (a) of the Constitution on the ground that the case involves substantial questions of law relating to the interpretation of the Constitution, particularly Article 27, 29, 102 and 117 of the Constitution and he also prayed for a stay of the operation of the judgement.

While it was opposed by the counsel of the petitioners, the court granted certificate to prefer an appeal to the Appellate Division and stayed the operation of the impugned judgement for a period of eight weeks.

Advocate Khalilur Rahman appeared for the petitioners yesterday.

Incidentally, ever since the filing of the two writs before the High Court mid-level promotions in the BCS cadres had come to a virtual standstill.

The Midnight File

Ukrainian parliament okays NPT

KIEV, Nov 16: The Ukrainian parliament today ratified the Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) but attached conditions including the signing of an international accord guaranteeing Ukrainian security. President Leonid Kuchma told parliament that a British-Russian-US memorandum guaranteeing Ukraine's security would be signed December 5-6 at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe to be held in Budapest. Reports AFP.

Storm death toll rises to 443 in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Nov 16: The death toll from tropical storm Gordon and the floods that followed rose to 443 people and about 50 others were missing, according to reports from a variety of sources. Previously, 398 people had been reported killed in the storm, which struck the country over the weekend, devastating shanty town built in ravines and on hillsides, reports AFP.



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