



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina addressing a meeting organised by the Awami Jubo League to mark the 55th birthday of late Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni at Ramna Park yesterday.

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Govt has failed to meet people's demand: Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday said unrest is prevailing in social and state life because of the BNP government's inefficiency, indecision and obstinacy, reports UNB.

The people from different professions and services including Ansars, employees, lawyers, doctors, engineers, agriculturists, teachers, students, workers and farmers took to street as the government failed to meet their demands, resulting in crisis in the country, she said.

The government has betrayed with its electoral pledges to the people... If it will not be possible to ensure welfare of the people," Hasina told a meeting of the Awami League and its front organisations at 29 Minto Road yesterday morning.

The government has no right to stay in power, she said. Referring to the Prime Minister's address at the Chhatra Dal rally on December 28, she said the people were feeling insecure after her remarks that the Chhatra Dal was enough to face the Opposition's agitation.

The Awami League President alleged that in past few days the JCD activists attacked and ransacked the houses of her party leaders in different parts of the country.

The Chhatra Dal activists even opened fire at the meeting of Awami League leader Mirza Azam, MP in Jamalpur while a Chhatra League leader was killed in Manikganj, she said.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Hasina yesterday urged the government to shun the path of confrontation and pursue a peaceful policy to

Statement reflects majority views, claims DUTA

By DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) yesterday claimed that its statement resenting a recent remark of the Prime Minister reflected the opinion of the majority of the university teachers.

Referring to the statement by some 122 teachers of the university was published yesterday, the DUTA said the president and the general secretary of the association have the authority to give instant reaction to issues related to the university's interest and also those of national importance.

An emergency meeting of the DUTA executive committee yesterday also said that the statement concerning the Prime Minister's remarks was a timely one. The Prime Minister reportedly said at a students rally in the city recently that the ruling party's student front alone was enough to face the Opposition.

Constitutional provisions for elections under non-party caretaker governments for at

Situation peaceful: Press Note

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peated efforts the director general failed to bring them under control. Indisciplined situation also developed at the Khilgaon Ansar headquarters.

The Press Note said that efforts continued on December 2 also to bring the situation under control through discussion and negotiation with the battalion Ansars. But the unruly battalion Ansars, refused to come to any negotiation. Instead, they threatened to resort to more destructive acts through announcing abstention of work and highway siege on December 6, 7 and 8.

At the directive of the government home secretary and former director general of Ansars Major General Mahabubur Rahman went to Sajipur on December 3 to discuss the situation with them but due to the stern attitude of the Ansars they have to come back with

out any fruitful discussion.

On the same day they again went to Sajipur on the instruction from the government to reach a peaceful settlement through negotiation with the Ansars. Despite giving full assurances to consider their reasonable demands with sympathy during the long seven-hour parley they did not agree to return to discipline.

Instead they began to show more indisciplined behaviour. Even presence of some outsiders, who were not Ansars, were noticed and those outsiders were seen instigating the agitating Ansars in their destructive designs. Meanwhile, Battalion Ansars of Foy's Lake of Chittagong, Alapur of Khulna, Navar of Jessor and Lalmonirhat also became unruly.

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Opposition

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tuation, felt that the ruling BNP would either announce by-elections to the parliamentary seats that would fall vacant after the Opposition's resignations or may dissolve Parliament and go for fresh polls.

"In either case, we shall unitedly resist the attempts for holding elections under the present government," an AL leader who attended yesterday's meeting told The Daily Star.

According to meeting sources, the Opposition is yet to fix a date for resigning from Parliament. Before submitting the resignations the Opposition would, however, issue an ultimatum to the government for meeting their demand.

"If the government fails to meet the demand before the deadline, we shall immediately resign," a JP leader told this correspondent last night.

The Leader of the Opposition is learnt to have asked her opposition partners yesterday to propose a date for the deadline today when they meet again in the evening.

"Although we have not yet decided on a specific date for the resignation, it would not be beyond December 31," another leader told this correspondent, adding: "It could even happen sometime in the third week of this month."

One shot dead in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Dec 4: A young man was shot dead and two people were injured when a gang of dacoits opened fire on the villagers in Chandanai thana early today, reports UNB.

Witnesses and police said about 15 dacoits stormed the house of Haji Nurunnabi at Dakhinbarala village.

The dacoits opened fire when the villagers gathered them at about 2 am, killing Abul Hashem on the spot.

Hashem's father Haji Nurunnabi and uncle Abdul Khaleque, who received bullet injuries during the firing, were admitted to a local clinic.

Later in the day, police arrested three people from different parts of Chandanai thana in connection with the robbery bid. They could not be immediately identified.

10 lathials held from Barisal char area

From Our Correspondent

BARISAL, Dec 4: Banaripara thana police, in a special drive, arrested ten lathials from Bisharanki Char area of this thana this morning.

Sources said that they were allegedly preparing for an operation in a nearby char.

The arrested persons are Abdul Gafur, Siddiqu Rahman, Mubarak Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Abdul Mannan, Abdur Rashid, Abdul Zalil, Anwar Hossain, Sultan Khan and Babul Hossain.

After hearing both the sides the court rejected the application for larger bench and allowed two days time upon a prayer by the respondents to file appeal before the Appellate Division against the rejection order.

The court fixed the hearing of the writ petition tomorrow.

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Suhrawardy's anniversary of death today

By Staff Correspondent

The 31st anniversary of the death of H S Suhrawardy will be observed today.

Different political parties and socio cultural organisations have drawn up programmes to mark the day.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina gave messages on the occasion paying tributes to the late leader.

A seminar titled, "Contribution of Suhrawardy to the Establishment of Parliamentary Democracy", jointly organised by the Bangladesh Jatiyo Bokito Gabeshana Kendra and the Bangladesh Shahitya Sanskriti Sangsad will be held at the mazar premises in Dhaka.

Interim injunction on DUTA set aside

By DU Correspondent

The High Court Division of the Supreme Court yesterday set aside the interim injunction issued earlier on the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) following the expulsion of Dr M Ershadul Bari from the association.

The order was given by High Court bench comprising Justice Muhammed Golam Rabbani and Justice Syed Amirul Islam after hearing the DUTA's appeal.

The DUTA cancelled the membership of Dr Ershadul Bari on July 29 for his reported speech against the playing of the national anthem at the first Senate meeting of the National University.

Advocate ANM Gazul Huq appeared for DUTA while Dr Rafiqur Rahman for the other side.

Holiday Inn case

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ordered the allotment of plot No 1 situated at north of PG Hospital and west of Sheraton Hotel, Dhaka measuring about 11 bighas in violation of rules of Rajuk in favour of International Hotel Holdings Limited to build a five star hotel. He ordered the allotment for a price of Taka one crore per bigha and payment of such price of the land at 12 equal half yearly instalments without interest in violation of law, in which the accused persons in collaboration with each other and by misusing power had caused a loss to the Rajuk of a total amount of Taka 13,40,43,636. 97 on account of price of land and interest thereof.

Md Ataur Rahman, officer of Bureau of Anti-Corruption

lodged FIR with Motijheel police against former president HM Ershad, former vice-president Moudud Ahmed, former Works Minister Shafqul Gani Swapnon, former Rajuk Chairman S H M Abul Bashar and Abul Khair Litu on May 9, 1991. Chargesheet was submitted on July 18, 1991 and the special judge framed charge against them on March 17, 1992.

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Malek

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with misappropriating Taka 12,96,533.20, the press release said.

The case, in brief, is that the accused persons, by ignoring the set rules of procuring cables from the manufacturer Eastern Cables Limited at ex-factory rate, had purchased cables through the contractor for illegal financial benefit and malafide intention. They did this in violation of the faith reposed on them and misused their powers, the press release added.

The case is now under investigation by the anti-corruption people.

JS okays Bill

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Bangladesh.

Rejecting the Opposition demand for a caretaker government, the LGRD Minister said the government would stick to its avowed stand on the question of holding free and fair polls.

Earlier, the House disposed of three call attention notices relating respectively to the public's hardship in getting passports, illegally expropriating increased taxes from the people and the setting up of a teachers' training college at Maulibazar.

Foreign Minister M Mostafizur Rahman addressed the passport issue on behalf of Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury who was out of the country till yesterday.

Mostafizur Rahman, who served as Home Minister under Presidents Ziaur Rahman and Justice Abdus Sattar, however, did not say anything in the House on the recent mutiny by the Ansars. None of the MPs raised the issue in the House which reconvened yesterday.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali adjourned the House at 8:38 pm to resume again at 6:00 this evening.

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A visitor caressing a mynah at an exhibition of talking birds held at Bijoy Sarani in the city yesterday in connection with the Tourism Month.

— Star photo

The Midnight File

Attack on UK diplomat's car in Gaza

JERUSALEM, Dec 4: Israeli soldiers at a Gaza Strip border crossing shot at a British diplomat's car, damaging its windscreen, after he failed to heed an order to stop, both sides said today. Peter Morrison, cultural attaché at the British consulate in Jerusalem, was unhurt in the incident after dark on Saturday when he was leaving Palestinian-ruled Gaza via Nahal Oz checkpoint, reports Reuter.

Malaysia blasts Russia

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4: Malaysia today blasted Russia for vetoing a UN Security Council draft resolution blocking fuel supplies to rebel Serbs, who have launched an offensive on Bosnian government forces at Bihać in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi charged that Russia had failed to understand the view of members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), who form a majority in the United Nations, reports AFP.

Rebel Ansars surrender

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ammunition, according to police and BDR officials.

All the arrested were sent to jails outside Dhaka in the evening, police said.

Over 4000 Ansars sepoys were arrested at the Shafipur academy and 168 in Chittagong after they surrendered, according to unconfirmed reports.

There are some 14,700 Ansars sepoys in 37 battalions across the country. Twenty four battalions are in the Hill Tracts.

Our Staff Correspondent adds from Chittagong: the Ansars started an agitation on December 1 to realise their seven-point demand which included regularisation of their jobs and increased pay and facilities.

An Ansar sepoys now draws Tk. 45 a day as remuneration and another five taka for Eid days, according to the agrieved sepoys.

The trouble, that first broke out at the Shafipur academy Thursday, later spread to the headquarters and other districts.

Our Staff Correspondent adds from Chittagong: the Ansars revolt here came to an end as BDR and police contingents raided the battalion camp at Foy's Lake yesterday.

Some 170 Ansars personnel were arrested after surrendering without any resistance. The arms in their possession were recovered.

The arrested Ansars were forwarded to the court from where they were sent to the Chittagong jail, police officials said.

Teacher gets 3 yrs RI in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Dec 4: A primary school teacher has been awarded three years' rigorous imprisonment on a charge of taking Tk eighty thousand from one Helalur Rahman on the plea of sending him to Saudi Arabia on employment.

The court also asked him to pay a fine of taka one thousand in default to suffer imprisonment for one month more.

The case in brief is that Mubasir Ali, assistant teacher of Parbatipur Primary School, took taka eighty thousand from Helalur Rahman of village Parbatipur on the plea of arranging a job for him in Saudi Arabia. He failed but refused to return the money.

Helalur Rahman then filed a case with the Thana Magistrate Court of Kanaghat. The court, after examining records and witnesses, found the accused guilty and passed the judgement today.

Boat capsizes

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into another vessel.

Begum Zia offered prayers for the eternal peace of the victims.

The Prime Minister conveyed her deepest condolences and sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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