



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.

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 they (BNP) remains in power, 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 reflecting 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 Saffur on December 3 to discuss the situation with them but due to the stern attitude of the Ansars they have to come back with-

establish people's rights and ensure political stability and economic development in the country.

"The government should accept the Opposition demand for polls under a caretaker administration and move a bill in parliament on the issue immediately if it wants to maintain peace," she told a discussion meeting in the city.

The Awami Jubo League organised the meeting at the Ramna Batamul in the afternoon to observe 55th birthday of Sheikh Fazlul Haq Moni — the founder of AL youth front.

"If the government ignores our demand this will lead to a confrontation," Hasina warned.

Addressing the function as chief guest, the AL leader, referring to the Prime Minister's recent comment that her party's student front was enough to tackle the Opposition, accused the PM of instigating the students against them.

"Such a comment by the head of the government only reflects her sheer irresponsibility," the Opposition leader remarked.

Recalling her association with Moni, her first cousin, Hasina disclosed that she learnt the A B C of politics from the slain youth leader. She termed Moni a good organiser, a brave political leader and an efficient journalist who founded the Banglar Bani newspaper.

JS boycott case

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boycotting Parliament sessions.

All counsels of respondents yesterday moved the application to constitute a larger bench when the court rose for the day. The respondents' counsel said the case regarding the boycott of parliament by the Opposition is of great public importance and a constitutional and political matter and as such hearing on it should be held before a larger bench.

Opposing the application, the petitioner's counsel, Asrarul Hossain, Bar at Law said the issue will be decided under the High Court rules. It is the discretion of the court to recommend for constituting a larger bench to the Chief Justice if the court feels it necessary, the counsel said.

Hossain further said the respondents Moudud Ahmed served the copy of the application for constituting a larger bench to the writ petitioner on November 17 last but he did not file it before the court till hearing of the writ petition is complete. This is an abuse of the process of the court.

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.

On the same day they again went to Saffur 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 indiscipline 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, Alupur of Khulna, Navaron of Jessore and Lalmonirhat also became unruly.

Under such circumstances the government deployed armed forces at Saffur and

Opposition

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tuition, 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 Chandanaish thana early today, reports UNB.

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

The dacoits opened fire when the villagers gathered there 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 Chandanaish thana in connection with the abortive 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 Bisharakandi 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, Siddiqur Rahman, Mubarak Hossain, Zakir Hawlader, Abdul Mannan, Abdul Rashid, Abdul Zali, Anwar Hossain, Sultan Khan and Babul Hawlader.

BDR and police at several other places to maintain safety and security of public life and to bring back discipline among battalion Ansars.

Some misguided members of Battalion Ansars created obstacles and opened fire on the members of the law enforcing agencies who were engaged in bringing the situation under control and in the process of reestablishing discipline. In such a situation the law enforcing agencies had to take necessary steps to disarm those misguided Ansars. During the process two Ansars — Ali Murtaza of 19 battalion and Ruhul Amin of 32 battalion — died and seven others were injured. Speedy measures were taken for the treatment of the injured Ansars. The situation is under complete control and peaceful and discipline was restored, the Press Note added.

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

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 Bektito 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 Mohammed 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 Haq 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.

Mr 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 Shaful Gani Swapon, former Rajuk Chairman S H M Abul Bashir 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.

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 LGDR 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 Maulvibazar.

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.

Increased role of women in development stressed

By Staff Correspondent

A workshop on the outcome of the Cairo conference and its future programme of action in the city yesterday called for increased participation of women in all spheres of national life to attain sustainable development.

The workshop titled "From Cairo to Beijing: Women, Environment and Development" was addressed by, among others, visiting UNFPA Executive Director Dr. Nafis Sadik.

Health and Family Welfare Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf was the chief guest while State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Begum Sarwar Rahman, UNDP Resident Representative Eimi Watanabe, Chinese Ambassador Xiang Xujian and Director of Khan Foundation, which organised the workshop, Rokhsana Khondoker also spoke.

State Minister for Planning Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan presided over the workshop held at the conference room of the Planning Commission.

The health minister in his speech emphasised the role of

Lankan FM

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Kadirgamar suggested that Bangladesh-Sri Lanka Joint Economic Commission established in 1985, which so far held three meetings, should have a fresh meeting next year to reactivate it and devise new areas of cooperation, particularly in the field of trade.

Lankan FM described his trip as a goodwill visit which, he said, should enable him to get acquainted with Bangladesh and its government.

Ferry services

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following a dispute over loading of a truck on a ferry vessel, Shah Mokdum, at the Aricha ghat.

Two ferries with some 1000 passengers from 36 districts were stuck up in the Jamuna during the trouble. Besides, 12 other ferries with loaded trucks on board remained floating in the river during the period.

The agitated truck workers allegedly ransacked the ferry counters at the ghat. They also attacked ferry Shah Paran and Enayetur.

A seriously injured truck driver, Manik, was rushed to the Shyamoli Alberuni Hospital in the capital while Nasiruddin, a ferry worker, was admitted to the Shibalaya Thana Health Complex. Two others — Baten and Abul Bashir — were released after first aid.

Management of ferry traffic was handed over to the BIWTC from the Interdistrict Truck Drivers' Union in 1992 to remove irregularities in the sector.

A committee has been formed to investigate the incident and report within seven days, the sources said.

LDF protests

By Staff Correspondent

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) has protested the contention of FBCI president Salman F Rahman that all the political parties were responsible for the present political crisis.

The LDF, in a statement yesterday said that no one had given Salman Rahman the authority to make such comments on political parties.

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 attache 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 Bijac 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 Shaffpur academy and 168 in Chittagong after they surrendered, according to unconfirmed reports.

There are some 14,700 Ansars sepoys in 87 battalions across the country. Twenty four battalions are in the Hill Tracts.

Regional export

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elements should be incorporated.

The speakers highlighted the regional export financing problems stressing that medium and long term financing is a major problem. They also added that at the national level there are agencies, mainly Commercial Banks, to look after the short term export credit but at regional level there is no such export financing agencies. The participants suggested establishment of an Export-Import Bank (EXIM) in countries that do not have such institutions. Turning Bangladesh Shilpa Bank (BSB) into the Export-Import Bank was put forward as a likely solution. They also suggested setting up of regional Export-Import Bank providing services of reinsurance and other facilities.

On the prospect of a monetary union, the workshop concluded that it is still premature to set up such an union. However, a number of other recommendations were made in the field of monetary cooperation. They included proposals for holding an annual meeting of concerned finance ministers, a biannual consultative meeting of Central bank governors, setting up of an institution of banking and finance to train regional operators of international and rural financing, establishing of regional association of commercial banks for the promotion of trade and joint ventures in SAARC regions.

The concluding session of the workshop proposed a number of studies in order to facilitate policy formulations. The areas suggested are: The performance of ACU in the post-regulation and trade liberalisation phase; impact of GATT on the economies of SAARC countries and border trade in the SAARC countries.

The Chinese ambassador said that necessary preparations for successful holding of the World Conference on Women at Beijing next year.

Earlier, Dr Halida Akhter Hanum of the Bangladesh Institute of Research for Promotion of Essential and Reproductive Health and Technologies gave the key-note address at the workshop.

Parliament members Matia Chowdhury, Begum Farida Rahman, Khurshid Jahan Huq and Selima Rahman and Reita Immanuel Rahman took part in the discussion.

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

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন।। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা চুরি রোধ করুন

সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার সকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত গ্রাহকবৃন্দকে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বকেয়া পরিশোধের সুযোগ ৩০শে নভেম্বর '৯৪ ইং পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হয়েছিল। সম্মানিত অসংখ্য গ্রাহকবৃন্দের বিশেষ অনুরোধে উক্ত সময়সীমা সর্বশেষ ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর '৯৪ ইং পর্যন্ত পুনঃ বর্ধিত করা হল। উল্লেখ্য, পানি ও পয়ঃ অতিক্রমের বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে ঢাকা ওয়াসা ১লা অক্টোবর '৯৪ ইং হতে এক বিশেষ কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে।

বকেয়া পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ গ্রাহকবৃন্দের ম্যাজিস্ট্রেটের নেতৃত্বে সকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত এলাকাসমূহে ৩১শে ডিসেম্বর '৯৪ ইং পর্যন্ত সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্নকারী দল কর্তৃক প্রয়োজনীয় সংখ্যক পুলিশসহ ভ্রাম্যমাণ আদালত পরিচালনার মাধ্যমে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ কার্যক্রম অব্যাহত থাকবে।

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