

### Killing of teacher Tension prevails at Babupura

By Staff Correspondent

Tension was prevailing in the Nilkhet Babupura area of the city yesterday following the killing of a college teacher Saturday afternoon.

Mir Golam Sarwar Byazid, 35, a lecturer of the Uttara Dakshinkhan Anwara Degree College, was killed by some unidentified gunmen in front of a shop just behind the Bazme Quaderia building at Kataban.

Byazid, father of a three-month-old girl child, had rebuked some members of an armed gang which had forcibly tried to pick up one Solesman, an employee of the Ideal College, from that area at about 6 pm Saturday.

The namaj-e-janaza of Byazid was held at the local mosque.

Meanwhile, a large number of students protested the murder of their teacher and staged a demonstration near his house, close to the shop, Milton Traders, yesterday morning.

All shops of the area, adjacent to the Dhaka University and New Market, remained closed for a couple of hours while police condoned off the road leading to Byazid's house.

A case has been filed with the Dhanmondi police station in this connection. No one, however, was arrested till yesterday night, according to sources.

Local people said that Byazid's father-in-law Dewan Jahangir, who also lives in the same house, had filed a case a few months ago, against 19 persons who were allegedly responsible for frequent violence and crimes in that area.

Sources alleged that the miscreants killed Byazid as an act of vengeance against his father-in-law.

Terrified inhabitants of the area also said that this particular terrorist gang was involved in extortion and other serious crimes, including trafficking in hard drugs.

It was learnt that the area was a big stronghold of hashish and marijuana peddlers as well as pimps operating prostitution networks.

Some permanent residents of the area, speaking on condition of anonymity, claimed that the police were not active enough in checking these anti-social elements.

A couple of weeks ago, some unidentified miscreants hurled bombs at a shop at the nearby Kataban market.

Residents said a particular gang of armed thugs was responsible for regular incidents of crime and violence in the area and its adjoining parts.

### Student leaders assure DU VC of cooperation

By DU Correspondent

The student leaders of Dhaka University yesterday assured the Vice Chancellor of all cooperation in implementing the development projects of the university.

The VC Professor Emajuddin Ahmed at a meeting with the leaders of different student organisations discussed the overall situation of the campus.

The VC informed the student leaders of the steps taken by the authorities in improving the academic atmosphere of the university.

The VC said, there are plans to introduce coordinated course system, set up a digital telephone exchange, modernize the central library by installing an airconditioning plant and a computer system, construct a plaque in memory of the martyrs of the War of Independence, remove the session jam and maintain congenial atmosphere in the residential halls.

The meeting also expressed deep concern over the "political instability" and deteriorating law and order situation in the country.

### Moni

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Recalling president Ziaur Rahman's era, he said the BNP reaped the benefit of Zia's good work 10 years after his death. Similarly BNP could have benefited in future if it could accept the challenge of the Opposition parties.

Should the country face a similar situation after every five years? he questioned.

Moni urged both the Leader of the Opposition to 'salvage the country from the deep crisis.'

Moni, elected to the Fifth Parliament in 1991 on an independent ticket from the Barguna-2 constituency, joined the BNP on Oct 20, 1992.



A drawing competition for children was held at a city hotel in observance of the 'Tourism Month'. — Star photo

## Debate in JS over economic policy

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Sangsad yesterday witnessed a debate between the finance minister and a ruling party MP on the present economic and industrial policy.

Shamsuddin Ahmed, a treasury bench member from Naogaon, alleged that inconsistency in tariff rate, higher rate of interest on bank loans and the flow of foreign commodities into the local market under the government slogan of 'free-market economy' had pushed the country's industrial sector into a deep crisis.

The BNP legislator said this in the House while initiating a discussion on 'Bangladeshi industries facing crisis.'

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, who took the floor at the request of the State Minister for Industrial Affairs Lutfur Rahman Khan, contradicted the assertion of the ruling party MP and defended the government stand on pursuing the policy of a market economy.

Shamsuddin told the House that the industrial sector a serious crisis because of the lack of protection now faced by the government. The higher rate of interests on industrial loans was another obstacle, he added. He felt that the delinquent borrowers of industrial loans residing in the city's push areas should be dealt with firmly. Genuine industrialists should be rewarded with loans on easier terms, he added.

Dismissing the accusations that the country's industrial sector was in the grip of crisis, the finance minister said that in the industrial sector, in fact, had been developing fast following the adoption of pragmatic measures taken by the BNP government.

Defending market economy, the finance minister said the economic policies had helped develop, the industrial sector, particularly the export-oriented garments, leather and ceramic sectors.

Earlier, the House passed the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authorities (Amendment) bill, 1994 by voice vote. The act, adopted without discussion, has empowered the government to include in or exclude from the Consultative Committee any member following the approval of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister, by dint of the post, is the chairperson of the Board of Governor of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authorities (BEPZA).

The consideration of the ruling party sponsored bill seeking strengthening of the Election Commission (EC) was deferred by the speaker till this evening.

Hearing of writ

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such application and that until otherwise instructed by the Chief Justice about the constitution of any larger bench the hearing would proceed.

However, the bench noted that although ten adjournments had been granted at the defence lawyers' request since the issuance of rule, the court would grant yet another postponement, but only until today.

Rafiqul Haq, counsel for Moudud Ahmed of the Jatiya Party — another respondent — submitted that he had prepared an application seeking a larger bench and would submit it soon.

Death in custody

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Code (CrPC). Police believe all four were small-time drug pushers dealing in phensidyl — a banned expectorant containing ephedrine, a depressant.

Mirpur Police said Sanaulah complained of pain on his chest around 4 am and was shifted to the DMCH within half an hour where he expired four hours later.

When contacted, Shawkat — the duty officer of Mirpur police station — said that doctors, in their primary reports, said cardiac arrest had caused Sanaulah's death.

Meanwhile, the death triggered a public protest. A group of people from Mirpur demonstrated in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday evening demanding punishment of the police officers responsible for the death of Sanaulah.

The demonstrators claimed the police officer who arrested Sanaulah had demanded a fat bribe for his release. After being taken to custody Sanaulah was severely beaten up and tortured, they alleged.

Sanaulah, son of one Atar All, lived at Ka/162 Baghbari, Mirpur.

His body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Mirpur police said three others arrested along with Sanaulah were produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM), Dhaka, yesterday.

Benazir

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arriving in London for a week-long visit.

"There should be greater concerted military action to stop Serbian aggression and to ensure the independence of Bosnia," she said when asked about the plight of the besieged, mainly Muslim town of Bihać, designated a UN "safe area."

"If the UN is not able to take military action to prevent Serbian aggression, at least it should allow the Bosnians the right to self-defence."

Bosnia

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General Sir Michael Rose said: "Militarily speaking, it's quite obvious to me that if the BSA wishes to occupy areas within the Bihać UN-designated safe area they can do that."

Even before Perry spoke, diplomatic sources in Sarajevo said there was little NATO could do because of the strength or Bosnian Serb anti-aircraft missile systems around Bihać.

In what is becoming a humiliation for the UN and its peacekeeping credibility, the town is on the verge of becoming the first of the six UN-protected Muslim safe havens in Bosnia to fall to the Serbs.

## Repression on women Tough law with provision for death penalty soon

A new law with a tough provision of capital punishment for repression and trafficking in women will soon come into force, the Home Minister disclosed in parliament, reports UNB.

Responding to a volley of supplementary questions from treasury bench members, women MPs in particular on raping and trafficking in women, Abdul Matin Chowdhury said the draft law would be placed in Cabinet meeting today for its approval.

The law, a modification of the three existing laws relating to crimes on women, will soon be enforced to deal with crimes like raping and trading in women.

If enacted, the proposed law will help accelerate the enquiry process and trial of the cases relating to crimes on women, the Home Minister told the House.

Women MPs Fatema Chowdhury Paru, Farida Begum, Farida Hasan, Begum Ahsanullah and K J Hamida Khanam were comparatively prompt in raising supplementaries asking the Home Minister to let the House know what action the government has so far taken against rapists and woman traffickers.

In reply to a question from Sirajul Islam, Matin Chowdhury produced a staggering figure of some 7,237 women raped since 1972 till October 1994. Of the total 7,206 rape cases, 3,115 were disposed of while 2007 were under trial. He told Begum Ahsanullah that some 1842 people had been convicted in 1028 cases.

The Home Minister sought notice when Paru wanted to know how many convicts were given the highest punishment for raping.

In reply to K J Hamida Khanam the Home Minister told the House that a total of 671 women and children had been rescued from traffickers since 1991 till October this year.

The minister expressed his ignorance of the fact when Farida Hasan asked him whether Bangladeshi children smuggled to different countries for camel racing by the well-off people have been rescued.

Although the Speaker tried to remind the Home Minister that the incident was shown on television, Matin Chowdhury insisted that he does not know anything about the plight of the Bangladeshi children used as jockeys.

## Split in Nepali Congress

KATHMANDU, Nov 27: A split in the Nepali Congress Party erupted into the open today over its push to form a government despite losing its majority in general elections that produced a hung parliament, reports Reuter.

Official party spokesman insisted that Nepali Congress, now only the second-largest party in parliament behind the Communists, should participate in the next government.

But dissidents supporting caretaker prime minister Girija Prasad Koirala spoke out against the idea following a meeting of the new 83-strong Congress parliamentary party.

"The idea of exploring the opportunity to form the government is useless. It only shows our greed," dissident deputy Arjun Narsingh told reporters.

"Since the people have rejected our party in the elections, we must go and sit in opposition in true democratic spirit."

The Nepali Congress party says it is willing to form a national government with the UML and the monarchist Rastriya Prajantra Party (RPP), which increased its strength from four seats in 1991 elections to 20.

It says it is also willing to form a coalition with the RPP, the monarchists support the idea of a national government, which the UML has ruled out, but refuse to join a coalition.

The confusion has now been complicated by the Congress dissidents speaking out. How many there are, neither side in the party was willing to say.

Meanwhile, JCD, in a rally at Joydevpur Chowrastra square at about 12 noon today, blamed the Chhatra League activists for the clash.

Chhatra Front also held a meeting at Chowrastra in the afternoon and demanded punishment to those responsible for the trouble on the campus.

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## Opposition padajatra

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The AL Vehicular traffic remained closed from Jatrabari to the Press Club for over two hours from 4 pm due to the padajatra.

Jatiya Party activists' padajatra (march) started from the Tongi railway station road and ended at Mahakhali rail crossing in the afternoon.

Led by acting chief of the party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, the marchers raised slogans demanding release of JP chief and deposed President HM Ershad, resignation of the government and national elections under a neutral interim administration.

Mizan told a pre-march rally that the Opposition legislators would resign if the government failed to accept their demand without further delay.

He said, the ruling BNP itself won the last parliamentary polls, supervised by a caretaker government, but was now objecting to such an arrangement only to rig polls.

The JP leader accused the ruling party of allowing 'outsiders' to interfere in domestic politics. "We ourselves will solve our problem".

JP secretary general Khale-ud-din Khan, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Col (ret) Abdul Malek and others also addressed the rally. Another rally at Mahakhali later was addressed by, among others, Moudud Ahmed, Mahbulul Haq Dolon, Abdus Salam, Shamim Al Mamun, MA Reza, Shamsuzzaman Mintu and Fatema Salam.

The Jamaat-e-Islami's march, led by its top leaders and participated by hundreds of activists, started from Malibagh level crossing in the afternoon and terminated at the north gate of Baltut Mokarram.

Jamaat Secretary General Matur Rahman Nizami, Assistant Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid and Publicity Secretary Muhammad Quamruzzaman addressed the slogan-chanting marchers.

After the padajatra, Nizami addressed a rally near the Baltut Mokarram. He rejected the idea of an all-party government for parliamentary polls saying it would fail to ensure free and fair polls. He repeated that the current anti-government agitation would continue till the final victory was achieved.

Referring to the Opposition decision of resigning from Parliament, the Jamaat leader said, "It would be done in due course".

BCL (S-P) sweeps Naria college union polls

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL S-P) swept in the Naria Government College students union polls in Shariatpur.

The Khokon-Ruhul parishad of the BCL (S-P) bagged all the 17 posts of the college union election held peacefully on Saturday.

## BCL-JCD clash in Bhawal College : 7 hurt

GAZIPUR, Nov 27: Seven students received bullet injuries in a hour-long gunfight between the activists of the pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at the Bhawal Badm Alam Government College today, reports UNB.

Vehicular movement on 17 routes in Dhaka-Tangail-Jamalpur and Dhaka-Mymensingh sectors remained suspended for three hours following the clash in the morning.

Three seriously injured JCD activists — Suruj, Reza and Kawsar — were admitted to the Sadar Hospital. Four other injured students were admitted to a local clinic but their identity was not immediately available.

Suruj, Secretary of the College unit JCD, was later sent to the Pangu Hospital in Dhaka as his condition deteriorated.

Police said the clash between the activists of the two student fronts ensued following a quarrel over the admission of HSC first year students.

After a heated altercation, the two groups, armed with automatic weapons, attacked each other on the college campus at about 10:30 am.

Police and witnesses said some 30 shots were fired and about 20-25 cocktails were blasted by the armed activists during the one-hour fight.

Police from Gazipur rushed to the college campus and brought the situation under control.

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Dr Milon

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Amir Hossain Amu said the joint declaration of the three alliances has to be materialised to show respect to the supreme sacrifice of Dr. Milon.

Sharif Nurul Ambia urged all to launch a movement for establishing democracy in the country.

Dr Majed called upon the youths to uphold the ideals of Dr. Milon. "We should evaluate his ideals from a neutral point of views" Dr Majed said.

A cultural function was held and a drama was staged later.

Different organisations placed wreaths at Dr Milon memorial and his grave in the morning.

The organisations included Shaheed Dr. Milon Sangsad, left Democratic Front, pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P), JSD-backed BCL (B-K), JSD, Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya, Chhatra Moltire, Aienjibi Samannaya Parishad, Chhatra union and Dr. Milon Shishu Kishor Sangsad.

Besides, the BMA held a discussion meeting near the grave of Dr. Milon on the Dhaka Medical College campus in the morning.

Different student organisations brought out processions and held rallies on Dhaka University campus in observance of the day.

Hasina

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The Opposition leader claimed that their struggle aimed at bringing political and economic stability, and ending vote-rigging and corrupt rule.

Hasina called upon the people to strengthen the current agitation and participate in the party's road rail blockade, tomorrow, in the public rally at Panthapath on December 6 and the December 7-8 nationwide hartal.

Earlier, Hasina told a pre-march rally at Jatrabari that the BNP was unwilling to quit power for two reasons firstly, if it gave up power, its acts of corruption would be revealed, and secondly, it would be unable to rig the polls.

"Lust for power of an individual and petty party interests have pushed the nation towards a deep crisis," she charged.

She also accused the Prime Minister of trying to cling to power at any cost and warned that the people would force her out of office.

The rallies were also addressed by party leaders including Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Mozaffar Hossain Palto, Sheikh Fazul Karim Belim, Sajeda Choudhury, Abdur Razzak and Mozaffar Hossain Choudhury Mya.

## The Midnight File

### Russian defence experts in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Nov 27: Three Russian experts arrived here today for talks on the proposed sale of Sukhoi SU-27 fighters to Pakistan, official sources said. The delegation will have detailed discussions with Pakistani counterparts over three to four days, they said, reports AFP.

### LTTE observes Prabhakaran's birthday

COLOMBO, Nov 27: Sri Lanka's separatist Tamil Tiger guerrillas marked the 40th birthday of their supreme Velupillai Prabhakaran with a cultural show while security forces remained on red alert, official said today. The rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) staged the ceremonies involving school children and guerrilla cadres on Saturday within the territory under their control in northern Vabuniya district, local residents said, reports AFP.

## Jordan, Israel set up diplomatic ties

AMMAN, Nov 27: Jordan and Israel announced today they had established diplomatic relations in line with their peace treaty last month, reports Reuter.

The joint announcement carried by Jordan's state-run news agency Petra paved the way for an exchange of ambassadors and the opening of embassies in Amman and Tel Aviv by December 10, as set by the treaty.

The government of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan and the government of Israel, based on the peace treaty of October 26 ... and their desire to build and develop friendly relations and cooperation, have decided to establish diplomatic ties at the level of ambassadors effective today, Sunday," said the joint statement.

Israel has not formally appointed an ambassador to Jordan, but the kingdom has

chosen Marwan Muasher, former spokesman for Jordan's peace delegation, as its first envoy in Tel Aviv.

Technical delegations will visit each other's country on Thursday to choose premises for their embassies and houses for their diplomats.

Meanwhile, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat on Saturday asked nations that pledged aid to the Palestinians to speed up its delivery.

Defence officials of 3 European states in UAE

ABU DHABI, Nov 27: Top defence officials of three European countries are visiting the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to discuss military cooperation with the Gulf Arab state, reports Xinhua.

Joris Voorhoeve, Defence Minister of the Netherlands, arrived here late Saturday night and met senior officials of the UAE.

France's army chief of staff Admiral Jacques Lanxade and General Sir Michael Wales, advisor in the British Defence Ministry for Middle East Affairs, are also on a visit to the state.

Chief of staff of the UAE armed forces Lt General Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Saturday held talks separately with Wales, Lanxade and Voorhoeve.

PM: Dredging

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achieved, nearly 70 per cent progress in the programme of excavation and re-excavation of canals, ponds and streams in the last fiscal year (1993-94).

It was told that a total of 543 kilometre of canals were excavated and re-excavated last year throughout the country.

The committee had approved a total of 136 projects of excavation, re-excavation and construction of embankments for 127 canals, seven ponds and two embankments in 1993-94 in the country's 64 districts.

Of the approved projects, 134 have been implemented. The number of cent per cent implemented projects is 22 while the remaining projects will be completed soon.

Five canal digging projects from five divisions were adjudged as the best projects in the meeting. It was decided that the best projects would be given awards to encourage people in this regard.

DMP

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Ahmed, Establishment Secretary Habibur Rahman, Planning Secretary Dr Harun ur-Rashid, Inspector General of Police A S M Shahjahan, President of the FBCCI Salman F Rahman and DMP commissioner A N Hussain.

The DMP officials presenting the scheme at the meeting said that out of its envisaged 125 targets under the corporate plan, 85 would be implemented by DMP itself while 15 by the police headquarters and government approval will be needed for the 25 others.

A police source who preferred anonymity said, the scheme was prepared following incidents of rising crimes and violences in the capital.

"For modernization of the DMP control room, some donor countries have shown interest, but we need the government approval," said the source.

He said that they also proposed to divide the DMP traffic police department into two zones for improving the traffic system. "We have also requested the government to reward the traffic policemen with 10 per cent of the money collected as fine," he added.

Suit against hartal

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League, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami.

These cause serious injury and damage to national development and the economy and jeopardise normal life of the people in general, he said.

He further stated that the general public were experiencing endless suffering and untold miseries arising out of 'hartals, gheraos, and abor-dhs' which are prejudicial to the society and the nation.

The plaintiff also filed a separate petition praying for permission of the court to allow all interested persons to add their names as plaintiff in the declaratory suit.

Advocates M A Hannan, Shahidullah Khan and Jahannara Begum appeared for the plaintiff.